

Assumption Shows Power In Puck Win

The sudden drop in the temperature and the late afternoon sleet storm held down attendance at Livonia's first prep hockey doubleheader Monday at Ford Field arena when 400 attended.

The twin bill, booked to give Livonians a taste of high school hockey at its best, found Windsor's Assumption High blanking Stevenson Wings, 6-0, in the opener and Notre Dame nipping Stevenson Bruins, 3-1.

The second doubleheader pro-

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North Farmington upped its Northwest Suburban League swimming record to 3-1 and its overall mark to 6-3 by downing John Glenn, 58-47, in a dual meet.

The results:
Medley relay: 1-North Farmington (Dotan, Plerdon, Patonson, Smith), Time: 1:55.3.
200-yard free: 1-Shakoko (NF), 2-McCreedy (G), 3-Matousek (NF), Time: 2:06.8.
Individual Medley: 1-Cherry Hill (G), 2-Miller (NF), 3-Maturo (G), Time: 2:26.8.
50-yard free: 1-Bertsch (NF), 2-Osterhout (NF), 3-Smith (NF), Time: 24.4 seconds.
Diving: 1-Holloway (G), 2-Cross (G), 3-Carr (T).
100-yard butterfly: 1-McCreedy (G), 2-Houston (NF), 3-Senn (NF), Time: 1:02.2.
100-yard freestyle: 1-Bertsch (NF), 2-Schad (G), 3-Ackroyd (NF), Time: 55.6 seconds.
Backstroke: 1-Osterhout (NF), 2-Conkili (NF), 3-Dolan (NF), Time: 1:04.9.
100-yard free: 1-Moelling (G), 2-Matousek (NF), 3-Shakoko (NF), Time: 42.8.
100-yard breaststroke: 1-Pierdon (NF), 2-Ampersa (NF), 3-Berges (G), Time: 1:14.6.
Prestyle relay: 1-NF (Elliott, Wexel, Ackroyd, McLean), Time: 3:53.4.

How They Stand In Basketball

INTER-LAKES LEAGUE

W.L.	W.L.
Stevenson 6	Wald Lake 3
Posidon 5	1
Farmington 4	2
Waterford 6	6

MID-WAYNE LEAGUE

W.L.	W.L.
Inkster 6	Taylor 4
Redlands 5	C. C. East 4
Riverview 3	LaSalle W 5

NW SUBURBAN LEAGUE

W.L.	W.L.
N. Farm. 2	Glenn 4
Greene 2	Thurston 1
Oak Park 2	Lambkin 1

SUBURBAN SIX LEAGUE

W.L.	W.L.
Plymouth 5	Alles Park 4
Beaumont 5	R. Union 1
Treaton 4	Belleisle 1

TRI RIVERS LEAGUE

W.L.	W.L.
G. C. West 1	Riverside 2
Cherry Hill 1	Schafer 2
Kennedy 4	McDonald 1
Crosstoad 4	Southgate 1

WARREN/OAKLAND LEAGUE

W.L.	W.L.
Adler 2	Katting 2
W. B. Hill 2	Clackson 2
Newell 2	Culle 2

CATHOLIC LEAGUE

W.L.	W.L.
Posidon CC 12	Sac. Heart 4
Berges 1	Cabral 1
Aquinas 1	G. Richard 1

SOUTHWEST

W.L.	W.L.
St. Albans 1	St. Mary 7
desales 4	A.A.S.T. 7
Ypsilanti 1	Gerard 1
St. Carmel 1	St. Andrew 1

NORTHWEST

W.L.	W.L.
OL. Simey 12	St. Florian 7
St. James 12	St. Luke 4
St. Mary 12	St. Lawrence 4
St. C. 5	St. Lawrence 4



The proof of the old adage "Bowlers Never Forget" is being furnished this year by a group of housewives bowling under the name of the Gill School PTA at Farmington Lanes.

At the start of the season these ladies got together and decided that they could put their prize money to better use than pocketing it themselves. So, they decided to take what ordinarily would be prize money each week and put it into a fund for the children at Gill.

"We decided that these children, for the most part come from depressed families, and our money could provide them with some of the things children expect," Mrs. Darlene Thompson explained.

"We have 12 teams of four members each," she explained, "our prize fund for the year (should total approximately \$200. If we could build up our league and take all of the ladies in our shift, we could build the fund to more than \$250. We'd like that."

The league bowls each Wednesday and this week Mrs. Thompson, the mother of three, had her biggest bowling thrill. She posted the first 200 game of her career.

At the highest level for the season is the work of Doris Brace who has a 206 and Betty Bertran holds the high series mark with a 551.

BILL SPARGO, well known throughout Observerland, won the Master's section of the Greater Detroit City tournament over the past week.

Over the route of 32 games he averaged 225 and had the high game of 289 and the high series of 987 in match play. He won \$1,000 and a trophy for his efforts.

HAROLD VON BERGEN, 69-year-old member of the senior citizens league at Livonia Lanes, had reason to be proud this week.

Bowling in the senior citizens league he put together games of 181, 287 and 172 for 640. It was the highest series bowled in the house this year.

After his opening 181, Harold started his second game with a spare, followed with 10 in a rovg and got seven pins on his last ball.

He has been bowling for 40 years and competes in four leagues each week.

On the opposite lanes Helen Dykes posted a 201, the first double century game of her career.

Ellie Wilkins, of Plymouth, is continuing her high scoring streak in the Ladies Classic. She posted a 197-226, while Mary Worden had 171-212 and Doty Emmick 211-37-218. They all trailed Lorraine Malloy who had a 204-51-255 and a 475-153-628 series.

In the Iron Workers League Ralph Berry was high with 205 and Ken Burek was high in the Whirlwind circuit with a 232.

BUD WERTZ and Bill Walker stole the show in the Wonderland Classic Tuesday night. Bud had games of 214 and 353 in 211 and Bill started with a 222, followed with 225 and closed with 238 for 706.

JAY DISHONG strengthened his hold on first place in the Classic averages at Westland when he linked counts of 246, 226 and 216 for 688, to beat out Jim Sheip by two pins. Jim had games of 246, 220 and 220 for 686, while Bill Fite started with a 245 and added games of 199 and 212 for 656.

In the women's divisions Linda Oplinger had counts of 222, 198 and 189 for 609, while Midge Pashkat had a 233.

In the Senior House League Jerry Holt had a 563 to beat out Jim Techer by a single pin.

MOST OF THE HIGH scoring at Bel-Aire Lanes was done in the Senior House League where Huck Pfeister showed the way with a 682. Right behind him came Mile Glass 668, Bill Engstrom 677, and Don Smith 675.

Jim Anders was high man in the Classic with 650 while Dolores Bassett topped the Ladies Classic with a 245 in 609 and Bertha Simonsen was right behind with a 242 game.

IN THE LADIES CLASSIC at Farmington Lanes Jan Vanderwill set the pace with a 231 in 602 and Dot Jacquemotte placed in the runner-up spot with 203 and 200 in 593.

Jackie Bird showed the way in the girls section of the Teen Ross with a 200 in 570 and Brent Kennedy showed the way to the boys with 184.

TWO BOWLERS BROKE the 700 barrier at Garden Lanes.

In the Greater Moose circuit Bob Roberts posted a 702, and Dave Waters paced a string of sharpshooters in the Classic with a 703. Others with high counts included Jack Belowski 690, Mel Margosian 689, Dan Campbell 666, Bob Szurak 666, Herb Longway 661, George Degak 655, Jerry Johnson 658 and Joe Gnieluck 651.

THE SERVICE UNLIM-ITED team of the Ladies All-Star leagues spent a profitable week-end in Chicago. Paced by Ross Anprohman with 806 in the team won both actual and handicap divisions of the ladies all star tournament with a count of 3793.



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Looking for some news to warn you up?

Well, No. 1, this is the week the first contingent of Tigers shows up down in Lakeland, Fla. The Rockies will be going to work and so will some of the veterans, although officially camp doesn't begin for a couple of weeks yet.

Looking for some other warming news?

Well, No. 2 there's the fact that a state high school baseball tournament is on the horizon.

All of which is something that cheers the chronicler of this column. We've been advocating for a good number of years that Michigan should have a baseball meet comparable to the ones sponsored in basketball, track, swimming, wrestling, tennis, golf and even gymnastics and skiing.

Coaches and other athletic officials in the schools likewise have been pitching for a baseball meet . . . and what they have to say naturally and justifiably carries a lot more punch than what we have to say in The Observer.

But it is encouraging to see . . . and we say this because the biggest benefactors will be the boys who play prep baseball -- is that concrete steps have been taken to sponsor a statewide diamond tournament under the auspices of the State Prep Association.

FROM WHAT WE READ in the Association's bulletin, a special committee, which included Livonia's Jay Formosa, met in Lansing recently to discuss a state baseball tournament.

In its recommendation, the committee also suggested:

- 1 -- There should be a tourney for each class -- A, B, C and D.
- 2 -- There should be separate tourneys conducted for Upper and Lower Peninsulas.
- 3 -- The tourney should be conducted over a four-weekend span with the finals to be held on the third Saturday in June.
- 4 -- There'd be a qualifying round, then districts, regionals and the finals.
- 5 -- Every effort would be made to avoid playing games during school hours. Emphasis was placed on scheduling most tourney tilts on Saturdays.
- 6 -- The Schools will foot the bill for umpires on the qualifying level. Thereafter the State Association would absorb the expense.
- 7 -- One defeat would eliminate a team, just as is the case in basketball.

THE FACT THAT THE committee is all for a state meet doesn't assure one, however.

The State Association first must survey the principals of the various schools in Michigan which sponsor baseball. If the principals want the tournament, it'll then be voted upon by the Representative Council of the State Association.

But, as we said, the chances for a baseball tourney now appear brighter than ever.

The success of a variety of prep baseball meets -- and, in particular, the Greater Livonia-Les Anders Invitational each spring -- unquestionably has influenced the State Association to think favorably when it comes to a state baseball meet.

We should think the votes of all the principals in Observerland would favor a state meet. Their teams already are tourney veterans, having played in the Anders meet.

THE EXACT FORMAT for staging a baseball meet will have to be worked out once an okay is forthcoming on all levels.

We have felt over the years that to simplify matters it might be worthy of considering the various league title races as the qualifying rounds, too, for the state tournament.

In other words, why not just have all the league champs automatically qualify for the state meet?

In addition, you could select any school with no league affiliation, but with a team boasting an impressive record.

That is the way the National College Athletic Association has done it for its major tournaments, including basketball and baseball.

This type of a procedure for a state baseball meet would ease the pressures which might arise should the team's run into a bad weather period between May 17-27 when the pre-districts are supposed to be played under the current recommendations.

By merely picking the league champs and any top non-league teams, you'd find yourself with a very workable 75-85 team field.

Broken down by classes, you might have 30 in Class A, 20 in Class B and 15 each in Classes C and D.

It would be no problem then, even if you had a stretch of lousy weather, to get in the entire tournament and crown a true state champion!



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