

The Court Jester

by BILL CAMERON

Ski Hell! Oops, I meant to say tennis, anyone? Now that the ski season is over (they were skiing at Boyne Mountain last weekend?), it is time to get your trusty racket out and head for the tennis courts.

You say you don't have anyone to play with? One answer is to join a tennis club. Livonia has a good one. Some 40 enthusiasts turned out for the initial meeting last week where they heard President John Hookey unveil the club plans for the coming season.

THE CLOSED CLUB tournament this year will consist of singles competition for men and women in A and B categories. They will also conduct the annual open tourney in August.

There is also a good chance they'll offer a few clinics for advanced players.

John Hookey has arranged for the courts at both Stevenson and Churchill High Schools to be reserved each Thursday night for club play, beginning tomorrow night. You will find players of all abilities, with one thing in common - they enjoy the sport of competition. Show up any Thursday and join the fun.


If you missed the picture in last week's Observer of the Court Jester surrounded by those seven gorgeous gals, it was your loss. My "protégés" will be modeling tennis clothes at the Livonia Family Y group!

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Plymouth Swallows 6 Error Loss

Six errors tell the story in what Plymouth baseball Coach Wayne Sparkman labeled his squad's "worst showing of the season." Plymouth dropped the Suburban Eight Allen Park contest, 6-3, to stand with an even two all mark. The Rocks traveled to Belleville Friday for another league clash, and play host to Franklin on Saturday in a twin bill.

I HAD the opportunity of seeing the China - American Table Tennis exhibition at Cobo Hall a few weeks ago.

I was fascinated with the speed and agility of these world class players. There is a great similarity between the forehand and backhand strokes of the two sports with the table tennis players utilizing more spin, particularly on service.

The games are very comparable, as witness the transition made by two of Livonia's better tennis players, Jim Shea, now playing No. 1 for Stevenson beginning tomorrow night. Martin, former national junior table tennis champion, now attending Schoolcraft College.

I guess the moral is to start with "ping-pong," move up to table tennis and you'll find it easier to play tennis. I have 100 adults in my tennis classes, methinks I should have started some of them in ping-pong! Just kidding

up the ball but forgot to tag first and then rifled a throw to second with the ball carrying into left field. By this time, Perry had scampered around the base paths and Allen Park was up by two.

Allen Park added two in the fifth with Tom Bockel lashing out a double and Dogz hit by a pitch. Tim Bencher blasted a 295 foot home run over the left

Dennis Grimes walked and Joe White was hit by a pitch. Steve Robb singled in Grimes and Rob Jenner doubled scoring White and Robb and the margin was sliced to three but Plymouth lost its steam and fell three runs short.

Rob Willette started Plymouth, working one inning, allowing no runs, no hits, no errors.

BOB TOMES was safe on an error to open the Allen Park sixth. He advanced to second on a wild pitch, moved to third on a passed ball and dashed home on another infield error.

The Rocks were faced with a final inning shot at a six run deficit.

sacrificed Manos to third and Sam Pink was safe on an error with Manos scampering home with Harrison's third run.

Mott rallied in the sixth when Andy Anderson walked and George Persinger doubled. Anderson was cut down at the plate attempting

to score and the next two hitters struck out to end the threat.

HARRISON travels to Northville Wednesday for another conference battle with a Groves' doubleheader on tap Saturday.

Harrison Tips League Rival

Farmington Harrison opened its Western Six baseball schedule with a 3-1 victory over Waterford Mott.

The Hawks now stand 3-0 overall with the loss to Farmington now in the win column by way of a forfeit.

GARY MORRISON went the distance for Harrison, allowing only three hits, walking five and striking out eight in chalking up the win.

Mott's Jim Zimmerman took the loss. He gave up eight hits in six innings but struck out 12 Hawk batters.

Randy Cook opened the Mott first with a single but was left stranded.

Steve Morrison singled for Harrison in the first and advanced to second on a passed ball. But the Hawks faltered and the next three batsmen went down swinging.

Gary Morrison singled in the second and stole second but was left stranded. Mott put together two walks in the third but couldn't score and the Hawks put it all together in their half of the third.

First baseman Bryan Collins singled, Jeff Kallgren singled, and Dave Manos doubled scoring Collins and Kallgren. Tom Young

Aggie Pitcher Steals Show

Mark Miron stole the show in St. Agatha's shutout baseball win over St. Andrews, 4-0. The Aggie hurler allowed only five hits, walked four and struck out three. His bat also provided the offensive punch with a double, triple and two runs batted in.

The Aggies outbit St. Andrews, seven to five and St. Agatha shortstop Mike Barden turned in a brilliant performance with eight assists and three putouts.



LEAPING HAWK -- Farmington Harrison's Frank Arcangeli is the Hawk "do everything man" and is expected to give Plymouth's Scott Dunson a run for the money in this Saturday's Observerland Relays in the 880 yard run. (Observer photo)

Falcons Extend Unbeaten Dual Record To 4

Farmington High extended its unbeaten dual meet record to four with a narrow track win over Birmingham Groves and an Inter-Lakes conference triumph over Waterford.

The Falcon trackmen put together nine firsts in the 70 to 53 match against Groves and won all but two events in the one sided Waterford meet, 90 to 33.

Farmington's Nat Durham captured double honors in the Groves contest with a six foot high jump win and a vault of 14'2" which is now No. 1 in Observerland.

Bruce Stirling was a Falcon double winner in the Waterford battle with firsts in the low and high hurdles. Farmington swept all three relay events and travels to Stevenson Thursday for another league match.

FARMINGTON-GROVES

MEET RESULTS

880 RELAY: 1 - Farmington, Time: 3:28.8

800 RUN: 1 - Roquet (G); 2 - Macneil (F); 3 - Mansfield (F), Time 2:55

HIGH HURDLES: 1 - Brown (G); 2 - Stirling (F); 3 - Brown (F), Time 1:50

MILE RUN: 1 - Nuttal (F); 2 - Day (F); 3 - Arnold (G), Time 4:42.1

100 YARD DASH: 1 - Trinkle (G); 2 - Wilson (F); 3 - White (G), Time 10.8

440 YARD DASH: 1 - Nelson (G); 2 - Campbell (F); 3 - Richel (G), Time 1:51.1

LOW HURDLES: 1 - Stirling (F); 2 - Dawson (G); 3 - Durham (F), Time 1:12

320 YARD DASH: 1 - Nuttal (F); 2 - Goldstein (F); 3 - Barnes (G), Time 1:57.3

MILE RELAY: 1 - Birmingham Groves, Time 3:38.6

SHOT PUT: 1 - Meyer (G); 2 - Johnson (G); 3 - Schaefer (F), Distance 44'11"

LONG JUMP: 1 - Campbell (F); 2 - B. Miller (G); 3 - Haase (F), Height 8'0"

HIGH JUMP: 1 - Durham (F); 2 - Corden (G); 3 - Reilly (F), Height 14'2"

POLE VAULT: 1 - Nuttal (F), Height 14'2"

440 RELAY: 1 - Farmington, Time: 4:0

FARMINGTON-WATERFORD

MEET RESULTS

880 RELAY: 1 - Farmington, Time: 3:52

800 RUN: 1 - Day (F); 2 - Best (W); 3 - Mansfield (F), Time 2:58.2

HIGH HURDLES: 1 - Stirling (F); 2 - Best (W); 3 - Brown (F), Time 1:54

MILE RUN: 1 - Nuttal (F); 2 - Mo (G); 3 - Roland (F), Time 4:44.1

100 YARD DASH: 1 - Nuttal (F); 2 - Goldstein (F); 3 - Moore (F), Time 10.8

440 YARD DASH: 1 - Campbell (F); 2 - Best (W); 3 - Canned (F), Time: 1:52.8

LOW HURDLES: 1 - Stirling (F); 2 - Durham (F); 3 - Fast (W), Time 1:14

TWO MILE: 1 - Taylor (F); 2 - Whinnery (F); 3 - VanDusen (W), Distance 40'10"

POLE VAULT: 1 - Nuttal (F); 2 - Lawrence (W); 3 - Vassilakos (F), Height 10'0"

440 RELAY: 1 - Farmington, Time: 4:04

880 RELAY: 1 - Farmington, Time: 3:52.8

SHOT PUT: 1 - Schaefer (F); 2 - Manning (F); 3 - VanDusen (W), Distance 40'10"

LONG JUMP: 1 - Fast (W); 2 - Roland (F); 3 - Campbell (F), Distance 17'11"

HIGH JUMP: 1 - Durham (F); 2 - Roland (F); 3 - Haase (F), Height 8'0"

POLE VAULT: 1 - Nuttal (F); 2 - Lawrence (W); 3 - Vassilakos (F), Height 10'0"

440 RELAY: 1 - Farmington, Time: 4:04

Prep Schedule

BASEBALL	
WEDNESDAY	WV Western at Harrison Franklin at N. Farmington St. East at Taylor Center GC West at Thacher Glenn at Schuler Plymouth at Trenton RU at Dearborn Lathrup at Southfield Lathrup at WV Central
SATURDAY	STONERIDGE LAND RELAYS AT Rice in Mont Real Country Day at Midwest University Relays Sunday St. Thomas at St. Agatha
MONDAY	Rice at U-D Franklin in Glen Southfield at Dearborn
TUESDAY	Bentley RU Catholic at Borgess WV Bloomfield at Clarencville GC East at Lathrup W Southworth at GC West Trenton at Dearborn Oak Park at Lathrup
TENNIS	
WEDNESDAY	N. Farmington at Glenn Rice at Catholic Central Clarencville at Adolfer Riverside at GC West Trenton at Groves Oak Park at Franklin Trenton at Bentley
THURSDAY	Truxton at Lathrup Truxton at Bentley
FRIDAY	Cherry Hill at Cresswood U-D at Rice Cherry Hill at GC West Trenton at Stevenson GC East at Oak Park
MONDAY	THURSTON AT Thurston at Oak Park Franklin at Glenn Glenn at N. Farmington WV Central at Kennedy Milled at Clarencville St. Wals-Salis WV Western at Churchill Trenton at Bentley GC East at Edinboro
TRACK	
WEDNESDAY	St. Agatha at Country Day
THURSDAY	St. Agatha at St. Agatha Rice at Bentley Groves at Oak Park Mont at Churchill
FRIDAY	St. Agatha at Stevenson