

Only Five Weekends Remain for Bowlers to Enter

1361 Leads Mixed Doubles Action, Scoring Soars

With five weeks remaining before the May 26 finale, interest in the fourth annual Observer Newspapers Merribowl Lanes mixed doubles tournament has soared to the greatest heights in history, especially since the \$2,500 first

prize and all major prizes are guaranteed. This was shown over the weekend when three duos fired 1300 counts, revising the list of leaders.

The team of Kerry Davis, of Highland Park, and Jim

Owens, of Detroit, zoomed to the lead with a tremendous 1361, holding a 31 pin edge over the second place duo of Carmel and Vince Pedrie of

With the 1300 counts coming in, Tournament Director Mac

Goldman is looking forward to full squads during the remaining five weeks. Bowling is on Saturdays and Sundays with the final squad taking the lanes on May 29 at 11 p.m.

"We have plenty of openings every weekend for the remainder of the tourney," said Goldman. "But the choice times and dates are being grabbed and we urge all interested to get their entries in as soon as possible."

"Under this year's rules, individuals can only enter once so we are looking for plenty of high scoring in the remaining time."

The entry fee of \$10 covers

the cost of bowling, prize money and expenses involved in scorers and other matters directly concerned with the tournament.

"We are guaranteeing the top prizes this year," said Goldman. "Regardless of the number of entries. But the interest to date has shown us that this will be the biggest and best tourney in the four-year history."

The brilliant work of Owens, who collected 656 pins in his three games, had the attention of a large crowd over the weekend. It was his score that played a big factor in boosting the team to the lead.

Miss Davis, who entered with a 137 average, was well over her regular scoring with games of 166, 166 and 187 for a big 519.

Her partner started his hot streak with a 233, duplicated it in the second with another 223 and then finished with 210 for his 656.

The duo picked up 186 pins handicap to boost their aggregate to the 1361.

The Pedries made a gallant bid for the top spot but couldn't maintain their tremendous 438 opening game, dropping to 368 in the second and 382 in the third

for a net of 1188. They picked up 142 pins handicap to send them into second place with the 1339.

Carmel, who has a 145 average, opened with 204 after missing in the first two frames. Then she came back with 189 and dropped to 149 in the final for 542. Vince had a four-bagger closing out his first game for 254.

He had two misses in the second when he dropped to 179 and then came booming back with a 233 that could have been

even higher had he not missed in the final frame after firing a four-bagger.

He entered with a 187 average.

The Leaders

Kerry Davis—Jim Owens	1361
Carmel—Vince Pedrie	1339
J. Eichman—A. Johnson	1309
M. McKnight—Gable	1292
E. and B. Vahney	1292
A. and K. Higgs	1291
P. and B. Schafran	1291
D. and B. Pomaluy	1291
D. DeCarlo—B. Bradley	1291

Trip East for 'Title':

Hail to Garden City West '9'

The baseball season hardly started but already Garden City West has won a title.

West reigns as Garden City school champs after making it two straight over Garden City East, 5-1. The win followed on the heels of a 4-0 West triumph against East.

Dan Seiger was the hero for West in the second tussle of the Garden City series. Besides pitching a seven-hitter and fanning six, Seiger knocked out two hits in three trips to the plate and drove in three runs.

A four-run uprising in the fourth inning settled matters for West. Bo Ardell started the assault with a double. After Jerry Domanski was safe on a fielder's choice, Ben Shoemaker singled in a run. Then Terry Thompson was safe on an error, allowing another run to score. Seiger followed with a two-run single.

The triumph over East sent West on its way to a 15-0 blitz over Southgate in its Tri Rivers League debut.

Ardell was the pitching hero as he allowed just one hit—a single in the fifth inning. He struck out ten and walked three.

West put the game out of reach in the third inning with four runs on hits by Ardell, Ford, Simpson and Domanski, along with two errors.

Then in the sixth inning, West added seven runs, helped along by three walks, a hit, base-man, four hits and an error.

A triple by Gary Slade was the big hit of the inning. Slade going with Simpson easily tied up two safeties in the game.

East rebounded from its loss to West to knock off Redford Union, 4-1, as Joe Huber turned in a five-hit masterpiece. He fanned 11 of the Township batters.

Huber also stroked a big bat in the fourth inning, he cleaned the bases with a double after Don Smith's single. George Dozoy doubled and Dave Ventura walked.

In the sixth, Dozoy singled across Dick Saylor, who had

opened the inning with a single.

Tom Boeker hurled for the losers who notched their only run in the first inning when Jim Johnston walked, stole second and came around on

Fred Londe's single.

Redford Union had started the week with a 2-1 decision over Thurston as Kevin Fox outthrew Vic Pilar. Fox allowed five hits while Pilar fal-

tered in and saw the winning run score on an error.

A triple by George Little and single by Londe produced RU's first run. Dick Becker, slugger and scored on two errors for RU's payoff tally.

Pilar singled in Bob Holmes with the lone Thurston run. Thurston took the measure of Windsor's Assumption school, 3-2, on Friday as Bob Durand turned in a three-hitter and fanned nine.

Thurston tallied twice in the first inning doubled by Bob Holmes and Paul Santangelo and a sacrifice fly by Pilar. In the third inning, Santangelo singled, took second on a passed ball and scored on a single by Dan Harris.

Thurston Powerful

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Stearns also scored "a double" in the dashes against Clarkston and Brighton as Clarencville won everything but the high hurdles.

The other victors for the Trojans: Jim Prisk (shot put), Amick (high jump), Fred Welton (pole vault), Ralph Remer (long jump), Larry Buchheit (mile), Brian Kent (800), Jeff Waldman (440) and Ron Ray (low hurdles).

Clarencville triumphed in both relays as Chris Hawkins, Stearns, Rensi and Jeff Waldman carried the baton in the 800 and Rensi, Darrell Howell, Buchheit and Welton in the mile.

Two unearned runs paved the way for Bloomfield Hills to nip Clarencville and pitcher Mike Nye. Mike Gordon scored first for the Trojans on a walk, stout base, sacrifice and ground out.

Bon Duman was safe on an error and lived to score on Chuck Watkins' single for Clarencville's other marker.

Clarkston's deciding run against Clarencville was registered on a walk.

Carl Watkins had two hits for the Trojans while Herb Vader and Gordon each delivered a double.

Nye was tagged for three runs in the first two innings. Thereafter Gale Armstrong buried for Clarencville and gave up one hit while fanning nine. But he was guilty of the fatal balk in the third inning.



KEN MAYNARD, nationally famous Mechanical Man, will appear at the Livonia Mall shopping center Friday and Saturday to entertain customers of all ages. He'll be in the main mall of the Center where he'll try to amaze shoppers with his ability to hold, mannequin-like poses for several minutes without blinking an eye. Maynard will make three appearances during the two days, the first, Friday at 7:30 p.m. and the others at 12:02 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday.

Glenn Baseball

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While Eric Mason declined Glenn, 58-51, in a non-leaguer. The Glenn winners:

GROVES-GLENN MEET Pole Vault—Wayne Holman. Height: 11 feet, 3 inches.

Mile Relay—Glenn (Mike Phillips, Bill Kubitsky, Marti Stith, Remer Biggs). Time: 8:49.1.

High Jump—Holman. Height: 5 feet, 8 inches.

Mile—Jim Arble. Time: 4:51.2. Broad Jump—Ron Kuben. Distance: 20 feet, 11 inches.

GLENN-MASON MEET Shot Put—Kuben. Distance: 47 feet, 2 inches.

Broad Jump—Kuben. Distance: 21 feet, one-half inch.

Mile—Arble. Time: 4:51.8. 880-yard Relay—Phillips. Time: 2:11.2.

440-yard Run—Stith. Time: 54.3 seconds.

Pole Vault—Holmes. Time: 10.9 seconds.

Mile Relay—Glenn (Phillips, Kubitsky, Stith, Biggs).



WAITING THEIR TURN to perform during a rehearsal of the Plymouth High Water Wave Club for the coming water show on May 5, 6 and 7 are: (from left) Sally Van Antwerp and Janet Covington. The theme of the aquatic water production is "New Adrift" with the subtitle of "What in the Water's Going On."

Twin Double Cap Tops Hazel Park Program

The \$25,000 added Twin Double Handicap will top an outstanding ten-race program Saturday, April 30, at the Hazel Park Race Track. Post for the first race is 2:10 p.m.

The Twin Double Handicap is open to three-year-olds and up at a distance of a mile and a sixteenth. The event is likely to bring out one of the classiest fields ever seen at Hazel Park for the quality of the stables on the grounds is higher than at any other time in the track's 18-year history.

In addition, an invasion of notable handicap horses from other tracks is expected to challenge the local favorites. The Twin Double Handicap is the first major event in an unprecedented schedule which offers approximately \$750,000 this year for stakes, features and handicaps. This is the richest purse program of its kind in Michigan annals.

Racing will continue daily (except Sundays) through Saturday, July 30. According to present plans, 10 races will be offered on Saturdays and holidays and nine races on weekdays. Post parade on weekdays will begin at 3:20 p.m.

The Hazel Park Race Track will have the optional twin double this season. This is a variation of the form of wagering which proved so popular last year. Races included in the optional twin will be the fifth, sixth, eighth and ninth on weekdays, and the sixth, seventh, ninth and tenth on Saturdays and holidays.

Better will make his selection for the first two races of the twin. If both horses win, he has the option of cashing the ticket at that point or of making the next two selections to complete the twin double.

The straight twin double, in operation at the track last year, produced some fantastic payoffs.

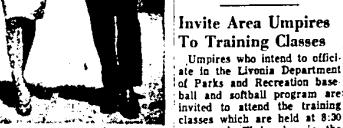
The all-time record was set on July 5 when one fortunate handicapper cashed the lone valid twin-double ticket—which had cost him \$2—for \$103,987.20. The second highest return was \$63,277.40 for a two-dollar investment on July 25.

Invite Area Umpires To Training Classes

Umpires who intend to officiate in the Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation baseball and softball program are invited to attend the training classes which are held at 8:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Bentley High School multi-purpose room.

All applicants must be 18 years of age or over.

Two romantic teams appear in Universal's hilarious comedy "A Man Could Get Killed." In the film are the romantic leads James Garner and Stella Mercouri (left) and Sandra Dee and Tony Franciosa. The comedy, now showing at the Majestic Theater in Livonia, is in Technicolor.



Raiders Whip Farmington, 6-4

Round one in the battle for the Farmington city prep baseball championship belongs to North Farmington.

With ace pitcher Chuck Viane checking in with a three-hitter, North Farmington registered a three-hitter, North Farmington registered a 6-4 verdict over Farmington last Friday.

With better support, Viane easily might have one by losing only a single run.

In the fifth inning, Farmington went ahead, 4-2, by scoring three times on two walks and three errors.

But Viane proved equal to the occasion and came through in the clutch. He wound up with 14 strikeouts.

North Farmington counted twice in the second inning when Steve Madigan connected on a two-run single. In the fifth a sacrifice fly accounted for the next Raiders' marker.

Then in the sixth, the Raiders loaded the sacks on walks to Bob Butler, Rick Norton and Ron Borgess. Bill Oldershaw socked in two mates with a single and Gordon Rapp followed with another run-producing single.

Wayne Johnson suffered the loss. He hurled to all but one batter in the game.

A single by Mike Searly

drove across Farmington's first run of the game in the second inning.

North Farmington's win followed on the heels of a 5-1 loss to Walled Lake in which Butler and Viane accounted for the Raiders' only two hits.

The lone North Farmington run was scored by Viane in the second inning when Norton dropped a neat, squeeze bunt.

A passed ball in the bottom of the seventh (and final) inning cost Farmington a 3-2 duel to Royal Oak Kimball.

Tim Patrick went the route for Farmington, giving up six hits and fanning four. He walked only two.

Both Farmington runs were scored in the third inning when Ed Rice tripled across Doug LeFevre, who had walked, and Patrick, who had singled.

St. Agatha Falls In Year's Debut

St. Agatha high's baseball team got off on the wrong foot under coach Art Kohn last Friday in losing to Ann Arbor St. Thomas in a Catholic League game.

Our Lady of Sorrows was rained out of two games and will attempt to make up the washouts this week along with two regularly-scheduled tilts.

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