## Star spotlight

## Evert Lloyd highlights 'Slims' field

Chris Evert Lloyd, Pam Shriver, Wendy Turnbull and Syvila Hanika are already committed. So are Lealle Allen, youngster Kathy Rinaldi and veterans Barbara Potter and Kathy Jordan. Martina Navratillova, Andrea Jaeger and Tracy



Austin won't be here, according to Joan Stanton, director for the Virginia Slima of Detroit professional tennis tournament in early October. But, the no-shows won't bother Stanton. She's happier than a mountaineer around monoshine just to have top-rated players like Evert Lloyd, Striver and Turnbell on hand for the annual women's professional tennis get-together slated for the week of Ort. 3 at Code Arena in Detroit.

Oct. 3 at Cobo Areas in Detroit.

"She (Evert Lloyd) said she was pleased that we changed the date to the fall," said Stanton. When she was here earlier this year sale Stanton. When she was here earlier this year she had indicated she'd probably be back for our tournament, and we're very pleased to have her."

The \$150,0000 tournament, sponsored by the Junior League of Birmingham, was formerly held in early February. The winter tourney seemed finned. It suffered a bad image as the top-draw players were either no-shows or canceled out because of lilness or injury.

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IN AN ATTEMPT to alter a frustrating aitmation, the Junior League requested — and received — a tourney date for October. This year's tourney is the last of 13 stops in the Virginia Silms World Champlomably Series.

The Junior League is hoping the time change and the addition of such world-class players as Evert Lloyd and Shriver translates into more speciators.

The timing of this tournament is real good became it's right after the U.S. Open and the weather will still be good," said Stanton. 'T think the change will help us out a lot.

Not only do we have the obvious factor of the weather, while were the last of the 11 big cities in the U.S. before the players go on to play in Europe, as ead.' Most of the players will want to get those points toward that one million dollar bonus pool tomorely in New York next March.

Evert Lloyd's Bast appearance. In Serious was 1970 of the World Stanton Willie, A three-time Wimblegarchamp and a stime U.S. Open tillist, she is currently ranked No. 2 in the world behind Navartilar.

Evert Lloyd is preparing to defend her U.S. Open tille in New York sett along as 1980.

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Shriver was the youngest player ever to reach the semifinals of the U.S. Open when she defeated No. 1992 to seed Navratilova in 1973. Now 21, Shriver, won more than \$350,000 on the circuit last year. Sariver, who won the Virginia Silms of Atlanta tille earlier this year, reached the semifinials of the 1981 Detroit stop before losing to Hana Mandiiko-va

TURNBULL WON the 1979 Detroit title and rarely misses the Detroit stop.

In addition to the weeklong tournament in Detroit presented by the Greater Detroit oldsmobile Dealers, there will be a special weekend professional qualifier to be held Friday-Sunday, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1-2, at the Beverly Hills Racquet Club.

The 32-person field will feature 28 matches by professionals shoping to land a spot in the main tournament the following week at Cobo Arena. Four players from that tourney will advance to the main fraw in Detroit.

This is a great opportunity for some of the younger players to get into the main fraw, and Stanton. "Also, it gives somebody who has been injured or someone with a low world ranking a chance to get in."

A similar qualifier was held in recent years, but it only involved local players and only the winner advanced to the main tournament. This year's qualifier will include many of the pro players who have not been able to break into the main field for various reasons.

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Chris Evert Lloyd, a three-time Wimbledon champ, will make her first appearance in Detroit since 1976. Lloyd will be the main at-traction at the Virginia Slims Tennis Tournament.

## CONTINUOUS MUSIC



## BMX competition at Oakland Plaza

BMX riders of all ages will have the opportunity to test their skills against cyclists from all across America and possibly win a Red Line BMX bleycle when the World Almanca National BMX skills competition comes to the Oakiand Plass Aug. 27.
Entry forms for the bleycle giveaway are available at the plaza, at John R. and 14 Mile, across Last year, Steve Gorsti of Southaste, competited in the nationally touring event at the Oakiand Plass competition. Gorski, 18, finished dirst in four of five events and returned the following day to set a world record in the 315-meter slalom race. He won a trip to Los Angeles, along with other prizes. Competing in five different events, the bicycle motorcross riders will be gearing toward national ly renowned World Almanac Book of Facts. Each motor of the providers of the provide

THE EVENTS include the 25-meter dash, the 25-meter alalom, the bunny hop and the wheelle.





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Certificate of Participation and will instantly be-come a member of the Redilne Safety Club. The top world record bolders each will receive a grand prize package filled with prizes supplied by spon-sors and will have their names printed in the World Almanac.

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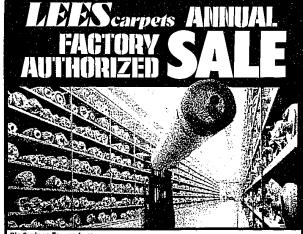




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