

Area youngsters earn national net titles

Quick quiz: What do you have when you throw four people equipped with wooden paddles into a wire cage? No, not some bizarre form of corporal punishment — just a game called platform tennis.

Platform tennis, which is played in a wire cage by doubles teams equipped with wooden paddles, is an old-new sport in this area. Old in that it has been played at various forms of corporal punishment — just a game called platform tennis.

Four area youngsters — Claire Slaughter of Birmingham, Megan Foster of Southfield, and Keith Sotiroff and Eric Hofley of Bloomfield Township have done much to bring the national

platform tennis spotlight to bear here. Slaughter and Foster, and Sotiroff and Hofley recently won their respective divisions in the 15-year-old-and-under national championships.

Platform tennis is a team game. It is always played with a doubles partner, never singles.

Slaughter and Foster won the 15-and-under girls title for the second year in a row. Sotiroff and Hofley won the 15-and-under boys' title for the first time.

"That's not to make light of the boys' accomplishment. After all, this past season was the first year the two played together."

All four are excellent tennis players — without the paddle.

Foster, Slaughter and Sotiroff were All-Eccentric-Area first-team tennis selections. Foster with Bloomfield Hills Kingswood, Slaughter with Birmingham Seaholm and Sotiroff with Detroit Country Day.

And Sotiroff, transferring this year to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, is ranked No. 1 in his age group in southeastern Michigan. His playing partner Hofley, a freshman this year at Birmingham Brother Rice, is ranked second.

THOSE TENNIS skills made it somewhat easy to pick up platform tennis. Tennis and platform tennis are similar — except the players use wood-

en paddles, and the ball is in play off the wire.

"If you play racquet sports," said Slaughter, "it's easy to pick up."

"It does take a lot of practice," Foster added, "to pick the ball up off the wires."

Platform tennis has already handed out a lion's share of rewards to the area youngsters. Foster and Slaughter this year have won tournaments in Detroit and Toronto, and they won the Western Pennsylvania 15-and-under title, and the New Jersey 15-and-under crown.

Sotiroff and Hofley won the 15-and-under boys' title in Detroit, Toronto and New Jersey.

Obviously winning any tournament is a thrill. But winning the national title

at 15, well, that's something else.

"There's no way to describe it," said Slaughter.

"To win the nationals means more than to win any of the other tournaments," said Hofley, "as it is the biggest tournament of the year."

One of the biggest developments at the biggest tournament had to be the play of the four kids from the West. You see, platform tennis is an East Coast sport, and Michigan is about as far west as it ever gets.

Players from the wilds of Michigan winning two national titles — that's a little like a baseball team from Japan beating the Pittsburgh Pirates.

"They don't like it too much," said Slaughter, "because they consider it an

Eastern sport."

But there isn't any real animosity towards the local players. Platform tennis does have its rewards away from the court. For example, there's the travel and meeting new people.

"It makes it a lot more fun," said Slaughter. "You stay with different families in each tournament, you keep up acquaintances, and it makes it more fun. It's fun because the same people keep coming back," she continued. "It's nice to meet people on your own and not always have your parents around."

The players all emphasized that the reason they play platform tennis is because it's fun, not to win national titles. They all plan to keep up with the game.

"I don't really think I'd ever want to quit," said Foster.

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Long noted for its many contributions to charity, the game of bowling is opening the way for another venture that will bring help to the needy.

This time, under the sponsorship of the American Legion and its auxiliary, the physically retarded will take over the lanes at Thunderbird and Red Run Lanes. Bowling is scheduled over the first three weekends in May.

The committee in charge is inviting any impaired child to join in the fun and the tourney will reach its climax with an awards banquet at the American Legion Post in Royal Oak.

Anyone interested should contact Doris Anderson, tournament secretary, at Red Run Lanes, 1808 Rochester

Road, Royal Oak, Mich. 48073 (541-1421).

HIGH SCORING continued throughout the western suburbs during the week and the king of the sharpshooters turned out to be Tom Wright, who was bowling in a make-up shift of the Junior House league at Westland Bowl.

Taking his turn on the approach, he put together games of 259, 258 and 248 for a 775 series that came within one pin of equalling the highest score bowled in the house during the season.

Meanwhile, on the regular shift, Larry Walker, a league member, had a middle game of 256 for a 746.

THE RANKS of the 700 club were

further increased when Dave Shade, aided by a 276 game, rolled a 731 at Woodland Lanes.

And, as usual, Wonderland Lanes qualified two new members when Mark Hamel posted a 278 opener in a 749 series in the classic and Greg Bashara followed with a 732.

It was almost a family affair when George Bashara missed the barrier by two pins with a 698.

Other high scorers in the classic included Larry Brandt with 684, Jay Hark with 682 and Mike Holey with 669.

THE FATHERS showed their sons how it should be done when Paul Gibson paced the father-son league at Woodland with a 235 in 663 and Bob Girard finished with a 257 for 631.

In the Jacks and Jills, Jerry Mashry had a high game of 222 and Myrtle Mitchell paced the women with a 613.

In the Great Scott Ladies league, Debby Cummings was tops with a 614 and she is only a 143 bowler. In the Ford league, Tony Adamowicz lead the parade with a 677 and Ed Barnes was next with 660.

JOYCE HAMILTON won a great four-way duel in the ladies classic at Westland Bowl. She registered a 610, while Jan Schooley had 602, Onetta Thorpe a 603 and Nancy Dobies a 601.

ANN SETLOCK, a former bowling queen, was on her game in the ladies classic at Garden Lanes and rolled a 655 to top her rivals, the closest of

whom was Jean Thomas with a 577.

In the Vinco league, Frank Cernick was tops with 637 and led his rivals far back. Doug Zibrands finished third with 615, just 15 pins behind Pete Breesek who posted a 608.

IN OTHER GOOD PERFORMANCEES Walt Stoddard paced the Canton classic at Super Bowl with 682 and Ray Kruezer was next with 625.

Larry Plotan needed only a 601 to pace the business and industrial league at Plaza Lanes.

Shawna Nowak, who carries a 116 average at Country Lanes made the honor roll by posting a 223 — 107 pins over her average, and Georgina Shoff was tops in the ladies league at Woodland with a 632.

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 14, 1980

The City Council of the City of Farmington Hills held a regular meeting April 14, 1980 at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Soronen opened the meeting. Members present were Burwell, Lange, Oppert, Dolan, Alkateeb and Wolf. Others present were City Manager Savage, City Clerk Cairns and City Attorney Bibeau.

Council approved the minutes of March 17, 1980.

Resolutions approving SB 513 and support of State Police patrolling the freeways.

Briar Hill Road Special Assessment Road Improvement Bond Resolution was adopted.

Petitions from Glen Oaks Subdivision to barricade Bond, Firwood and Ravine at the alleys separating the Subdivision from the business area bordering Orchard Lake were accepted and a public hearing set for May 27, 1980.

Special Assessment District for water improvement on Watt and Grayfield was established.

Approval was given to Our Lady of Mercy to hold a Carnival May 2 through May 4, 1980 at 29300 Eleven Mile Road, subject to complying to permit.

Parade permit was granted to Kenbrook School PTA in conjunction with the annual carnival held Sunday, May 4, 1980.

Ed Raedle and Judy Guertin were reappointed to the Planning Commission, term to expire 12/31/82.

Floyd Cairns was reappointed to the Building Authority, term to expire 12/31/81.

Joseph Der Hovanessian and Robert Anzlov were appointed to the Planning Commission, term to expire 12/31/82.

City Manager Savage was appointed to the Building Authority, term to expire 12/31/82.

Aileen Layland was appointed to the Historical Commission, term to expire 6/30/81.

Public Hearing to approve a Project Area and a Project District Area for City of Farmington Hills Economic Development Corporation — A.E.C. Inc. Project set for April 28, 1980 at 7:30 p.m.

The following recommendations of the City Manager Savage were approved:

Prohibit right turns on red traffic signal at the intersection of Ten Mile and Middlebell during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on school days.

No Parking Restrictions on Glenbrook Drive, Old Farm Colony Subdivision.

Executive Session to discuss matters relating to employee contract negotiations — pending litigation.

Ratification of Agreement with Local 214 of Teamsters State, County and Municipal Workers representing Supervisory Employees.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
FLOYD A. CAIRNS, City Clerk

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