

# Farmington's Cook Selected No. 1

By TOM DONOGHUE  
Sports Editor

The No. 1 wrestling coach honor of the year in Observerland could have been no other.

When your team compiles an 8-0 dual record, averages more than 59 points a match while not allowing its opponent over nine a match, wins two invitationals along with the district and first league championship, there is only one way to vote.

Farmington High's Dick Cook is unanimous choice for the top berth in area wrestling.

His Falcon grapplers did it all, and doing it all is nothing new to the second of the

Cook brothers to handle the wrestling reins at Farmington.

Dick and his brother Bob, twins, were All-State wrestlers their junior and senior years at Farmington High in '61 and '62.

Bob went on to Central Michigan University and Dick to Michigan State.

Bob was the first to return to Farmington High as a teacher and wrestling coach but bowed out of the wrestling scene in the '69-'70 season. That's when brother Dick took over and four years later is named No. 1 coach in the area.

Dick wrestled three years at Michigan State and was national collegiate champion in '66 at 122 pounds.

Cook went on to teach Spanish and social studies at Fordson High School and in June of '67, married.

Nancy and Dick now have two boys Paul, 3, and Adam, 1.

Dick coached wrestling for three years at Fordson and never had a losing season. 13-0, 10-5 and 10-5 for a span of 33-14.

When Dick heard that his brother Bob was stepping down from his wrestling assignment at Farmington, the application was fast to his Farmington High.

Dick's squad finished 5-4-1 in the '69-'70 season and has since followed with two 5-4 years and now a perfect 8-0 mark and the first Inter-lakes wrestling crown ever for Farmington High.

Cook's squad won the Redford Union and North Farmington Invitationals and took second in the Schoolcraft and Oakland County meets along with a first in the district.

Farmington lost the regional by one point and finished 21st in the state.

Cook had to be disappointed in not finishing higher in the state tourney.

"We just lost too many one point matches," said Cook.

"But I have no complaints, it has been one heck of a season and I like the program here in Farmington."

Hats off to Dick Cook, the No. 1 wrestling coach in Observerland.

## Wins Title

Heavyweight Gary Ernst of Saline, Mich., and Jeff Guyton (134 pounds) of Lamportville, O., won Big Ten wrestling championships to increase Michigan's total of individual titles to 87 since 1926, tops in the conference.

## Runs 440

Michigan's Kim Rowe ran the fastest 440 in the world (for a D class track), won the Big Ten championship and broke a Wolverine record of 31 years. His 47.2 run beat that of Bob Ufer who ran 48.1 in 1942.

## Sports Letter Box

Sports Editor

I find it hard to believe that Bentley's Tim Bollin was excluded from the Observer's All-Area First Team basketball selections.

Not only was Tim the area's No. 2 scorer as well as the No. 1 rebounder, he was selected by the Detroit Free Press on the third team All-Suburban (a considerably larger area than Observerland), something that 60 per cent of your first team didn't make.

True, it is a fact that Bentley did have a poor season (8-13), however Mr. Donoghue, you as sports editor, should certainly realize that one player doesn't make a team.

However, the team's record certainly doesn't tarnish any of Tim's accomplishments this season. I only think this is fair to write this letter to make you aware of an error I believe you made. Thank you for your time.

RON BAWLUSKI

Sports Editor:

We are writing to complain about the selection for the All-Observer basketball team.

We feel that a worthy opponent of ours got the shaft. Tim Bollin, of Livonia Bentley, finished first in the area in rebounding and second in scoring, yet was only given the distinction of second team. The only reason Tim finished second in scoring was because of the fine season Bob Malaby had. For these reasons we think that Bollin deserved better than second team for his efforts.

A comparative example would be leaving Kareem Jabbar off the All-NBA team. He too is second in scoring and the league's leading rebounder.

Respectfully yours,

PLYMOUTH ROCKS BASKETBALL TEAM

EDITOR'S NOTE: The All-Observer basketball selections were made at a meeting where all of the 18 high school coaches in the area were invited. The coaches make the selections but I must add that three coaches were not in attendance from the three schools in Observerland that play in the Suburban Eight Conference: Redford Union, Plymouth and Bentley High.

When the coaches of the teams closest to a ball player are not around, it is really tough to push that kid unless he is a shoo-in.

## Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

What with the racing strips and Wolverine Raceway and Hazel Park showing considerable improvement in the past week, small wonder that business and attendance is climbing at both plants.

Who would believe the big mile track at Wolverine would improve from mile times of 2:36 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to a season mark of 2:03 on Saturday?

That's exactly what happened and the fact the racing strip was nearing top condition definitely was reflected in Saturday's crowd of 10,702, largest of the year, and the highest single night handle of \$768,095.

All of which makes one wonder why there should be such a difference between

betting gimmicks hurt Northville a lot. Then one has to consider the 'Downs went head-and-head against Windsor for its entire meeting whereas Wolverine has the only game going at night in the area.

PERHAPS IT'S the new owners. Maybe it's due to the fact that the racing strip is better right now than at any time last season. But regardless of the reasons, Hazel Park's thoroughbred meeting is off to the fastest start in a couple of years.

Drop off the two days when the plant was plagued by the blizzard and snowstorm over a weekend and check the figures for the other days and one is apt to find the east side plant is miles ahead of business for the same period a year ago.

Racing Director Bud Sears has been doing an excellent job of arranging attractive programs with the horses available and has been just short of a miracle man in setting up the cards for Fridays and Saturday.

The result was a crowd of 14,519 Saturday with a handle of \$1,291,114... that's almost \$100 per capita and that is rather astronomical for any area plant this early in the season.

Monday's wagering climbed to \$765,000, another indication that the runners at Hazel Park are rapidly regaining the popularity they lost during the past two years.

LATEST REPORTS from the United States Trotting Association show two Michigan drivers in the No. 1 and

No. 2 spots for total victories thus far in 1973.

We long have wondered if the Jim Curran, who has been doing so well in Chicago, was the one and same youthful Jackson reinsman. The reason for our conjecture was because the Windy City Curran was doing most of the driving for the miss serveral drives. The mishap came on a Saturday afternoon following an amazing string of five straight victories the night before.

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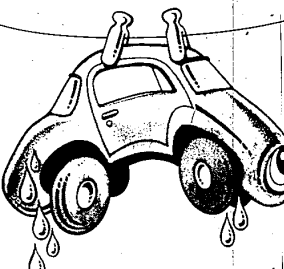


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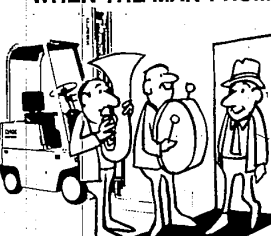
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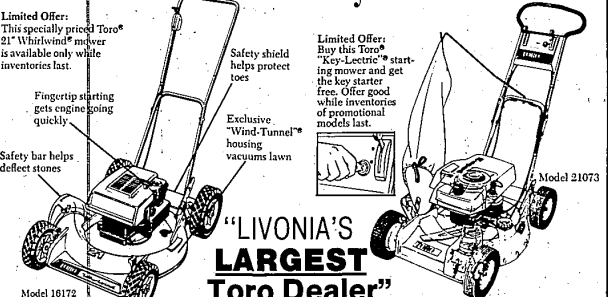
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