

# Ski Resorts Prepare For Start Of Winter

Long before temperatures plunge downward from autumn crisp to winter cold, the six major ski operators in Southeast Michigan have been preparing to make this winter a banner ski season.

"Skiing has been successful in Southeast Michigan for two major reasons," said Sidney L. Baker, Executive Vice President of the Southeast Michigan Tourist Association.

"First is the proximity of these areas to Ohio, Indiana, and Canada. Added to the tremendous number of Michigan skiers who reside here, these states account for a potential market of millions. Second is the continual improvement programs that our ski operators carry on annually to make skiing better each year."

10 miles west of Pontiac and 13 miles east of US-23 and M-59 interchange. They offer 21 slopes including three new this year, eight chair lifts and 14 tows including one new double chairlift. Slopes are groomed, and there are snow machines and night skiing, ski shop, rental equipment and instruction, as well as a Snack Bar, Cocktail Lounge and entertainment.

**MOUNT BRIGHTON** — One mile west of Brighton off I-96 Freeway at the Grand River exit. 17 ski runs, (one new this year) including a 2500 ft. run and 200 ft. vertical drop...three chair lifts, J Bar, 13 rope tows including three new this season. Lodge includes three cafeteria (one new) dining room for 300, cocktail lounge. Extensive better each year.

snow making and grooming equipment, night skiing, 28 instructors, 1200 rentals.

**MOUNT HOLLY** — 15 miles north of Pontiac on Dixie Highway have added 10 new runs for a total of 27 with six chair lifts (two new) 2-7 Bars, 20 rope tows (five new). New enlarged beginner area and large intermediate area. Night skiing, ski shop, instruction and rental equipment. Lodge features a cocktail lounge, entertainment, and restaurant. MASTAR races every Tuesday night and Sunday afternoon.

**MOUNT GRAMPIAN** — on Lakeville Road two miles east of Oxford, 28 miles from downtown Detroit. Lighted slopes for night skiing are serviced by eight tows and a new cocktail lounge. Extensive J-Bar including Tiny Tod's

area for youngsters. Snow making equipment. Certified ski school, modern rental equipment and ski shop. A newly completed lodge provides cafeteria service with open fireplace and dining area.

**PINE KNOB** — Seven miles north of Pontiac and three miles east of Clarkston, offers eight slopes up to 2,000 ft. in length, two chair lifts and seven rope tows. A beginner area and wooded trail skiers are featured. Complete rental equipment and certified instructors. Snow making equipment and night skiing. The lodge offers overnight accommodations, cocktail lounge, night club and restaurant with cafeteria service also available.

**HIGH HILLS** — on U.S. 12, 10 miles west of Clinton, will

feature 16 slopes (including a 1/2 mile and 1800 ft. runs). Chair lift, three 7-Bar and six rope tows. Snow-making equipment and night skiing. The lodge features a sundeck, fireplace, food service, cocktail lounge and ski shop with rental equipment. A toboggan area with toboggan rentals.

"These facilities are literally minutes from Detroit and are very convenient to skiers in nearby states and Provinces," Baker pointed out.

"Local winter sports are improving every year for resident and visitors, and it is no longer necessary to travel long distances to enjoy sophisticated skiing with a maximum of fun for the entire family."



Long recognized as the country's greatest participant in bowling has now gained another honor.

In a recent poll taken by Lou Harris, famed national pollster, it was ranked above the top five favorite sports in response to the question:

"If you had to choose, which sport would you say is your favorite?"

Football was ranked at the top and was followed by baseball, basketball, auto racing and bowling.

Surprising golf dropped further behind bowling than it did a year ago, while boxing, horse racing, hockey and tennis continued to trail by large margins.

Aside from bowling's high ranking the poll contained another surprise when it was ranked particularly high in the upper income brackets and also with women.

**JERRY HOLT** turned in one of the best performances of the season during the week at Westland.

Starting in the Monday Night Industrial League he finished a 23-209-556-713 and then came back Friday night in the Classic to post a 675 on games of 255, 208 and 224.

Dick Lang paced the Classic with counts of 247, 225 and 224 for 696, but the hard luck award went to Mike Belson.

After games of 152 and 227 he found the hole and posted 11 strikes in a row only to be denied a perfect game when he left the 3-6-10 standing and had to settle for a 676.

Randy Onzca, one of the most enthusiastic bowlers in the area turned in an outstanding performance. Though only 15 years old he carries a 188 average and this week had games of 220, 188 and 263 for 675.

Ann Berry hit the peak of her bowling career at Mayflower Lanes. Bowling in the St. John's Bosco League she had a 258 in 311. Jim Crist had a 268 in 638 in the men's division.

**GARY GAYNOR** walked away with high scoring honors in the Teen Classic at Merri-Bowl when he contributed games of 181, 227 and 218 for a 626.

Right behind came Tony Leonard with 213-203-182-603 and Rick Montes landed third with a 560 on games of 166, 203 and 191.

Kevin Stark had high single with 226, followed by Roger Peters with 219 and Rick Lewis with 216.

**ANETTA CARR**, who carries a 148 average in the Mixed League at Country Lanes stepped into the spotlight with one of the best series of the season for a woman.

She opened with a 210, followed with 191 and closed with 245 for 696. In the Men's House League Joe Kim put on a big finish to take top honors away from Jet Perrilla, former holder of the all time city record.

Joe came through a 266 for 691 to win the Pot of Gold from Jet who had fashioned a 235 and was in top place.

High single game honors went to Bob Radtke with a 265.

**BEL-AIRE LANES** in Farmington continued its reputation as a high scoring house when two 700 series were posted during the week.

Bowling in the Senior House League, Tom Matberger hit his peak with an opening game of 202 and followed with counts of 265 and 276 for a 743. Bill Leffer had the other in the Businessmen's League on games of 202, 267 and 237 for 706. Dick Leonard finished in runner up spot in the House league with a 669 that included games of 246 and 245.

In the Briar Hills circuit Dick Ansdridge missed the charmed circle when he dropped to 194 after games of 278 and 226 for 698. Jack Brown again set the pace in the Our Lady of Sorrows loop with 676 and Jack Bergson had high single with 279.

In the ladies divisions June Dunville of Country Club had a 214. Evette Smiley of Forest Lake, a 241 in 568 and Lois Maloney of the Independence Commons circuit a 503.

**LOIS MERRIMAN** continued her scoring spree at Livonia Lanes, but had to share top honors with Edna Sergi. Lois had 189-27-216 and Edna in 665, while other single 180-58-238 for their best winners were Jerry Pollard games, but each finished with 214 and Mike Howe with a 621 series. Dolores Dowhan 215.

Rush Reed paced the Our Lady of Sorrows with a 248 180-58-238 for their best winners were Jerry Pollard games, but each finished with 214 and Mike Howe with a 621 series. Dolores Dowhan 215.

## Tigers Meet Tribe In Earliest Opener

The earliest Opening Day in Tiger Stadium history will see the Tigers launch their 1971 American League season against the Cleveland Indians on Tuesday, April 6.

Earliest previous home opener for the Tigers was April 8, 1969, but they had an April 6 season opener at Washington in 1970.

The 1971 home schedule, announced by Jim Campbell, executive vice-president and general manager, showed the Tigers playing their 81 home games on 73 dates, one more than last year, with the final game on Sunday, Sept. 26, Aug. 31 with the Indians.

There will be 49 night dates, including one twinnight, to match last season's club record for after-dark play. The first night game will be April 20, with the Baltimore Orioles, and the last date under the arched Sept. 24, with the Yankees.

The World Champion Orioles will also play a night game April 21, return July 2 3-4-5 for one night and three afternoon games, and make

their final visit for a Sept. 17-18-19 weekend.

The only holiday date is the July 5 game with the Orioles, to be played at 1:30 p.m.

There are only three doubleheaders on the schedule — two on Sundays with Washington May 23 and Oakland July 25 and Oakland July 25 and the Indians, Aug. 31 with the Indians.

The All-Star Game, for which ticket prices will be a bonus for Tiger Stadium fans in 1971. It is set for Tuesday night, July 13.

One slight increase in ticket prices will be in effect, box seats up to \$4 from \$3.75. Reserved with continue at \$3. Reserved with continue at \$3. Reserved with continue at \$3. Reserved with continue at \$3.

tickets and combination plans will be announced soon Campbell said. He pointed out that season and plan purchasers will be guaranteed the right to buy All-Star Game tickets, an option already extended to them on American League playoff and World Series games in case the Tigers participate.

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## observing sports

And, what's happened to the 1970 high school football season?

It seems like we just got started... writing stories on what Plymouth or Southfield-Lathrup or Our Lady of Sorrows might expect.

Now, look!

For many of the Observerland teams, the season ended this weekend. For the rest, there's just another week to go.

Yet, when you stop to realize it, counting pre-season practice, the preps have gone through some three months of football work. That's a fourth of a year and certainly long enough.

IT'S BEEN an interesting fall in many ways for the schools reported regularly on these sports pages.

If somebody were to ask, we'd say the biggest stories have been written by Southfield-Lathrup and Our Lady of Sorrows despite the fact this also has been the season when North Farmington and Brother Rice have been major powers in the state Class A ratings.

Why Lathrup and Sorrows ahead of North Farmington and Rice?

I suspect it's because I always have had a soft touch, like most others, for the underdog.

If memory serves me, who figured Lathrup as a threat for Inter-Lakes Conference title two months ago?

Here was a school which has had only a couple previous seasons of campaigning under the belt. Actually, Lathrup really just grew up.

Around the Inter-Lakes league, they talked about defending champion Stevenson and Pontiac Northern. A few cast a high ballot for Farmington High.

And Lathrup?

"Well," the experts said, "it could be a 50-50 year for Coach Darrell Harper and his contingent."

Now we know differently. Lathrup astonished the league... won the title... and ranks among the top teams in the weekly Observer poll of schools.

Quite an achievement for a school which just three years ago fielded a varsity without a senior in the lineup.

**MEANTIME, OVER** at Our Lady of Sorrows Coach Bob Kelly wasn't supposed to beat St. James of Ferndale.

Kelly himself wasn't so sure in early September that his team would beat very many others in the tough-Northwest Division of the Catholic League.

But, you know the rest. One by one, Sorrows bowled 'em over... and last Sunday came the BIG one... the battle with St. James, winner of 20 straight and two divisional titles... Sorrows rolled through in impressive style and this Sunday played in the semifinals for the Catholic League's Second Division crown.

Kelly has done a terrific job in his quiet way at Sorrows.

After his fine football team, which just missed in 1969, he produced a baseball champion last spring. Now he's king in football.

You'd almost have to pick between Kelly and Harper when it comes to naming this year's top coach of the year in Observerland.

**AS I SAID** earlier, in leaning toward Lathrup and Sorrows, I under no stretch of the imagination want to take anything away from the performances recorded by North Farmington and Brother Rice.

Both have been brilliant football teams this fall. Coach Ron Holland at North has turned in his usual super job. Ditto for Al Fraccassa at Rice.

But, one must remember that North Farmington and Rice started the season with teams that were well rated... teams that figured to make strong bids for title honors.

Somewhat with a season that has produced such glamour stories as those involving Rice and Lathrup and Sorrows and North Farmington, you hate to see it end and vanish so swiftly.

A look outside shows that the weather is turning against us. It's time to start concentrating on what goes on indoors... in the gyms, in the pools, in the hockey arenas.

But, there's still some unfinished football business to tackle, so for the time being, let prep basketball, hockey, swimming and wrestling wait.

Their day is coming... pretty soon, too.

The experts will say North Farmington should have an easy time.

But Farmington has moved well in recent weeks under Coach Hal Beardsley. The Falcons certainly will be "Up" and with so much riding on the outcome, it could be that a surprise will be in store for North Farmington.