

IN THE POCKET

By W.W. EDGAR



The highest honor for a woman bowler in America has been bestowed upon Stella Hartrick, lead-off of the legendary Olympic team that dominated women's bowling three decades ago.

She has been named to the Hall of Fame sponsored by the Women's International Bowling Congress and will be inducted with appropriate ceremonies during the WIBC tournament in Kansas City on May 1.

Now 76 and still bowling twice a week she couldn't make herself believe it when told that she was named for the high honor.

"Imagine this," she said, "a

singles in 1941 and the state singles in 1929 and 1936, shared the national doubles with Clara Allen in 1942. She also won the city doubles with Ann Stoen in 1931 and repeated the following year with Ruth Rieck as a partner.

Among her other titles she won the state all-events in 1933, the Central States all-events in 1938 and the President's Trophy in 1941.

Mrs. Hartrick, who still carries a 152 average in her two leagues, was inducted into the Detroit Hall of Fame in 1960.

JACK TRELAR, a member of the "Coke" team in the All-Star Classic won the Masters Tournament sponsored last week by the Greater Detroit Bowling Association and helped continue the tradition that no champion ever has repeated in the highly competitive event.

To gain the title Jack went through the head-to-head matches without a defeat and beat Tony Liacano, 819 to 805, in the four game championship match.

Fred McLean finished third while Mike Samardija, the defending champion, trailed in sixth place.

BILL WALKER who posted an 815 series a few weeks ago still is on a scoring rampage in the Wonderland Classic.

This week he struck games of 249, 258 and 202 for 709, but had to yield to Jerry Heitstedt with a 713 for top honors.

Jimmy Shelp and Bill Lane tied at 702 to help the Farris Bros. team link games of 1139, 1011 and 1152 for 3302.

Phyllis Himelton rolled the highest series of the year for women at Oak Park when she inserted a 232 for a 632 count.

To gain the honor she beat out Shirley Olli who had games of 204, 208 and 197 for 609.

SEASON HIGH series marks were established in two houses during the past week.

Dale Oversby, bowling in the Go-Getter League at Merri-Bowl, boosted the mark to 713 on games of 234, 278 and 201.

Over at Mayflower Lanes Robert Wilson, of the Auto-Lite league put together games of 253, 209 and 245 for 705 and a high mark.

Other high scores at Mayflower included Jo Anne McIntyre's 225 in 546 and Stan Wozniak's 639 in the Jr. House League.

GAIL PARSONS learned about pressure bowling at Country Lanes Tuesday morning when she opened

with a 266 then slumped and had to be content with a 569 series.

ANOTHER WHO "choked" was Bill Montgomery in the Moose League at Garden Lanes. Starting with a 224, he added a 248, then it happened under pressure he fell to 189 and settled for 660.

With a steady 685 on games of 219, 254 and 212, Mike Milen paced the Garden Classic. He gained a 60 lead over Bill Collette while Ron Thorpe had a 642 and Paul Isken a 637.

Lois Merriman showed the way in the Livonia Lanes Women's Classic with a 539-60-629 that included a single game of 197-30-227. Other single game winners were Lois McMillister with 191-18-209 and Teresa Drus with 200-35-235.

WESTLAND BOWL still is a favorite spot for Hal Jolley. He topped the Classic again with a 727 that included games of 260, 190 and 277. His closest rivals were Greg Nicora with a 235 in 662 and Rick Capaldi with a 661.

David Zasthor, a 16-year-old, paced the Junior League again with games of 268, 143 and 231 for 642.

LITTLE JIM HANLID had another good day in the prep division at Farmington Lanes with a 186 game in a 524 series. And he's just 11 years old.

Sharon Douglas showed the way to the Jr. High Girls with a 216 in 481.

In the Teen Classic it was the show among the girls with a 214 in 588. Other high scores included Jackie Bird 499. Among the boys it was John Hunt with 237 in 620 and Gary Grimes with 589.

LANES NO. 7 and 8 at Bel-Aire produced moments of both joy and depression during the week.

After piling up 11 strikes in a row in the Classic on this pair John Kotecki left the 5-10 standing on a solid hit and was forced to accept a 295.

Meanwhile, Mary Ann Orchaudeau, bowling on the same pair in another league, converted the "impossible" double pinocchio.

Erv Watson Jr. also was hit by pressure in the Businessmen's League. He opened with games of 272 and fell to 189 for a 694. John Lennon trailed with 675 and Jim McMillan had a 655 and Mike Miller a 654.

Stevenson Captures Honors In Livonia Wrestling Quad

Stevenson captured honors in the 2nd annual Livonia Wrestling Quadrangular meet with a 121 point total.

Bentley finished second with 85 points. Churchill placed third with 61 and last year's winner, Franklin, came in fourth with 57 points.

The Spartan wrestlers captured nine individual firsts, two seconds and one third.

Bentley's Pete Beck won honors in the 98 pound class with a 1:31 pin over Churchill's Pat Mullin. Spartan Tom Norman placed third by way of a bye.

STEVE BECK of Bentley outscored Spartan Steve Parent, 11-2, in the final 105 pound match and Churchill's John Hesse toppled Franklin's Paul Muscat, 4-0, for third.

Stevenson's Greg Antonisich won the 112 pound category by default over Bulldog Paul Murphy and Bill Mills of Churchill pinned Franklin's Ed Kamm for a third.

Chuck Orlando outscored Bentley's Jeff Oliver for a Spartan win in the 119 pound

class and Bob Rose took third for Churchill with a 4:32 pin over Franklin's Dan Oda.

JEFF ANGELOSANTE of Stevenson shutout Churchill's Rick Boehms in the 126 pound match, 7-0, and Franklin's Randy Eply lost to Bulldog John Lawson in the consolation round.

Stevenson's Steve Miller defeated Bob Ross of Franklin in the final 132 pound match, 4-2, and Bentley's Bill Robinson took third with a 1-1 win over Churchill's Dave Store.

In the 136 pound class, Kevin Beavers of Stevenson pinned Bentley's Doug Whistler in 5:04 and Churchill's Kris Schultz defeated Franklin's Cole Thompson, 8-4, for a third.

SPARTAN Don Norman outscored Greg Burke of Bentley, 7-1, for the 145 pound crown and Bob Stowers of Bentley captured third against Steve Gordon of Franklin, with a 3:58 pin.

David Stein won the 155 pound title with a 3-2 edging over Franklin's John Phipps and Churchill's Mike Martz in 1:28.

Brian Partie won the 167 pound crown for Stevenson with a 3:55 pin of Churchill's Terry Driscoll. Bentley's Bob Horback won third with a 1:17 score over Franklin's Steve Corte.

IN THE 185 POUND CLASS, Bentley's Bob Abar won in overtime against Stevenson's Glen Shaw and Patriot

Charles Clark took third with a 4:36 pin over Charged Mike Zakerski.

Stevenson's Rich Setzer won the heavyweight title with a 5:34 pin over Bentley's Ron Reardon.

Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

With opening day on Saturday, Feb. 26 only three weeks away, the sale of Hazel Park hasn't been completed and now it appears the east side plant will start operations under the same owners it had when the 1971 racing season ended there last Dec. 18.

Little has come out of Hazel Park about the sale since mid-December with the exception of announcements of a new director of racing and a new firm to handle publicity and public relations. The last named post reportedly has been turned over to the Erv Steiner organization.

Erv isn't as well known for activities in horse racing as he is in promoting the Gold Cup boat races, a massive antique show and other events of a similar nature.

It is known that the track has been opened for workouts and that many of the stalls have been filled. But the mass entrance isn't expected for another week or two.

Franklin's Doug Whistler and the southland for the 32 day meeting for thoroughbreds of a cheaper class.

At the end of the 32 days, Hazel Park expects an influx from Kentucky, Oklahoma and some of the Florida ovals.

There isn't any question in the minds of those close to the picture but that Michigan will have its finest racing in several years once the major 90 day session opens.

Gov. Milliken was slated to sign the new racing bill Friday that will give the tracks an additional one percent of the mutuel handle to work with and half of it already has been allocated to purses by the contract between the tracks and horsemen guaranteeing 50 per cent of purses.

Track operators believe this will add some \$5,000 to the purses daily and will place Detroit in a competitive position to bid for the top stables with Chicago.

It is a well-known fact that many of the better horses were shipped to Chicago last year where the money was better.

Signing of the racing bill is expected to speed up negotiations between the tracks and

the mutuel clerks union on a new contract. Talks had lagged in recent meetings pending action on the bill... now both sides know what to expect and hard negotiations are slated to begin at once.

THE FIRST PHASE of Michigan's winter racing program ended a week ago when Jackson-Northville closed its 25 night season and Northville Downs opened its second phases last Monday.

The Jackson-Northville campaign wasn't the howling success that most everyone predicted but it was successful enough for President and General Manager Leon Slavin to smile over the final figures.

"Naturally, we would have been happier with better crowd and wagering figures," Slavin said. "But when you consider that we were dark for two weeks and then had to go against competition that never closed during the holidays... well, we did amazingly well."

The final night presented proof positive that winter racing had caught on with Michigan fans. Both the turnout of 5,171 and the handle of \$327,585 were highs for a Michigan winter meet.

On the strength of the final night showing, the meet averaged \$247,471 in handle, and \$962 in nightly attendance. Total amount wagered for the meet was \$6,186,773 and attendance reached 74,943.

Merrit Dokey, the Kalamazoo native, successfully defended his twin championships, percentage, and was from the fall meet. The jockey-sized driver, who specializes in contract and catch driving rather than in training a large stable, won 15 races to edge Duane Dilworth, Clayton, by one.

Mal Phillips, Pontiac, closed strongly to finish third on the win list with 12, white grouped a length back at 11 were Don McMurray, Gordon Norris, and Tom Harmer. Dokey's percentage was 391.

An outstanding win streak was still alive by virtue of a closing night win, Orbery Johns. Pinckney, guided his Warpath gelding, Warpaths to a sixth consecutive victory, in a string that started late in the fall meet.

Seldom, if ever, is a meet completed without an outstanding mutuels payoff somewhere along the line. Twice during the

meet a trifecta return soared over the \$5,000 level. First at \$5,334 and seven nights later at \$5,428.60, a record that made at least six persons extremely happy that winter racing had come to Michigan to stay.

IT TOOK a bit of doing but the racing strip at Northville Downs is now an all-weather track conditioned to handle any kind of weather.

After the way the inside of the track broke up in mid-January following an unseasonable thaw and heavy rains, Executive Manager John Carlo took the matter in hand personally.

He supervised the addition of limestone to seal the racing surface and then had the track crew spend hours filling the holes along the rail.

The result is reflected in racing this week where several races have won in better than 2:10... amazing for horses during this time of the year.

"And the times will be better," promised Carlo. "The drivers know they can depend on the track and they are using their horses more instead of handling them cautiously."

Series Edge

Wayne State University's 27-8 victory at South Dakota State in 1971 gave the Tartars a 2-1 series edge. The schools are not scheduled in football in the immediate future.

Co-Captain

Larry Russell, recently named a full professor in Wayne State University's Division of Health and Physical Education, co-captained USY's 1930 football team as a halfback.

MSU Titles

Michigan State wrestlers Conrad Calender (134) and Tom Milkovich (142) won individual titles in the 1971 Midlands Tourney at LaGrange, Ill.

ABC To Probe High Scoring

By W.W. EDGAR

Deeply concerned in the wake of high scores flooding the nation, the American Bowling Congress has launched an investigation to determine whether there has been any "doctoring" of the lanes.

More than 25 high scores that ordinarily would qualify for awards have been referred with recommendations for rejection when the awards committee meets at the ABC tournament in March.

Fortunately, none of the scores is from the Detroit area, though the investigators have been working in the metropolitan area for the past few weeks.

"They were out here," George Bashara, owner of the high scoring Wonderland Lanes, in Livonia, commented, "but found nothing wrong and we have had five perfect games and a big 3400 series."

Despite the high scoring in the Detroit area it has been years since any major change has been leveled at any of the bowling establishments. The last change was made about 10 years ago and that followed what appeared to be "unrealistic" scores at Oxford Lanes with a 3651 team count, three

high 3500s, a 300, a 299, and three 800 series.

FRANK K. BAKER, secretary of the ABC, who guards the integrity of the game, explained that, unfortunately, many of the problems seem to have evolved from the efforts of maintenance men to meet the requirements of the fire underwriters.

He also called attention to the fact that with increased lineage the ball track has a tendency to dry up and the adjustments on the automatic lane dressing machines have caused oil to pile up in the center of the lane and thus affect scoring.

Tom McKay, secretary of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association, confirmed that the ABC field men have been working throughout the area, but that no reports have been filed to date.

What really touched off the investigation was the performance of a 10 team league, which the ABC has refused to name at this time. On this particular night the league had a 3651 team count, three



STELLA HARTRICK

woman near 80 years old, having something like this happen. I've been so shaken up that my average has dropped in both my Tuesday and Wednesday leagues."

WHEN SHE ENTERS the Hall of Fame she will share honors with an old teammate, the late Louise Stockdale who was the first Detroit woman so honored back in 1953.

During the heyday of the Olympic team, captained by Clara Allen, it won the city championship six successive years starting in 1935 and then won for the seventh time in 1945. It also won the state title seven times between 1931 and 1948 and the Central States crown five times starting in 1925.

Stella also won the city

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