

In The Pocket.

By W.W. EDGAR

The Detroit bowlers again dominated the men's state tournament last week in Ann Arbor.

For years they have captured most of the actual pin titles and this year was no exception. When the final scores were checked, Detroiters had won three of the four championship-slugs.

The Stroth team won the team title with a count of 3,132 and beat out the Pro Bowl team of Lansing by four pins. The singles crown went to Martin Nadler with a 740 and Rocky Graziani won the all-events with 2,657.

AS THE STATE'S largest charity tournament—the Bowling Proprietors statewide competition—winds down 100 Detroit bowlers still are left in the

area roll-offs. They are the survivors of 38,000 who bowled in the various house preliminaries.

When it is concluded, the event is expected to have raised more than \$50,000 for the various charities in the state still to be selected.

MRS. AGNES EKSTROM recently was paid a high honor when she was named by acclamation to a third term as president of the Detroit Women's Bowling Association. Prior to taking office as president, she served 24 years as vice president.

BOB ROSE still is bowling at a fast pace in the men's trio league at West-Land Bowl.

In his latest appearance, he linked games of 215, 247 and 236 for a 698. His

nearest rival was Bob Jawor who had counts of 245 and 242 in 615.

The high game of the night was a 261 that aided Denny Feloni to a 611 count.

In the women's trio, Jane Martin inserted games of 212 and 231 in a 590 series.

THE PLAZA LANES bowlers took over the spotlight in the champion of champions sectional tournament now being bowled at Plymouth Bowl.

The Friends and Neighbors team landed on top of the standings with 3150. The Art Johnson Photo-Type squad landed second with 3,132 and the Crackers from Westland Bowl wound up in third place with a 3,127.

THE FINALS of the Kings and Queens Tournament that has been run-

ning at all Ark Lanes houses for the past month, will be held at Ark Lanes West on Sunday, June 11 at 2 p.m. Merril-Bowl will have 10 men and 10 women in the title competition.

DONNA STEIN, who carries a 118 average, showed the way in the ladies foursome at Woodland Lanes with games of 173, 154 and 166 for a 494.

In the men's 700 league, Art O'Brien, with a 170 average, rolled a 244 in 593. Don Mc Clelland, with a 148 average, had a 223 in 557 and Keith Tramel, with a 138 average, had a 209 in 543.

In the Keglerettes league, indy Meyer, with a 128 average, fired a 498; and in the B&G league Windy Armstrong, with a 104 average, found the range for a 200.

Winning DRC jockey overcomes fear of horses

Wolverine Harness Raceway's second leading percentage driver, Jeff James, did not always love horses. In fact, there was a time when he was rather scared of the pair of riding horses his grandfather owned.

That was before James' father, a car dealer in Windsor, took three harness horses as a trade-in on a new car.

The unique agreement took place in 1968. James, who was then 15, began accompanying his father to Windsor Raceway. Both father and son acquired a taste for racing. The younger James worked around the barn area wherever he could, while his father bought several horses.

James first worked as a groom with the Joe Marsh stable where he built a friendship with trainer Merritt Dokey. Later, when Dokey went solo, James worked as a trainer under his supervision. James also found employment with Ray Remmen and Harry Harvey.

Most of James' early career dues were paid at Wolverine Raceway, and it was there in 1976 that he made his pari-mutuel debut as a harness driver, behind his father's two-year-old pacer, Racing Biz in the Matron Stake.

James guided the son of Race Time to a second-place finish in the event.

Racing Biz was then and is now a sentimental favorite of the 25-year-old jockey.

"I think Racing Biz is the best horse I've ever driven so far. He's an anxious horse that wants to race, despite the fact that he's had a variety of odd ailments," said James.

Racing Biz is one of the 18 horses that James is currently training and racing at Wolverine's mile oval. Others include Maple Lanes Nery, who has a sub-minute record, and the high priced claimer Romantic Pick. James, who sports a driving average of 312, is a firm believer that horses make the horseman, but having witnessed his ability in the sulky, one gets the feeling that James is a bit modest.

BOH's 3 horse shows gain national prominence

For the past several years, the fame of three back-to-back horse shows—Detroit Dressage, Motor City Horse Show and the Detroit Horse Show—have been gaining in national acclaim.

Today, the two and one-half week event held at the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club is considered to rank in the top five on the equestrian circuit by both professionals and amateurs as well as the nation's largest stables and farms.

Harry Nederlander, chairman of the horse shows, fully expects the number of horses and entries in the shows to total 700 and all entries in the three shows events to exceed 1,100.

"That's a major increase from last year when our horse count was just 600, Nederlander said. "Including the 110 horses signed for the Detroit Dressage, we are already up to 668 for horses entered this year. This is an extremely significant factor considering there are major shows being held in Europe and Montreal at exactly the same time."

"Horses and riders are coming to the hunt club from the East Coast and from Col. Orlando, New Mexico and Arizona.

considered to be Detroit's and Michigan's finest shows is that facilities and grounds are equal to or better than some of the other top five shows.

The prize money of \$50,000 doesn't hurt either.

"This year will be bigger and better than last year," Nederlander said, "and next year will surpass this year. We couldn't be prouder."

The Detroit Dressage will run June 9-11. Chairman will be Robert Brown of Bloomfield Hills.

The Motor City Horse Show will be held June 14-18. Chairman will be John F. Ivory, II of Bloomfield Hills.

The Detroit Horse Show will be held June 22-25. The chairman will be Charles A. Walby of Birmingham.

The show is open to the public. Tickets cost \$3 for the entire day. Food is available on the grounds.

The 72-acre Bloomfield Open Hunt Club is located one-half mile east of Kensington and East Long Lake Roads in Bloomfield Hills.

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