

Area linksters eye WGA title

Bob Beyer of Troy, Constant Dematia of Farmington Hills, John Harris of Birmingham and Mark Radom of West Bloomfield will represent the Observer & Eccentric coverage area at the 1985 Western Junior Golf Championship.

The 85th annual tournament will be played July 16-22 at the Ohio State University Scarlet and Gray golf courses in Columbus, Ohio. It is a national championship for young men ages 16-19 with a handicap of four strokes or less.

There will be 36 holes of qualifying with the 64 lowest-scoring golfers advancing to match play on July 18. Match play will continue through Saturday when the final round will be conducted.

Beyer, 16, Dematia, 16, Harris, 19, and Radom, 16, will be among a field of 351 of the top junior golfers from across the country. There are representatives from 27 states and three foreign countries scheduled to participate.

Started in 1914, the Western is the oldest junior championship in American golf. This is the fourth Western to be held in Ohio, with past Westerns in Columbus in 1965, 1972 and 1981. Ohio, Illinois, Florida, Michigan, Indiana and Texas have the highest number of golf delegations.

A pair of past junior champs — Doug Martin of Van Buren, Ohio, and Tim Straub of Orchard Park, New York —

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are two of the top players in the field.

Among the more familiar golfing names in the tournament are sons of professional golfers, including Gary Nicklaus, Kel Goobay, Mark Massengale and Gareth Henning.

JUNIOR DISTRICT GOLF

Following are the Junior District Golf Results from the July 1 tournament held at Plum Hollow Golf Club.

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT: Low gross — Dave Brown (Oakland Hills), 78; Low net — Anthony Dietz (Oakland Hills), 69.

FIRST FLIGHT: Low gross — Earl Fergin (Farmington Hills), 79; Low net — Mike Boroday (Forest Lake), 70.

SECOND FLIGHT: Low gross — Brian DeAlexandris (Meadowbrook), 87; Low net — Dave Muddy (Lakeland), 82.

THIRD FLIGHT: Low gross — Darrell DeShaw (Farmington Hills), 81; Low net — Bob McCarty (Orchard Lake), 64.

GIRLS FLIGHT: Low gross — Jenny Stevens (Dearborn), 91; Low net — Melinda Wolf (Oakland Hills), 60.

Ladbroke hopes Mile will pay off at gate

By Brad Emone
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It hasn't been an easy year for the new owners of the Detroit Race Course.

The British-based Ladbroke group implemented numerous changes at the 130-year-old track, but the process has been slow.

Michigan's biggest thoroughbred event, the \$150,000-added Michigan Mile, is Saturday. Track officials are hoping the event, which also includes \$40,000-added Michigan Oaks Handicap for 3-year-old fillies, will help boost sagging attendance.

Last month jockey Willie Shoemaker, one of the all-time greats,

pulled out of the Mile because of another racing commitment, much to the chagrin of DRC President Donald Drew.

Ladbroke DRC officials suffered another mild setback recently when they found out defending champ Michigan Mile champ Timeless Native (trained by Bud Delp), will not return after running last week in the \$253,000 Suburban Handicap in Chicago.

But the Mile field is not bone dry.

PAT DAY, the nation's leading jockey the past two years, will ride Big Pilot, which boasts career earnings of \$460,000.

Also included in the field is Badwagon Harry, third in last year's Mile and winner of the \$42,800 Michigan Breeders Handicap (July 4) for 3-year-old colts and geldings.

Norwick, with career earnings of \$537,000 and winner of the National Jockey Club Handicap May 4 in Chicago, must be considered a favorite along with Big Pilot.

Silent King, which ran in the 1984 Kentucky Derby (trained by Delp) is also entered along with Havagradate, which won the Motor City Handicap on May 25.

Let's Go Blot, a Canadian horse with \$385,000 in career earnings, is also a threat after winning the Breeder's Derby Handicap in its native land.

Looking for an outside shot?

A darkhorse could be the locally-bred DeJeu, which has won its last four races by a total of 38 lengths com-

bined. The 3-year-old sped to a fast time of 1:42.5 at a mile-and-16th in the Southfield Stakes. (The Michigan Mile is a mile-and-eighty)/L.

DESIGNATED a Grade II race, the Mile is offering a total purse of \$202,000, including an extra \$52,000 to horses eligible for the Breeders Cup.

Post time for the 37th running of the Michigan Mile is 1 p.m., one hour earlier than normal on Saturdays. Bettors will be able to take advantage of the new Twin Trifecta, a \$2 minimum wager on the fourth and sixth races.

The Michigan Mile has a storied past, drawing such horses as Kentucky Derby winner Decidedly and champions like Tom Rolfe and Crimson Satan. In recent years, Thumbecker and Vodka Collins have graced the winner's circle.

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BOHLAND WINS

Farmington Hills-based stock car racer Walt Bohlund won one of the two preliminary heat races at the Cloverleaf Speedway in Cleveland.

It was Bohlund's second prelin win in a month and moved his Carlite-Ford team within the top 20 in overall points and in fourth place among rookie drivers in the Talladega Super Car Series.

In the featured race at Cloverleaf, Bohlund's red, white and blue Thunderbird with a 351 Cleveland engine was forced out of the race after 47 laps due to a bad fuel system. Still, Bohlund earned 17th place.

Bohlund's next race will be July 13 at Flat Rock Speedway.

The Carlite-Ford team, Bohlund, Jerry Gentile, Keith Nowicki and Chris Williamson, have been invited to the prestigious ARCA 200 July 20 at Pocono (Pennsylvania) International Raceway.

BEECHVIEW WINS 18T

The Beechview Swim Club earned a record 38 firsts to defeat rival Kendallwood Monday, 349-215. It was Beechview's first win in three meets.

Wendall Tucker set a team and pool record in the 9-10 (age division) 50-meter freestyle (33.08) and Roxanne Bennett set a new 11-12 50-meter breaststroke mark (40.12).

Double winners for the club were Sherri Richardson, Andrea Hoefflein, Lisa Tumble, Todd Farabee, Wendell Tucker, Elizabeth Tucker, Roxanne Bennett, Julie Farabee, Mary Quinn, Scott Farabee and Catherine Tucker.

WOODBROOKE DUMPED

Mike Tunney, swimming in the 15-18 age group set a team record in the 100-meter freestyle with a 56.2 but it couldn't keep Beechview Swim Club from defeating Tunney's Woodbrooke club 592-376.

Tunney, Marge Cramer, Carrie Worthen, Jeff McCallister, De Anderson, Scott Mayotte, Liz Worthen and Karrie Kranz each won a pair of events for Woodbrooke.

The team's 40-year combined age relay team of Carrie Worthen, Heather Rosenman, Anna Palmer and Karrie Kranz set a new mark with a 1:06.8.

COACHES SOUGHT

The Farmington Public School District is accepting applications for non-teaching coaching positions for the fall of 1985. Positions open are girls basketball, boys and girls cross country, freshman football and junior varsity soccer.

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Pros highlight MSHL start

It didn't take long for the professional hockey players to establish themselves in the Midwest Summer Hockey League.

Sunday night, the first night of competition for the hockey league housed in the Plymouth Cultural Center, brought together two of the league's three NHL players.

The Bulldogs, featuring Mark Hamway of the New York Islanders, defeated the Broncos, featuring Red Wing Ted Speers, 7-4. Hamway scored four goals and dished out an assist while Speers, the MVP of the Wings' farm team at Adirondack last year, scored three goals.

"They really put on a show," said MSHL commissioner A.J. Baker.

Scott Jagod scored a goal and added three assists for the Bulldogs.

IN OTHER action Sunday, the Falcons bumped off the Wolverines 5-2. Rick Osburn scored twice and notched an assist. Tim Osburn added a goal and Joel Brasseale scored a goal with three assists. Mike Tardish played a half of shutout goal for the Falcons.

Scott Robins and Livonia Stevenson's Matt Wiljanen scored for the Wolves.

The Wildcats unleashed a 10-goal attack on the Bulldogs.

Spartans Sunday winning 10-4.

Tom Dolan scored three goals, Michigan State's Mike Donnelly two and Mike Heller, the first Spartan player selected to play in the MSHL, scored twice to pace the attack.

Livonia Churchill grad Eddie Shepler scored two goals and added an assist for the Spartans.

ON MONDAY, Bob Moles, Troy Thurn and J.F. Carter scored to lead the Lakers past the Huskies, 3-2.

Jeff Dobek and Doak Klasko scored for the Huskies.

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