

Churchill Rally Nets Tie

After scoring three times in the second period to take a 4-3 lead, Livonia Stevenson pucks won victory snatched away in the opening two minutes of the third when Churchill's Bob Rion broke loose and beat goalie Van Veenesch to knot the count.

Rion's goal, his second unassisted tally of the game, came at 1:24 and the teams battled scoreless for the remainder of the time.

Despite the deadlock, Stevenson retained its one game edge in the Livonia Prep Hockey League standings with two contests remaining on the schedule.

Playing before a near capacity crowd at Ford Arena, the teams had spectators on edge all the way. Churchill was the first to break into the scoring when Dick Saranen took a pass from Mark DeRoche and whipped the puck past Veenesch at 9:38. The Spartans had the tying goal at 11:26 when they caught the Chargers short-handed and Dale Marczak

counted on a power play after a pass from Frank Geluso. Stevenson moved ahead, 3-1, with tallies by Geluso and Johnny Restum. The former slipped one past the goalie at 2:11 on a perfect pass from Marczak. Five minutes later, Restum and Finn closed in on goalie Tom Hoger with Restum getting the shot at 7:32.

The teams had hardly

settled down after the facelift until Rion intercepted a Stevenson pass and sped in for an unassisted goal at 8:11. The Spartans went ahead, 4-2, on another Finn - Geluso combination only this time it was Finn who put the puck in the nets at 12:19.

Saranen hit the net for the second time and narrowed the gap to 4-3 after taking a pass from Dale McIntosh with eight

seconds remaining in the period.

That set the stage for the unassisted jump by Rion and then a defensive battle for the final 13 1/2 minutes.

FIRST PERIOD Scoring - Churchill: Saranen (DeRoche), 9:38; Stevenson: Marczak (Geluso), 11:26. Penalties: Marczak (CI), 1:53; Restum (CI), 8:12; Phillips (CI), 10:29; Lloyd (CI), 12:45; Marczak (SI), 14:45.

SECOND PERIOD Scoring - Stevenson: Geluso (Marczak), 2:11; Stevenson: Restum (Finn), 7:52; Churchill: Rion (unassisted), 8:11; Stevenson: Finn (Geluso), 12:19; Churchill: Saranen (McIntosh), 14:52.

Penalties: Marczak (SI), 2:47; Bower (CI), 6:00; Williams (SI), 6:39; DeRoche (CI), 8:30; Saranen (CI), 9:22; Finn (SI), 9:22; Casey (CI), 11:24; Rion (CI), 11:51; Finn (SI), 12:37.

THIRD PERIOD Scoring - Rion (unassisted), 1:24. Penalties: Marczak (SI), 6:39; Rion (CI), 9:13.

Shots on total: Stevenson 9 12 4:25; Churchill 9 9 6:24.

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Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

Feb. 29 is the day when the gals have the right to look around for an eligible male. It's the one day every four years when a single guy has better look for cover or some pretty, personable, young member of the opposite sex who might give him that look that could well end up at the altar.

Executive Manager John Carlo, of Northville Downs, has decided to give the day a bit more emphasis and will sponsor a "silver rush" that night at his plush, half-mile harness racing plant.

A couple of weeks back, Carlo managed to talk one of the area banks out of quite a few of the newly issued Eisenhower silver dollars.

He decided to learn for himself if race track patrons were that much interested in having a silver dollar included in the payoff for winning mutual tickets.

As expected, the customers didn't want only one, they asked for as many as they could get from a cashier, who

had been ordered to make it one to a person cashing tickets.

WORD SPREAD rapidly about the silver dollar supply and it didn't take long for the cashiers to get rid of all they had.

Within a few days Carlo was being swamped with calls from patrons who hadn't been able to get in on the first silver rush. They wanted another such night as soon as the track could get another bag of the silver goodies.

Then came the thought of Feb. 29 and of making it the day for the second "rush" . . . after all, it only comes every four years and that would be an "out" for the track. It wouldn't have to have another "silver" night for four years if the supply remained in short supply.

So, come next Tuesday, Northville Downs will have 5,000 silver dollars and 5,000 Kennedy half-dollars available. Those cashing tickets will have the option of either an Eisenhower or a Kennedy in the payoff.

This policy will continue until all coins have been handed out.

So, if you are a collector of silver dollars, here is a chance to pick up a few . . . that is if you also are a better than average hand at picking winners.

THE WOLVERINE Raceway management hasn't been sitting around passing the time on these wintry nights . . . it is taking steps to improve and expand the facilities for the benefit of patrons and those in the barn area.

Remember those nights when you sat in the grandstand and clubhouse and wondered the birds overhead were going to make their presence known with droppings on your new hat and coats?

No more! you have to worry. Wolves are busy pondering the ceiling of the entire grandstand that will keep the birds where they belong . . . under cover and out of sight.

The top level of the new clubhouse, which will be known as Top of the Turf room, will have new flooring for the comfort of fans, drinking fountains and new lavatory facilities.

The improvements should make the Top of the Turf room one of the most popular at the track. There are seats for more than 1,200 and management will have a mutual line to take care of the desires of those who like to have a bob or two on the races.

There isn't a better spot to view the races. Spectators are almost on the finish line, high in the air and can watch the progress of the races for the entire mile with no obstructions.

GC East Tankmen Swamp Churchill

Prime contenders for the 1972 Mid-Way Conference championship, Garden City East swimmers routed Livonia Churchill, 68-39, for their 15th dual meet victory. East has an 8-0 conference record going into the annual championship meet Wednesday and Thursday at Annapolis High. A victory there will clinch the school's first conference swimming championship.

East also has qualified Jeff Blanchard for the state class A championships in the 100 backstroke.

Garden City packed 100 fans to watch the balance for the Chargers, winning six individual events and both relays.

Churchill won the 200 freestyle with Turner, the 200 individual medley and 400 freestyle with Dove.



DANCING IN THE AIR is Farmington's Denise Norton in a girls gymnastic meet with Birmingham Groves. She is in the middle of a routine on the balance beam. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

North Swims Past 2 Foes

With victories over Churchill and Oak Park, North Farmington's Raiders hiked their swim winning record to 14-3 for the season. North had an easy time with both foes, whipping the Chargers, 69-36, and the Redskins, 88-17.

Brad Carr maintained his undefeated string diving, setting a school pool and varsity record when he totaled 366.20 points against Oak Park.

Paul Peterson churned the 200 individual medley in 1:14.6 against Churchill for another varsity mark. John Griswold turned the same trick in the 200 freestyle with a 1:54.4 clocking against the Chargers. Three records went by the

boards against Oak Park with Jim Munro cracking the varsity mark in the 100 butterfly in 1:57.6. The medley relay team of Bill Reed, Paul Petersen, Jim Munro and John Griswold, bettered the varsity time in 1:47.2 and the freestyle quartet of Peterson, Bill Gilman, Bill Ankele and Griswold shattered the pool mark with 3:11.2.

North has received invitations to five events in the Scholastic Invitational swimming and diving meet at Wayne State University.

Those invited were: Carr in diving, Munro in 100 butterfly, Griswold in 100 freestyle along with the medley and freestyle relay teams.

Patriot Swimmers Win Relay, Meet

After being disqualified and placed second in the medley relay, Franklin High swimmers roared to victory in the

400 freestyle relay to nip Thurston, 54-51.

The disqualification gave the Eagles a big break and kept them in the thick of the fight all the way. The Patriots captured the freestyle relay by a tenth of a second in 3:37.9 for a Franklin pool record.

Franklin won five of the nine individual events but Thurston was never out of the running because of its balanced strength.

The summaries: 200 MEDLEY RELAY - Won by East (Quint, Jostlosky, Lane, Bostad). Time 1:55.8.

200 FREESTYLE - Won by Turner (CI). 2. Turnbull (CI). 3. Stenalevaris (CI). Time 1:59.6.

50 FREESTYLE - Won by Swensen (CI). 2. Bar (CI). 3. Myers (CI). Time 24.2.

100 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY - Won by Dove (CI). 2. Fahren (CI). 3. Lindsey (CI). Time 2:13.7.

DIVING - Won by Williams (CI). 2. Kallivada (CI). 3. Powers (CI). Time 55.45.

100 BUTTERFLY - Won by Blanchard (CI). 2. Labe (CI). 3. Folsom (CI). Time 1:00.1.

100 FREESTYLE - Won by Turnbull (CI). 2. Turner (CI). 3. Cooper (CI). Time 54.2.

400 FREESTYLE - Won by Dove (CI). 2. Fahren (CI). 3. Lindsey (CI). Time 4:19.6.

100 BACKSTROKE - Won by Quint (CI). 2. Winn (CI). 3. McDonald (CI). Time 1:08.8.

100 BREASTSTROKE - Won by Burton (CI). 2. Budine (CI). 3. Jostlosky (CI). Time 1:08.

400 FREESTYLE RELAY - Won by Franklin (Felix, Schaefer, Korte, Wesphall). Time 3:37.9.

200 MEDLEY RELAY - Won by Thurston (Kleika, Pawloski, Hillmer, Fox). Time 1:52.4.

200 FREESTYLE - Won by Craven (CI). 2. Wright (CI). 3. Segesser (CI). Time 1:59.8.

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY - Won by Williams (CI). 2. Kenney (CI). Time 2:18.1.

50 FREESTYLE - Won by Brock (CI). 2. Wesphall (CI). 3. Alden (CI). Time 24.

DIVING - Won by Farr (CI). 2. Barbour (CI). 3. Dennis (CI). Points 215.2.

100 BUTTERFLY - Won by Brimer (CI). 2. Hall (CI). 3. Hallmer (CI). Time 1:58.8.

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IN THE POCKET

By W.W. EDGAR

Bowling has lost one of its pioneer promoters with the death of Irv Gies, one-time partner in the old Garden Lanes on Woodward Avenue and later co-owner of the popular Olympic Recreation.

News of the death in Lake Worth, Fla., several weeks ago, came at a time when two of his favorites - Stella Harrick, of the old Olympic team, and Ann Setlock, of the Thunderbird Inn team, who started at the Olympic, are headed for the bowling Hall of Fame.

It was at the old Garden Lanes that Gies and his partner, the late Johnny Bauer, inaugurated sweepstakes, inaugurating with matches each afternoon. It was here, too, that high scores became the order of the day - and Gies never revealed his secret.

These daily sweepstakes were the forerunner of the present Pro Bowlers tour and the All-Star Classic Leagues.

When they moved to the Olympic high scores just naturally followed and many of the greatest bowlers in the city did their pin spilling at Gies' place.

One time president of the Bowling Proprietors Association, Irv is a member of the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame.

WHAT ARE THE odds in bowling a perfect game?

If you ask Mike Goldman at Merri-Bowl, he'll tell you they are beyond belief. He has a good reason.

There hadn't been a perfect game at Merri-Bowl for the past seven years. Then last Sunday the famine ended when James Lyking, a 41-year-old with a 183 average, found the range in the Father and Son League.

He opened with a 158, then collected 12 strikes in a row for 300 and closed with another 168 for 636.

A stock clerk at United DeLo, he has bowled in two leagues for the past seven years and his previous high game was a 267.

While he was ending the perfect game drought, a few lanes away Ron Nagle, a 180 average bowler, took scoring honors with games of 218, 197 and 268 for 683.

PENNY McLEAN, the newest star in the Lakes All-Star Leagues, established a record last week when she rolled a 736 series at Pine Tree Bowl. The

previous week she posted a 701 and it was the first time in the history of the league that 700 series were rolled back to back.

B.C. NUNNERY, who hadn't been heard from too much this season, made up for lost ground in the Garden Lanes Classic this week by piling the field with a 741.

Two others broke the 700 barrier when Ken Geisler fashioned a 729 and Dan Denham added a 717. Other high scores included Ed Shelley 644, Bob Grenier 671, Mike Mathis 658, Bill Montgomery 653 and Imer Santi 651.

The Moose League also had a new pacesetter when Al Zolek came through with a 675 to beat out Bill DeLuca with 647 and Bill Turnow 641.

MIKE BELSON and Jim Macomber put on a real show in the Westland Classic in the battle for scoring honors.

Mike finally won with a 691 on games of 241, 215 and 235 to beat Jim by six pins. Mike topped with 235, came back with 193 and then soared to 257, but couldn't catch his rival.

Among the other high scores were Gary Almaisky with 676, Tommy Vallone with 650 and Dandy Rehnard with 638.

DAN D'ALIMONTI, of Trenton, won the monthly tournament of the Michigan Majors Association, with a final count of 3086 Sunday at Mayflower Lanes.

At that figure he beat out Dick Presti by 85 pins. Dick had a 291 and Ed Gibbs, of Pontiac, topped the qualifiers with 1296.

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