

OL Mercy Girls Capture State Swim Crown



STATE CHAMPIONS - Our Lady of Mercy in Farmington captured the first girls' swim state championship meet held at Rochester High School. The eight point getters for Mercy High were: front row (from left), Mary Bebin, Sue Haggerty, Kathy Kolon and Mary Amelotte. Back row is Jodi Yambor, Tracey Piscopink, Kathy Louwers and Jan MacLaren. The top picture shows the excitement of being No. 1 in the state. (Observer photos by Tom Donoghue)

Talk about swimming power. Our Lady of Mercy High School in Farmington is tops in the state and looks like it will remain there for a few years to come.

The Mercy Marlins captured the first girls' state swimming championship with 140 points, won by five sophomores, two freshmen and one junior.

Ann Arbor Pioneer splashed to second place in the 23 school meet with 116 points.

In fact, the Mercy girls never have lost a swim meet under the direction of Coach Dolores Yager the past eight years. Mrs. Yager also coaches the boys' swim squad at Catholic Central, the team which captured the Catholic title last year.

Junior Jodi Yambor of Farmington scored two individual firsts with a 25.171 time in the 50 yard freestyle and a 27.810 in the 50 yard butterfly.

KATHY KOLON, a sophomore from Southfield, took second in the 100 yard breaststroke and 200 individual medley with times of 1:11.472 and 2:20.8 respectively.

Detroit's Mary Ellen Bebin was state champion in the 400 freestyle at 4:29.88 and placed second in the 200 freestyle.

Mercy won the 200 yard medley relay with a time of 1:59.4, ahead of Battle Creek Lakeview at 2:01.2.

The Marlins foursome included freshmen Tracey Piscopink of Northville, Farmington's Jane MacLaren, Miss Yambor and Miss Kolon.

Miss MacLaren also placed sixth in the 50 yard breaststroke at 35.392 and sophomore Mary Amelotte of Southfield scored 11th in the 400 freestyle.

The 400 freestyle relay team composed of Miss Piscopink, Miss Bebin, sophomore Kathy Louwers of Southfield and Sue Haggerty of Bloomfield Hills splashed to eighth in the state with a 4:07 clocking.



Orchard Ridge Wins 4 Golf Tourney Crowns

Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College, defending U.S. Region 12 junior college golf champions, on their laurels until late March when they head south to compete in the University of Miami Invitational at Coral Gables, Florida.

The Raiders, one of 15 junior colleges to enter the tourney, managed victories in Utica, Port Huron, Cleveland and Rochester.

The Raider golfers will rest on their laurels until late March when they head south to compete in the University of Miami Invitational at Coral Gables, Florida.

Final averages for the fall season saw Bortolotti leading the way with a 75.7 average. Blemly was second with a 76.0 and Dalek edged Pashenee for third spot, 77.9 to 78.4.

In New York, sophomores Mark Bortolotti of Southfield and Karl Dalek of Bloomfield Hills fired 74s in leading the Raiders to an 11 shot victory.

Blemly and Dalek were medalists in the three stroke win at Port Huron, while Bortolotti was medalist in the Cleveland tourney which the Raiders took by 10 strokes.

Jim Pashenee of Redford Union teamed with Bortolotti, Blemly and Dalek to lead the Ridge squad to an eight shot victory at the Great Oaks



Andy Di Camillo, the 59-year-old Farmington sharpshooter, cemented his claim to being the "hottest" bowler in the metropolitan area Tuesday night at Bel-Aire Lanes.

He posted his fourth 700 series in 10 days and climaxed the streak with a perfect game for a 77 count.

Kenny Cummins paced the Classic with a 706 that included a middle game of 278, while Dick Preston and Herb Longway shared top honors in the Garden Lanes Classic with 701, and Jim Wrubleski closed with a 257 for an even 700 in the Classic at Westland Bowl.

did some of the best scoring of the year when Kevin Hibbs showed the way with a 549 that included two games of 199. Behind him came Don Hunt with 555, Dick Dinan with 541, Dave Green with 521, and Vic West with 504.

Martin Pop was high for the Junior High boys with a 544 and Doug Williams paced the prep division with 505.

It was the fifth "300" registered with the Greater Detroit Bowling Association for the 1972-73 season and the 772 count is second only to an 814 rolled by Jerry Perma in Pontiac several weeks ago.

Andy paved the way for his big series with a 256 opening game, then "slumped" to 216, and finished with the 300.

There was nothing fluky about the perfect game, according to his teammates. As one of them remarked after the celebration quieted down, "Every ball was in the pocket -- right up to the shoulder."

NOW COMES a fellow named Jim Lilley to claim the honor of being the busiest bowler in the area.

A week ago it was reported that Mary Slater, a retired lady of 66, bowled in eight leagues each week and was the most active bowler in the area.

But Jim tops that -- he bowls in 11 leagues each week, four of them in rotation on Sundays at Merri-Bowl.

He starts with the Junior House League on Monday, switches to Indian Lanes in Wyandotte on Tuesday, comes back to Merri-Bowl to bowl in the Senior House League on Wednesdays. Following these appearances he's with the Telephone League on Thursday, takes his place with the Handicappers on Friday; then with the Kings and Queens and the Scotch Doubles on Saturday.

Sunday is his best day, however. He starts at noon with the Father & Son league, follows with an appearance in the Meadowbrook Country Club league at 2:30 Sunday afternoon, and finishes the day with the Sunday Mixed league at 6:30 p.m. and the Kings and Queens at 9:30.

Try to beat that.

DIANNE LAWSON was the "queen" of the Noon Classic at Farmington Lanes with a 205 count in a 574 series. At this figure she beat Mitzie Kott who had a 200 in 544.

The lads in the Teen Classic

De CAMILLO'S performance topped a high scoring week at Bel-Aire in which eight bowlers broke the 700 barrier.

Buzz Hanson ranked next to Andy's big count when he linked games of 257 - 257 and 228 for a 763 series in the Classic. Behind him came Stan Wilkins with a 733 that included a 287 game; Vitro Petruze with a 285 in 720; Don McLeod with back to back 247s in 705; Dan Sour with 702 and Bill Moore with a 704. And Jack Brown, bowling in Our Lady of Sorrow, topped it with a 750 on games of 268 - 287 and 215.

THE HIGH scoring barrage swept through other sections of Observerland, too.

At Wonderland Lanes,

Chiefs Tip Oak Park

Southfield's Junior B hockey team finally struck a notch in the win column.

The Chiefs toppled Oak Park, 5-2, with Tom Spoutz and Tim Conway popping in two goals apiece.

The first period saw Southfield build up a four goal lead.

Spoutz scored the first two, getting assists from Keith Demont and Ray Burnett, and Al Mykyluk on the second.

Conway's first goal was assisted by Bruce Mackenzi and Ray Burnett, and Mike Anton added the fourth, assisted by Jim Vallet.

Conway scored his second in the opening minute of the second period and Oak Park followed with two.

Chief goalie Glenn Moss shut the door in the third period, holding on to a three goal lead.

WILMA CRUMLEY converted the "Big Four" -- the 4-6-7-10 -- at Mayflower Lanes and was the second woman to turn the trick in two weeks.

Mary Kotchie took scoring honors, however with a 527 - in 205.

LORETTA REID won the major share of the honors in the Livonia Ladies Classic. She won high series with a 522 - 138 - 660, that included single games of 183 - 46 - 229 and 162 - 46 - 208. Carolyn Neiderkorn won the odd game with a 184 - 45 - 228.



CHRIS LANG of Livonia is a 6-2, 185 pound starting defensive halfback for Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

TEAM SCORING honors for the week went to the Wonderland Lanes team captained by George Bashara.

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