

## Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

There is always something interesting to pick up when the world's most famous harness racing drivers come to town for the annual appearance in the championship series at nine tracks in Canada and the United States.

For the past two years the reinsmen have competed at Hazel Park, doing their thing a few nights ago there.

For instance Gordon Rothacker, of Australia, is known as the "Del Miller" of Australia. Principally because he has a marked resemblance to the American millionaire driver and also because he is the top winner down under.

Gordon also races two days a week, Friday and Saturday, but still manages to keep his name before the public. He told how the race announcers call the horses on the two days and then are auctioneers at the hundreds of livestock sales during the other four days.

"You'd be surprised to learn how much an announcer can make in a year," he said. "Of course much of its comes from the sales but they also are well paid for the 'mike' work."

Gordon was the first Australian driver, we know of, to deny the oft repeated tale that pilots there handle nothing but pacers.

"There are a lot of trotting races too," he smiled. "But then we do drive many more pacers than trotters."

Adolf Ubleis, the Austrian who is leading the series and probably will be the winner, had to talk through an interpreter but managed to get his thoughts across.

He has to be the best in Europe, showing more than 100 wins in a season that only has something like 1,025 races. All of which means that he is in the winner's circle in one of 10 races. We never heard of any U.S. driver with a record like that.

All of which leads one to conjecture why doesn't Wolverine, Northville Downs or Hazel Park, stage a similar series on a single night with the eight top drivers in the standings handling the field in as many as five races on the same open draw basis. It would be interesting to see how some of the better reinsmen would do on the two days and then are auctioneers at the hundreds of livestock sales during the other four days.

Looking for some horses to watch at the Detroit Race Course? Then take a look at these which have been recommended as fit and ready.

We bring to your attention: Duc's Devil, Jittery Chit, Skeedee Nicky Nye, Delmar Holiday, Erullah, Uninterrupted, Viewette, Dunington, Salvo, Metric Mile and United Prince.

With all of the troubles



By W.W. EDGAR

Fourteen young bowlers from Oberlinville will be in the starting field when the Michigan Youth Bowling Association conducts its annual championship tournament this Sunday afternoon in Mt. Pleasant.

Aside from determining the state champions, the event also will be the qualifying round for to determine Michigan's team in the All-American Youth Championships in Washington in July. The Washington event is limited to graduating seniors.

The complete field for the state titles will contain 175 bowlers who will compete in the various divisions.

Here are the Oberlinville entries:

Major Boys Scratch -- Donald Mueller, Merri-Bowl.

Major Boys Handicap -- Mike Flynn, Farmington.

Junior Boys Handicap -- Rick Lindquist, Ark Lanes;

David Nemecheck, Southfield Bowl; Gray Grimes and Brian

Tupper, Farmington Lanes.

Prep Boys Handicap -- Rick Danlovich, Southfield Bowl;

Charles Tarver, Westland Bowl;

Tim Wilson, Livonia Lanes.

Peanut Boys Handicap -- Brent Bradley, Farmington

Lanes; Brian Seida, Merri-Bowl.

Major Girls Handicap -- Ann Kenburg, Southfield Bowl.

Prep Girls Handicap -- Colleen Flynn, Farmington

Lanes; Lufara Ryckman, Southfield Bowl.

Penny McLain, the

young star who averaged well

above 200 in the closing month

of the Ladies Major League

competition, topped all the

Detroit area bowlers in the

W.I.B.C. Tournament last

week in Atlanta.

Bowling with the Helix

Tackle team, she helped her

team take third place in the

team event and then went on

to post a 1776 count to set

the pace in the all-events.

THE WOMEN'S Classic at

Farmington Lanes had an

unusual finish Friday night.

None of the women had been

able to crack 600 during the

season. Then, on the last

night, Ann Gunderlock fired a

222 in 602 and Jean Dembeck

inserted a 234 in a 600 series.

Scoring continued in a high

rate in the high school

leagues, too.

Don Hunt had a 211 in 350 to

pace the Junior High boys

while Mary Gadezke paced

the Junior High girls with 216

in 5-5 and Jodi Hess added a

204 in 468.

game, first of the year in the classic, and added games of 195 and 227 for a 722 to top the circuit. Yet, his feat was bypassed as most of the interest was centered on the re-rolls to determine the team title.

The Garfield Industrial and Gordon B. Hall teams finished the campaign in a deadlock and decided on an immediate roll-off for the title.

The Hall contingent continued the merry pace and won the title match, 3046 to 2978.

Aside from Pederson's

perfect game which was rolled

on lanes 7 and 8, there were

two other series above the 700

mark.

Veteran Ken Haviland had

games of 268, 209 and 213 for

710 and Gaston Marois linked

counts of 244, 216 and 247 for

7079.

Jim Massecarr and Erv

Watson Jr. each posted a 268

to share honors in the opening

night of the Two-Man Classic

scheduled for the summer.

And among the high games

for the week was a 268 opener

for Steve Kiehlman, in the

Father & Son League.

THEY'RE NOT bowling

very big scores, but the

delegation from the Detroit

Race Course is having a lot of

fun at Mayflower Lanes.

Frank Farnum topped the

scorers with a 208 in 508, but

one of the spectators remarked,

"Those jockeys can ride horses,

but they sure can't bowl."

The riders scores were

between 80 and 120.

TWO MORE 700 counts were

registered in the Westland

Classic.

Jerry Holt topped the field

with a closing 248 for 704, and

Tom Vallone closed with 246

for 702.

Other high scores included

Nick Duditch 677, Jim Deck

671 and Joe Wilson 667.

Midge Paskott, one of the

most enthusiastic of all

Westland bowlers, had one of

her best series -- a 596 on

games of 198, 221, and 177.

B.C. NUNNERY showed the

way in the Garden Lanes Classic

with an even 700 series.

Others in the high brackets

included: John Ruggerio Jr.

680, Rich Kotzel 674, Joe

Dixon 669, Tom Kress 669,

Pam Ishkin 669, Dick

Janowski 655 and Gordon

Cantwell 653.

### Dan Honored

Michigan's All-American tackle, Dan Dierdorf, will be a member of the college All-Star team which will oppose the world champion Baltimore Colts this summer in Chicago's Soldier Field.

The battle of the unbeaten -- Franklin vs. Groves -- came, but the expected battle didn't.

Franklin had an easy time winning from Groves, 74-44, to wrap up the Northwest Suburban League's dual meet track title before a crowd of 1,500.

The victory gave Franklin a

5-0 league record and a 7-0 overall mark and stamps the Livonians as the team to beat in the league meet Wednesday at Franklin.

The dual meet record will be counted in determining the overall league champ.

FRANKLIN SET one

varsity mark and tied two others against Groves which brought a 4-0 league record into the meet.

Ken Yuhasz was timed in :22.8 for a Franklin standard in the 220 yard dash. He also was on the 880-yard relay which tied the school mark of 1:31.5 while Mike Feister and

Joe DeNapoli went 12 feet in the pole vault to equal the school record.

Yuhasz won both dashes to lead the Patriots. Mike Jimnet took the 440 and ran on both winning relays. Brother Joe Jimnet was second in the 440-yard mile and won the half mile.

The results:

SHOT PUT: 1 -- Craig (F), 2 -- Barton (G), 3 -- Lunsford (G). Distance: 48 feet 1 1/4 inches.  
LONG JUMP: 1 -- Gearing (F), 2 -- Burke (F), 3 -- Newman (F). Distance: 20 feet 8 1/4 inches.  
880 YARD RELAY: 1 -- Franklin (McKee, Newman, Yuhasz, M. Jimnet). Time: 1:31.5.  
880 YARD: 1 -- J. Jimnet (F), 2 -- Werners (G), 3 -- Lindenmuth (G). Time: 3:00.6.  
HIGH HURDLES: 1 -- Rantz (G), 2 -- Benson (G), 3 -- Lee (F). Time: 11.8.  
HIGH JUMP: 1 -- Chenev (G), 2 -- Cocozzo (G), 3 -- Ritzer (G). Height: 6 feet.  
MILE: 1 -- Reason (G), 2 -- Buckman (F), 3 -- VanTuyt (F). Time: 4:31.3.  
100 YARD: 1 -- Yuhasz (F), 2 -- Covert (G), 3 -- McKee (F). Time: 10.5.  
POLE VAULT: 1 -- Feister (F), 2 -- DeNapoli (F), 3 -- Gordon (G). Height: 12 feet.  
440 YARD: 1 -- M. Jimnet (F), 2 -- J. Jimnet (F), 3 -- Scher (G). Time: 50.3.  
LOW HURDLES: 1 -- Newman (F), 2 -- Rantz (G), 3 -- Bar (F). Time: 20.4.  
220 YARD: Yuhasz (F), 2 -- Covert (G), 3 -- McKee (F). Time: 22.8 seconds (School Record).  
TWO MILE: 1 -- Daves (F), 2 -- Ansell (G), 3 -- Zerk (F). Time: 12:09.3.  
MILE RELAY: 1 -- Franklin (Groom, Buckman, Lehto, M. Jimnet). Time: 3:32.5.

## RU Battles Plymouth In Landers Meet Opener

It'll be play ball starting Wednesday evening in the seventh annual Les Anders Invitational baseball tournament.

Seventeen Observerland schools are primed for the action which again will be held at Livonia's Ford Field on Farmington Road.

The tourney will be sponsored by the Optimist Club of Livonia, the City of Livonia's Recreation Department and the Observer Newspapers Inc.

THE SCHOOLS have decided to go on with the Anders tourney despite the fact that, for the first time, a state baseball tourney will take place this season and thus jam up the schedule.

But to a coach, it was felt that the Anders meet, held in honor of the late prep athletic director in Livonia School District, should be continued because of its great popularity over the years.

Here's Chance To Get Start In Lacrosse

High school and college athletes looking for a summer sport, take note!

The Michigan-Ontario Lacrosse Association is again seeking boys from 15-20 years of age to play in its summer league.

Games this year will be played in the Windsor Arena and the St. Clair Shores Arena.

A \$7 registration fee will prevail for interested boys. Boys wishing to try out for the lacrosse league should contact Art Whalen at Olympia, 5920 Grand River, Detroit 48208.

### Prep Schedule

#### BASEBALL MONDAY

Pontiac Northern at Stevenson Redford Union at Plymouth, Dearborn Sacred Heart at Bishop Borgess, Southfield at Berkley, Brother Rice at Clawson, Trenton at Berkley, Churchill at Wallied Lake Western, Franklin at Glenn, West Bloomfield at Clarenceville, Southfield-Lathrup at Farmington, M. Carmel at St. Agatha, Thurston at Oak Park, Groves at North Farmington, Waterford Mott at Harrison, Royal Oak St. Mary at Sorrows.

#### TUESDAY

Austin at Brother Rice.

#### WEDNESDAY

Stevenson at Wallied Lake Central, Harrison at Churchill, Franklin at Groves, North Farmington at Thurston, Glenn at Oak Park, Farmington at Pontiac Northern, Hazel Park at Southfield-Lathrup.

Anders' Tourney at Ford Field: 6 p.m.-Plymouth vs. Redford Union, 8:30-Wayne vs. Churchill.

#### THURSDAY

Southfield at Ferndale, DeLaSalle at Redford Union.

#### WEDNESDAY

Plymouth, Redford Union and Benley in Suburban Six League meet at Belleville.

Farmington, Southfield and Lathrup in Inter-Lakes League meet at Oak Park.

Franklin, Groves, Thurston, Glenn and North Farmington in Northwest Suburban League meet at Franklin.

Farmington-Harrison and Livonia-Churchill in Western Six League meet at Waterford Mott.

He'll be missed and so will his stable since word from Nebraska is that the Van Berg name will fade out of horse racing and announcement of dispersal sales are expected most anytime.

Redford Union, along with Plymouth, has drawn the honor of playing in the 1971 opener at 6 p.m. Wednesday. Then it'll be Wayne Memorial vs. Churchill at 8:30 p.m.

First-round games will continue on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday, May 24, before the survivors go forth in the quarterfinals on Thursday, May 27, and Friday, May 28.

The semifinals are listed for Monday, May 31, with the title game the next evening, June 1, at 7:30 p.m.

The tourney will follow the same format as in the past. Every player must meet the eligibility rules set down by the State High School Athletic Association. Only regular-season players of a team may appear in the tourney.

Protests must be settled on the field.

If after five innings, one team leads by seven or more runs, the game will be determined at that point.

If a game is called at any time, and the score is tied, a new game will be scheduled.

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