

Southfield's Yellen loses in semis

Top seeds win Leach racquetball classic

By C.J. RISAK

There were surprises and upsets, but the two number one seeds managed to survive them and win their respective divisions in the Leach Motor City Racquetball Classic, held last weekend at the Southfield Racquetme Center.

Marty Hogan from St. Louis, Mo., considered the top professional player on the tour, lived up to his rating by whipping number two seed Rich Wagner of Patterson, N.J., in the finals, 21-12, 21-19.

In the women's division, number one seed Shannon Wright of Las Vegas, Ne., topped unseeded Mart Greer of San Diego, Ca., 21-12, 21-8, to win the women's title. Wright was the only one of the top eight seeds to survive the quarterfinals.

Hogan earned \$4,500 with his victory and Wagner received \$2,500 for finishing second. Wright's win was worth \$1,300 and Greer made \$800 for placing second.

It was the first victory of the season for the nation's top players, Hogan and Wright. Both were upset in the first event on the tour, the Jack-In-The-Box Classic in St. Louis.

Ironically, the two players who were upset winners in St. Louis, Steve Strandemo of San Diego, Ca., and Jennifer Harding of Portland, Ore., were themselves upset in the early rounds of the Southfield tournament.

Strandemo lost his opening match to Rick Dern, of Chicago, Ill., 14-21, 21-11, 11-5, while Harding, seeded number two in the tournament, lost to eventual finalist Greer in the second round, 21-15, 20-21, 11-5.

MIKE YELLEN of Southfield survived some early scares and advanced to the semi-finals before losing to Hogan, 21-9, 21-16. It was another impressive performance turned in by Yellen, seeded ninth in the tournament.

"I felt I played very well," Yellen said afterwards. "I beat some of the top players. But Marty was very tough."

Yellen had some problems in the early rounds, and by his own admission, "I wasn't playing well. I was fortunate to win."

Randy Stafford of Memphis, Tenn., took Yellen all the way to the final point of the match before surrendering, 21-9, 18-21, 11-10. Steve Mondry of

San Diego, Ca., also extended his second round match with Yellen to three sets, but once again the Southfield resident emerged victorious, 20-21, 21-2, 11-6.

Yellen knocked off fourth seeded Ben Koltun of St. Louis, Mo., in the quarterfinals, 21-16, 21-15, before losing to Hogan.

But the big surprises were in the women's division, as tenth seeded Sarah Green eliminated seventh seeded Kathy Williams of Denver, Colo., in the second round, then knocked off third seed Janell Marriott of Salt Lake City, in the quarterfinals, 21-10, 21-6.

NINTH SEEDED Janet Sausser of Chicago, Ill., defeated eighth seed Rita Hoff of St. Louis, Mo., in the second round, then topped fourth seeded Peggy Steuding of Odessa, Texas, in the quarterfinals.

Sixth seeded Martha MacDonald of Gainesville, Fla., lost to Wright in the quarterfinals, 21-12, 21-10.

In the semis, Wright defeated Sausser and Greer eliminated Green.

New York is the next stop on the NRC tour in three weeks. This weekend, many of the top pros will participate in the Grand Blanc tourney.

Besides the pro competition, there were 11 divisions in the amateur division, with all but three having completed play.

In the Men's A, or Open Division, Rich Dern of Chicago, will meet Bob Deuster, also of Chicago, in the finals. Jim Cloud of Kalamazoo, and Dave Dolinski of Trenton will meet in the Men's B finals.

In the only other uncompleted match, Vince Mack of Detroit goes against Steven Schneider of Wilmet, Ill., in the Men's Class C event.

Paul Reed of Wheaton, Ill., defeated Jerry Rudeman of Southfield, 19-21, 21-11, 11-7, in the Men's Novice division.

In Women's amateur play, Hope Weisbach of Tempo Arts, downed Francine Davis of Philadelphia, Pa., 21-20, 21-9, in the Women's A play, while Lynn Bernadet of Farmington, was a 21-12, 21-11 winner over Jennifer Meyer of Mt. Clemens in Women's B action.

WOMEN'S C winner was Karen Popiel of Southfield, who defeated Denise Bozza of Evanston, Ill., 11-21, 21-12, 11-5. Dearborn's Mary Ann Uzis

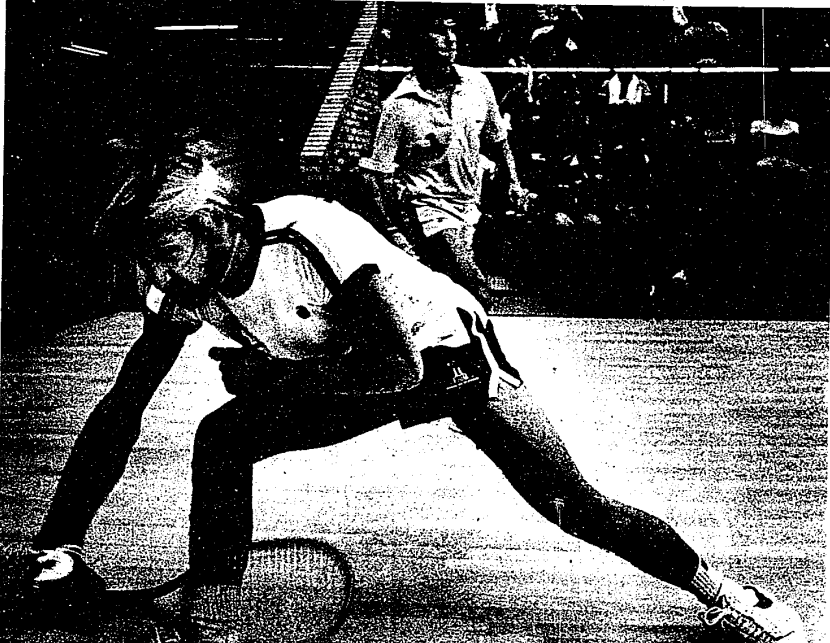
won the novice division, beating Rochester's Martha May, 21-10, 21-6.

In the Men's Senior Division (35-45 years-old), Sam Young of Southfield

lost to Fred Lorenz of Detroit, 21-9, 21-17, while the Men's Masters division

(45-55 years old) winner was Fred Wiegand of Troy, as he downed Lynn Hahn of Saline, 21-19, 21-19.

In the Golden Masters event (55 and over), David Matthews of Champaign, Ill., topped Mervyn Nossan of Southfield, 21-18, 21-11.



Rich Wagner reaches for a return in a match against Marty Hogan (background) during the finals of the Leach Motor City Racquetball Classic, held last weekend in the Southfield Racquetme Center. Hogan, the

nation's top touring player, was the eventual winner in the tournament. (Photo by Gary Friedman)

Southfield's rejuvenated offense handles Farmington with ease

By C.J. RISAK



A frustrated Hal Beardsley, Farmington football coach. (Staff photo)

half for two touchdowns, but it wasn't enough.

Scott Hay returned the second half kickoff 65 yards to the Southfield five-yard line, and Csiso scored on the next play to give the Falcons their first score. The extra point pass was no good, and the score was 26-6.

But Charette came right back, hitting Hefner on a pass that covered 61 yards down to the Farmington four-yard line. Tony Chapman ran it in from two yards out, but the extra point run failed, and Southfield was out to a 26-6 lead.

The final Farmington touchdown came after Jim Steiner recovered a Southfield fumble at the Blue Jay 38. The Falcons wrapped up the scoring by driving the distance in nine plays, with Csiso scoring from two yards out on the first play of the fourth quarter. Again, the extra point run failed and the score stood at 32-12.

"WE JUST DIDN'T play good football," Farmington coach Hal Beardsley said after the loss. "Nothing they did surprised us. We have a junior defensive backfield, and they got bused."

"We haven't played well since the Livonia Stevenson game."

The Falcons will be hard pressed to win their final game, as they meet number two ranked North Farmington. The game starts at 2 p.m. Saturday, at North Farmington.

Meanwhile, Southfield will entertain cross-town rival Ralph Friday night. Game time is 8 p.m.

SOUTHFIELD 21-FARMINGTON 12

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
First Down	11	11	11	11	44
Yards Gained	257	237	218	244	956
Yards Passing	128	128	128	128	512
Passes	21-14	21-14	21-14	21-14	84-56
Penalties	6-2	6-2	6-2	6-2	24-12
Fumbles	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession	23:50	23:50	23:50	23:50	95:30

SOUTHFIELD—Ken Sullivan 20 pass from Pat Charette (kick failed).

SOUTHFIELD—Sullivan 31 pass from Charette (Eric Hefner pass from Jim Carr).

SOUTHFIELD—Tim Moore 41 run (run failed).

SOUTHFIELD—Hefner 21 pass from Charette (pass failed).

FARMINGTON—Chuck Clark 5 run (pass failed).

SOUTHFIELD—Tony Chapman 3 run (run failed).

After the first two games of the football season, it was apparent the Southfield football team had a major problem.

No offense. The Blue Jays were shutout by Birmingham Groves and Bishop Borgess in their first two encounters, failing to gain 100 yards total offense in both games combined. To make matters worse, the team's starting quarterback suffered a knee injury and was lost for the season. The number two and three signal callers lacked experience and were unable to move the team.

Then one day in practice, one of the team's players suggested that Pat Charette be given a shot at the quarterback spot. Charette, a receiver on the squad, had played quarterback for his little league team.

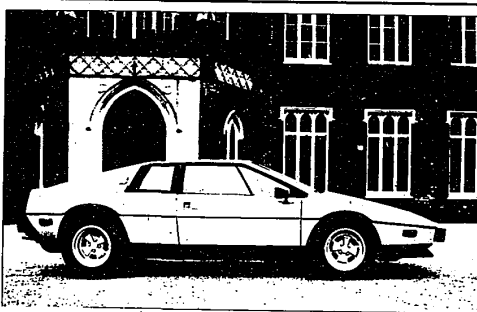
To say the move was successful would be gross understatement. The junior quarterback threw six times, completing five passes for 137 yards and three first half touchdowns as Southfield dominated Farmington, 32-12, last Saturday.

Southfield's offense, which gained 415 total yards, was so forceful the Blue Jays never had to punt. They scored four touchdowns in the first half on drives of 68, 66, 70, and 52 yards. Ken Sullivan caught Charette's first two aerials, both good for scores.

The first came at 7:14 of the opening period, as Sullivan got behind the Farmington defenders and Charette hit him from 20 yards out. John Buchanan's extra point kick was no good, but Southfield was out to a quick 6-0 lead.

Farmington took the ensuing kickoff, and behind some fine running by halfback Chuck Csiso, moved the ball to the Southfield 29. But Farmington was unable to penetrate any further, with two of quarterback Dave Schultz's passes falling incomplete on third and fourth down.

The Blue Jays struck back immediately, doing most of the damage on the ground. Tim Moore rambled for 27 yards on the first play. Four more running plays moved the ball to the Farmington 21. Charette then, hit Sullivan for the second time with 51 seconds



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