

Sixth Observer-Merri-Bowl Pin Meet Opens May 4

Director Sights 1,500 Entries

The sixth annual Merri-Bowl Lanes Observer Newspaper Group mixed doubles tournament, which is rapidly becoming one of the major events in the suburban Detroit area, will begin its seven week tour on May 4, according to an announcement Thursday by Director Mac Goldman, who also is general manager of the Merri-Bowl. With the total entry nearing 1,000 a year ago, Director Goldman is looking forward to more than 1,500 teams this year and estimates the top prize will be \$2,500.

A second prize of \$1,250 and \$750 for third will be up for grabs in the event which starts



VARSITY GUARD for the Alma College Scots is Rick Lorenz, a 1966 graduate of North Farmington High, who has seen action in most of the games thus far. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lorenz, 35428 Quakertown, Farmington.

May 4 and continues through June 23.

The mixed doubles has been set for the late dates in order to give all bowlers an opportunity to compete at a time when most of the leagues have ended the season play.

GOLDMAN INDICATED several changes have been made in the contest rules this year, one allows a bowler to enter as often as he or she desires and cash as often as he or she makes the prize list, provided partners are changed.

The rules provide that the same team may compete twice but cash only once.

It is the flexibility of the rules that has made the tournament so popular and the easing of restrictions on the number of times a bowler may enter is expected to boost the entry list to the highest total ever.

The pin meet has an entry fee of \$12 per team for each time the bowlers compete. None of the entry fee is used for anything but the actual tournament expenses and prize money. Of the \$12, \$8.50 goes into the prize fund; a charge of \$3.60 is made for bowling and \$1.70 for scoring and other tournament costs. Any part of the expense fund not used will automatically revert into the prize list.

The tournament is sanctioned by the WIBC and the ABC and conducted under the rules of the two associations.

It is a handicap affair, using 70 per cent of the difference between the high average and 400 for each team. Handicap can't exceed 120 pins per game per team. A total of 18 games constitute a league average and the averages from 1967 summer leagues will be accepted.

ENTRANTS OTHER than those governed by the Detroit Bowling Association and the Detroit Women's Bowling Association may be required to furnish affidavits of all league averages signed by the league secretary or the city association secretary.

Goldman warns that any bowler who falsifies averages forfeits all right to prize money. Prizes will be paid when all averages have been verified. Any bowler who has won \$200 or more total in any tournaments over the past two years must report to the tournament secretary and is subject to an average retesting. This must be done before bowling.

Employees of Merri-Bowl and the Observer Newspapers are not eligible to compete.

The tournament dates are as follows:

SATURDAYS - May 4, 11, 18 and 25; June - 1, 8, 15 and 22.
SUNDAYS - May 5, 12, 19 and 26; June - 2, 9, 16 and 23.

Entry blanks have been distributed to all bowling plants in eastern and southern Michigan and northwestern Ohio. Goldman warns all that entries should be mailed early if dues have a preferred time.

Ex-Wings Hold Benefit For Hockey

Boys' hockey teams in the area will benefit from the annual Detroit Red Wings Old-timers' hockey game to be played at Olympia, Sunday, Feb. 25, at 2 p.m.

The game, which pits the former greats of the Wings against the one-time stars of the Montreal Canadiens, raised more than \$10,000 last year. Most of the money was turned over to boys' hockey in Greater Detroit.

Prep Sports Schedule

BASKETBALL
TUESDAY
 Stevenson at Redwood
 Clarensville at West Bloomfield
FRIDAY
 Hotville at Plymouth
 Franklin at North Farmington
 Farmington at Newkirk
 Redford Union at Trenton
 Holly at Clarensville
 Giron at Tuxton
SATURDAY
 Allen Park at Bentley
SWIMMING
TUESDAY
 Garden City West at Stevenson
 Clarensville at Highland Park
 Redwood at Franklin
THURSDAY
 Stevenson at Tuxton
 Plymouth at Redwood
 Trenton at Redford Union
 Giron at Redford Union
 Bentley at Allen Park
FRIDAY
 Franklin at Plymouth
WRESTLING
TUESDAY
 Farmington at Redwood
 South Lyon at Clarensville
 Belleville at Bentley
 Crestwood at Franklin
THURSDAY
 Southfield at Franklin
FRIDAY
 N. Farmington at Birmingham
 Seabolt
 Newkirk at Farmington
 Bentley at Allen Park
GYMNASTICS
WEDNESDAY
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 Flat Rock at Clarensville
FRIDAY
 Alpena at Clarensville

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