

The sporting life

Bloomfield sailor takes 'novel' win

"The world is mad." That's part of the opening passage to novelist Rafael Sabatini's 1920s classic, *Scaramouche*.

It's also the name of the Palmer/Johnson 37 boat owned by Bloomfield Hills' Lee Brody.

Brody experienced his biggest charge ever with that boat during the 14th Little Traverse Yacht Club Regatta Aug. 3-4 in Harbor Springs.

That's when the class B sailor emerged triumphant overall. He beat out this country's top class A sailor, Sturgeon Bay, Wis.'s Chuck Kirsch. By coincidence, Kirsch's boat is named *Scaramouche*.

BRODY WON this year's version of the annual two-day sailing regatta by pacing class B competition both days, then posting the best combined time.

The regatta was broken into three boat classes — A, B and C. Trophies went to the regatta's better performers.

Brody says he ascribes his mile-

stone triumph to a blend of luck and perseverance.

"I definitely didn't go into the thing as one of the favorites," he said. "Some of the hottest boats locally, regionally and nationally were on hand."

"But, by doing the right thing at the right time, we were able to sail just a beautiful race."

BRODY COMMENDED his chief fore deck hand, Birmingham 15-year-old Michael Schreiber, for "exceptionally fantastic help in our winning effort."

"He's still young," observed Brody. "But already he's a fine sailor."

Brody's sailing background dates back nearly two decades. To stay near home, Brody has confined his competitive sailing mainly to races on the Great Lakes.

Sailors are born, not really developed, according to Brody. As he perceptibly put it:

"Sailors just like to compete. Like competitive runners, they've

got to want to exert themselves mentally and physically at the same time."

HIS IMMEDIATE reaction was shock. But West Bloomfield's Mary Shaull settled quickly into a euphoric state from aboard her paddle boat.

She'd just caught a 28-inch, six-pound pike in Green Lake, which borders her family's home. The pike catch marked the first this summer in Green Lake.

What's more, it marked Mrs. Shaull's first bite this summer.

The bite didn't come easy, though. "First, my net developed a hole," Mrs. Shaull remembered. "Then, the bait flipped out of the pike's mouth. So I wound up putting my hands in its gills to finally bring it to shore."

TOM SCHULER wrote it off as "just one of those days when my concentration left me." Schuler is Birmingham's resident star on the competitive bicycling circuit.

He was referring to his disappointing finish during a 15-mile road race for junior (age 16-17) cyclists last week in Dayton, Ohio. That's where Schuler pedaled his Italian Masi cycle into the fourth spot in the midwest sectional districts, a "BAR" event.

"BAR" stands for the Amateur Bicycle League of America's (ABLA's) "best all-around rider" competition.

AFTER EVERY cycling season, awards go to the top cyclists, based on BAR point totals, in each of ABLA's age brackets.

Presently, Schuler ranks among the pacesetters in BAR's junior bracket point chase.

What's next on Schuler's cycling schedule?

"Rest," Schuler said. "I'm going to take it easy for awhile and watch, not compete."

This week, Schuler is in Montreal, watching the 1974 World Bicycle Track Championships.

WEST BLOOMFIELD'S Michael and Tracy Boyle recently completed two weeks at the Hoxie Tennis House summer camp on the campus of Northwood Institute in Midland.

Camp directors are Jim and Marjorie Swift, whose proteges have taken eight state junior racket titles since 1972.

Approaching its eighth birthday, Hoxie Tennis House is named for Jerry and Jean Hoxie. They originally launched the camp during the 1930s in Hamtramck.

The camp has produced more than 300 national champions dating back four decades.

Prior to her death during 1970, Mrs. Hoxie acted as tennis director

at Northwood Institute for three years.

THE BLOOMFIELD Hills Hockey Association (BHHA) has kicked off a registration drive for next autumn's campaign.

Beginning its second year, BHHA provides instructional and competitive ice opportunities for boys ages seven through 16.

BHHA will continue to operate as a house league in which all players participate for an equal amount of ice time.

Registration applications are available at BHHA's home rink, the Bloomfield Expo, located at 888 Denison Court, behind the Miracle Mile Shopping Center.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS Lahser Head Football Coach Ted Guthard spoke at the sixth-annual coaches clinic last week at Northwood Institute in Midland.

Guthard's discussion topic during the event for prep and college athletic coaches was "Developing Class and Instilling Pride at the High School Level."

Guthard's background includes a stint as line coach for Wake Forest University's varsity football team. Guthard is a Michigan State University graduate.

KNOLLWOOD Country Club in West Bloomfield completed its women's 52-hole, medal-play golf championship for 1974 last week.

Flight winners and runners-up follow:

• Championship — 1. Terry Rotenberg 279, 2. Anne Binkow and Barb Levitt (tie) 281.

• First 1. Shirley Schwartz 296, 2. Rose Greenberg and Margie Kurzman (tie) 315.

• Second — 1. Arlene Margolin 217, 2. Jeannie Simon 230.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS' Chuck Gegenheimer Jr. belongs to Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester.

But it took a trip to Jamestown, N.Y., last week before he notched his first hole-in-one ever on the golf course.

A linkster for more than 25 years, Gegenheimer used a nine iron to ace the 160-yard, 17th hole at Jamestown's Moonbrook Country Club.

He finished his 18-hole round with a score of 77.

AFTER SIX years of playing competitively, Chris Fremuth, a Birmingham Seaholm senior, has scored a hole-in-one on the golf links.

He used a three wood to ace the 187-yard, eighth hole Aug. 1 at Springdale Golf Course in Birmingham.

WHAT'S in back of every golfer's mind, posting a hole-in-one,

finally surfaced for Birmingham's Richard Vock last week.

He used a seven iron to ace the 115-yard, ninth hole at Hartland Glen Golf Club in Hartland, Mich.

THERE'S A drive afoot to determine community interest in forming a Little League Baseball loop for special education students around Oakland County.

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Caesars storms to Mantle sectionals

Sparked by plenty of Oakland County bench strength, Detroit Little Caesars Swept Mickey Mantle Baseball's northwest sectionals last week in Coldwater.

Manager John Moraitin's sandlotters took the two-loss, knock-out sectionals with a 9-0 mark. In the sectional finals, they beat Windsor Mic-Mac twice.

By taking the sectionals, Little Caesars advanced to Mickey Mantle Baseball's nationals, set for this weekend in Sherman, Tex.

Featuring the two-loss, knock-out format, the nationals will involve 10 teams.

HELPING IGNITE Little Caesars' post-season firepower have been Paul Chatlin, Steve Morrison and Mike Cullen.

Chatlin, from West Bloomfield High, is a righthanded pitcher. Morrison, from Farmington Harrison, is an infielder. Cullen, from Birmingham Brother Rice, is an outfielder.

During sectional play, Chatlin showed a 2-0 record. He scattered seven hits while fanning 14 and walking four in 12 and one-third innings of work. He surrendered only three unearned runs.

With the bat, Morrison went eight-for-18, knocking across four

runs. Cullen went six-for-14, bringing home three runs.

ALSO ON Little Caesars' roster are Mark Kochanski from Brother Rice and Farmington's Bob McKenna from Detroit Catholic Central.

During the sectionals, Kochanski, a righthander, pitched in relief and played first base. McKenna acted as an utility infielder.

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