



IN THE POCKET
By W.W. EDGAR

In larger numbers than ever before, Overland bowlers will usher in the new league season during the coming week and all signs point to the most spirited competition in years.

Traditionally, the season starts after Labor Day and by the end of the week virtually all of the leagues will be in action.

Most interest will center on the various classics that attract the top pin splitters in the area. These classics will be centered at Westland Bowl, Westland Garden Lanes, and Del-Aire Lanes.

Last season, the Westland Classic produced the highest scoring and George Bashara, the owner, predicts that the added strength this season will bring about even higher counts.

Westland has reduced its Classic from 28 to 20 teams to tighten the competition, while the Del-Aire Classic again will compete with the Senior House and "Businessmen" circuits for scoring honors.

When the Michigan Open Classic beat the gun to open the season last week at Schaefer Lanes in Dearborn, it not only got the earliest start in years, but produced a 23-score that may stand as the high water mark for the entire year when Strohs hit 347.

It was the highest score ever rolled on opening night, according to Tom McKay, secretary of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association.

So, for posterity, here is how the big total was reached:

Dale Seavoy - 659
Fred Vitoli - 749
Bill Spargo - 654
Harry Campbell - 687
Mike Totsky - 678

The team had games of 1179, 1139 and 1119.

This count easily could withstand all challenges over the rest of the way.

Fred Vitoli, who does a lot of bowling in Overland, was named to the Greater Detroit All-City team during the past week.

The other members of the team are Bill Spargo, the top point winner, with 41½ points; Dale Seavoy with 36 points; Tom Vallone with 28; Billy Golembewski with 23 and Mike Totsky with 25. Vitoli was third high with 33 points.

The points are earned in the top tournaments and showings in the leagues during the entire year. Spargo, Seavoy, Vitoli and Totsky are members of the Strohs team.

The Bowling Proprietors Association of Greater Detroit and Michigan, have moved their headquarters to Southfield.

It is the first time since their inception in 1924 that the proprietors will be without an office in Detroit.

Several years ago, the men's bowling association and the women's group took

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For starting times, Friday, Sept. 7 after 10 a.m.
WOMENS entries closed Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 5 p.m.
For starting times, Wednesday, Sept. 12 after 10 a.m.

ELIGIBILITY open to any resident of Livonia, Southfield, Westland, Farmington, Livonia, Redford, Grosse Pointe City and Plymouth.

Click, Farmington has another better idea.

Farmington Athletic Director Jack Cotton has announced the department has initiated a "family pass" that will admit family members to any high school or junior high school competition.

The pass will qualify one for a "family pass" which will be good for contests at all three Farmington high schools and five junior highs.

The pass will admit all family members, including high school students when accompanied by a parent.

"We are just out to promote our programs," said Cotton. "The Bloomfield Hills district does it through their booster club and it nets them \$14,000 last year."

The Farmington public Cotton initiated a much-needed boost last year with his "Rexall 1 cent Days" and "Family Nights" along with "Father and Son Games."

"This family pass will be a one year shot. We are going through with it this year and hope to improve on it next season," added Cotton.

"Something is happening to inter-scholastic athletics and those of us that have been in the business realize it is an integral part of the education system."

"But the school boards don't seem to share this belief."

"We have to sell our programs to the public and a very nourishing spin-off from this family pass idea could be the seating of 200 to 300 people at wrestling meets or swimming matches."

The Farmington public schools have had fiscal problems and they are expected to continue. Despite financial setbacks, the athletic program has to and will continue to grow. During the past two years, 15 varsity teams for girls were sponsored without additional revenue. We accept a commitment to improve still further the level of competition.

"Residents should support the efforts of our student-athletes. Sports are one facet of the school program concerned with the educational development of students, and adult support enhances their meaning and projects school and community pride."

The "Family pass" can be obtained at the Department of Athletics, 32500 Shiloh, Farmington, 48024.

Cotton has 1200 "family passes" ready for sale. The yellow light in Farmington could quickly change to green.

OCC Orchard Ridge Terminates Ice Hockey

Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington will terminate its varsity hockey program for the 1973-74 academic year due to cutbacks in the athletic budget.

According to Pin Ryan, director of athletics, a reduction in the allocation for varsity sports necessitated the move.

"We regret very much that we are unable to continue the hockey program in the coming fiscal year. Since it has been a significant addition to our overall varsity athletic program," said Ryan.

"We have an obligation to the Michigan Community College Athletic Conference to compete in five varsity sports and hockey is not a conference sport. The expense of the hockey program would have seriously affected our competitiveness in our five conference sports."

"I am hopeful that the financial picture for athletics will improve in 1974 to enable us to resume the hockey program."

Hockey was begun in 1967 on a club basis and was added to the varsity program in 1972. Last season the Raiders posted a 24-1 record and won their second consecutive playoff championship in the Midwest College Hockey Association (MCHA).

Since affiliating with the MCHA in 1970, OCC posted a 27-5 record in league competition. Other members of the association of Michigan and Ohio colleges include Hillsdale, Toledo, Henry Ford, Oberlin, Dayton, Bowling Green and Miami.

The overall record for the team since 1967 was 81-42-4. Since 1970, the Raiders have been coached by John Gumbelton of Detroit, who compiled a 51-20 record with 15-4 and 24-2 records the past two seasons.

Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

Most of the better distance horses at the Detroit Race Course will compete over the holiday weekend in the \$7,500 Great Lakes Handicap Saturday (today) and the Labor Day Cup event Monday.

Post time for both days will be 1 p.m. and management is looking forward to the two biggest days of the entire year for attendance.

Matter of fact, the weekend should be the best in the metropolitan Detroit area in 1973. Neither Hazel Park nor the DRC has come close to crowd figures this far in the year.

Saturday's Great Lakes has attracted a small but select field of nine including two entries from the K. Evangeliou stable and the estate of Mike Basso.

Heading the cast is Canadian Jeff, a speedster who likes to take off and outrun anyone to catch it. The Great Lakes goes over a distance of a mile and a sixteenth and could be a bit long for Jeff.

A top contender will be Master Ribot who not only likes the distance but the big mile track. The big horse has shown plenty of go in his last few starts and the Great Lakes could be right.

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SHAWAY LAD, the winningest Michigan pacer in competition today, will go after his third straight invitational victory Saturday night at Hazel Park.

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REFRESHING DUNKING is just what Plymouth Salem's Mark Kraay needed during a double session on the Rock griddon in preparation for the Sept. 14 opener with Bloomfield Hills Andover. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

WOMAN HIRED BY MHSAA

The representative council of the Michigan High School Athletic Association has authorized the employment of a female staff member in Joan Warrington.

Miss Warrington, presently living in Ypsilanti, has had high school teaching and coaching experience in Connecticut, Florida and Michigan public schools as well as being a former coach at Eastern Michigan University.

She has officiated in basketball, volleyball, and softball and is currently the president-elect of the Washtenaw County board of officials.

Undergraduate work was completed by Miss Warrington at Bridgewater Massachusetts State College. The masters degree in secondary school administration and an education specialist degree in physical education were