

IN THE POCKET

By W.W. EDGAR

With the force of a southern hurricane the wave of high scoring continued to sweep through Observerland as the big bowling classic swung into action.

Before the week closed the metropolitan bowlers had taken over top spot in the nation and 700 series became as common as 600 counts have been in former years.

It all started last Tuesday night in the All-Star Classic where many Observerland bowlers compete. When the night's firing subsided Lou Haydu's Goebel team had posted a 3455 series to take over first place in the national scoring race.

Showing the way, Bob Hart rolled his third 300 to go along with games of 242 and 237 for a 719 total that also is the high mark for the area this season. Harry Campbell added 745, while Dick Turf and Lou Haydu had counts of 680 and 662 respectively.

It will take a lot of bowling before that 3455 series is beaten -- and the national title could be on its way here, with this season only a few weeks old.

Taking a tip from the Goebel team the girls also made a bid for national honors Wednesday night when the Gateway team, paced by Ann Setlock, posted a 2945 series at Lake Tree Bowl. The big count came on games of 1012, 1002 and 931.

Dorothy Aldred showed the way with a 620, one pin more than Setlock, while Mary Moehs had a 601. These were the only 600s of the night.

Meanwhile, Elvira Topfer, who had a night off, kept at the top of the heap in averages through a 632 series bowled Monday night in the Bowlerettes League at Motor Bowl.

One of the big shocks of the high scoring wave came at Garden Lanes in the new Classic when four bowlers hit more than 700 and Teisler's Five posted a high game of 1063.

Don Demham showed the way with a 716 and was followed by Bill Walker with 706, Jim Pierce with 705 and Paul Iskan with 704.

The new circuit may be a factor in the high scoring race with the Classics at Westland, Wonderland and Bel-Aire.

What is expected to be another high scoring outlet is the individual Classic that opens Monday night at Livonia Lanes.

This is something new in the area in that it is limited to 12 bowlers and will be bowled on the Petersen point system -- with handicap.

Thus far Bob Hill, the Livonia milken, is the top star. With him will be such high average men as Terry Donaldson, Gene Cochrane, Les Baljo, Earl Bowerman, Pod McWhiter and Otto Oesterson.

These stars will battle every Monday at 9 p.m., and promise to put on quite a show.

Schoolcraft Soccer Has Baseball Touch

If you're a third baseman or shortstop in baseball, you could wind up as the goalie in Schoolcraft College's soccer team.

Coach Marv Gans of the Schoolcraft bowlers was telling how he uncovers soccer players since there are few high schools in the state that sponsor the sport.

"We convert boys with football, basketball and baseball backgrounds into soccer performers," Gans said, as he drilled his team on the college's front laws, which is used for soccer.

Why does he look for a third baseman or shortstop to play goal? Gans explained.

"We look for guys who have good hands and are quick and have good lateral movement. Especially third basemen, in handling they aren't afraid of handling hot shots directed in their way."

Right now, Gans has his eyes on Doug Anklin from Northville as his goalie. Yep, he played third base in high school.

BECAUSE STUDENTS frequently stay only one year at Schoolcraft, Gans again finds it necessary to recruit -- build a team which in the last three years has compiled a record of 28 victories, six defeats and five ties.

Last season, Schoolcraft won the Junior College title, took the regional 12 playoff and then went on to gain fourth place in the National J.C. tournament held in New York.

Only three regulars are back from the '68 powerhouse -- Bob See, right wing; Tim DeWitt, who plays right inside; and Dick

Riedel, a '68 halfback who has been switched to fullback.

Others who figure in the rebuilding program are Bob Carter, a football fullback; Bryant Young, who played some soccer at Stevenson High; Ray DeShazo, a brother of Schoolcraft star Larry DeShazo; and Chris Hipier, a leftfooted, left wing.

SOCCER IS booming as a junior college sport.

There are six such teams in the State J.C. League in which Schoolcraft begins play next Friday at Delta College in Bay City.

Regionally, 12 schools sponsor soccer.

"The figure is going up," says Gans who sees nothing on the horizon to indicate that Schoolcraft some day may go for varsity football in the fall.

"Soccer is an ideal sport for a college boys' team," he added, "it's not too expensive, yet we get a great many boys involved and there are hundreds of students who enjoy the games."

2 From Down Under Enter Can-Am Race

First entries in for the Sept. 28 Can-Am race at Michigan International Speedway are those of New Zealanders Bruce McLaren and Denis Hulme.

McLaren and Hulme are currently tied for the lead in the 1969 Can-Am Series with 90 points each after completing six of the 11 race series.

Entered by McLaren Cars Ltd., of Colnbrook, England, they will be piloting the McLaren MB9's, powered by Chevrolet 427 CID engines. The bright orange distinctive sports cars are designed and constructed by McLaren.

Since the Canadian-American Challenge Cup Series was introduced in 1966, McLaren and Hulme have figured predominantly in the final standings. McLaren was third in 1966; first overall in 1967, and second in 1968. Hulme finished first in 1968 and was second in 1967.

HULME, ONE of the top drivers, was the Formula 1 World Champion in 1967. The 33-year-old New Zealander has had extensive formula and sports racing experience on



FORMER GARDEN CITY East football star Cade Kenneth Hassen saw plenty of action in Saturday's night collegiate televised game of 1969 in the backfield of the Air Force Academy. A senior, Hassen is considered one of the most valuable backs for the Falcons. He was in numerous offensive plays in the opener against Southern Methodist.

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RENAULD K. CHERVEN has been appointed eastern region technical manager for the Business Machines Corp. of Burroughs Corp.

Cherven, of Bloomfield Hills, will be responsible for technical support activities in eight districts and 97 branch offices in Burroughs' eastern division. He joined Burroughs in Boston in 1962.

Squirrel Season To Open

Squirrel hunting season will open Monday -- a new opening date this year, notes the state Natural Resources Department.

The NRD district offices pointed out that some townships are closed to hunting in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. If in doubt, check with the township police.

Meanwhile, fishing is far from finished for the year. Bass fishing is expected to pick up as the weather turns cool.

Plug casting is likely to be the best method, state conservation officers suggest, and the usual good spots are Pontiac, Tippeco, Orchard and Orion Lakes.

Bugblitz is hitting in most Oakland County lakes.

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the business beat

B & P Tells Acquisition Plan, Reports A Record Quarter

Brooks & Perkins, Inc., Livonia-based manufacturer of industrial products, has announced record quarterly earnings and a plan to acquire Met-L-Wood Corp. of Illinois.

Brooks & Perkins has reached an agreement in principle, subject to approval by directors and stockholders of both firms to acquire Met-L-Wood's stock.

B & P common and voting preference shares would be exchanged for all outstanding common and preferred shares of Met-L-Wood. Market value of the deal is estimated at \$13 million.

B & P is a diversified manufacturer of air cargo handling systems, industrial materials and handling equipment and aerospace components. It has a subsidiary in Fort Jarvis, N.Y.

MET-L-WOOD is a closely held company that manufactures bonded panels and related parts for the computer, transportation and construction industries in Chicago and Monroeville, Pa. Current annual sales volume is more than \$4 million.

Meanwhile, B & P President Edward H. Perkins Jr. announced record sales and earnings for a quarter during the fourth quarter of the fiscal year that ended July 31.

Fourth quarter earnings were estimated at \$308,000 or 64 cents a share on earnings of \$5.6 million. This is up from earnings of \$252,000 or 53 cents a share on sales of \$3.3 million in the same quarter last year.

FOR THE FULL YEAR, however, earnings after taxes showed a slight decline -- because of a higher effective tax rate and the 10 per cent surtax -- although pre-tax earnings were up, Perkins said.

Preliminary net for the year was estimated at \$782,000 or \$1.50 a share compared to \$655,000 or \$1.80 a share for the previous fiscal year.

Pre-tax earnings, on the other hand, were an estimated \$1,525,000 for the fiscal year compared to \$1,490,000 for the 1968 fiscal year.

Unaudited sales for this year were \$17.5 million, up from last year's \$16.1 million.

B & P has a mill division on Inkster Road and a materials handling division on Schoolcraft, both in Livonia. Plans to double capacity of the Schoolcraft plant were announced recently.



PROMOTER -- Marsha McCall of 42490 Schoolcraft, Livonia, a secretary at Ford Motor Co.'s central office in Dearborn, is a company model these days. Her ring and earrings are really "collector springs" that drain off static in car radios.

Lady Bankers Set Brunch

A lady banker will speak to other lady bankers.

The women's division of the American Institute of Banking will meet for lunch on Sunday, Sept. 14, in the Raleigh House on Telegraph Road, Southfield.

Assistant will be Barbara A. Burr, speaker vice president of American National Bank and Trust Co., Kalamazoo.

Entertainment will be provided by a barbershop quartet, "The Sharpshooters," whose lead singer is Joseph Coburn of Livonia.

Fisher Body Tours Resume: Invite Groups

Tours through the Fisher Body plant in Livonia resume this week, officials have announced.

Located at 28400 Plymouth Road, the plant will be open for inspection by individuals or groups every Thursday at 1 p.m. Tours will start from the main lobby located on Plymouth Road.

In automotive terms, this plant is engaged in firm fabrication operations and produces finished upholstery for a variety of body styles used in General Motors cars.

Bathey Strike Cuts Profits

LOS ANGELES
HITCO reported an increase in sales and a decline in earnings for the nine-month period ended July 31.

HITCO Chairman Robert M. Dales attributed the decline in earnings to a previously announced strike at HITCO's Bathey Manufacturing Co. in Plymouth, and a general slowdown in the aerospace market during the company's fiscal third quarter.

SALES FOR the nine months ended July 31 were \$88,197,000, up from \$75,713,000 recorded in the comparable period a year ago.

Earnings for the period were \$4,589,000, or \$1.21 per share, assuming full conversion of preferred stock, compared with \$4,694,000, or \$1.26 per share, on the same basis a year ago.

All figures have been restated to include companies acquired on a pooling-of-interests basis.

Dales said the 56-day strike at the Bathey plant was settled Aug. 4 and the plant is now in full operation. He added that the effect of the strike "was significant to our profitability in the third quarter and will no doubt have some effect on the present quarter."

PROGRESS ON the proposed merger of HITCO into Arco Steel Corp. "is going well," Dales reported. The company expects to have proxy material on the proposed merger in the mail to HITCO shareholders on Oct. 16. Shareholders will be asked to consider the merger at a special meeting scheduled for Nov. 17, 1969.

The merger agreement in principle calls for the exchange of one share of Arco convertible preferred stock for each share of HITCO common stock on a tax-free basis. Each preferred share would carry an annual dividend of \$2.10 and would be convertible into 85/100 of a share of Arco common stock.



JAMES BELL has been named executive engineer for package engineering, at Ford Motor Company's Dearborn Design Center. He succeeds C.W. Reuter, who was transferred to Ford of Europe headquarters in England. Bell joined Ford in 1957 as a product analyst for the former Edsel Division and subsequently held various supervisory and managerial positions in Lincoln-Mercury product planning. He resides with his wife and their four children at 29437 Linda Avenue, Livonia.

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