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LOOKING TO HER LEFT to see if she touched the finish first is Jan Smart, of Harrison, as she wins the 100 freestyle event in the meet between the two Farmington rivals. Ann Bertsch, of North, touched just after her rival. North swimmers capture the mythical city championship in the three dual meets between the Farmington high schools. (Observer photo by Bob Wooding)

## North Girl Swimmers Capture '71 City Honors

It took a bit of doing but North Farmington's girl swimmers captured the mythical 1971 city championship with victories over Harrison and Farmington in a triple dual meet.

Instead of a triangular championship meet, the three dual meets simultaneously with the winner of two crowned city champion.

North squeezed past Harrison, 50-46, and then dunked Farmington, 62-30. The third meet found Harrison defeating Farmington 57-35.

LaShara Skotko won two individual titles for the Raiders, taking the 50 backstroke in :33.7 and the 100 freestyle in 1:14.0.

Jan Smart of Harrison was the only other double winner, capturing the 100 individual medley in 1:12.7 and the 100 freestyle in 1:02.9.

North was the victor in six of 10 events against Harrison and took nine of 10 in the meet with Farmington.

**THE SUMMARIES:**  
NORTH 50, HARRISON 46  
200 MILEY RELAY - Won by Harrison (Laney, Hoehner, Graf, Perry) Time 2:12.8  
50 FREESTYLE - Won by Ann Bertsch (H) Time 1:12.7  
100 FREESTYLE - Won by Jan Smart (H) Time 1:02.9  
50 BACKSTROKE - Won by LaShara Skotko (N) Time 33.7  
100 BACKSTROKE - Won by LaShara Skotko (N) Time 1:14.0  
100 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY - Won by Jan Smart (H) Time 1:12.7  
200 MILEY RELAY - Won by Harrison (Laney, Hoehner, Graf, Perry) Time 2:12.8  
50 BUTTERFLY - Won by Marge McEachin (H) Time 1:02.9  
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## Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

Winter Dean, the speedy star of the C.M. Saunders stable at Perryburg, O., scored a mild upset on closing night at Wolverine Raceway when he whipped a fast field in 2:01.4, and will try to turn his first start at the Jackson at Northville meeting into a victory Saturday in the featured \$4,000 invitational pace.

The Saturday card is one of the best ever presented at the



have a six pin edge on Paul Zajac, who, in turn, is one pin ahead of Paul Stanley. Others with double century averages include Ron Kovac at 206 and Ron Vernon at 202.

Kenny Geisler made a bid to join the leaders this week with a 719 and a 55 pin bulge on Ernie Shelley, his closest rival.

Others who bettered double century figures were Paul Sterling and Tom Ranes deadlocked at 658 and Bill Bollet who posted a 643.

**RICK HAWKE'S** Gunn's Auto Electric team established a high for the season in the Merri-Bowl Junior House circuit that may stand for the remainder of the season.

When the last pin fell the team had an even 1100 count. Don Herber was high with a 244, followed by Abe Lynch with 236, Bud Wertz with 222, Hawke with 219 and Gus Davidson with 179.

Petraglia, a southpaw, is the leading money winner on the tour with record earnings of more than \$80,000 thus far this year.

The big event opens with the pro-am and a field of more than 800 bowlers on Friday, Nov. 12 and the following day the pros take over to bid for a share of the \$50,000 purse.

**DAVE SOUTAR**

**THE JOLLIEST** bowler in Overland this week is Jerry Kinkorjok who takes his turn on the lanes in Our Lady of Sorrows League at Bel-Aire Lanes. He has a good reason.

He set the pace with games of 200, 280 and 214 for a 690. But he's showing everyone his second game score.

The league is a handicap circuit and with his "spot" of 25 pins a game, his count went to 305.

"Look at that," he chuckled, "better than a 300."

High scores were the order of the week at the Orchard Lake Road establishment as Bill Moore topped the Classic with 279-225-248 - 753 and was followed by Jim Maher with 692 and Paul Kotas with 683.

Aside from that Jim Behringer's Mayflower team established highs with 1168 in 354.

All told there were 25 series above 600 and 74 games over the double century mark.

The youngsters also came in for their share of the glory when 13-year-old Lynn Gliner converted the 8-10 split with Pat Fitzgerald, a lass of 11, linked games of 235, 153 and 142 for 530.

ROY SMITH paced the Junior High boys at Farmington Lanes with a 222 in 573 and Kathy Allen showed the way to the girls with a 196.

The star of the week in the Ladies Classic was Jackie Stark with a 221 game in a 582 series.

**MIKE MATHIS**, the area's top average bowler who tops the Wonderland Classic with 225, did a nose-dive (for him) Tuesday night when he missed double century figures by a single pin.

Jim Staites set the pace with a 695 and Al Oupchak took runner-up honors with a 689.

Al Feldman and Myron Gowan staged a battle for scoring honors in the Oak Park Senior House league when Al landed on top with a 556 to win by six pins.

**OVER IN** the Plum Hollow Businessmen's League Jerry Rubenstein had his biggest night of the season. He fashioned a 256 to help his Olympic team to two highs - an 1129 and 2920.

during the Wolverine campaign over the big mile track. It's taken for granted that none will do that well over the twice-around, half-mile strip at Northville.

Off his win last week, Winter Dean will probably be the early favorite but he has plenty of competition this time. H.T. Nick, one of the top performers for the powerful Ray Forsythe stable of Birmingham with Red Taylor in the sulky, has to be considered a definite threat.

Then there is Johnny G., who is still remembered for his 3:00 dead heat with Gaviland last year at Wolverine and has shown the same speed several times this year.

Others are: Prince Knox, winner of two in a row at Wolverine, who will be handled by Gordon Norris; Bedford Jet, with Charley Norris at the reins; and Tricky Dares, who checked in three weeks ago from Ohio where he did exceptionally well but didn't measure up to that form in his Michigan starts.

**MARY BACON**, the first female jockey to win a race at a Michigan track, didn't wait long to gain accolades of the crowd.

The slender blonde from Elk City, Oklahoma, who won praise from Bert Thompson, director of racing at Hazel Park, when he rated her as one of two top girl riders in North America, completed one of the richest daily doubles of the Hazel Park season a few days ago.

She drove Boston's Pick to victory in the second race for a \$67.60 price and made the daily double worth \$1,173.20. Mary intends to ride at the track until the meeting ends on Saturday, Dec. 18.

Mrs. Bacon is accepted by the male jockeys as a competent craftsman, and a worthy rival. They know she's good. They can't out to beat her if they can, but there is no hostility.

"I'm not a girl jockey. I'm just another rider that has to have to beat," Mary explains. "I have always tried to be a man when I'm riding a horse, and a lady when I'm not."

She is 21 years old, and about 5' foot 4. She weighs perhaps a shade under 100 pounds. Yet has the strength and skill to control a fractious thoroughbred. She's been known how to ride: she's been at it long enough.

"I was riding in quarterhorse races out in the bush when I was only nine years old," she recalls. "I did pretty well, too. I won my share. I rode at the bush tracks for about seven years. Then I went to England to ride steeplechases."

"When the first woman got a jockey's license in the U.S., about three years ago, I came back and got mine, too. I've always wanted to ride. I've been riding at parimutuel tracks here ever since."

"I can get my share of mounts because the trainers know I can do the job. When I had the apprentice 'bug,' I rode 1,095 races in the year. I'm not sure exactly how many races I've won, but it's around 200."

**WOLVERINE DROPPED** the curtains on 1971 last Saturday but there are still more than 50 horses on the grounds. All have to be off by the weekend.

This means that Don Hall, Tom Wantz and Jim Merriman Sr., will take off for Pompano Park and Florida for six weeks training before the season opens there in early December.

Hall is leaving the aged pacers and trotters in his public stable at Northville. Down in charge of son Pat and will have quite a few green horses under his care in the sunny south.

Merriman Sr. has 18 ready for shipping and Wantz will move southward with the Ed O'Hare stable.

**WANT TO KNOW** how to hit the trifecta at the Jackson meeting? Just follow the program - at least it worked on opening night. The book has a chart telling how to box three numbers. Those used are 2, 3, 7.

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## St. Thomas Rallies To Trim St. Agatha

St. Agatha held a 13-7 lead over Ann Arbor St. Thomas going into the fourth quarter but St. Thomas capitalized on a pass interception and marched 63 yards to score with the extra point the margin of victory.

St. Thomas struck first with a Mark Miron pass being intercepted by Ann Arbor's Bob Long on the Aggie 27. Long scored three plays later and kicked the extra point to give St. Thomas a 7-0 lead.

St. Agatha bounced back with three minutes remaining in the first quarter on a 55 yard punt return by Bob Killefield. Pat Brown converted to tie the score, 7-7.

The Aggies took the lead in the second quarter marching 62 yards in 11 plays with Brown going over from the three; Brown's kick was wide but the Aggies led 13-7. This was only the second Pat Brown missed all season.

**THE FOURTH** quarter was marred by penalties. Agatha's Pat Daley had a 40 yard run called back on a clipping penalty.

"There was no clip on the play," said Agatha Coach Phil Bennett. "The game films showed no sign of a clip."

With 10 minutes remaining in the game Long intercepted his second pass of the game on his 37.

It took St. Thomas 16 plays to score from the Aggie 27 with Pete O'Neill scoring on a QB sneak. Long converted to put St. Thomas ahead 14-13.

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