# Area bowlers challenge pros in ladies tour event

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Tour stops at the Satelilte Bowl in
Dearborn Heights next week, it will
be a homecoming for one touring pro
and a unique opportunity for two
area amateurs.

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For two of Michigan's top amateur bowlers, Cheryl Stipcak of Canton and Janet "sam" Greaves of Rochester, the Michigan Classic offers
the chance to match skills with the
best.

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The tournament kicks off Sunday with junior and adult pro-ams. Qualifying for the pro portion takes place Monday and Tuesday, and match play among the 24 survivors begins late Tuesday and continues Wednesday.

day.

The tournament culminates with
the nationally-televised (ESPN),
step-ladder finals at 7 p.m. Thurs-

day.

The 25-year-old Sill, who was in Washington, D.C., for a tournament earlier this week, won her first proceed at 1981, established a LPBT season record with earnings of \$381,452 in 1984 and has won career prize money in excess of \$300,000.

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IF NOT THE best, Sill is "certainly the most successful" woman
bowler Michigan has produced, according to Mark Volght, co-proprieter at the Satellite Bowl and tournament direct.
"She's been more successful than
snyone to come out on the tour," he
sald. "The fact she's so young and
has done what she has just emphasitizes her success."
Sill, already in her eighth year on
the tour, has 12 career pro titles to
her credit, has rolled seven 300
games and has achieved a high serries of 815.

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She was named Woman Bowler of the Year by the Bowling Writers of America in 1984 and has been an All-American several times. Her average is 215.

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"She's a powerful bowler," Voight said, "but the most important thing about her game is that she's developed the mental concentration that you need when you're bowling under the gun in big tournaments.
"She's able to adjust to changing lane conditions, She has the ability to read those changes and adjust to

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them, probably as quick as anyone on the tour."
Though they have amaleur status, bowlers like Stipcak and Greaves can compete with the touring pros. The difference usually lies in the fact amateurs haven' opted for the raveling lifestyle or made the financial commitment that is required of lour members.

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"IF I WAS SINGLE, I'd be out there on the tour, but my family and home are more important," said the 33-year Stipeak, a self-described domestic engineer who has two young dughters to care for. "I look forward to it and just wish it would come closer to home more often."

Stipcak has been bowling for 24 years but only in recent years has entered pro events. She made the cut last year at the Satellite Bowl and in another pro tournament in Saginaw. Stipcak, who averaged 212 and 208 in two winter leagues, won the Michigan State Queens championship and a first-place prize of 44,000 last year before dropping to seventh place this year.

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The first time she competed in a big tournament like the Michigan Classic Stipcak was awed by the fact she was competing against the best in the country. With several tournaments behind her, she's more confident.

"Now that I've been bowling against them, made the cut and won money, it's just another tournament," she said. "The others have an advantage over me because they bowl every day. I bowl three times a week.

week.
"That's their living. I have a lot of fur at it, but I don't make my living that way. Anybody can make the cut, so that's why I'm out there."

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AT ONE TIME, Stipcak might have considered turning pro, but those thoughts are hindsight. So she has no regrets.

"If I have then what I do now "If I have then what I do now "If I have then what I do now have the half-city team and made the cult. It's what you do out on the lanes. I've become a much better bowler the last couple years."

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Her primary objective is to make the cut, which means surviving 18 qualifying games to become one of he top 92. That number is then reduced through match play, leaving five to compete in the step-lader finals.

Greaves, who has bowled in the Classic the last four years, was determined to do so again despite a case of carpal-tunnel syndrome, an inflammation of the ligaments in her wrist that puts pressure on the merve. She had been playing well the last three weeks after receiving a shot of cortisone, she said.

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GREAVES CARRIED a pro card until two years ago, giving it up to regain her amateur status in hopes of making the U.S. Olympic team and taking advantage of more-lucrative amateur tournaments.

The 40-year-old Greaves didn't start bowling until she was 27, but she progressed to the point of carrying a 198 average this year. She was 25th and missed match play by 11 plais in the '64 Michigan Classic, her best showing.

"I wish I had come up as a junior bowler like a lot of those girls," she said. "But every time you begin to thinky ou're doing poorly, you know there are a lot of women who wish they had a chance to enter (a pro event)."

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Volunteers also are needed to staff
the club and serve as coaches. Call
Ken Habich at 553-3183 for informa-

## ● VOLLEYBALL ALL-STAR

Farmington Hills Mercy graduate Jennifer Slosar will participate in the first Michigan High School Volleyball Coaches Association All-Star game at 1 p.m. Saturday at Portage Northern High School.

Slosar, who will play collegiately at Notre Dame next year, will be joined on the East squad by three area players: Mary Kelley and Corinne McNamara of Class A champion Livonia Ladywood and Sue Zatorski of Livonia Sievenson.

Ladywood coach Tom Teelers, Dan Cox of Class C winner Rogers City and Chuck Compo, who guided

# Brimley to the Upper Penninsula crown, will pool their talents to coach the East All-Stars. The West will be coached by Carol Griffith of Class B champ Sturgls and Sheryl Max of Class D title-holder Potter-ville. Admission is \$2.

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# OCC ALL-AMERICAN

Chris Hedler, the center fielder on the Oakland Community College softball team, has been named to the All-America first team by the Na-tional Junior College Athletic Asso-lation

tional Junior College Athletic Association.

Helder Is the first junior college player from Region XII (Michigan, Indiana and Ohio) to receive such an indiana and Ohio) to receive such an innor. She led the Lady Raiders to two league chumpionships and a pair of second-plaice regional final shets of second-plaice regional final shets.

The 4-foot-10 fiedler, who didn't july softball until her sophormore year at Millord Lockland High School, butted 522 with 69 hits, virus batted in and 31 stolen bases during her two-year carreer.

She plans to continue her education and softball carreer at either Northwood Institute or Hillsdale College.

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