

# Avon Tournament nets crowds despite no-shows

By JUDY BERNE

Just imagine what might happen if a full draw of major women tennis players ever made it to the Detroit stop of the Avon tennis tour.

Even with a tournament roster void of the three biggest names in women's tennis, the Birmingham Junior League drew record numbers of suburban and Detroit fans to its well-run week of female tennis staged at Cobo.

Weekly totals reported Friday afternoon showed attendance up 35 percent over last year. That percentage should hold since the weekend quarter, semifinal and final matches are generally sold out.

Each year, the Junior League is assured that the top names will appear at their \$200,000 contest. In recent years, they have been sorely disappointed.

This year was no exception. If fact, it was the worst yet.

One by one Chris, Martina and Tracy sent in their cancellations. And each time tournament directors took a deep breath and went on to their intricate plans minus an Evert, Navratilova and young Austin.

Luckily the grace and winning shots of first seeded veteran Yvonne Goolagong, the charisma of Billy Jean King and performances by two 14-year-olds, Susan Mascarin of Detroit and Andrea

## analysis

Jaeger (seeded tenth) were enough to maintain high crowd interest.

In truth, the local Avon tournament runs like a precision machine from the soliciting of box holders to the assigning of player residences to the training of ball boys and girls.

The technique has been refined over a decade as the tourney grew from a gym at Oakland University in 1971 to Cobo Hall in 1973 to Cobo Arena in

1974 and this year's draw of 64 which kept three courts (two in the hall and one in the arena) going full swing for the first four days of the tournament.

HOW WELL it works was evidenced most clearly last Monday — the tournament's first day.

Three courts of tennis (two in the hall) and one in the arena were going down to dusk — or nearly. Matches started at 10 a.m. and continued until midnight.

That meant lining up, assigning and confirming reams of lines persons, ball children and court umpires for approximately 30 matches. Figure it out six

ball kids per court; 10 linespersons; a net judge, referee and ushers.

But it hardly stops there. Did you notice women travelling from court to court with a pencil and pad in hand? No, they weren't counting player errors. They were evaluating each ball girl and boy for their attentiveness, agility and appearance. That's just one example of the thoroughness of the tournament.

The best — well they're given the distinction of working the semifinal and final matches — is the epitome of ball boy and girl dom.

A total of 275 ushers, 232 ball children, 178 linespersons and 23 umpires from Birmingham, West Bloomfield,

Southfield, Farmington Hills and other Detroit and suburban communities volunteered their time to help the Junior League put on the tournament.

Another 550 Junior Leaguers and their spouses lay the ground work, supervised and filled in where they were needed.

Over the years, the tournament has raised over \$700,000 for Junior League projects which know no suburban boundaries. They include the Belle Isle Master Plan, Cash Corridor Youth Advocates, Pontiac Art Center Project, Sanctuary Runaway Shelter and the East Michigan Environmental Action Council.



## in the pocket/W.W. Edgar

The most dramatic moment of his bowling career lies ahead for John Hurley, the sharpshooter from Westland Bowl.

When he takes his turn in the Wednesday league, he will be shooting for the American Bowling Congress record and to have his name listed among the world record holders.

The dramatic moment is coming about because he tied the record of 47 consecutive series at 600 or better last Wednesday. And he will need another this time to take the top place alone in the ABC annals.

The record of 47 series was held by John Sabo, former owner of Grand Central Recreation in Detroit. He compiled the mark while bowling in

seven leagues.

In contrast Hurley compiled his string in the same league, posting 30 to close last season and adding 17 more this campaign.

SCORING DROPPED off a bit in the top leagues during the week and each of them had only one bowler able to break the 700 barrier.

Tom Hay turned the trick at Wonderland when he linked games of 229, 243 and 242 for a 714. His closest rival was Jack Frieder with a 685. Mort Friedman's team rolled a 3149 series.

The other barrier-breaking score was the work of John Morr in the Tri-City men's classic at

Westland Bowl. He used a 256 middle game to earn a 702 count.

CYNDI EDWARDS had one of her better days in the ladies classic at Westland when she paced the group with a 672, thanks to a middle game of 243.

Behind her came Margy Brothers with a 240 in 608, Ev Hubbel with 593 Pat Mayles with 254 in 585, Carol Sotola with 584, Bobby Farkas with 587 and Nancy Heet with 591.

In the Bowlerettes, Sue Perry showed the way with 266 in 628 and Jean Baker was high in the Queens league with a 243 in 638.

THEY HAD quite a

time in the Canton Classic at Super Bowl where Scott Hall used a 267 game to set the pace with a 685. Dave Knotts and Paul Horie shared the next slot with 654 and Mike Chadwick had a 649. Along the way Hugh Espersen picked up a 247 game in 621.

In the Disco Dolls loop Karyn Brothers was high with a 259 in 618.

THE WEST SIDE proprietors put on a real show at Garden Lanes. When the firing ceased, Quinton Greene was high with 642, two pins more than Ed Zimba.

Others who bettered double century figures were John Lacke with 605, Duane Little with 609 and Mike Morton with 602.

AT WOODLAND LANES, Debbie Hardy turned in a 583 on games of 212, 176 and 195 to show the way in the Keglerettes. A few lanes away, Mary Hansen had a 213 in 524.

In the other leagues Karen Zahn paced the bowlerettes with a 231 high game and Wanda Hay was high in the Jacks and Jills with 509.

IN OTHER outstanding performances, John Trzcinski closed with a 287 game to lead the seniors at Plymouth Bowl. On the ladies side, Corrine Walsh was high with a 216 in 543 and Marie Moore had a 217 in 532.

At Plaza Lanes Lillian Boyagian had an all spare game and Jo Ann

Harold had a 244 game in the Coffee and Donuts league.

In the senior hour at Wonderland, Liz Rodriguez showed the way with a 212 middle game for 626 and Eva Hammer had a consistent series with games of 202, 208 and 197 for 607.

At Merri-Bowl, Irene Rigg had an odd series. After opening with 246, she dropped to 133 and then closed with 235 for 614.

At Bel-Aire Lanes, David Thompson was high man in the classic with a 683 due mainly to an opening game of 287. Gary Laine was right behind with 680 and Gary Hodge closed with a 232 for 668 and third place.

## Softball managers meet March 5

Managers of softball teams in the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department's leagues should mark March 5, a Wednesday, on their calendars.

An organizational meeting will be held on that date at the Shiawassee Elementary School, 30415 Shiawassee Road. Managers of women's teams meet at 7 p.m., and managers of men's teams meet one hour later.

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### CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 19, 1980

The City Council of the City of Farmington Hills held a special meeting February 19, 1980 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. Mayor Soronen opened the meeting. Members present were: Burwell, Lange, Soronen, Wolf, Alkateeb and Dolan. Oppenhausser absent. Others present were City Manager Savage, City Clerk Cairns and City Attorney Bibeau. Council approved the minutes of January 21, 1980, and January 28, 1980. Water Special Assessment Roll C138 — Pleasant Valley Farms (Meadowview) was confirmed in the amount of \$32,500. Council adopted a resolution amending the rates and charges in the Evergreen-Farmington Sewage Disposal System. Executive session to follow this meeting re pending litigation. Council indicated intent to propagate a new set of rules and regulations in chart for the Farmington Area Commission on Aging, and to inform the Farmington City Council of this intent, and establish a joint meeting in the future to discuss final drafts. Commission on Aging to submit in writing any input of change in subject goals, or change in their present rolls, etc. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
FLOYD A. CAIRNS, City Clerk  
Approved by Mayor SORONEN

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### CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 11, 1980

The City Council of the City of Farmington Hills held a regular meeting February 11, 1980 at 8:00 o'clock P.M. Mayor Soronen opened the meeting. Members present were: Burwell, Lange, Oppenhausser, Soronen, Wolf, Alkateeb and Dolan. Others present were City Manager Savage, City Clerk Cairns and City Attorney Bibeau. Consent Judgment re Farmington Hills vs. Dinverno was accepted, with required hours and lighting. Upon completion of appropriate agreement the case of Blomberg vs. Farmington Hills will be settled. Executive Session to follow this meeting re pending litigation McMullen vs. Farmington Hills. Approval was given for the Open Space and Retention Basin Agreement, the Final Preliminary Plat and Final Plat Approval for Farmington Freeway Industrial Park Section 20, with a deposit of \$24,302.84 and completion date of 5/31/80. Final Preliminary Plat of Applebrook Subdivision in Section 7, with acre set at \$45,187.92 and completion date of 11/1/82 was approved. Contracts were awarded for the construction of sewer for S.A.D. C119 Eastfield and Greening to Roy D. Sera, Inc. in the amount of \$185,175; and to Mayo Construction Company for the Old Honeysuckle Sewer S.A.D. C126 in the amount of \$78,952.60 and to C. C. Cole Construction Company in the amount of \$138,689.10 for Randall-River Glen Sewer S.A.D. C127. Council established a Special Assessment District for water improvement on Cora and set the Necessity Hearing date for March 17, 1980 at 7:30 P.M. Approval was given the request from the Honey Tree for Class C liquor license. Policy has been changed in re to petitions for oil for dust control. Petitions from past years will remain in effect for filing; also petitions, to change from chloride to oil or from oil to chloride with 60% of the district as required by the Department of Public Works in favor, will be accepted until February 22, 1980. City Manager Savage was authorized to seek out and recommend a consultant to study the feasibility of erecting a senior citizen housing project at Freedom and Drake within the perimeters discussed by the Council. Approval was given to the appointment by Mayor Soronen of Harlem Morris to the Board of Review. Upon recommendation of the City Manager the following was approved: City to participate with the Oakland County Road Commission for the Orchard Lake-Thirteen Mile Storm Drain construction, in the amount of \$96,870. Adopted Traffic Control Order No. I.D. 15-80 for installation and operation of a safety signal at Harrison High School Driveway and Twelve Mile Road. Award of contract for construction of sewer for San Souci S.A.D. C124 to C. C. Cole Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$45,337.70. Award of contract for construction of water for Nine Mile S.A.D. C135 to Fanelli Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$21,201. Approved "No Parking" restrictions on Colgate, south of Grand River. Denied waiver of sidewalk requirement for lot 1 of Kendallwood Subdivision. Upon motion meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
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