

Now that the American Bowling Congress tournament has opened in St. Louis, it is interesting to note that Metropolitan Detroit is the best represented area aside from the host city.

In the schedule, released last Saturday, Detroit and its suburbs will have more than 180 teams take their turns on the approaches before the firing ends about the middle of May.

The first of the all-star teams to appear will be Tom McKay's Goebel team on March 18, but the big push by the Detroiters will come on April 26 when the Stroh team will lead a big delegation from what could be the strongest bid for the championships.

THE MOST unusual happenings of the entire season occurred last Tuesday night in the Wonderland Classic when the Ryder Ranger team, captained by Jim Shells, rolled a 3408 series.

It was unusual in that it was the same total rolled by the same team more than a month ago. It isn't often that a team repeats with such a high score.

To get the big count, the team rolled games of 1131, 1136 and 1141 and Hugh O'Neil was high with a 728 that came on games of 277, 246 and 205.

Hugh had company in breaking the 700 barrier when Bob Patterson had a 273 game between counts of 224 and 231 for a 708.

The men were not the only high scorers in the Ladies Classic. The ladies did well with Dorothy Anderson rolling a 616 in the Ladies Classic and Myriel Doolittle posting a 621 in the Sunday mixed circuit.

THE BOWLING PROPRIETORS

# In The Pocket



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are trying something new with the annual hall of fame induction ceremonies. Instead of having them on a Saturday evening as in the past, they are now scheduled at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at Cobo Hall. The public is invited to attend and it is thought that more folks would attend an afternoon event.

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE to be averaging 155 in your league and rank no better than a tie for 71st place?

Well, that's the position Cora Fiebig is in as a member of the Women's Bonanza team that is bowling in the

men's all-star classic. And two pins behind her is Mary Mohacs, who is being inducted into the Detroit Hall of Fame.

The women are finding that competing against the men on the lanes is a bit more rugged than they had expected, especially when Mike Tolsky, the leader, is carrying a 221 average.

ONE OF THE BEST scores outside of the classics was bowled this week by Paul Drin in the Wednesday mixed league at Merri-Bow lanes. He

put together games of 223, 216 and 224 for 663.

Another good performance was that of Jackie Stephany, a 135 bowler at Garden Lanes.

She turned in a 189 game to lead her league for the first time.

In the Wayne County Road Commission league, Bill Szakala was top man with a 634. His closest rival was John Casey with a 609.

The girls in the ladies classic at Westland Bowl are making a habit of posting double-century figures. This week, Jackie Richards had a 220 in 600 and Mary Porter bettered her by posting a 609.

In the men's 725-825 league Rick Seese set the pace with a 243 middle game between two counts of 191 for a 635 and Mike Schwab took runner-up honors with a 607.

In the Darlings league, Sally Baker had a high single of 229.

JEAN LIERSTEIN had one of her best days in the Belles loop at Woodland Lanes. Though she carries only a 139 average she had a 230 game in a 522 series.

Others who did well included Terrie Eirk, who has a 135 average and rolled a 202, and Sally Carrow with a 136 average who had a 302.

In the ladies league, Kathie Glasgow, with a 115 average, found the range for a 209.

In the Franklin High School League, Frank Zagata, with a 160 average had a 203 and Derrell Straub, with a 131 average, tallied a 517.

HIGH SCORES came at unusual times. For instance, Rick Mocer, bowling in the men's league at Plymouth Bowl where he has a 167 average, put together games of 200, 204 and 224 for 628.

DAVE SILVERMAN who is only 17-years-old, bowled the sixth highest score in the national youth competition last Sunday when he put together games of 248, 227 and 279 for a 754 in the Ward-Bonanza Youth Traveling league at Sunnybrook lanes. He was 224 pins over his average for the series.

## Area netter prepares for Slims

Nicole Lorenzetti speculated about it two weeks ago, but having it happen was another thing altogether.

The 16-year-old Bloomfield Hills High School junior won a tournament Feb. 5 which qualified her to play in the Virginia Slims Women's Professional Tennis Tournament, being held Tuesday through Sunday at Cobo Hall in Detroit.

Last Friday, Lorenzetti learned the identity of her opponent.

"I don't know who to explain," Lorenzetti said. "I was shocked. She's so famous because she's changed sexes. I've read a lot about her, but I didn't think I'd draw her."

Lorenzetti will face Renee Richards, in a match to be played approximately 3 p.m. Tuesday.

Richards, a 6-1, 147-pound 44-year-old from Newport Beach, Calif., has attracted international attention as the first transsexual to seek acceptance from the United States Tennis Association and the World Tennis Association to play professional tennis.

AN ALTERNATE for the Detroit Virginia Slims, Richards was able to join the tournament when two of the original 31 professional players cancelled.

"We were talking about it at school," Lorenzetti said. "My friends were asking me what would I do if I draw Renee Richards. Then I got a call at home and the woman said, 'With the luck of the draw, you will play Renee Richards.'"

"I don't really mind playing her at all. She earned her way to that spot and she has a right to play. Recently some people have walked off the court against Richards and been fined \$500. I have no intention of walking off the court."

"It's a great experience," Lorenzetti said, "and a great challenge. Besides, I'm not playing the person across the net, I'm playing the ball, not the person's background. It doesn't matter who is over there."

Lorenzetti plays a lot of boys in practice rounds while participating in the Rochester Hills Racquet Club Junior Excellence program. Her 14-year-old brother Marco is a frequent opponent.

"Richards has an advantage because she's stronger," Lorenzetti said. "I play a lot of 16 and 18-year-old guys. They all are strong and hit hard. I really like playing against hard hitters. That might work to my advantage."

"THE COURTS at Cobo Hall are Boulders," Lorenzetti said. "It's like a carpet and it's very fast. Everything comes at you like bullets. You've really got to be ready."

"I have an advantage because I'm younger. 'I don't think she can move as well as the other girls because she's

been through a lot physically as well as mentally."

Lorenzetti said it's ironic that she will play Richards.

"Yesterday (Thursday) in practice, Mark Resnick (Rochester Hills tennis pro) said I was going to be playing a left-hander in the Slims. When I asked why, he said because I never play one in practice. That day I played two guys who are left-handed."

Richards plays left-handed. Although she has won national rankings and state championships in amateur tennis, this is by far the most attention Lorenzetti has drawn to her tennis.

"Playing Renee Richards will turn the match into a circus. I hope I'm not too awed. I want to concentrate well and keep my head in the game."

"A lot more people will attend the match to see me play Richards," Lorenzetti said. "It will be hard to see the ball because spectators sit on all sides of the court. In junior tennis

there's usually a green backdrop.

"This is the most attention I've ever gotten. I was on television. I'm still a little nervous. I just hope I can concentrate and play my game."

## Harrison girls win gymnastics dual

Sophomore Janet Thibodeau, who has qualified for the state gymnastics meet in every event, took four firsts last Wednesday as Farmington Harrison defeated Pontiac Northern, 77-68.0, in a non-league dual meet.

Thibodeau topped the competition in uneven parallel bars (6.55 points), balance beam (7.30), floor exercise (7.45) and all around (28.25). She also finished third in vaulting. Teammate Andrea Birsa had a first place in vaulting (8.05) to go with seconds in uneven bars, floor exercise and all around.

Harrison has a 4-6 overall record.

## Flipper tankers top W. Oakland

The Farmington Flippers, a YMCA-sponsored swimming team, won their third straight meet last Saturday with a 334-270 decision over West Oakland in Wallied Lake Western high's pool.

Janine Whittemore and Catherine Tucker were outstanding for Farmington in the girls' 8-and-under age group. Janine won the 25-yard butterfly in 19.8, and Catherine won the 25-yard freestyle in 15.0.

Teammate Jerry Surowiec, swimming in the boys' 9 and 10 group, won the 50-yard breaststroke with a time of :22.3. The clocking qualified him for state competition.

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