

'Y Tri' caters hot times

They came, they saw and they sweated through the Fifth Annual YMCA Festival Triathlon Saturday morning.

But while the waves on Silver Lake near the Beach House were settling and most of the 430 people who participated were working hard the three-part race, John Wiberg stood dripping near the finish line crossing his fingers in hope no one would beat his time.

Wiberg, 19, of Wisconsin Rapids competed in the first of 13 heats (about 33 people or more per heat) and broke the tape to win — but not by much.

Close behind Wiberg, who won the overall race in 1-hour, 1-minute and 3-seconds, was Carl Koenig of Waupun, who finished less than a second off the time of Wiberg. Koenig, however, was back in heat number four.

Koenig had to settle for second place overall and second in the age 18 to 24 division behind Wiberg.

Had Koenig been in the first heat, the race for the tape may have been a different story. Instead, Wiberg was hundreds of yards in front of the next finisher.

"It helps coming in first," said Wiberg, who ran the YMCA triathlon for his fourth time. "It makes it a lot easier. You can relax more rather than strain to catch somebody."

Weather conditions were humid but not as hot as the triathletes were expecting. For Wiberg, conditions and the course were ideal.

"It wasn't too bad," he said, as he watched others struggle to reach the finish line. "It got a little bumpy out on the bike over certain sections. Otherwise it

Elizabeth Schluter, 43, of Oconomowoc placed second in the female age 36 to 45 division in 1:14:15. Teri Sieving, 36, placed fourth in 1:22:24. Debra Albrecht-Kline, 38, placed sixth in 1:26:09.

Tammy Hickey, 15, of Oconomowoc placed second in the female age 13 to 17 division in 1:24:11. Beth Ravndal, 17, of Oconomowoc placed fourth in 1:27:48.

Some other Oconomowoc female finishers, their age division, place and time include:

Nina Wrolstad, 18, age 18 to 24, sixth in 1:19:36; Kathy Pierangeli, 25, age 25 to 29, sixth in 1:19:25; Debra Krieger, 32, age 30 to 35, sixth in 1:17:49; Kay Corbin, 35, 25th in 1:34:39.

Some of the Oconomowoc male finishers, their age division, place and time include:

Brett Lovaas, 13, age 13 to 17, sixth in 1:19:01; Rich Buelte, 23, age 18 to 24, sixth in 1:09:29; Kai Hansen, 25, age 25 to 29, sixth in 1:07:16; Mark Patten, 31, age 30 to 35, sixth in 1:06:00; Scott Brown, 30, 53rd in 1:17:01; Michael Schmal, 34, 77th in 1:21:20; Gary Geiger, 36, age 36 to 45, 1:10:34; John Corbin, 36, 40th in 1:24:03; Thomas Fogina, 48, age 46 to 55, sixth in 1:18:28; Jim Brown, 62, age 55 and over, fourth in 1:24:59; and John Myatt, 59, sixth in 1:38:00.

One of the portions of the course which will be improved next year, according to YMCA Triathlon Coordinator Debbie Van Der Geest, is where the bikers switch over to the 3-mile run.

Confusion mounted for many of the participants at the intersection of Silver Lake Street and Riverwood Drive. Many of

the athletes were confused as to which way to go after entering the bike corral and approaching the run.

The confusion mushroomed a little more when runners were heading south on Silver Lake Street into people approaching the run on Riverwood Drive and also bikers heading north into the bike corral.

Van Der Geest said runners

next year will head directly north on Silver Lake Street after switching over from the bike portion of the run and come back on Riverwood Drive.

She is also going to try to have Silver Lake Street blocked from automobile traffic during the bulk of the triathlon. Van Der Geest mentioned that the race will expand to 500 entries in 1988.



Ted Morgan prepares himself for the 15-mile bike ride at the Chuck's Supper Club bike corral.