

Junior Olympic Opening Ceremonies Set

12 City Athletes Ready For

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The 1973 National AAU Junior Olympic Championships get under way at 7 p.m. tonight in Crisler Arena with what promises to be impressive opening ceremonies.

The best of the nation's teenage athletic talent in six different sports will march into the arena some 700 strong to the music of the U of M Band.

Among the national, local and university officials taking part in the ceremonies will be Frank Shorter, the winner of the Gold Medal in the marathon at the 1972 Olympic Games and holder of the Sullivan Award.

It will be Shorter's pleasant task to administer the "Olympic Creed" to the young athletes, their coaches and meet officials for this two-day event.

Numbered among the 700 athletes will be 12 Ann Arbor members of the Michigan delegation.

Competing in the one-meter diving events at the Fuller Road Pool will be Ruth Dell, Kayo Ramirez and Wendy Thesen.

Jenny Ogle will be swimming in the 100-meter and 200-meter butterflies plus the

400-meter individual medley while Danny Stephenson will be racing in the 200-meter, 400-meter and 1,500-meter freestyles.

These Ann Arbor Swim Club members will be joined by Tom Roos and Brian Wylie, who will be members of relay teams.

Three members of the Michigammas will be competing in the girl's track & field events.

Susan Latter will be running in the 440-yard dash while Ann Forshee is an entrant in the 880-yard run. Roberta Zald is a competitor

in the shot put.

Fresh from training sessions in the Wolverine Gymnastic Camp in the northern portion of the state are Harley Danner and Ginger Robey.

Thereby creating a rather unique situation for the city. Two out of the four gymnastics state performers are from right in Ann Arbor.

Danner, a senior at Huron High, will be working the all-around in six different events. The separate events are floor exercise, pommel horse, still rings, parallel bars, vaulting and horizontal bar.

Miss Robey, a senior at Green Hills School, will be also working the all-around in the girl's events of vaulting, uneven parallel bars, floor exercise and balance beam.

Both gymnasts are eager and confident.

"It looks like a really big meet," Danner said. "I really feel good about the floor exercise and still rings. Those are my two strong events."

Miss Robey believes those two weeks spent at the camp will be very beneficial on Wednesday and Thursday.

"The camp is all gymnastics," she said. "It's really concentrated. They try to jam everything into one week."

Danner and Miss Robey will be facing some of the best competition from around the nation. This is the way Newt Loken, the Michigan coach, views the upcoming competition.

"I'm sure we will see some top notch talent," Loken said. "We will be seeing the top 14 performers from across the nation."

These were sentiments echoed by Dennis Hill, the chief of the Ann Arbor Swim Club.

"I haven't had a chance to

see the heat sheets or the winning times from the other regionals," he said. "But you have got to believe there will be some outstanding swimmers in this meet."

"I'm kind of optimistic about our kids. I'm sure they will represent Ann Arbor and the state well."

Debbie Bennett is equally proud of her three charges.

"Each of our divers won the junior olympic regional in East Lansing to qualify for the nationals," she said. "Three out of four. This is pretty good for Ann Arbor."

"Kayo finished third in an international meet in Alabama and that was off both boards. He and Wendy have won state championships before."

Ken "Red" Simmons, the well-known and respected coach of the Michigammas, is pleased with the three members of his Michigammas that are running in the meet.

Miss Latter qualified for the nationals with a :59.0 in the 440 while Miss Forshee had a 2:20.8 clocking for the half-mile. Miss Zald made it to the nationals on a toss of 38-feet-11 in the shot put.

"Susan has run a :56.4," Simmons said, "and so she stands a good chance. She has the potential to be the best runner I have ever coached."

Simmons has coached some good ones including Francie Kraker, a member of the U.S. Olympic teams in 1968 and 1972.

Schedule Of Events

TUESDAY
7 p.m.—Opening ceremonies at Crisler Arena

WEDNESDAY
8 a.m.—Judo practice at Crisler Arena

8 a.m.—One-meter diving warmups at Fuller Road Pool

9 a.m.—Judo finals at Crisler Arena

9:30 a.m.—Swimming warmups at Fuller Road Pool

10 a.m.—One-meter diving preliminaries at Fuller Road Pool

10 a.m.—Track & field practice at Ferry Field

12 p.m.—Swimming preliminaries at Fuller Road Pool

1 p.m.—Gymnastic practice at Crisler Arena

2 p.m.—Gymnastic finals at Crisler Arena

4 p.m.—Field event finals at Ferry Field

4 p.m.—One-meter diving finals at Fuller Road Pool

5 p.m.—Running event finals at Ferry Field

6 p.m.—Swimming finals at Fuller Road Pool

6 p.m.—Gymnastics practice at Crisler Arena

THURSDAY
8 a.m.—Three-meter warmups at Fuller Road Pool

9:30 a.m.—Swimming warmups at Fuller Road Pool

10 a.m.—Three-meter diving at Fuller Road Pool

10 a.m.—Track & field practice at Ferry Field

12 p.m.—Swimming preliminaries at Fuller Road Pool

1 p.m.—Gymnastics practice at Crisler Arena

2 p.m.—Gymnastics finals at Crisler Arena

4 p.m.—Three-meter diving finals at Fuller Road Pool

4 p.m.—Field event finals at Ferry Field

5 p.m.—Track finals at Ferry Field

6 p.m.—Swimming finals at Fuller Road Pool

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