

At Wolverine, Northville

Capricious Spring-time Gives Trackmen Workout

Officials at Northville Downs and Wolverine Harness Raceway, which operates over the facilities of the Detroit Race Course at the intersection of Middlebelt and Schoolcraft Roads in Livonia, are much aware of the capricious nature of the Michigan weatherman in the spring.

Wolverine, which opens a 55-night meeting on Saturday, April 17, took a chance that spring had arrived and removed an asphalt covering the half-mile racing strip last Wednesday—a bright, sunny day.

The decision wasn't so hot for the Weatherman ordered a three-inch snow with high winds on Thursday and turned everything into a midwinter appearance. However, crews have been working on the track the past five days and report it is in excellent shape for this time of the year.

Certainly much better than a year ago when Wolverine officials battled the elements and a heavy, muddy track for more than a month before finally overcoming the obstacle.

The asphalt covering was geared to take care of the muddy condition this year—and it did, except the capricious weather overtook the crew just as the asphalt was being laid. Meanwhile, officials at Northville Downs ran the gamut of temperatures to subzero in the matter of 24 hours during the same snowstorm.

The sudden change in the weather turned the track from a hard surface to one completely covered by snow only hours before the scheduled start of racing on Thursday. Crews worked long and fast, and the asphalt was laid through the drifts from the track at 8:30 p.m.

However, the cold weather and precarious conditions of the heavy snow, which melted down to a slim 1.183, lowest in 21 years, and the waging to a mere \$79,000, also an all-time low.

Then the weather changed overnight, the sun came out and erased the snow, the temperatures rose and followers of the standardbred took heart with the result that 5,084 were on hand Friday night and poured \$392,182 through the pari-mutuel machines.

That was just a sample of what was in store Saturday when 5,787 took advantage of the improved weather and wagered \$312,693, highest for the eight night old meeting.

The Downs swings into its final weekend on Friday and Saturday with two rich \$2,500 overnight events on the program.

The trotters, headed by Charley Brown, Dan Kaye and Bill G, will have the spotlight Friday night.

Then the pacers move into the center of the stage Saturday when Craig Creed, the veteran speedster from Ohio, bids for his second straight victory. He won the \$2,500 inaugural Pace of the opening weekend and then ran out of competition last week when the better class pacers declined to challenge him.

Racing Secretary Harry Peterson has lured five foes for Craig Creed on Saturday night including Star Coburn, who won with amazing ease last week in the featured Pontiac Pace.

Post time each night is 8:15 p.m.



TWO REASONS why Valparaiso University in Indiana expects a strong track team are these sophomore sprinters who have shown excellent form in early workouts. They are: Detlef Sobler (right) of Livonia Bentley High, and Winston Schmidt, who hails from Breckenridge, Minn.

Bentley Shy on Seniors

Only four seniors regale the roster of Bentley High School's track team which starts its season at Belleville on Thursday—if the weather permits.

The twelfth-graders are Jim Gregg, a half miler and long jumper; Dan Larein the pole vaulter, Richard Koch in the long jump and Phil Balla, a high jumper.

Coach Ron Fedraw has hopes that his underclassmen will come through in a big way for the Bentley.

Juniors are sprinter Rick London, who also vies in the long jump; Jim Sova, shot put; Ron Choppe, mile, and Ken Bauman in the high jump.

Promising sophomores are: Doug Thomas, 100-yard dash and hurdles; Jim Matevia, high hurdles; Larry Grimm, pole vault; Rick Dudzinski, 440.

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Livonians' Bid Falls Short

Detroiters Retain 1st Place In Mixed Doubles Tourney

With five weekends of bowling in the third annual Observer-Newsprinters-Merrill Bowl Livonia mixed doubles tournament completed and seven more ahead before the champions are crowned, the Detroit duo of James Thomas and Mildred Sherman maintained their twin edge on first place.

Despite heavy rolling over the fifth weekend, none came close to the 1319 score registered by the Detroiters although teams from Livonia and Plymouth made bids only to falter in the closing frames.

There were only two changes in the standings over the fifth weekend, finding the team of Don Donahoo and Doris Malby climbing into a tie for sixth place with a 1281 count and the duo of Vince Zitzler and Margaret Warner moving into eighth place with a 1273.

Miss Malby and her partner Donahoo, had an excellent chance but each hit a cold spell in one of the three games and that proved fatal to their hopes.

Miss Malby started out with a 207, dipped to 154 in the middle and then came roaring back with 223 for a 584 tally. She picked up 18 pins per game handicap to give her an overall score of 638.

Don had his lapse in the opening game when he rolled 157, 23 pins below his 180 average, then found the lanes and wound up with 229 and 223 for 588. He also had 18 pins per game handicap and that gave him a gross score of 642. The 1281 was only 38

pins away from the leaders. Zitzler and Miss Warner were well over their averages in each of the three games but just didn't have enough to threaten the leaders.

Miss Warner, who boasts a 175 average, had an opening 191, followed with 168 and then ended with 188 for 557.

The team of Miss Warner and Miss Zitzler, who went in with a 175 average, had an opening 182 average, wound up with a turkey in her first game for a 184, sagged to 168 in the second and then had four in a row to start her final and finally ended with 211 for a 563 total.

The team received 153 pins handicap for the 1281.

Although the tournament is only in the sixth week, the scores are higher than a year ago and Tourney Director Goldman is looking forward to a winning count higher than 1941 of a year ago.

"The competition is getting better and better as the tournament progresses," he said, "with bowlers coming from all parts of eastern and southern

Michigan and northwestern Ohio, I feel it will take quite a few pins more than the 1941 of last year to win this year's top prize."

The meet, which has a guaranteed first prize of \$1,000 and an estimated pot of \$2,500 if the entries total 1,000 or more, continues through May 23.

The entry fee of \$10 per bowler covers the most of bowling, tournament expenses and \$3 for the prize fund.

There are still plenty of openings in the remaining weekends but Goldman urges all bowlers planning on entering to make reservations as soon as possible in order to get choice times and dates.

The bowling is on weekends only with squads starting at 11 a.m. each Saturday and Sunday. One hour is allowed for each squad and the final group takes the lanes at 11 p.m.

The remaining dates are: SATURDAYS: April 10, 17 and 24; May 1, 8, 15, and 22; SUNDAYS: April 11, 18 and 25; May 2, 9, 16 and 23.

Schedule

(Continued from previous page) at Pontiac Country Club, 26—Orchard Lake St. Mary at Sorrows, 29—Sorrows vs. Redford St. Mary at River Rouge; May: 3—Sorrows vs. Shrine at Ruckham, 6—Benedictine at Sorrows, 10—Sorrows vs. St. Michaels at Pontiac Country Club, 14—State regional, 17—League meet, 22—State meet.

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Raiders Lift Lid on Busy Spring Card

Here are the varsity schedules for spring athletic teams at North Farmington high school.

BASEBALL

April 12—At Southfield, 15—Farmington, 21—At Redford, Union, 22—Walled Lake, 28—At Franklin, 28—John Glenn.

May: 3—At Groves, 5—Thurston, 10—At Oak Park, 12—Franklin, 17—At Glenn, 19—Groves, 21—Regionals, 24—Thurston, 26—Oak Park.

June: 2—At Farmington, 28—Oak Park.

(North Farmington also is entered in Livonia Invitational tournament.)

GOLF

April: 12—Groves, 19—Thurston and Glenn; 28—Franklin and Glenn at Glenn, 27—Farmington.

May: 3—Franklin and Oak

Park, 10—At Groves, 14—Regionals at Glen Oaks, 17—Thurston and Oak Park at Oak Park, 18—Farmington.

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TRACK

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May: 5—At Groves, 7—Clarenceville, 12—Thurston, 15—Franklin, 17—At Glenn, 19—Groves, 21—Regionals, 24—State meet, 26—League meet, 28—Oakland County meet.

Prep Schedule

BASEBALL

THURSDAY—Clarenceville at Brighton.

FRIDAY—Garden City East at Redford Union.

MONDAY—North Farmington at Southfield, Milford at Clarenceville, Farmington at Royal Oak Kimball.

Tuesday—John Glenn at Garden City West.

TRACK

THURSDAY—Garden City West at Glenn, Bentley at Belleville.

FRIDAY—North Farmington at Cranbrook, Our Lady of Sorrows at Wayne St. Mary's, Clarenceville at Franklin.

MONDAY—Ann Arbor St. Thomas at Sorrows.

TUESDAY—Garden City West at Franklin.

GOLF

FRIDAY—Franklin at Redford Union.

MONDAY—Groves at North Farmington, Plymouth at Bentley, Trenton at Redford Union.

TENNIS

THURSDAY—Garden City West at Romulus, Redford at Plymouth, Clarenceville at Holly.

MONDAY—North Farmington at Southfield, Clarenceville at Holly, Farmington at Royal Oak Kimball.

TUESDAY—Farmington at N. Farmington, Garden City West at Glenn, Allen Park at Bentley, Trenton at Plymouth.

Poetry Society Marks Thirtieth Anniversary

"Sing then I must until my song heard" is the motto of the Poetry Society of Michigan as it celebrates its 30th birthday with a growing membership that has well passed the 200 mark.

"Pinnacled Poets," the society's quarterly magazine, is the principal means of communication, among members. Besides original verse, it publishes announcements, news items and editorials and recognizes individual accomplishments.

The society meets three times a year, spring, summer and fall in various places throughout the state. These meetings give members a chance to become personally acquainted. Poetry is discussed, original verse read and there are opportunities to hear popular guest speakers.

Membership, which is open to anyone, has spread beyond Michigan, into other states and countries, including Canada and Japan. Dues, three dollars a year, (\$1.50 for institutions such as schools, libraries, etc.) entitle the member to the magazine and a right to submit verse. A complete membership roster is published annually in the Winter issue of the magazine.

Dr. O.L. Abbott, the secretary-treasurer, at 508 Charles Street, East Lansing, is in charge of explaining the society's program to the public. Dr. Abbott writes

to many persons who communicate with him seeking information on membership requirements and other matters. The spring meeting of the Poetry Society will be held at the Union Building on the campus of Michigan State University, on Sunday, April 25, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

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