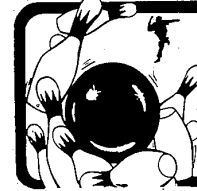




IT'S ALL-STAR VOTING TIME - Detroit Tiger star outfielder Mickey Stanley and Miss Gail Garneau ('72 Homecoming Queen of Churchill High in Livonia) urge everyone to cast their ballots which may be picked up and cast in the main lobby of the Observer Newspapers. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)



IN THE POCKET

By W.W. EDGAR

Jay Dishong, one of Observerland's top bowlers, is looking forward to the biggest opportunity of his bowling career - bowling for the world championship.

By finishing sixth place in the all-events in the recent ABC tournament at Syracuse, N.Y., he qualified to compete in the U.S. Trials for the Federation International Tournament in July.

He will be one of 30 in the field and the nine leaders will move on to Bogota, Colombia, South America, for the championship struggle.

To gain his sixth in the all-events, Jay fired a nine-game count of 1953 and marked the highlight of his career to date. But this only whetted his appetite for competition in the world tournament.

The growth of classic leagues in the suburbs is having its effect on the top major leagues in the metropolitan area.

These circuits are in trouble and unless there is a change before the fall season these circuits are in trouble and unless there is a change before the fall season opens there is likelihood of the All-Star Classic, one of the oldest, may be short of its 12 teams.

Thus far, three teams - Goebel, Coke and Pantis Galore - have lost their sponsors - and only two newcomers have come along to take their places.

The passing of the "Coke" team removes one of original sponsors when the league was organized 38 years ago.

Over all that time the team has had only three captains. The late Henry Elsie piloted the team for years before turning it over to Steve Cruchon, who later gave way to Tom McKay, secretary of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association.

And the passing of the Goebel team leaves Johnny Ruggerio, former captain of the Stron team, without an affiliation for the first time in years.

"I'd like to bowl about two more years," he says, "but at the moment I just don't know what team will have me."

Penny McClain, the rising young star, just keeps rolling along.

Not satisfied with topping the averages in the Ladies Major League, she now is blasting the pins at a great rate in the All-Star Summer Doubles at Garden Lane.

Her contribution this week was a 702 series, gained on games of 247, 247 and 217.

Meanwhile, her husband, Fred, is basking in the spotlight, too, as the winner of the all-events title in the Detroit men's city tournament with an 1883 count.

Plymouth Township will host its first national tournament next January when the Elks Lodges from across the country send their best teams here to bid for national titles.

More than 700 teams are expected and the bowling will be divided between Plymouth Bowl and The Plaza Bowl, now under construction on Ann Arbor Road.

Jerry Lindley and Jim Schwartz are setting a torrid pace in the summer doubles at Wonderland Lane.

This is a two-game, match game competition and this pair tops all areas in scoring.

Jerry and Jimmy are averaging 400 as a team and have a two game total of 915. For this big count they linked games of 465 and 450.

A 19-year-old lad from the Redford House League-Vicky Airs - get tongues wagging in the Champion of Champions tournament at Holiday Bowl in Dearborn when he fired a 632 on games of 232, 223, and 177.

He now is carrying a 165 average and bowling in three leagues, with the Redford House League as the top circuit.

Monte Onzaca, the dynamo behind the American Motors Tournament at Westland

Edsel Ford Tips Rocks; RU Settles For 2nd

Redford Union's winning and hoping days are over.

The Suburban Eight defending champions found their '73 baseball campaign changed into a "must win and hope that Edsel Ford loses" situation.

RU had a shot at the title if Edsel Ford dropped its final three games and RU won its last three.

With two games remaining, RU held up its end of the bargain with a 2-3 victory over Dearborn. However, Edsel Ford's 2-0 league championship triumph over Plymouth decided the season.

Edsel Ford finished 11-2 with RU next best at 9-4.

The four league defeats for RU came at the hands of Plymouth, 3-1; Dearborn, 4-3; Belleville, 4-2; and Allen, 3-2.

RU was the only Suburban Eight team to upend champion Edsel Ford.

The Panthers finished 23-9 overall for '73.

Tom Nippa closed out his RU pitching career with the 9-2 win over Dearborn.

The senior left-hander hurled a two-bitter, walked six and struck out 11 to finish 10-0 on the year and 15-3 in a two-year Panther span.

Nippa hurled 73 innings for Bob Atkins' crew this season, gave up 43 hits, 17 earned runs for a 1.63 earned run average, struck out 91 but walked 54.

Taking the final setback for Dearborn was Dave Kop-al, allowing six hits, walking three and striking out five.

Dearborn broke loose for two runs in the second. Joe Mayo was safe on an error and Bob Theisen was safe on a fielder's choice with Mayo safe on second.

Nippa then picked Mayo off second but a passed ball allowed Theisen to move up to second.

Bob Knoop followed with a run scoring single and after two outs, Craig Sheffely walked and Kopal was awarded first on a catcher's interference call.

Nippa then lost Mark Paulausky to force in Knoop with the second tally.

RU came back in the third when, after one out, Tom Uttych singled. Nippa went down on strikes, but Mike Kalil singled Uttych to third and stole second himself.

Gary Fulk delivered a double to right center and Uttych and Kalil scampered in to tie things up.

The deciding run came in the seventh when Bravo walked, stole second, moved around to third on an infield out and dashed in on a suicide squeeze by Nippa.

Atkins must have had visions of the Garden City East loss in the bottom of the seventh.

It was only two days prior that RU lost the district title to East on a bases loaded walk in the last of the 10th and it had all the signs again in the Dearborn battle.

Nippa retired the first two Dearborn batters on strikes but then proceeded to walk two.

Keith Begin then laced a shot down the third base line that was stabbed by Steve Friedman. A throw to first was dug out of the dirt by Mark Yourchock and the RU had its victory.

Meanwhile, Plymouth was dropping its finale to Edsel Ford to decide the league title.

Plymouth outlasted Ford, five to four, but the Rocks couldn't put the hits together.

Edsel Ford killed once in the fourth. With one out, Gary Dorosh was safe on an infield hit when nobody covered first on a grounder to Tony Rossi at second.

Mike Burke forced Dorosh at second and moved up himself when the toss to first sailed into the dugout.

Greg Gomolak followed with a grounder to Rock third baseman Jeff Waller that was bobbled and thrown away, with Burke scoring.

Plymouth's lone scoring opportunity came in the last of the fourth. With one out, Robb Willette and Ron Egloff both singled with Willette stopping at second. Jim Szilagyi then struck out attempting to bunt.

John Chatalas delivered a base hit up the middle, but Willette held up at third. When the ball skipped past the catcher, Willette broke toward home and the pitcher, who was backing up the play, tossed him out and the Rocks were halted.

Edsel Ford scored its insurance run in the seventh on a single by Gomolak, a sacrifice by Jim Cameron and a two-bagger by Randy Owen.

Plymouth finished 6-6 in the Suburban Eight for a share of third place and 7-15 overall.

Steve Robb went all the way for loss, giving up four hits, one earned run, struck out two and walked one.

Owen chalked up the victory for Ford, allowing five hits, walking one and striking out 11.

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Farmington Offering Summer Swimming

Farmington public schools are offering a summer swimming program to be held at all three high schools, Farmington, Harrison and North Farmington.

Registration for the site you wish to attend must be done on Saturday, June 9 between 9 a.m. and noon.

Instructional swimming will be offered in two-week sessions.

Sessions will go from June 18-29; July 9-20; July 23 to Aug. 3; and Aug. 6-17.

Levels one through five will go from 9 to 11:55 a.m., with levels six through 10 ranging from noon to 12:55 p.m.

Recreational swimming for students and adults is Monday through Friday from 1-5 p.m., and Monday through Thursday, 6:30-9 p.m.

Residents of the school district will be given registration priority for the instructional swimming program.

The minimum height requirement is that the child must measure 38 inches from the floor.

Suits and towels must be furnished by participants and anyone with long hair must wear a bathing cap. Open swimming requires that all children below the height of 38 inches must be accompanied by a parent.

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FLYING EAGLE MISSES ON THIS ONE - Thurston centerfielder Gary Chappell missed on this futile lunge to nab one of the 14 hits Franklin rattled off Thurston in winning the league, 11-2. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)