

# Detroiters' Bid Falls Short in Pin Tourney

Livonians Jean and Marion Wilder, of 38644 Grandon, can sweat out another week of the fifth annual Observer-Merri-Bowl Lanes mixed doubles tournament. The 1,314 they fired on the opening week is still safe on top of the standings.

The tournament, which opened a week ago, is expected to be crowned by a champion in mid-June. It is expected that more than 1,200 teams will take a crack at the 1,314 during that time.

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least one team. There's also national television every Sunday.

Preston is certain that soccer will catch on in these parts. Obviously, others like William Clark Ford, the owner of the Detroit Lions, who has an interest in the Cougars, feel the same way.

The local owners have invested upwards of \$40,000 to paint up and fix up the U. of D. Stadium. They are bringing in an established team for this year while already working to develop a truly Detroit team for 1968—although for '68 and the immediate years ahead, most of the Cougars actually will come from Europe and South America.

"Some day we hope that our own schools will develop major league players," Preston says.

In this respect, he points out that soccer has begun to make inroads in many high schools around the country. In the Detroit area, there's a league going in the Birmingham district and involves such schools as Bloomfield Hills, Cranbrook, Birmingham Seaholm, etc.

"It's a great sport for boys and for schools," adds Preston. "It's as cheap to stage. About all a kid needs is an inexpensive pair of trunks and a T-shirt."

"For a starter, I don't recommend the kids wear soccer boots. I recommend they play in tennis shoes until such time as the kids 'educate' their feet."

"If they wear the regular boots and don't know what soccer is all about, the boys might inflict a lot of injuries with wild kicking."

Preston notes that some local schools have made inquiries about soccer... among them Thurston.

"It's possible we may stage an exhibition over there this summer. It just depends on how our busy schedule works out."

While high schools have just started to take to soccer, Preston reports that many colleges and universities have such teams already. Only recently, Michigan State went to the NCAA finals.

If you're not familiar with soccer, it's the only sport in which one can't use his hands. Stick them up and hit the ball and it's a foul.

Soccer also is a very "heavy" game. Players find the old noggin comes in handy for stopping and directing the ball.

According to Preston, if you "head" the ball right, it doesn't hurt. Let there be contact on the wrong side of the head... and "ouch."

Getting back to the Cougars, after their opener on Sunday at Boston, they'll return home on June 4 to face the team representing Vancouver, Canada.

As a one-time soccer reporter, we'd like to put in a good word for the game. You'll enjoy it.

## Bentley Beats Thurston

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Barry Simescu walked. Bill Holmes doubled him across.

**SORROWS 4, C. C. WEST 0**

Sophomore star Greg Main fired a three-hitter in winning over Bob Gancheu, who gave up only two hits, but was the victim of some poor support.

Sorrows took a 2-0 lead in the second inning when Jim Webster singled and Ross Patton walked. Both advanced on a wild pitch and scored on an error which should have been the final out of the inning.

The final two Sorrows runs were produced in the sixth inning without the benefit of a hit. A walk, hit batsman and two errors sent the markers across.

West never seriously threatened as Main fanned five.

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Then Bob Haden walked and Gale Armstrong was hit by a pitch to push over to score twice. Walks to Nye made it 2-1 for Clarenceville.

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## West Routs Kennedy

Garden City West's track team, tuning up for the Tri-River League meet on June 1-2 at Shafer, turned back Kennedy, 67-51, in a dual meet.

Honors were well split for the winners.

Dan Bell, who a week ago had set a record in the Shafer relays, continued his fine work in the long jump, with a leap of 20 feet, 11 1/4 inches.

"Added to the fact that bowlers may enter more than once provided they have a new partner, we are looking forward to the largest entry in the first years of the tournament."

Entry blanks are available at Merri-Bowl Lanes as well as every bowling establishment in the area along with northwestern Ohio and all of the lower peninsula in Michigan.

The Detroit team of Audrey Sirola and Bill Fink took dead aim on the high score but fell short due to a slow start. As it was, they wound up with a 1297 only 17 pins back of the 1,314.

Audrey, who packs a 159 average, came in with a fine 609 on games of 188, 177 and 244—highest single game to date. She had nine strikes in her final and only a miss in the third frame kept her from sending her team into the lead.

Her partner, with a 141 average, contributed 478 as his end of the team total. He had 144, 157 and 177.

P. Baron and C. Neuberg moved up with the leaders on a total of 1,279 sparked by a big 834 by Neuberg. He opened with 225, came back with 224 and closed with 184.

Miss Baron had 154, 143 and 180 for 477.

Another Detroit team, Sandra Duhart and C. Clayton made a run for the top total; but had to be content with 1282. Sandy had games of 155, 178 and 184 for 517 and Clayton chipped in with 149, 181 and 198. Added to their handicap of 237 pins, it gave them the big count.

Team honors at Glen Oaks were captured by Troy with 343. A stroke back came M. Clements. Then Royal Oak Kimball went 335 to make it to Marshall.

Area teams trailed far back. Thurston scored 342; Redford Union 345, North Farmington 355, Farmington 365, Garden City East 384, Garden City West 391 and John Glenn of Wayne 394.

Here's how the area golfers shot in the Class C regionals:

Bentley (233) — Steve Kanner, 78; Wayne (241) — Bob Huddleston, 81; Al Cleveland, 81.

241 — Dale Dunlap, 81; Gary Robinson, 81; Don Woods, 81.

Franklin (243) — Jim DeRubeis, 81; Ron Higgins, 81; Alan, 81; Chris, 81.

Stevenson (249) — Paul Givry, 79; Dick Strass, 81; Dennis Graham, 81; Greg Morrison, 89.

Thurston (242) — David Lohang, 81; Eric Lohang, 81; John Jakubak, 81.

Redford Union (243) — Brian Johnston, 81; Larry Roy, 81; Ken Engel, 81.

Farmington (245) — Tom Karwan, 81; Gale Weirbach, 81; Carl Hunt, 81; Bob Peterson, 102.

Clarenceville (252) — Bob Gilmore, 81; Doug Lem, 81; Michael Burr, 81.

Garden City East (254) — Charles Smith, 81; Mike Anstetter, 102.

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Miner, 81; Carl Evans, 81; Bob Haden, 81; Mike Anstetter, 102.

John Glenn (254) — Bill Schaefer, 81; Dennis Haden, 106; Bill McClintock, 106.

## 2nd Place Becomes Big Issue

Who'll finish second was all that remained to stir bare-ball interest in the North-West Suburban League this week.

Franklin had the flag wrapped up and Thurston fought with Birmingham Groves for runner-up honors.

A brilliant no-hitter by Dene Syrios, as he blanked John Glenn, 2-0, helped Thurston stay in the race for second spot after the Townshippers had gone down to a 4-2 loss at the hands of Franklin.

It was the first gem fashioned by Syrios, a junior southpaw. He walked three and two other Glenn batters reached base on errors. Eight Glenn batters went down on strikes.

Glenn's Kerry Webb also hurled well enough to win most games. He gave up two runs in the first inning and then stopped Thurston the rest of the way.

Red Barringer walked

and scored on Dan Harris' double. Barry Simescu followed with a single to finish the scoring.

Chris Wendrick's pitching for Franklin had mastered Thurston's Bob Durand with the game being decided when Bill Hellenstein tripled with high bases loaded.

Groves kept even with Thurston by beating Glenn, 2-2. Groves star Mike Rafter-

## SOMETHING'S HAPPENING IN FARMINGTON

Michigan produced one million bushels of peaches in 1966. Due to severe early frosts, this was far below the state's five-year average.

ty lost his shutout in the final inning when Paul Felan, Steve McKeloy and Nelson Vanderburgh blasted singles.

## Tigers List Family Night

Bargain baseball for family groups!

That's the ticket for Tiger Stadium Friday, May 26, with the Tigers meeting the Washington Senators in a night game.

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