



## IN THE POCKET

By W.W. EDGAR

As the bowling season nears the half-way mark the All-star Classic in which many of the Observerland stars compete, again is proving to be one of the strongest in the country. According to the latest averages 42 of the 180 bowlers in the circuit are carrying averages of 200 or better. Eight others are only one pin behind 199, while a half dozen are listed at 198.

That means that 56 members of the 16-team circuit are hitting at a 198 or better clip. There is no league of this size in the country, according to ABC records, with a higher hitting.

To make things even more interesting, the youngest bowlers are setting the pace. The "Cone Bros. team, for instance, that Bill Fite organized with recent graduates of the Teen League is setting the pace with 231 points. At that figure the youngsters hold a 14-point lead over the veteran Stroh combination of established stars.

And the individual average leader is none other than Harry Campbell, one of the teen graduates, with 213. He is leading the veteran Bob Kwikok by a single pin, with another youngster, Tom Vallone, in third place at 211.

THE YOUNG BOWLERS also carried off top honors along the Observerland front.

Tom, showed a 20-year-old, when he flourished the way in the Bel-Aire Classic in Farmington, Tenn. He started with 10 in a row and then ran into the baby split.

Other high scores in the Classic were Bill Schwartz' 245 and a 267 by Don Flynn.

OVER AT Merri-Bowl another young bowler stole the show when Terry Driscoll, a lad of 14 years, fired a 245 game in the Father and Son League.

Another outstanding performance was contributed by Gloria Howell who registered seven in a row for a 242 game in the Monday Ladies League.

THE LONE TOO series in the Farmington area this week was the work of Jack Brown in the Our Lady of Sorrows League at Bel-Aire. He linked games of 236, 201 and 268 for 725. Behind him came Cass Karszewski with a 275 to 679 and Al Davis with 256 and 255 in 667.

Other good performances at Bel-Aire included a 269 in 622 in the Mixed League, a 671 by Gaston Marocco in the Senior House League and a 210 in 611

by Jackie Ixx in the women's circuit.

The Classic at Livonia Lanes had one of its highest scoring nights of the season when four members bettered 800 for their four game blocks. They were John Urban, Las Balyo, Bill McAllister and Cass Hoffman. John Zarycki was high man in the Whirlwind League with a 645 series that included a 235 game. Other high games included Joe Pollard's 236 and Ken Burek with 227.

Cary Beetz linked games of 247, 203 and 278 for a 728 in the Wonderland Classic, but had to share scoring honors with Ron Sharpley's Holiday team that set a new mark for the season with 3250.

Dick Beattie, the star southpaw, tightened his hold on first place in the averages with 805 that kept him well above 220.

Joe Onlewet and Joe Duszewski shared honors in the Gavriel League Classic with first series. Onlewet's included a 276 in his count.

Other high scores included a 601 by Jeff Nessico, a 460 pin, with another youngster, Tom by Frank Gensler and a 699 by Dan Ratkey.

JIM DIBHONG again set the pace at Westland when he came through with a 853 on games of 211, 242 and 230 in the Senior House League. He is currently leading the averages with a 236.

Rick McCarty was top man in the Classic with 265, 224-202-692 while Jerry Holt landed second place with a 222 game. And right behind him came Dot Palmer with 220.

Woody pointed the boys with a 202 and in the girls' division Lu Ann Lashbrook was high again with 170.

In the prep circuit Gary Kealey finished in front of the scorers with a 202 game.

AND TO ALL bowlers—Make your strikes come often during the holiday season.

## Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

Michigan's harness horsemen and track operators are more than a little disturbed by the manner in which Racing Commissioner Leo Shirley awarded dates for 1970.

Those with horses at Northville Downs, where Jackson currently is conducting a winter meet in Michigan, than horns with the failure of Shirley to allot any dates in January and February.

Hardly anyone in the barn area believed there wouldn't be a continuation of the meeting which is slated to grind to a close on Dec. 30. All thought the races would start within a few days of the new year and go into February.

MANY HAD MOVED stables from the Windsor track to race in the United States. All had the idea that winter racing in the Jackson-Northville Downs meeting was scheduled with the thought of furnishing competition for the Canadian circuit.

They had a firm belief that the racing was to keep Michigan racing in Michigan, bolstering the state treasury and also boosting the economy of the area.

None had any idea that the Racing Commissioner would do anything more than announce an extension of the meeting for as many as 40 nights.

They had any worries about the dates for the remainder of the year since they already knew that Hazel Park would open in the spring, followed by Northville Downs' summer meeting, then Wolverine with Jackson winding up the year with a fall session and then winter programs at Northville.

THE COMMISSIONER had decreed that the track be dark (no racing) on Mondays in

October — on Mondays and Tuesdays in November and December with no racing on Thanksgiving Day.

How he reached that conclusion has everyone confused and he isn't about to tell his reasons.

Small wonder the horsemen and track operators are sizing up the situation.

First the horsemen were denied a chance to race in January and February, something they thought was a certainty.

Second, the track operators were firmly convinced that winter racing would become a part of the season and were stumped with the dates.

That's why there is a movement on hand to join forces in a concerted effort to show Lansing and the Commissioner that they aren't happy.

Especially Executive Manager John Carlo of Northville Downs and Leon Slavin, president and general manager of Jackson Raceway, are much disturbed.

The former is in the process of spending more than \$2 million to erect a new clubhouse and enclose the grandstand for winter racing.

The latter agreed to stage the current winter meeting with more or less an understanding that additional dates would be available in January and February. He hasn't yet reached the point where the present meeting is making ends meet and now he has no chance in the world to recoup.

Losses during this meeting won't break Slavin, who poured a big pile of cash in Jackson Raceway before it started to show a profit — at least he did get into the black — but he is denied an opportunity to recoup in something else.

Perhaps the Commissioner doesn't want to have Michigan racing compete with Windsor — his announcement of dates makes it appear that way.

## NF Wrestlers Down Bentley

With victories in 10 matches, North Farmington wrestlers down Bentley, 46-10 in the season opener.

The summaries: 98 pounds—Frank (NF) defeated Beck (B); 107 pounds—K. Haller (NF) pinned Tom (B); 115 pounds—M.J. Haller (NF) defeated Newton (B); 123 pounds—Touhey (NF) defeated Barnes (B); 130 pounds—Robinson (B) pinned Giles (NF); 137 pounds—Wilson (NF) defeated Sullivan (B); 145 pounds—Pease (NF) pinned

Del Gress (B); 155 pounds—Gow (NF) pinned Horbeck (B); 165 pounds—Moore (B) pinned Bouza (NF); 175 pounds—Letter (NF) pinned Glennie (B); 185 pounds—McBeth (NF) defeated Ahar (B); heavy—weight—Crowe (NF) won by forfeit.

## Balance Nets Victory For NF Gymnasts

North Farmington High's balance paid off in a 67.5-60.5 victory over Taylor Center gymnasts.

Each team won four events but the Raiders finished one-two-three in the trampoline and rings and one-two in the high bars to clinch the win.

Winners for North Farmington included: high bar—D. Healy; trampoline—R. Page; rings—M. Hill; and side horse—R. Hansen.

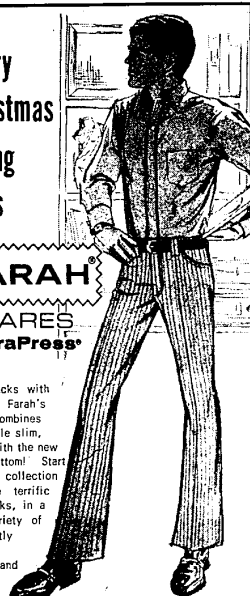
## Scores Hat Trick

Michigan State sophomore hockey center Gilles Gagnon of Montreal scored a three-goal hat trick against Michigan in his fourth varsity game. His cousin, Bernie Gagnon, who plays for Michigan, scored twice in the same game as the Wolverines won, 8-6.

Merry Christmas  
Young Legs

FARAH  
FLARES  
with FaraPress®

Now, slacks with a flare! Farah's styling combines comfortable slim, trim fit with the new flared bottom! Start your own collection of these terrific new slacks, in a great variety of permanently pressed patterns and solids!



NEW SHIPMENT JUST ARRIVED

Priced from \$8.00 to \$13.00

LEIB BROTHERS

WONDERLAND CENTER  
Open nites to 9 p.m., Sun. 12-6

## White Makes It Look So Easy

Wayne State University senior wrestling Captain Fred White didn't get much of a workout last weekend.

He just couldn't help it either.

The Redford Union graduate pulled off three quick pins to rank as the individual standout of the triple-dual meet at Western Illinois recently.

WHITE PINNED his foe from Grandland (Iowa) College in 1:29 as WSU won, 22-14. The Tartars bowed to SW Missouri, 21-18, but White pulled off an oblique win by fall in 3:55. Host Western Illinois tripped the Tartars, 28-8, but White had the day's fastest fall in 0:56.

That added up to three falls in 6:20, pretty fast wrestling. In that latter win, he didn't even have control of the opponent, but worked into a situation where all that mattered was the 1-2-3 count of the official as the stubby 177-pounder scored his win.

A three-letter man in football, White is working toward his fourth monogram in wrestling, but he didn't have any prior training before enrolling at WSU. That put him in the same boat as quite a few of his teammates and is the type of challenge that Coach Bob Hurley thrives on.

WHITE was a wingback, fullback, and end guard in his four WSU grid seasons. He was WSU's leading tackler as a junior and ranked in the top 10 in 1969, despite playing much of the time offensively.

He had quite a tough time in his first WSU mat season, wrestling for much of the year with a cast on his wrist. In the next two years, he was good enough to earn a trip to the

NCAA College Division Nationals.

This year, Hurley, who has had 48-22-3 success in the past six seasons at WSU, thinks that the 5-foot-6 White could be a place-winner at the NCAA meet. He'll get the chance and he'll have tough enough dual meet fare to home him for that role.



FRED WHITE  
RU Grad Standout

awake.

You need life insurance. Now we've got it. Search all you want. We don't think you'll find it for less. Anywhere. It's called MemberLife. And it costs \$19 a year. Plus a \$2 enrollment fee.

FARMINGTON 23234 Farmington Road 475-7200

LIVONIA 32415 Five Mile Road 427-5700

PLYMOUTH 798 Plymouth Avenue 453-5200

WESTLAND 434 South Wayne Road 562-5100

MemberLife is underwritten by Michigan Life Insurance Co.

## Lasting Christmas Gifts

The safe way to double \$12.50



New Guaranteed Growth Bonds double your money



By daily compounding the 5% annual rate, the new bonds double their value in 13 years, 316 days. That means you can buy a \$25.00 bond for \$12.50, a \$50.00 bond for \$25.00, etc. Other maturity value denominations include \$100.00, \$500.00, \$1,000.00 and \$5,000.00.

If you need to cash in one of the new bonds, you can cash it without notice on any three month anniversary of its issue date, or for ten days thereafter. You still get the full 5% interest.

The new bonds make great gifts, too. They can be registered in another person's name without any "red tape". And they're a gift that grows in value — guaranteed to double in value.

Get your money growing. Send coupon, or ask about new Guaranteed Growth Savings Bonds at any Livonia National Bank Office.

GUARANTEED GROWTH BOND APPLICATION

Gentlemen: Please process my order for the following Guaranteed Growth Bonds. My check for money order is enclosed.

(Check for cash payment, \$25.00 to \$5,000.00, to any Livonia National Bank Office.)

NUMBER OF BONDS PER DENOMINATION	
FALL VALUE	\$25 \$50 \$100 \$500 \$1,000 \$5,000
CASH	\$12.50 \$25 \$50 \$250 \$500 \$2,500

Total Cost (multiply cash by no. of bonds)

Amount Social Security Number

Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Special Instructions \_\_\_\_\_

Open Mon. thru Sat. 'til 4:30 P.M. ... 'til 6:00 P.M. Fri.

## LIVONIA NATIONAL BANK

7 Offices to Serve You / Phone 421-8200 / Member F.D.I.C.

By George Maskin

## observing sports

This is the season to be jolly... and most of us are. But the good people, who in one way or another are connected with horse and harness racing in Michigan, have to be down in the dumps.

It strikes us they have good reason... if you consider the dates assigned for both the runners and the trotters for the 1970 season.

We should get one point straight. The racing aspect of sports isn't our love.

Once or twice a year is our limit when it comes to visiting one of the establishments. A rare \$2 bet is IT.

Gambling isn't within us... except out in Las Vegas where we might invest a few nickels in a slot machine.

But, forget this department. Racing is a big business. It has more followers than, perhaps, any other branch of sports, if we are to believe in the various statistical charts.

Something else, and most important, is that out of horse and harness racing, the state benefits in the way of a huge cut out of every day's betting pool.

IN A SENSE the fan who wagers at a track in Michigan isn't being slapped with an extra tax... who says we already don't have enough with federal and state income tax, city tax, social security, union and what have you?

Ironically, the state of Michigan and various communities affected by race tracks can use the "tax" that comes out of racing.

Yet, the new date allotments disclosed during the past week show no increase over what we have had in Michigan in 1969.

Silly, we'd say.

Oh, well, have a joyous holiday.

## ★ Manager Trainee ★

A subsidiary of ITT is searching for a career-minded high school grad or equivalent to engage in a two-year training program designed to qualify applicant for

MANAGEMENT  
Local starting salary, group insurance and hospital plan, paid vacation, profit sharing and thrift savings plan.

INTERVIEWS FROM 9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.  
MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY  
(ASK FOR MR. CONCERT)

Phone 261-0200 TTT AETNA Garden City  
28684 Ford Road  
TRAINING PROGRAM V.A. APPROVED