

## From Lathrup To Japan

# Olympics For Mark Howe

By W.W. EDGAR

"Mark's Going!" "Mark's Going!" These repeated cries emanating from the Olympia Stadium and reverberating through the suburbs to Southfield and Southfield Lathrup High School caused more emotional outbreaks than the sports world has known for a long time.



MARK HOWE

They could have only one meaning — Mark Howe, 16-year-old son of Gordie Howe, the all-time Red Wing great, had been chosen for a place on the U.S. Olympic hockey team and was on his way to Sapporo, Japan, to compete in the international games next month.

For the past several weeks — ever since it was known that

he was engaging in tryouts — there has been considerable anxiety regarding his possible selection.

Wherever sports fans gathered, and especially those who lean toward hockey, the uppermost question was — "Do you think the boy will make it?"

Then last Monday came the word.

FROM HIS SHOWING in two exhibition games Mark was selected and immediately given an assignment at left wing on the U.S. team's No. 2 line.

Joy reigned at Olympia and cheers arose at Southfield Lathrup High School where he was given a month's vacation from his studies.

But it was Gordie and his wife, Colleen, who reside in Southfield, who were almost overcome with the news that their boy was given an honor not even his world-famous father enjoyed during his brilliant career.

Gordie was signed by the Red Wings when a mere strip of a had in the Canadian Northwest and never had the opportunity to play on his native Canadian hockey team in the Olympics.

But now, in another country, the son was going on to represent America — and the joy was unconfined.

TYPICAL OF HIS reaction and dry wit Gordie tried to pass off his excitement with the explanation that he knew a week ago that the boy was going to be selected.

"When we got to Saginaw last Saturday for the exhibition game," he said, "I noticed that Mark's name was sewed on his jersey. Before that it was just pinned. So, I figured that was the tip-off."

In making the selection Murray Williamson, the U.S. hockey coach, pointed out that "the boy shoots well and, more important, he can move the puck. That helps a lot."

No Mother ever was prouder of her son than Mrs. Howe when she learned of the selection and in her appearance before the sports writers and broadcasters on Wednesday she ventured the opinion —

"We're all so proud — and we know he'll do all right."

A member of the Junior Red Wings, along with his brother, Marty, Mark is the first hockey player from Michigan ever chosen for the Olympic team.



ANN SETLOCK — Metropolitan Detroit's leading women bowler has been chosen to the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame. (Observer photo)

## Ann Setlock Honored

By W.W. EDGAR

Many hours of hard work and long practice sessions plus a "never say die" spirit have combined to make a cherished dream come true for Ann Setlock, Metropolitan Detroit's leading woman bowler.

Holder of the state singles record and the highest average posted in Michigan a year ago, she has been chosen for a place in the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame and will be inducted with appropriate ceremonies in the Detroit Historical Museum on Saturday, April 1.

Overjoyed at her selection, Ann, in a voice filled with emotion, stated simply, — "Well, I guess all my hard work is paying off after all."

FOR SELECTION also will help heal an old wound that came a year ago when she was denied the role of Bowling Queen when the practice of naming the city's top average bowler was abandoned.

For five years she had been the runnerup and labored under the old saying, "Always a bridesmaid never a bride."

Bowling in the anchor position for the Thunderbird Inn team, she compiled a 204

average in the two leading major leagues and finally landed on top.

In the midst of her glee in earning the average that was tops in the state she learned that her dream of being crowned the "queen" would not be realized because of a change in format.

"Too bad," she said at the time, "but I know I earned it." Memories of this disappointment faded when she learned of her selection to the Hall of Fame.

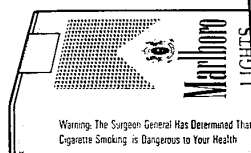
"This is even better," she smiled, "and I am deeply grateful for those who made this great moment possible."

A native of Indiana, Pa. she was introduced to bowling at the now defunct Olympic Recreation at Grand River and National in Detroit 22 years ago.

It was there that the late Louise Stockdale, a Hall of Famer, who bowled anchor for the famed Olympic team, found her in a house league and encouraged her to go on.

"I took her advice," Ann stated, "and bowled in eight leagues a week for three years. I bowled in a league every night at a different establishment and then twice on Sundays."

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## NF Cagers Win

North Farmington is enjoying its longest win streak of the cage season.

The up and coming Raiders topped Thurston, 75-67, and for the first time this season have put together back-to-back victories. North beat Groves in its first conference win and stands 2-3 in Northwest Suburban action.

THE RAIDERS jumped off to an early lead on a bucket by Jim Fredericks and never fell behind. Thurston scored 18 points in each of the first two quarters, but trailed at the half, 42-36.

North Farmington held a slim edge in the third, 44-43, and a 19-18 edge in the fourth to capture an eight point victory.

Dave Harding was the

sparkplug for the Eagles as he popped in 19 points in the first half. Raider Coach Ken Dean put Louie Doot on him in the second half and Harding was limited to six points in the final two quarters.

The Raiders enjoyed a 12 point margin midway through the third but Thurston fought back to within four in the final minute. Doot hit on a three-pointer for North and the Eagle rally was halted.

Thurston scored 42 per cent from the floor on 27 of 65 shots while North connected on 29 of 76 for 39 per cent.

RAIDER Kim Parker paced the scoring with 21 points followed by Fredericks with 16, Dave Ellsworth with 16 and Doot with 14.

Harding was the high scorer

with 25 points. Steve Hunter, followed in the Thurston attack with 16 and John Stein, added 10.

Ellsworth collected 19 rebounds and Fredericks added 10 as North outrebounded Thurston, 50-41. Harding picked off 14 for Thurston.

"This has been a wide open season," said Dean whose Raiders stand 4-7 overall. "Oak Park, Franklin and John Glenn are the teams to beat in our league."

"They all beat us the first time around, but we hope to knock off a couple of the leaders in the second round. We host Oak Park Friday and we were really shutout in the first match, 57-31. We should be able to give a better showing this time."

## St. Agatha Captures Cage Playoff Berth

St. Agatha didn't want to sit around and compute mathematical equations to its chances of getting in the Catholic League basketball playoffs — the Aggies didn't sit around and are now in the Feb. 6 playoffs at U-D.

St. Agatha clinched third place in the Catholic Second Division West with a 59-56 win over St. Hedwig and boasts an 8-4 record.

ST. ALPHONSUS and Orchard Lake St. Mary are

battling it out for first. St. Agatha is in third, and St. Thomas is in fourth with a 6-6 mark. St. Hedwig fell to a 5-7 record. The first four teams qualify for the playoffs.

"It was a great one to win," said Agatha Coach Tom Sankovic. "It takes the pressure off us in the remaining two games with St. Thomas and O.L. St. Mary."

## Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

With the opening of Northville Downs' winter meeting less than a week away (Monday, Jan. 31) track officials learned the hard way that there is still plenty of work needed before the newly installed slag racing strip becomes suitable for all-weather racing.

This came to light Saturday when numerous holes developed as far as 10 feet from the rail and gave drivers a bumpy evening over a surface that had to be called muddy and heavy.

Thanks to the complete cooperation of the drivers the program went on as scheduled even though it was apparent from the first race that horses in post positions 1, 2, and 3 had practically no chance of winning. They were mired in the heavy going and the humps and bumps were most frequent along the rail.

There was a bump turning into the backstretch that gave drivers fits all evening. It must have been a big hole for drivers were lifted out of the seats if the horses were going too fast.

For the spectators it was very amusing as they saw the carts bouncing up and down and after a couple of races they concentrated on picking winners from the fourth through eighth positions.

DESPITE the track conditions, the mutual handle was one of the largest of the

Jackson-Northville winter meeting soaring almost to \$350,000.

The meeting was excellent, the crowd was one of the largest but the fact was brought home that additional work is needed this week on the racing strip. The combination of day long showers with an abnormal January thaw was too much for the strip which was installed during the period of Dec. 18 to Dec. 30.

One expects that Northville Executive Manager John Carle started work with Track Supt. Jerry Coons early Monday morning correcting the faults. Prior to Saturday, drivers and trainers had praise for the racing conditions even though they knew holes had opened along the rail.

Meanwhile, Racing Secretary Harry Peterson and assistant Tom Smith began the task of screening horses for the 39 night Northville meet on Monday. Tom, who served as racing secretary for Jackson-Northville, should be an efficient aide since he will be able to tell Peterson of all the horses currently on the grounds.

Peterson's goal is to have nothing but horses that are ready to race in the 720 stalls. That could mean that many on the grounds will be ordered off by next Monday.

Tom Churches opened with a two-point lead for Agatha and St. Hedwig trailed at the end of one quarter, 18-15. St. Hedwig bounced back in the second with 23 points to capture a 38-25 halftime lead.

ST. HEDWIG increased its lead to 40-25 before the Aggies finally put it all together. St. Agatha came up with 17 points in the third quarter to eight by Hedwig and the Aggies trailed by only four going into the last eight minutes, 46-42.

"The entire game started to turn around in the last quarter," added Sankovic. "Mark Miron hit from the corner to tie it at 48-48 and we had the momentum."

Phil Hickey put the Aggies in front but St. Hedwig tied it at 50-50. Miron scored two from the line and Pat Brown popped in a two-point and St. Agatha was off and running.

Hickey's two free-throw shots in the final 12 seconds put the game away for St. Agatha which shot 45 per cent from the field.

ST. AGATHA hit on 17 of 23 from the line while St. Hedwig made good four of nine.

"St. Hedwig never got into a one-and-one situation the entire second half," added Sankovic.

Miron paced the Aggies with 22 points followed by Churches with 13 and Brown with 10. St. Agatha travels to St. Thomas Friday.