

IN THE POCKET

By W.W. EDGAR

The Thunderbird Inn team, long rated one of the strongest combinations in women's bowling, has regained the championship of the All-Star Bowlerettes League after an absence of several years.

After a year long battle with the Motown Records and Jac-Ro teams, Thunderbird moved to the top last Monday and clinched the title with a team average by 935.

Captained by Helen Baker, the team also boasts Ann Setlock, high average woman bowler a year ago who recently was inducted into the Detroit Hall of Fame. Others on the team: Pat Lisowski, Helen Squillo, Marlene McKown and Edna Pikulinski.

Three of them—Lisowski, Squillo and Pikulinski are among the Top Ten in the average the first of the trio leading the way with a 194 average.

The new champions will be crowned at the annual banquet at Thunderbird Inn on Friday, April 28.

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Harrison Scores Hawk First With Crushing NF Win, 17-7

Farmington Harrison erupted for 15 hits in its baseball opener with North Farmington taking the butt of a 17-7 trouncing.

The 10 run victory marked the first time a Harrison team had beaten North Farmington in any athletic event, and Coach Dick Tyler had to beam a little brighter.

North lost its second game in as many outings and one of the favored teams in the Northwest Suburban conference is finding difficulty breaking into the win column.

North scored first in the opening stanza with Mike Gasser and Scott Ramsey drawing walks, John Haine singled Gasser home and the Raiders were on the board.

HARRISON exploded for seven runs in the second on five hits with the help of a walk and two errors. Five Hawks lashed out singles, paced by Tim Golich, Bob

VanKampen, Gary Morrison, Tom Goodman, and Bob Austin.

North Farmington just didn't sit down and chalk up another loss. The Raiders rallied for five runs in the top of the third to tie the margin to 7-4 and it was a new game.

Dave Nauman, Chuck Wolfe, Kim Parker, John Dwyer and Lou Doot all took advantage of base on balls and Gasser and Marty Raymond responded with hits and things were a little brighter for Raider Coach Tom Wallis.

North could only muster one more run in the sixth inning on singles by Gasser and Scott Ramsey while Harrison crossed the plate 10 times.

Walks to Nick Nickolay and Golich and singles by Dave Maas and Jeff Kalgren produced two more runs in the third and a double by Morrison and two errors in the fourth advanced the margin to 11-4.



RAIDER ON THE LOOSE - North Farmington's Mike Gasser is about to start his slide into second base ahead of the throw to Harrison's Tim Golich. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

Becky Parks with 201-35-240 and Monica Digos with 214-28-242.

Jack Wall returned to form in the Whirlwind circuit with a 855 on games of 214, 246 and 225.

IN THE TEEN Classic at Farmington Lanes, Don Hunt gained top honors with a 233 in 568 to beat out Vic West who had a 228 in 566. Among the girls Cindy Kauffman had a 220 in 515 to land on top.

Jim Weinrauch was high man in the junior high circuit with a 208.

Beverly Schoettley outscored her rivals in the Early Bird League at Mayflower with a 199 in 573, while Jerry Blakie was high man in the Senior House League at Country Lanes with 629 and Tony Reginek paced the Monday House League with a 563.

ONLY ONE PIN separated the leaders in the Elks Mixed League at Plymouth Bowl. Myrna Hartner landed on top with a 229 and Mary Stev. was next with a 228. Three pins further back came Mary Moreno with 225 and Rod Nash paced the men with 278.

GORDON APPIE, 17-year-old sharpshooter, won the teen agers singles title in the Livonia Parks and Recreation program at Livonia Lanes with games of 191 and 188 for 379. He also had a "spot" of 24 pins to post a 403 total.

Among the girls Stephanie Ellis, 13, who carries a 124 average, was high with games of 160 and 149, plus an 88 pin "spot" for 397.

In the prep division Thomas Frusti showed the way with 145-156-64-365 and Sandy Leeznar was high among the girls with 123-161-80-364.

FINISHING with a strong 268 game Jerry Heistadt managed to break the 700 barrier in the Wonderland Classic.

After opening with a 214, he added a 224 and then the big finish for a 706.

Franklin Blitzes Groves In Powerful Track Win

Franklin blitzed to its second track victory, beating Birmingham Groves, 90-33. Groves could muster only three firsts. The Groves' victories were Bill Mayer in the shot put, Joe Cecatto in the high jump and Ken Mills in the two mile at 10:23.8.

Franklin swept Groves in two events. Pete Denapoli vaulted to a height of 11'0" followed by brother Paul and Feister.

The Patriots also shut out Groves in the long jump with Pat Genrich scoring first at

19'9 1/2". Burke second and Mark Newman third.

Franklin hosts Thurston Thursday in another Northwest Suburban match.

Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

Will Wolverine Raceway see its first 200-200 mile of 1972 Saturday in the \$5,500 invitational - preferred handicap pace?

Racing Secretary Bill Connors believes the rich overnight has attracted the best field to race in Michigan thus far this year. Matter of fact he feels the entire Saturday program is the tops for the meeting.

Most of the attention will be focused on the \$5,500 East Detroit pace that finds Ray Forsythe's Local Time making his season debut. The four-year-old, who was one of the fastest sophomores in 1971, will be starting for the first time since September.

However, word from the barn area is that Local Time had a terrific workout on Friday in the week and could be an easy winner if he goes back to that clocking... 2:02.

Forsythe, who owns one of the strongest stables at Wolverine, has ordered Trainer - Driver Ted Taylor to fly north from Pompano Park, Fla. to handle the three horses he has going Saturday and especially Local Time.

Phillips and Duane Dilworth, of Adrian, were slated to receive trophies for their successes at the 'Downs after Friday's seventh race. Malcolm for leading in winning percentage and Dilworth for winning the most dashes.

Would you believe that both were involved in an accident in the third race and both were in St. Mary Hospital in Livonia for x-rays and examinations when it came time for the seventh.

Imagine, the only two drivers in the 10-horse third event who were slated for x-rays and examinations were the ones injured in the accident. It couldn't have been any of the other eight... it had to be the pair

slated for a presentation. Let some expert with figures come up with the odds against such a thing happening... it should be an astronomical number.

FANS ARE talking about the manner in which the powerful Bob Kalish stable of Southfield has been performing this far during the Wolverine meeting.

Kalish, who retired from the parking lot business a few years back to devote all of his time to harness racing, has had amazing success.

With Tom Merriman, of Wayne, handling the stable on a contract basis, Kalish horses have won 11 races with seven seconds and six thirds.

Kalish, who has been in the business for the better part of 25 years, has always been a wheeler and dealer. These kids (such a thing as falling in love with a horse and keeping it long beyond its ability or it is placed in a claiming event where it can quickly change stables).

For years, Kalish has been known as the owner always willing to trade. We can remember the time he traded a pacer for a sports jacket and told everyone he got the best of the deal for the jacket was brand new... it turned out the horse was a bit lame.

It appears now that Kalish has realized a long time dream... one of the strongest stables at the track. But you can rest assured that he'll be doing some trading or making a claim or two... he's never one to be satisfied.

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