



TREND Talk

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Their names are legendary—Ford, Olds, Dodge and Chrysler. They built the bedrock on which the United States' automotive empire originally stood.

What's more, they were charter members of Oakland County's oldest private recreational getaway, Pine Lake Country Club (PLCC).

PLCC, governed by a nine-member board, sits on 107 acres along the shoreline of Pine Lake in West Bloomfield Township.

It first opened during the summer of 1902. Then called the Automobile Club of Detroit (ACD), it catered chiefly to "horseless carriages" pioneers and their families.

KEEPING WITH its membership composition, ACD conducted weekly car races on some of this state's initial stretches of paved roads.

But ACD's top attraction took the form of a nine-hole golf course. That course was expanded to 18 holes and par set at 72 soon after ACD lifted membership restrictions and became PLCC in 1917.

Since then, PLCC has grown dramatically. Today, its nerve center is a smacking new club house, christened in 1969.

PLCC'S PRESENT membership roster shows 338 families. It also shows 127 life members whose support stems back at least 25 years.

Golf's not the only pastime undertaken at PLCC, though. Boating and swimming opportunities abound, too.

And just last year, PLCC accentuated its four outdoor tennis courts with four indoor carpeted courts.

To help augment participation in these sports, PLCC offers lessons in them to every family member.

PROBABLY PLCC'S most publicized annual event is its invitational golf tournament for members and their guests.

This year's tournament, planned for June 6-8, will hold special significance. It will mark the 25th anniversary of the festivities on the links.

Consequently, the field for this tournament, representing the large-

est ever, will contain 128 teams, divided equally among eight flights.

West Bloomfield's Art Shantler, PLCC's publicity chairman, says he pegs the record sign-up for this year's tournament as "phenomenal."

"WE FILLED the field within two weeks after kicking off registration, forcing us to add another flight," Shantler said. "That never has happened before."

To assure high-caliber playing conditions, PLCC's greens committee has been busy directing the installation of new drains on the fairways.



BILL MCCARTHY (left) and **GREG SMITH** Defending PLCC golf invitational co-champions

A feature unique to this year's tournament will be a printed program, replete with editorial copy, pictures, a course layout and advertising.

McMullen Pontiac in Pontiac has hitched onto the tournament bandwagon by promising a new automobile to anyone who cards a hole-in-one.

A STAG dinner will launch this year's tournament June 5. A champagne cocktail party will follow June 7. A dance spotlighting band leader Woody Herman will climax the fun June 8.

Defending tournament co-champions are Bill McCarthy and Greg Smith from Grosse Ile.

Next week undoubtedly will be PLCC's finest hour ever. Approaching its 72nd birthday, PLCC has rightly earned the title of metropolitan Detroit's "granddaddy country club."

Churchill edges Lakers

Jackets whip St. Agatha

By JIM BOCHENEK

Detroit Country Day School took its first step on the road to the Class C state baseball championship Saturday by using the three-hit pitching of Junior Jim Boyle in gaining a 6-0 decision over Detroit St. Agatha in a pre-district matchup.

The win advanced the Yellowjackets to the district phase of the tournament. Country Day will take on Hamtramck St. Ladislus at Center Line St. Clement at 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

If the Yellowjackets can defeat the Greyhounds, they will then immediately meet the winner of a morning game that pits Detroit Servite against the host St. Clement squad.

ST. CLEMENT goes into the tournament ranked first in the state in Class C ratings. The Crusaders recently took the Catholic League First Division championship by defeating Harper Woods Notre Dame 1-0 at Tiger Stadium.

"St. Clement will certainly be tough but we have to win a game in order to meet them," said Country Day Coach Paul Donohoe. "They (St. Clement) have two fine pitchers, one of whom never even pitched before this year. I haven't seen him but I've heard that he throws very hard."

The Yellowjackets' mentor will use his best pitcher, Boyle, in one of the two contests. Donohoe may take the chance of saving his ace against St. Ladislus and hope that his second line pitchers can get by the Hamtramck entry. Then, if his team wins, Donohoe will have Boyle ready for the Servite-St. Clement victor.

BOYLE HAD LITTLE trouble with St. Agatha on Saturday. The junior righthander struck out eight and walked only three in pitching his game.

The Yellowjackets could only come up with six hits themselves but made the most of them by scoring one in the first inning, once in the fourth and three more in the fifth.

Senior second baseman Jeff Alexander led the winners with a pair of singles that accounted for two runs batted in.

West Bloomfield The Lakers whipped the better team than their 2-7 Wayne-Oakland League record indicated by battling Livonia Churchill, the second ranked team in Class A. Right to the final inning before bowing 6-5 in a pre-district state tournament game on Saturday.

West Bloomfield led 5-3 going into the final inning but let the game slip away as Churchill tallied three times with the help of some shoddy Laker fielding.

SOPHOMORE righthander Paul Chatlin, was the starter and loser for West Bloomfield. Chatlin allowed only four hits while striking out seven in going the distance. Three Laker errors, two of them in the seventh inning, proved to be the downfall that evened Chatlin's record at 3-3.

West Bloomfield rapped out seven hits in the losing effort with senior Bob Jones collecting two of them, good for a pair of runs batted in.

Senior first baseman Joe Zamboldi had the other big hit for the Lakers, a two-run single in the opening inning.

WITH ONE LEAGUE game remaining, three Lakers are in the running for the team batting championship. Senior Dan Rowley, the West Bloomfield captain, is hitting .308 at the moment, pursued closely by two teammates.

Zamboldi is averaging .303 while junior outfielder Rob Hinesberg stands at .292. The results of that final road game, against Clarkston on Friday, will more than likely decide who will top all Lakers hitters this season.

Brother Rice The Warriors made a quick exit from the state tournament as they bowed to a tough Royal Oak Kimball squad 6-1 on Saturday in a district contest.

Brother Rice had defeated Berkeley 13-0 in a pre-district game earlier in the week but was no match for the once beaten Royal Oak outfit.

Kimball's Kevin Smith threw a four-hitter and struck out 12 Warriors in besting senior righthander Mike Brielmaier. Brielmaier, Brother Rice's best pitcher during

the year, gave up eight hits along with all six runs in five innings of work.

THE GAME WAS scoreless until the third inning when Kimball came up with a pair of runs. The Knights then racked up another pair of runs in the fourth and two more in the fifth in finishing off the Warriors.

Though Brother Rice was knocked out of the state tournament quickly, the Warriors managed to scrap their way through the opening rounds of the Pontiac Prep Baseball Invitational at Jaycee Park.

After defeating Milford 4-3 in a game played on Friday, the Warriors proceeded to knock off Pontiac Central 7-1 on Monday in second round action.

BRIELMAIER AND senior Bob Cleary were the hitting stars of the Milford contest while Cleary doubled his effort by pitching two

innings of shutout ball as well. Brielmaier and Cleary pounded out a pair of hits each in leading the Warriors seven hit attack. Cleary relieved sophomore starter Mark Kochanski in the sixth inning and did not allow a hit the rest of the way in picking up the save.

Brielmaier became the mound star in the Pontiac Central game as he pitched two-hit ball over five innings and struck out five in the process. Sophomore Jim Milford pitched hitless ball over the final two frames.

BROTHER RICE pounded out nine hits and benefitted from five Pontiac Central errors. Sophomore Tom Henry and senior Rance Aguirre rapped two hits each in pacing the attack.

The Warriors were to have closed out their season on Wednesday, May 29, by taking part in the championship rounds of the Pontiac tourney.

2 from O.U. all-league

Walt Sakowski, a graduate of Orchard Lake St. Mary's, is one of two Oakland University representatives on the all-Great Lakes Conference baseball team for this spring.

Sakowski, a sophomore, was chosen the designated hitter on the all-league team. The other O.U. choice was 5-3, 130-pound shortstop Herm Toles.

Sakowski batted .471 with two doubles, a triple, two home runs and 10 runs batted in in league competition. One of his homers was a grand slam. Sakowski also pitched for the Pioneers.

Toles, a junior, batted .260 in conference play and stole a school record six bases.

Oakland, Ferris State, Grand

Lake Orion tops Lakers

Despite Linda Wright's twin triumphs, West Bloomfield High lost to Lake Orion Friday in a girls varsity track encounter, 55-36.

By losing, Coach Ellen Ortopan's visiting Lakers watched their dual-meet mark this spring change to 3-2.

A freshman, Wright paced the high-jump and 220-yard dash competition.

On Wednesday, West Bloomfield capped its dual-meet campaign. That's when the Lakers visited Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

Following is a complete list of those Lakers who placed against Lake Orion.

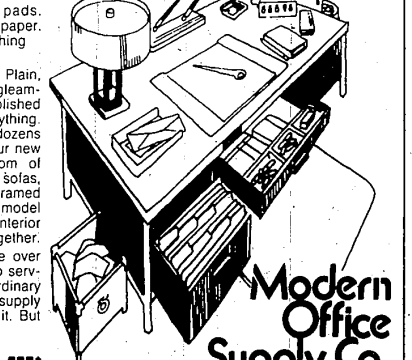
- Field events: shot-put — 2. Becky Wertsella; high jump — 1. Linda Wright 4'.
- Running events: One mile — 1. Diane Yates 5:33; 2. Becky Wertsella, 3. Karen Ziesch 8:50; 1. Michelle Gerber 2:37; 2. Carolyn Guidici 4:40 — 2. Jan Armstrong 1:11.2; 3. Linda Greene, 2:20 — 1. Linda Wright 28.7; 100 — 1. Jeanne Bennett 1:31; 30 hurdles — 1. Becky Wertsella 14.1.

Valley and Northwood Institute were the conference's baseball-playing teams this year. The all-league team was selected by those four baseball coaches, including Oakland's Bill Pfaff.

Ferris State was the league champion with a 9-3 conference record.

The others on the all-league team are first baseman Dan Dellinger, second baseman Carl Hayden, outfielder Terry Kirkpatrick and pitcher Ed Powers, all from Ferris; third baseman Joe Smith and outfielder Howard Sharpley, both from Northwood; and catcher Al Whitlow, outfielder Jamie Hosford and pitcher Pat Hunnes, all from Grand Valley.

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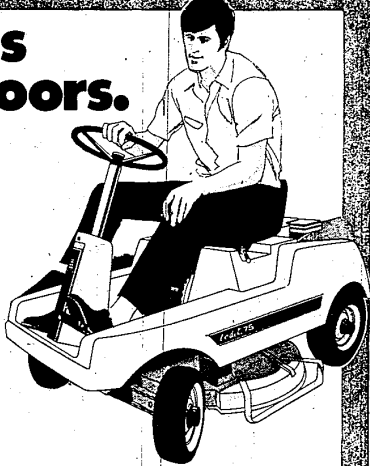
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