

Golfer misses Buick cut

Game gets even with Rochester pro Rogers

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As expected, it wasn't Bill Rogers who drove away from the 1983 Buick Open in a Riviera. Unexpectedly, though, it was Rogers who drove right into trouble from the first tee.

Rogers, the golf pro at Oakland University's Katze-Cosman the past seven years, didn't get the breaks he was accustomed to this summer, and consequently, failed to make the cut in the

tournament at Warwick Hills in Grand Blanc.

Wayne Levi shot a seven-under-par 65 in the final round to edge Calvin Peete and Isaac Aoki by a stroke with a tournament record score of 272.

ROGERS, WHO missed the qualifying cut of 144 after rounds of 80 and 83 (183), did not expect to be near the leaders, but hoped for better scores than he turned in. As fate would have

it, the breaks just didn't go in favor of the 32-year-old.

"I had good breaks all summer long," Rogers said. "If I drove off center, I'd always have an open shot to the green. Well, I took off at 10 a.m. (Thursday) and I hit it right down the middle. When I got to the ball, it was in a divot. I guess the game has a way of getting back at you."

"On the second hole," Rogers continued, "I hit it on the green, but the ac-

tion on the ball sucked it off into a bunker, and it landed in the only spot that wasn't raked. So I started with bogey, double-bogey."

Although Rogers had his troubles, he was happy to qualify for the tournament, and accepted elimination graciously.

"It was really a great experience. I enjoyed it. Both days it was something. My drives would be under a tree or at the base of a bush. If it happened to

somebody, it should have happened to me," he said. "My game was going good all summer, but it got back at me. Golf has a way of humbling you."

Rogers also had trouble once he reached the green. On holes two through six, he left himself with birdie opportunities, but three potted on each green.

"THAT'S WHEN my game went sour," he explained. "I tried to make

the 30 and 40-foot putts, and you just don't do that. Once you get five or six over (par), the wheels come off as they say. You lose your concentration, and that's what I did."

"The next day, I had no confidence in my putter and I missed a lot of four-, five- and six-foot putts."

Because of the difficulty in putting, Rogers was somewhat surprised Levi won the \$63,000 first prize.

Lanes to offer youth leagues

West Bloomfield Lanes, in cooperation with the West Bloomfield Community Education Department, will be offering youth bowling leagues on Mondays and Tuesdays at 4 p.m. beginning Sept. 26, and Saturdays at 2:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. beginning Sept. 24.

The programs include league competition, special shirts, patch program, holiday party, awards banquet, most improved bowler awards, perfect attendance awards, youth tournaments, first and second place trophies. Each bowler will receive a participation trophy.

Registration and sanction fee is \$3.50. Register at West Bloomfield Lanes, 6800 Orchard Lake Road. Register any time between now and the start of the league and receive two free games and pop. A free bowling ball will be awarded to both a boy and a girl who register the most new bowlers.

For more information, call 855-9555. To kick off the fall program, West Bloomfield Lanes will host a No Tap Singles Tournament 1 p.m. Sept. 10. Cost is \$3, which includes three games, pop and trophies. Call 855-9555 for information.

• SKATE-A-THON

Skate World of Troy is sponsoring a Skate-A-THON 7 p.m. Aug. 24 to help raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

A minimum pledge of \$20 is required of participants.

In addition to the skating there will be prizes — including the grand prize of a portable AM/FM cassette console for the skater bringing in the most money.

Registration begins 6 p.m. Aug. 24. Roller skates are available to rent. For more information, call 689-4104. Skate World is located at 2825 East Maple Road (15 Mile) in Troy.

• SOCCER SCHOOL

Detroit Express' Andy Chapman, the leading goal-scorer of the American Soccer League in 1982, will conduct a school at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills.

The school will be conducted in two sessions. The first session is Aug. 22-26, and the second session is Aug. 29-Sept. 2. Each run from 9-5:30 p.m.

Chapman will conduct all classes himself, with assistance from other Express players. The classes are geared toward helping youngsters develop skills in heading, dribbling, ball control, kicking and goalkeeping.

Enrollment is \$45 per session, and includes a T-shirt and refreshments. Classes are open to boys and girls ages 5-17.

For more information, call 540-9560.

• GOLF TOURNEY

The sixth annual Coronary Open Golf Tournament, sponsored by the American Heart Association of Michigan, will take place Sept. 21 at Baldwin Mountain Golf Course in Lake Orion.

The tournament is conducted to encourage heart patients to increase their range of recreational activities and to promote public awareness of heart patients' potential for such activities.

Anyone who has had heart ailment, including heart attack or heart surgery, may play in the Coronary Open. Before participating, golfers should check with their physicians.

Either of two courses may be played — the regulation 18-hole hilly course or the executive 36-hole course, which is flat and easy. Tee times are from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Registration fee is \$15 per person (\$10 for the nine-hole executive course), which includes the awards dinner at 6 p.m. Electric golf carts will be available for an additional \$10.

For more information, call 557-9500.

• TRIATHLON SLATED

The Third Annual Triathlon, a one-day test of strength and endurance combining bicycling, canoeing and running, will take place Sept. 17 at Belle Isle.

The event, sponsored by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan, consists of a 45-mile bicycle race, three miles of canoeing and a six-mile foot race.

The triathlon is open to men and women 18 years of age and older who are in good physical condition. They must provide verifiable proof of having participated in similar races.

The field will be limited to the first 250 entries. All participants must bring a three-person support crew to help with the equipment.

Entry deadline is Sept. 8. Entry fee is \$15. Contestants will receive a T-shirt and all finishers will be awarded certificates.

Applications or information on the triathlon can be obtained from the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan Community Relations Department (225-8421), at 600 E. Lafayette, Detroit, MI 48226.

• TOURING HALL

Oakland Mall will host Chevrolet's Touring Pro Football Hall of Fame Exhibit during its normal hours (10 a.m. until 9 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and noon until 5 p.m. Sunday) in the north mall on the lower level.

The custom-designed metal display will consist of actual artifacts and historical video footage taken from the Hall in Canton, Ohio.

Featured items include video highlights from the Hall of Fame, football's fantastic finishes, Super Bowl highlights, and listings of the Hall's enshrinees with a special area for the 1983 inductees.

Also, the development of professional football will be traced to the present with showing of mementoes, memorabilia, trophies and rings.

The event is open to the public. Oakland Mall is located at I-75 and 14 Mile Road in Troy.

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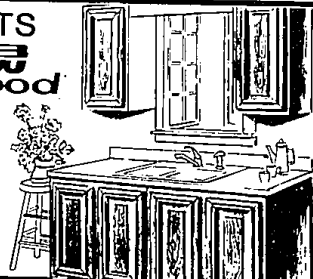
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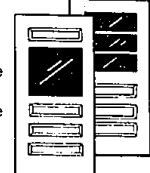
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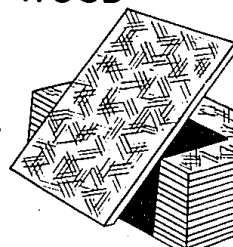
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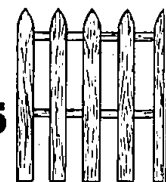
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