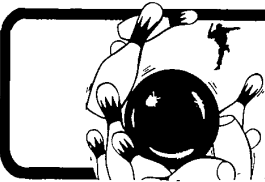


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Richard French, who averages 151 in the Krazy Kats

IN THE POCKET

By W. W. EDGAR

League at Bowlercraft Lanes, has good reason never to forget his trip to Alpena last weekend.

Bowling in the finals of the state-wide charities tournament he enjoyed two of the greatest thrills of his career. After games of 163 and 183 he suddenly found the range and posted a 278 for a 624. It was the highest single and series he ever bowled. But that was not all.

With a "split" of 102 pins he had a handicap count of 102 pins that gave him a final 726 and the \$2,000 check that goes to the winner.

The annual tournament of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association, that attracts many Observant bowlers, opened Saturday at Parkside Lanes with an entry below

expectations. Only 500 teams beat the deadline and this is 46 teams less than a year ago.

JERRI DURHAM added her name to the list of bowlers who have done the unexpected this year.

She became the star of the Ladies Junior House League at Bel-Aire when she bowled the four-10-4-7-10.

Dianne Alexander, of the Novi Pin Pointers, gave her a race for top honors when she put together games of 173, 211 and 234 for 618. Not bad for a 145 average bowler.

Mary Colomina was headed for a big series, too, but couldn't stand the pressure. After opening with games of 200 and 202 she dropped to a 129 for 531.

In the men's classic Ken Haviland showed the way with a 715 on games of 235, 227 and 253. He beat out Jim Andries who linked games of 267, 229 and 209 for 705. And George Miles had the high game of 289.

CAROL WARKUP fired a 234 in 621 to take top honors in the Whirlwind League at Livonia Lanes. He lost high game to Jerry Pollard by a margin of one pin, while Dick Aquilino placed third with a 231.

Though she didn't fire any of the high single games, Monica Dugas won high series in the Livonia Ladies Classic with a 573-69-642.

Single game honors went to Rose Ligner with 209-28-237; Betty Moeller with 189-38-225; and Dorothy Thomas with 190-39-229.

WITH A 610 series gained on games of 215, 200 and 195, Margie Eckerman really was the queen in the Queen Bees League at Country Lanes.

While she was beating everything in sight among the women, Ed La Croix showed the way to the men with a 620 in the junior house league.

AL GIROLOANO couldn't stand prosperity a week in the Wonderland Classic.

After starting with a perfect game -- the second of the year in the league -- he dropped to counts of 186 and 145 for a 651 series.

While Al attracted all of the excitement Ron Sharples linked games of 247, 242 and 237 for a 726 to take over the pacemaking role.

Bowlers in the Evans League have a new candidate for high scoring honors. Putting together games of

346, 247 and 213, Jack Etherington registered a 716 series. It was the second highest series ever bowled at Plymouth Bowl.

ARTHUR SCHNEID went on a scoring spree in the Pisgah league at Oak Park. When he finished he had a 267 in 702. His closest rival was Sam Goldstein who had a closing game of 275 for 671.

In the Senior House League Mike Jablonowski was high with a 623 and Mark Goodman landed in the runnerup spot with a 621.

AT FARMINGTON Lanes, Rick Sandy moved to center stage in the Elks League. Though he carried only a 157 average he registered at 260 to set the pace.

Vic West topped the Teen Classic with a 239 in 600.

Bettering her count in each game Ann Berry, a 147 average bowler, paced the Amec League at Mayflower Lanes with a 594 series on counts of 183, 189 and 213.

One of the tightest battles of the year marked opening in the Westland Classic where Jay Dishong nosed out Rick Quinn by a single pin.

Jay linked games of 221, 225 and 225 for 671, while Guinn opened with a 230, followed with a 237 and closed with 203 for 670.

Third place was shared by Harry Fill and Bill Walker with 611.

THANKS TO A 248 opener Joe Ann Salvatore paced the Thursday Ladies League at Merri-Bowl with a 664. After her big game she added 221 and 195.

Meanwhile Sue Zess took high game in the Ladies doubles with a 253.

In the Teen Classic Don Mueller had a 217 in 594 to lead the way. Marty Bacon landed second with a 203 in 574 and Gary Allen was third with 566.

BILL WILSON couldn't break the 700 barrier in the Garden Classic but he did top the circuit with a 897. Behind him came Harry Wilson 675, Tom Rames 672, Allen Brass 672, Bob Martin 668, Bill Bramble 658, Bob Brenner 658, Bob Cassare 657, Joe Auburn 656, Don Denham 652, Jim Shiroch 652 and John Thostenson 650.

In the Saturday Mistis, Vince Devlin was top man with 365 in 673 and Marie Schenden showed the way to the women with 218-257-196-668.

Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

Peter Wolfenden, harness racing driving champion of New Zealand for the last four years, and Gordon Rothacker, one of Australia's greatest reinmen who has won half of all driving championships in the history of the Royal Showgrounds track in Melbourne, have been named to represent their countries in the second world driving championship to be held at nine tracks in the U.S. and Canada May 3 - 15. One stop will be at Hazel Park.

Harness Tracks of America, sponsor of the unique competition, announced that Wolfenden and Rothacker will compete against William Houston of the U.S., the most successful have been the brilliant pacing mare Angeline and the stakes winner Rairmarch Pool, Arabian, Grand Monarch and Columbus.

Campaigning on the extremely difficult 3-furlong

track at the Royal Melbourne Showgrounds, he has won 12 of the 24 driving championships in the history of that highly successful metropolitan track in Australia's second city.

BILL LONGO, the former school teacher who calls Farmington his home, has developed another top pacer in Breamdan George, a three-year-old winner in the Pre-Derby stake at Sportsman's Park.

It wasn't so many years ago that Bill was teaching school, selling tickets at the DRC and Hazel Park and devoting his spare time to working with pacers and trotters.

Finally, it got too much and he gave up all of his jobs to devote fulltime to handling his own stable of pacers and trotters.

Then he really made a big bit when he purchased Fannie Mite, a speedy mare but not the soundest animal in the world. Bill worked magic with Fannie and she won over \$200,000 in a period of three years including more than \$80,000 a year ago.

But she was lame more than sound and Bill looked around for something else to become the family breadwinner. He was attracted to a two-year-old Breamdan George who now has become one of the best in three year old circles.

In his most recent Chicago victory, Breamdan George was clocked in 2:03.1. He'll be appearing at Hazel Park soon. Bill told friends he'll probably ship there within another week or so.

AFTER THREE weeks, one has had a chance to study the thoroughbreds at the Detroit Race Course and come up with a few live ones.

From around those who have been watching morning workouts and the daily performances of the runners come a few interesting notes.

One can pick up a bit of info about horses that are rapidly nearing top form in this early in the campaign.

For what they are worth here are a few that may be worth wagering a bob or two in their next outings: Wedge Ahead, Brother Brud, Final Answer, Little Earl, Ima Yankee, Mr. Sunman, Navajo Jo. Red Rip and Favorite Imp.

STAR EAST, unbeaten at Pompano Park in Florida during the winter months, may be the pacer to beat Saturday at Hazel Park Raceway in the \$8,000 Open.

The 10-race program is one of the best carded in the area for some time and offers \$50,500 in purses. That's really a far cry from the old days when the pacers and trotters raced all evening for something like \$8,000 for 10 races.

Star East, trained and driven by veteran Joe Lighthill, stopped off at Liberty Bell Raceway near Philadelphia after leaving Pompano and beat most of the stars there.

Blaze Pick, the brilliant Canadian speedster who won his first Hazel Park start, is another of the standouts in the field. Others in the six horse event are: Instant Pleasure, Walvis Bay, Gunner Creed and Bulletin.

IT WASN'T so many years back that an unknown three-year-old pacer named Song Cycle won the historic Motor City Pace at Wolverine Raceway and paid boxcar figures for a \$2 win ticket.

The horse was in the powerful Bobby Williams stable and actually was owned by Bobby's father-in-law. His performance in winning the Motor City caught the attention of a Chicago group and he was sold for something like \$40,000 a few days later.

Thus it's with a great deal of interest that we read about Song Cycle winning a \$15,300 stake at Sportsman's Park in Chicago recently.

It was his 21st victory at Sportsman's Park in a career that started here in 1965. Note this, the aged pacer increased his lifetime earnings to \$410,981 to rank 20th on the all-time list of pacers.

Song Cycle certainly has gone a long ways from the unknown pacer that won the Motor City and rewarded his backers with more than \$100.

By George Maskin observing sports

Don't let it be said perseverance doesn't pay off.

It has for men like John McKenzie of Redford Union, Jerry Young of Farmington and the other high school track coaches in what we refer to as Overland.

Young, McKenzie and Co. had an idea: If the area's schools could bind together each spring and stage a successful invitational baseball tournament (the Les Anders Memorial), why couldn't the same thing be done in track?

Why not? Sure, the coaches knew that the track schedule already was a congested one.

STARTED WITH the Huron Relays and the Spartan Relays indoors, then springing outdoors with the various dual meets, several established relays, the league meets, the regionals, the state, the Oakland County and what have you...how could the coaches squeeze another meet in?

Well, they have. If you've been checking the various track schedules released by the schools in the Observer, you'll notice that May 1 will be a red-letter day in these parts.

For on that day -- a Saturday -- the first annual Observer Relays will be staged at Redford Union.

A great deal of the credit for getting the meet off the ground from just a dream to reality must go to McKenzie.

HE FIRST BROACHED the subject last fall. "The coaches would like such a meet...a meet for just the schools served by the Observer papers," McKenzie said.

"There now are more than 20 schools in the Observer area, but more important we have some excellent track. It's getting better all the time."

"Sure, some of us oppose in dual meets...some of us meet in different relay carnivals...but it's not like all us being together in the same place at the same time. Such a meet has to be a success."

The response by various schools to the Observer Relays has been terrific. Some schools had to juggle their schedules. After all, many sport schedules are drawn a year or two in advance. Some even longer.

"We're certain that it'll be a big affair... one which will become an annual part of the track schedule for all schools in these parts," McKenzie said.

For many reasons, of course, the meet will be worth the price of admission. Within a few weeks, as soon as all the preps have had a chance to start competition, the Observer will commence its weekly edition of ratings compiled by Farmington coach Young, aided by his beautiful wife.

All of which means, that on May 1, the various ratings' leaders will be going head on against each other in the various categories.

IMAGINE SEEING the No. 1-2-3-4-5 men in the high jump or the 100-yard or the mile relay face-to-face, well, it's going to happen.

There's no question that track has grown up in all high schools. Time was it was treated on the light side. Not too many would show up for meets.

But most schools have expanded their facilities. Many now stage meets at night when it's possible for more adults to attend.

The net result is that it's fairly common for crowds of 1,500 to 2,500 turning out for dual meets and the various relay events.

The new-type tracks also make it possible for the preps to compete even when the weather has turned sour. Just a little wind, or maybe some broom work and the track is ready for action.

Once the season begins, most teams now compete two or three times per week. Coaches have found that competition makes for more interest and also improves their athletes.

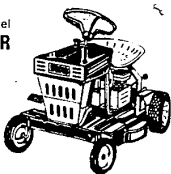
Hopefully, the weatherman will realize that spring is here now...all the prep athletes are anxious to go. And so are the Tiggers.

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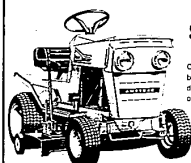
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