

# Golf tournament coming up

By DOUG FUNKE

A full field of 225 men will tee off beginning 7:30 a.m. Saturday in the first round of the 1980 Observer & Eccentric Golf Tournament.

The great majority will return to Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia the following day to complete the 36-hole tournament.

Three of four champions from last year's tournament will be back to attempt to defend their titles.

They include Jerry Thomas, a Livonia resident, Championship Flight; Richard Wheeler, Westland, Flight 1; and Tom Blazer, West Bloomfield, Flight 2.

The only titlist who did not register this year was Jack Quigley, a Westland who won the championship in Flight 3.

The vast majority of golfers will participate in the more-competitive Championship Flight and Flight 1.

"We have 83 in the Championship Flight and that's unheard of," said Gary Whitener, professional at Whispering Willows and the tournament director.

Whitener said that between 50 and 60 golfers have battled for honors in the Championship Flight in years past. Sixty started last year, but only 50 completed both rounds.

With only a small number of handicaps to be figured and flights to be assigned Monday, Whitener said that 72 golfers will compete in Flight 1, 40 in Flight 2 and 14 in Flight 3.

The flights, in which golfers of similar abilities compete for low gross (actual score) and low net (score figured with handicap) honors break down in the following manner:

- Championship Flight — 0 to eight handicap.
- Flight 1 — 9 to 14 handicap.
- Flight 2 — 15 to 21 handicap.
- Flight 3 — 22 and up handicap.

"We have an awful lot of familiar names who have been playing for years," Whitener said.

John Van Vleet, a Farmington Hills resident and two-time winner in the Championship Flight, returns as does Bill Curtis, a Farmington resident who has also won a title in the Championship Flight.

Also back this year are Roger Springsteen, a Livonia, who was involved in a three-way playoff last year with Thomas and Curtis.

Kim Rietveld, a Livonia resident who lost to Wheeler in a playoff last year, will also try his luck again this weekend.

The course has been slightly modified from last year. The tees at both the second and 11th holes have been moved back and elevated. The course will play at approximately 6,400 yards to a par of 71.

Spectators are welcome during the tournament at no charge. Caddies may be used by the participants.

Whispering Willows, located on Newburgh Road just south of Eight Mile Road, will be closed to outside play all day Saturday and until approximately 4:30 p.m. Sunday due to the tournament.

Approximately 55 entries had been received as of Monday morning for the 18-hole women's tournament, which will be contested Sept. 17. Registration closed yesterday.

# Glenn drops opener

Garden City East and Westland John Glenn — like almost all of their North-west Suburban League football counterparts — lost their opening non-conference games of the season last week-end.

East fell to Riverview 27-6, while Glenn was nipped in the waning moments by Dearborn Edsel Ford 14-7.

Only one NFL representative, North Farmington, won. Everyone else in the league lost. All six teams opened with road games.

EAST mustered 215 yards total offense against Riverview, but only had six points to show for it after 49 minutes of action.

Twice the Panthers advanced the pigskin inside Riverview's 10 yard line only to come away empty-handed.

Every time we got going, we'd have a mental breakdown," said East coach Gary Humphrey. "It would be offside or someone would miss a block. I think we're very inexperienced and made some first-year mistakes."

Rick Belcher scored East's only touchdown with a quarterback sneak during the third quarter. A 30-yard pass completion from Belcher to Rick Galan set up the score.

The Panthers gained 150 yards rushing, nearly 100 by Galan alone. Belcher completed two of the four passes he threw for 65 yards.

East was hurt by the big play. Two long passes and two large gains on running plays figured in Riverview's four touchdowns.

GLENN, MEANWHILE, also had breakdowns on offense which blunted its attack.

"They (Edsel) played real good and we didn't have real good consistency on offense," said Chuck Gordon, coach of the Rockets. "We would have two or three individuals who did well, but one kid would break down and his guy would make the play."

"I thought the kids played hard. Naturally, we're disappointed at the outcome," Gordon said. "We'll try to correct the things we saw in the film."

Neither team scored during the first half.

After the Thunderbirds scored early in the third quarter, Glenn's defense set up its only touchdown of the afternoon.

Rick Wilson intercepted a Dan Betz pass at Edsel's 48 yard line and returned the ball all the way to the three.

# FOLM girls whip Lakers

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to-man defense. And now we've got a team where we try to play ball control — and I think we were successful tonight. I was satisfied."

Kelly Fortescue led Mercy and all scorers with 14 points. Fortescue also pulled down a career high 18 rebounds.

Suzanne Dietz and Kathy Landry joined her in double figures for the Marlies with 12 and 11 points, respectively.

Jana Baringer was high for West Bloomfield with nine points.

West Bloomfield, now 0-1, plays at Detroit Dominican on Friday.

MERCY — W. BLOOMFIELD

MERCY (34) — Karen Berch 6, 6-4, 8, Carolyn Burt 1, 6-2, 2, Mary Ellen Cox 0, 2-2, 2, Suzanne Dietz 6, 6-4, 12, Kelly Fortescue 6, 2-4, 14, Kathy Landry 4, 2-3, 11, Meg Mallon 3, 1-2, 7, Mary McLaughlin 0, 1-2, 1, Karen Rashid 0, 0-4, 0, Karen Shook 1, 6-2, 2. Totals: 21, 9-32, 51.

W. BLOOMFIELD (34) — Gina Coory 1, 0-2, 2, Paula Paletta 1, 0-0, 2, Michelle Angelosante 1, 2, 8, 4, Deanna Ashby 2, 0-0, 4, Page Taylor 1, 0-2, 2, Sue Vodka 3, 0-4, 4, Carrie Stinchcomb 3, 1-3, 7, Jana Baringer 3, 3-6, 9. Totals: 14, 6-23, 3.

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