



PROUDLY DISPLAYING her three gold medals for winning first in the World Para-Olympic Games in England and many of the trophies and awards won in state and national competition, is Alice Wonnacott of Livonia. Although confined to a wheelchair,

Alice has refused to allow that handicap to hinder her athletic career and the three triumphs in the world games climaxed her years of hard work and intensive training. (Observer photo by Vince Witke)

Livonian Three Time World Games Victor

The pride of Livonia! The pride of the Detroit area! The pride of Michigan ... and yes, the pride of the nation! She has to be Alice Wonnacott, 19, of Pickford Ave. in Livonia.

Miss Wonnacott isn't an average young lady. You see, she's paralyzed -- from the waist down. But you never would know that ... and she asks no sympathy.

ALICE WAS paralyzed when just two. Despite the fact she can't walk by herself, she's gone on to become a star student.

First it was in grade school, then at Stevenson High School in Livonia ... and now at Wayne State University.

Her handicap might have stopped most others from participating in athletics. Most people use far less handicaps or ailments to keep away from athletic endeavors.

But this is the young lady who last week made world-wide headlines.

She swam for the United States in the World Para-Olympics meet in Stokes-Mandeville, England.

She won in the backstroke, the breast and the freestyle.

WHEN SHE LANDED in the United States Sunday night and then at Metro Airport, she brought with her three gold medals.

Little wonder she's the toast of so many places this week. Her victory parade in England was nothing new for Alice. In the state meet, she engineered more points than anybody else.

She holds the national record

for 50 yards ... she has won a gold medal among paraplegics for archery and slalom--the latter a competition raced in wheelchairs around an obstacle course.

Back home, Alice is getting ready to return to Wayne State. But she has other ideas ... athletically, in mind ... too. She would like to swim for the U.S. in the 1972 Olympics.

If determination and desire mean anything, Alice Wonnacott will be there in the uniform of the United States ... just as she wore the American uniform in England last week.

Observerland Netters! Tourney Coming Up

The second annual Observerland tennis tournament, sponsored by the Livonia Tennis Club, will be held August 8, 9 and 10 on the Stevenson High

tennis courts. Eligibility for the eight divisions and their starting times are: BOYS (under 14 as of Jan. 1, 1969) 8:30 a.m., Aug. 8;

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MEN'S -- 8:30 a.m., Aug. 9;

SENIOR MEN'S (35 yrs. and over) 9:30 a.m., Aug. 9;

WOMEN'S -- 10:30 a.m., Aug. 9;

DOUBLES:

MEN'S (open) 2 p.m., Aug. 9;

MIXED -- 3 p.m., Aug. 10;

Entry, deadline for the six participating communities of Farmington, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, Redford and Westland is Thursday, Aug. 7 at 5 p.m. The entry fee, which may be paid on the day of the tournament, is \$1 for singles and \$1.25 for doubles.

Winners and runners-up in each division will receive a trophy, U.S.L.T.A. rules will govern all matches.

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Girls (UNDER 16) SINGLES _____

Women's Singles _____ Mixed Doubles _____

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2 Bjerke Brothers Top FP All-Stars

Meet the 1969 All-Observer Free Press League baseball team, selected by managers, coaches and sports writers.

FIRST BASE—Leland Bjerke, Redford. Has hit .387, knocked in 22 runs.

SECOND BASE—Bill Howe, Redford. 298 hitter and team leader in runs with 19.

SHORTSTOP—Dennis Primeau, Cardinal Decorating. One of the smoothest schoolboy fielders in several years in area. Hitting .344.

THIRD BASE—Doug Anklin, Northville. A .300 hitter, but few excel him when it comes to hustle, drive and defensive play.

OUTFIELD—Mike Perino, Cardinal Decorating. Whatta hitter. Hit around .500 most of the season.

Outstanding prospect; Al Smith, Nankin. A .350 slugger who was All-MIAA at Adrian College last spring; Bill Holmes, Redford. A .306 hitter who always produced in key situations.

CATCHER—Bill Fahey, Redford. The No. 1 catcher in these parts. Starred at University of Detroit. Batted .300 in Free Press, tremendous behind the bat.

PITCHER—Fred Holdsworth, Northville. A slick righthander who lost only once in eight starts all season and finished with earned run average of just over one.

PITCHER—Dale Bjerke, Redford. Gives the All-Stars a brother act. Dale was 7-0 in Free Press action and like Holdsworth came up with a brilliant earned run average.

GC West Captures State Pony Crown

Hat's off to Garden City West, Michigan's 1969 Pony League baseball champs.

West took the title for boys 14-15 years of age and advanced into the regionals, which started Wednesday at St. Clair Shores, by whipping cross-town Garden City East, 5-3, at Birmingham last weekend.

Two teams from Wisconsin and another from Indiana make up the field in the double-elimination meet at St. Clair Shores.

At stake will be the chance to move up another notch in the West drive to land in the world series of Pony League baseball.

SAM TJALSMA and Jerry Volas locked horns in a thriller of a finale with Tjalsma and his West mates finally breaking through.

The game was scoreless until the sixth when Steve Orr of East hit one out of the park to make it 1-0.

But back came West in its half of the sixth to score three times. Terry Dobbs walked and Nick Stockels singled. Then Mike Lewis knocked in one run with a single and Jerry Herbst followed with a two-

run single to drive in the winning run and an insurance marker too boot.

Each side made only four hits in the title game.

THERE WERE five teams at Birmingham, two from Garden City, along with Birmingham, Mt. Pleasant and Redford Township.

The tourney opened with West blanking Redford, 2-0, as Tjals-

ma allowed two hits, and Volas hurled East to a 10-5 win over Mt. Pleasant.

Then it was West vs. East in the second round with homers by Dobbs and Tjalsma helping West emerge a 7-5 victor.

A homer by Gary Dork enabled East to beat Birmingham, 5-3, and set up the all-Garden City clash for the championship.

Needless to say, the "rain" Al Kaline of the Tigers doesn't play for the team which carries his banner.

Captain Bats .321

KALAMAZOO -- Named the honorary captain of the 1969 Western Michigan University baseball team was senior catcher Dan Benoit, of Climax, who appeared in 35 games and was the second leading batter on the team with a .321 average.

Play Starts For Crown In Livonia Softball

Play began this week in Livonia's senior unlimited softball playoffs.

Twelve teams are in action in the double-elimination action which will continue until late August.

Teams in contention are Ram-part, Garfield, Michigan Bell, Kroger, Zukins, Chevrolet, Livonia, Livonia Lakes, Livonia Merchants, Greenfield Tool, Hawthorn Centers, Livonia Blues and Al Kaline.



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