

Schoolcraft CC Swimmers Splashing Up A Storm



STEVE LeCLAIR Meet's Top Swimmer

Schoolcraft Community College stole the show in the state Junior College Swimming and Diving Championships.

Freshman Steve LeClair from Plymouth High was voted swimmer of the year in Michigan and Schoolcraft won six of the 17 events to also win team honors.

Schoolcraft hosted the state meet and is now preparing for the nationals this Friday and Saturday, Feb. 23-24.

A total of 22 schools will be represented with preliminaries beginning 10 a.m. each morning and the finals at 7:30 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Saturday.

LeClair, who will be one of the favored swimmers in the nationals, set a pool and state junior college record of 5:03.2 in winning the 500 yard freestyle. He also won the 200 free in 1:52.4 and the 1650 yard free in pool and national junior college record time of 17:45.6.

JOE DAVIS from Bentley

High and Jim Fabner of Garden City East placed second and third respectively behind LeClair in the 1650 freestyle.

Clarenceville grad Karl Sjogren of Schoolcraft swam second behind LeClair in the 200 freestyle.

The 400 medley team of Rick Phillips, Tim Orions, LeClair and Jeff Becker won the event for Schoolcraft in 4:00.96 ahead of Grand Rapids at 4:04.73.

Sjogren was individual winner in the 100 freestyle at 1:51.76 and Orions of Cherry Hill High set a pool record and state junior college mark for Schoolcraft in the 200 breaststroke with a 2:22.09.



JIM MILLEN Coach-Of-The-Year

Bulldogs Win It At The Line Bentley Nips Belleville, 68-66

The Bentley Bulldogs stuck it to Belleville from 15 feet out.

Two free throws by Brent Boegler and one by Eric Bracke in the closing minute were all Bentley needed to slip past the Suburban Eight, basketball 68-66.

THE BULLDOGS finished 12 of 20 from the charity line. Bentley did not have one free throw the entire evening.

BELLEVILLE (66)	FG	FT	TP
Pate	8	0	12
Giorio	8	0	16
Brown	3	0	6
Abraham	11	0	22
Hook	1	0	2
Curry	3	0	6
Verot	3	0	6
Totals	33	0	60

BENTLEY (68)

FG	FT	TP	
Bolin	9	5	21
Boegler	8	7	23
Newell	1	0	2
Bracke	1	0	2
Ocean	1	1	3
Chambers	6	0	10
Totals	28	13	63
BELLEVILLE	14	12	18.66
BENTLEY	12	14	27.69

Bentley was called for only four fouls the first half and three the second while Belleville committed 20.

It was the sixth victory for Bentley in the Eight against four defeats and its eighth overall against eight setbacks.

Belleville edged ahead after one quarter, 14-12, on a last second bucket by Al Giorio. Tim Bolin was the entire Bentley offensive star in the quarter, scoring all of Bentley's 12 points.

With 23 seconds remaining in the first half, Boegler hit two from the line to notch it at 26-14.

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Boegler then went to work. The Bulldog forward hit two from the line and popped in two quick field goals to slice it to 66-61 with 1:10 remaining. Bracke then stole a Belleville pass and hit a short jump to make it 66-63 with 33 seconds left.

Boegler won a jump and Bracke hit another jumper to put the Bulldogs within one, 66-65, with 45 seconds showing on the clock.

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Announcing All-League Girls' Volleyball Team



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SHEILIA HALEY, Thurston	17	5-6	130
LINDA JIMENEZ, John Glenn	16	5-6	140
PAM MAPES, Franklin	17	5-8	133
LIZ SULLIVAN, Franklin	17	5-9	130
DIANE SWIDEREK, Thurston	17	5-6	142



PAM MAPES



LIZ SULLIVAN



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The volleyball nets have been tucked away, with Franklin and Thurston taking top billing in the Northwest Suburban girls' volleyball league.

Franklin and Thurston fought to a co-championship.

FRANKLIN was undefeated in dual matches but Thurston topped the Patriots in the league tourney at John Glenn.

Oak Park placed third, followed by Glenn and North Farmington.

Thurston and Franklin also stole the show in the selection of the first All-Northwest girls' volleyball squad.

Diane Swiderik and Sheila Haley of Thurston and Liz Sullivan and Pam Mapes of Franklin make up two-thirds of the squad.

Also making the all league team are Linda Jimenez of John Glenn and Delia Daba of Oak Park.

LIZ SULLIVAN of Franklin, is the tallest member of the squad. The 5'9 senior was considered to be one of the best spikers in the league and played on the varsity three years.

Pam Mapes was second tallest at 5-8 and, like her teammate Miss Sullivan, is a senior at Franklin. This was her second year of varsity volleyball.

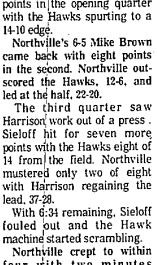
Diane Swiderik and Sheila Haley both played three years for Thurston with the Eagles chalking up a 14-3 record in those years.

MISS SWIDEREK is Eastern Michigan University bound and was tabbed one of the most aggressive players on the volleyball court.

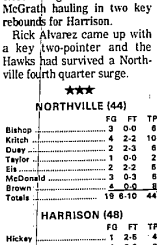
John Glenn's Linda Jimenez is the lone junior to make the Northwest squad and paced the Rocket attack with 74 points.

Delia Daba, of Oak Park, is the shortest member at 5-4 but was noted for her countless number of saves. She accounted for 57 points. Miss Daba will be off to Michigan State University next fall.

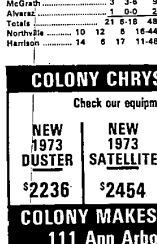
Four honorable mentions were announced. Franklin's Gale Williams, Glenn's Linda Moses, Oak Park's Beth Albert and Thurston's Karen Mohr received that Northwest acclaim.



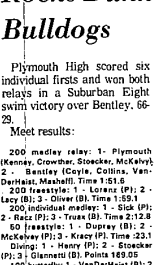
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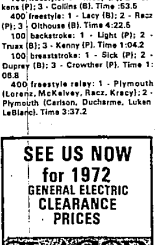
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Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

Are Michigan harness racing enthusiasts seeing a repeat of the Doctor Stanton story of the late 1940's?

That's the question being asked by those who still remember the feats of the famed Canadian pacer who did as much to build interest in the sport in Michigan than any other single horse.

The reason for the queries is the spectacular performance of Bedford Jet, the six-year-old speedster owned and trained by Ed Weber, of West Bloomfield. As of this writing The Jet hasn't lost in five 1973 starts, meeting and beating all of the fastest horses at Northville Downs and Windsor Raceway.

The big pacer ran out of competition at the Downs and Weber moved him to Windsor to see how he would do against the top stars there. He has the answer... The Jet paced like one a week ago in his first start and won handily from the No. 8 post. He made it two in a row last Saturday when he whipped a classy field in 2:04.3.

As of now it appears as if Bedford Jet will receive an invitation to compete in the rich Provincial Cup pace at Windsor in mid-March. It all depends how he performs during the next three weeks...

If he continues to mow down competition, then he'll have a crack at the \$50,000 purse... If he has a letdown, then chances are that Racing Secretary Joe De Frank will not issue the invitation.

Weber, who is a millman for a Walled Lake lumber yard, with a yen for pacers and trotters, would like nothing better than a bid. He believes his horse is in the best form of three years and could be a strong contender.

In addition, he'd like to show folks in Michigan and Ontario that his horse isn't a flash-in-the-pan but a great star in the making.

green horse. He repeated the next week and then continued winning until he had a string that attracted the attention of racing fans all over the state and Ontario.

The Downs kept bringing in fast pacers from other tracks then in operation and Dr. Stanton beat them all. He was responsible for the sudden growth of interest in night harness betting in Michigan. As Dr. Stanton won, more and more turned out to see the wonder horse and the handle climbed to record proportions for that time.

Eventually Fraser took his star to Rosevelt Raceway where he continued to win, banking almost \$200,000 before his tragic death during a morning workout as a 12-year-old at Hazel Park.

The Bedford Jet story follows the same pattern. Weber purchased the horse as a green pacer for \$800 in February 1970 at the Delaware, O. sale.

"I JUST WANTED to buy a horse and Bedford Jet was at a price I could afford," said Weber in recalling the auction sale. "I thought it would be nice to have a horse capable of competing at the county fairs."

The going was a bit rough the first year since The Jet showed plenty of speed but didn't stay on gait long enough to win.

That's when Weber turned him over to his 17-year-old daughter Lisa and she worked wonders in settling down the nervous pacer.

The Jet started to show flashes of speed as a four-year-old several races last winter at the Downs and then was on the sidelines most of last year with a baffling illness that was cured only by the long rest.

However, his earnings

through his fifth year totaled more than \$40,000... quite a showing for a \$500 "cinderella" horse.

When Bedford Jet failed to measure up in the late closing pacing series during the Jackson-Northville meeting in December, Weber took him back to the farm for another rest.

WHATSOEVER WAS WRONG was corrected by the care and attention given by Lisa and her father and The Jet was declared fit again when the Downs opened its "winter meeting in late January."

"Fit" is putting it mildly for the pacer sped away from competition in his first test to win by seven or eight lengths in 2:04.1, fastest mile of the winter.

He repeated a week later, laid off a week, and won again. That's when he ran out of starts at the Downs and had to shift to Windsor to keep busy.

The big question now is whether he'll have the same situation there. To date two starts, two victories and a bankroll of more than \$15,000 thus far during the winter.

Perhaps the Canadian owners will back away as the owners of the top horses at Northville did. It will be interesting to see what happens.

FROM WOLVERINE Raceway, which opens an 82-night meeting in mid-March, comes word that Vice President and General Manager Dick Wilson has received permission from Racing Commissioner Leo Shirley to use a form of the quadractor as one of three betting gimmicks.

Wolverine will have a night double on the first two races, a trifecta and a superfecta quadractor. It will be a first for the last mentioned which has gained considerable popularity in Windsor.

Area Top Prep Cage Scorers

	G	PTS	H	AVG
MALABY, Lathrup	17	399	41	23.5
BOLLIN, Bentley	16	355	32	22.2
CARLINGTON, Glenn	15	339	30	20.6
SILOFF, Harrison	15	303	32	20.2
VANWAGONER, Plymouth	17	335	39	19.7
SOPKO, Borgess	17	319	33	18.8
KASETA, Franklin	16	295	36	18.3
GRIGAL, GC East	17	297	28	18.0
PARKER, M. Farmington	17	286	26	18.0
HABERMAN, Stevenson	16	279	25	17.4
BOEGLER, Bentley	16	273	25	17.1
FULKS, RU	16	262	28	16.4
SAARELA, Clarenceville	17	277	31	16.3
KENAN, Thurston	16	257	27	16.1
DAMASKA, Churchill	18	288	25	16.0
SIMONS, Clarenceville	17	258	26	15.2
BURKE, RU	15	220	25	14.7
KILBOURN, GC West	17	246	25	14.6
EGLOFF, Plymouth	13	186	23	14.3
TRACY, Lathrup	17	240	31	14.1

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