

Woman fills Avon hot seat

By JUDITH BERNIE

She had just moved from Indiana to Michigan and given birth to her fourth child.

Within a month of both events, she was in the umpire chair high over center court officiating for the Avon Championships of Detroit.

A year later, Glenda Herb of West Bloomfield is the lone local female chair umpire officiating at the 1981 Avon tennis championships through Sunday at Cobo Hall, sponsored by the Junior League of Birmingham.

As chair umpire, she has the ultimate responsibility for the conduct of each match. Players, lines umpires, ball boys and girls are under her direction.

"No matter how long you've done it, I will still feel nervous today," Mrs. Herb said, as she awaited her turn as chair umpire ahead of Monday's opening Avon matches.

New tennis rules "have put a tremendous amount of pressure on the chair umpire," who is now empowered to overrule any lines call, she said. "You must see every ball hit the court."

AS ONE OF only a few female chair umpires throughout the country, the pert, articulate Mrs. Herb is in demand.

She and husband Larry entered the world of tennis officiating together 11 years ago in their hometown of Indianapolis for what was then the Virginia Slims women's tournament. He is also a chair umpire in the Avon tourney.

"There was a sign-up sheet at the racquet club. My husband encouraged me. I went to an umpires clinic and I liked it," she said. As a linesperson for the Indianapolis Slims' run, she found there was "definitely nervousness, definitely pressure. I never dreamed what I'd finally get into."

After calling lines at other tournaments, including the Western Closed, the U.S. Open Clay Courts and other amateur, junior and professional events, Mrs. Herb decided to try working as a chair referee.

She became chairman of all tennis umpires for the Indiana region, chairman of umpires and linesmen for the U.S. Clay Courts and in 1979 was named Western Tennis Umpire-of-the-Year for the seven-state Western Tennis Association.

"BEING A WOMAN, I moved ahead very quickly," Mrs. Herb said. "In this area I am definitely the only woman," although she was one of three female chair umpires back in Indiana.

This uniqueness doesn't bother Mrs. Herb, although she characterizes herself as a non-woman's libber. "The next thing is my husband and I do it together. I'm at home. This is the one thing I do out in the community."

"To this day, my mother thinks I'm just out of my head."

Mrs. Herb has been in the chair for matches featuring Chris Evert-Lloyd, Harold Solomon, John McEnroe, Ilie Nastase and Jimmy Connors. She was forced to penalize Solomon for his conduct. She's had no such problems with the more volatile Nastase.

But she enjoys working junior matches as much as the high powered professional tournaments.

She adds that tennis rules may differ per tournament. For example, penalty points may be levied in men's tournament play, but not in women's.

She and her husband spent the weekend studying the Avon rules. "You have to know everything when you're up there," she said. "There's no time to look it up."

THE \$8 PER match paid chair referees in the Avon tournament is only a token, but Mrs. Herb feels its one more step toward improving tennis officiating which has made gains in the past few years.

"There are so few chair umpires. You have to love it so or you wouldn't do it."

"The teamwork on the court" is part of the joy of officiating, she says. "I'm only as good as those line umpires," she insists. "I have maybe a little more responsibility, but I'm not up there as a god."



Glenda Herb, seated above the court in the head umpire's chair at Cobo Hall, has ultimate responsibility of a professional tennis match. (Staff photo by Stephen Cantrell)

Opening-round surprises mark tennis tourney

By MARTY BUDNER

There were plenty of surprises in the first two days of action in the Avon Championship Tennis matches earlier this week at Cobo Hall — both on and off the court.

For openers, local favorites Lisa Bonder of Saline and Susan Mascarin of Grosse Pointe Shores won their respective first-round matches.

Bonder, who had to win a pre-tournament match last month at the Franklin Racquet Club in Southfield to qualify for the professional matches at Cobo, opened with an exciting two-set victory over Sreoder's Nina Bohm, 7-6, 6-4.

A nervous Bonder started her match with the hard-hitting Bohm by double-faulting her first two points away. She quickly regained her composure, though, settling into her natural baseline volley game.

After taking a 5-2 lead in the first set, Bonder found herself in a tie-breaker. Bonder, whose serves often seemed like mere chip shots just escaping over the net, won the see-saw tie-breaker, 11-9.

MASCARIN, who recently turned pro after a very successful amateur career that included a U.S. Open Junior Title last year, defeated No. 8 seed Joanne Russell in a surprisingly easy two-setter, 6-1, 6-3.

Russell, who lives in New York, is considered one of the Avon circuit's burgeoning stars.

Some of the other early first-round winners included No. 2 seed Wendy Turnbull, who defeated Betty Stove in

straight sets, 6-2, 6-3. Julie Harrington and No. 6 seed Mima Jausovec.

Early Tuesday morning play was delayed because the artificial green court installed at Cobo developed wet spots due to the cold weather. Innovative officials quickly found a heater to dry the surface, and play resumed about an hour later than the regularly scheduled time.

The tournament's top-seeded player is Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia. Mandlikova was once a ball girl for one of the circuit's more popular players, Martina Navratilova.

LIKE A NUMBER of the tour's stars, Navratilova opted to bypass the week-long Detroit tournament. Tracy Austin, Andrea Jaeger and Chris Evert-Lloyd were other notable absentees.

The Detroit stop is sponsored by the Junior League of Birmingham. The sponsorship may be in jeopardy after this year because the tour's "name" players have continually decided to skip the Detroit tournament.

The \$150,000 Avon Championships of Detroit, which will run through this week and conclude Sunday afternoon, is one of 10 stops on the 1981 Avon Championship Tennis tour.

The tour will climax its indoor season with the \$300,000 Avon Championships of New York beginning March 25. The next stops after Detroit include California (Oakland), Houston, Seattle, Los Angeles, Dallas and Boston.

In addition to the championship circuit, Avon sponsors the Avon Futures Circuit.



jogging

Dr. Charles R. Young

When is the proper time for child to start jogging?

Recently, while jogging prior to dinner, I came along side a father-son team also busy at their daily run.

The boy, about 8 years old, was complaining about the long distance to be covered.

From the tone of their conversation, it appeared the boy's jogging activity was much like homework or a routine assignment of the day.

What I saw was an ongoing travesty — for this child will most likely drop jogging as soon as possible for the wrong reasons.

AS PARENTS, we can inadvertently impose our life style, our attitudes and our desires upon our children without really trying.

The consequences are often negative and frequently result in rejection.

My patients often ask me when their children should begin jogging.

In essence, this query has no particular age as an answer, but rather a set of criteria or prerequisites which indicate a state of readiness.

Obviously, the prospective young runner should be physically mature enough to handle the repetitive stresses and strains of jogging. Care must be taken in not pushing a child beyond his or her range of physical development.

In addition, the youngster should be mentally mature enough to cope with the various disciplines and the routines of running.

THERE IS MUCH more to jogging than merely running around a track or down a street.

The necessary level of physical and mental development is essential in allowing the child the capability of recognizing problems, overcoming stress and attaining new heights of maturity.

An attempt at shortcutting this stage of preparation will often lead to rejection of the activity and possible complications.

A SECOND MAJOR prerequisite to jogging readiness is that of adequate emotional maturity.

Jogging, by nature of its activity, is not a team sport, nor is it competitive with another person. Its primary benefits are personal gains which often require a keen and developed sense of perception.

The competitive and sociability factors, which are sound character builders so evident in most other sports activities, are absent in regular jogging.

The young runner must be emotionally mature enough to cope with this fact, or jogging might be the wrong activity.

THE THIRD and final prerequisite is perhaps the most important one of all — the factor of "inner desire."

It is essential that the youngster truly wants to jog — and not merely as a pleasing gesture to a parent.

All too often, parents unconsciously push our own desires and attitudes upon children. Distinguishing the difference between what a child says he or she wants and what he or she actually wants is often a difficult task.

However, I maintain the parent should exercise extreme caution in pressuring or coercing the child into an undesired activity.

JOGGING IS, in itself, a mental and physical discipline which requires lengthy periods of participation. It is a wonderful experience allowing personal competition and often referred to as a cleansing process for the body and mind.

The numerous benefits of this activity seem ideally geared for adults, and yet age is not the entry fee. Care must be exercised so as not to push a child into jogging before he or she is prepared.

Rejection of this activity, and the total experience for that matter, surely will result without proper care.

The measure of a youngster's maturity level, as well as his actual desire, must be taken into consideration prior to exposure to jogging.

Dr. Charles Young, a Livonia podiatrist, writes a jogging column for the Observer & Eccentric newspapers.

Pioneers win at Joe Louis Oakland cagers enjoy glamour

By MARTY BUDNER

Lee Frederick relishes the glamour of playing basketball in Detroit. And, apparently, so does his Oakland University basketball team.

The Pioneers successfully debuted at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena with an exciting 83-75 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) victory over Lake Superior State College.

Oakland was one-third of a unique college basketball triple-header staged Saturday evening at the year-old riverfront facility. The Pioneers were sandwiched between the University of Detroit's women's and men's basketball games against Dayton.

Even though the host Titans were the main attractions, Oakland managed to share the spotlight.

"Everyone in our league won't come down here to play — they don't like giving up the home court advantage," said Frederick, whose team snapped a four-game losing streak.

"I'll come down here any time. OU is a nice place to play, but this is lovely. This victory is one that (the players) can dream about."

THE PIONEERS, who played in front of a sparse crowd, gave one of their most spirited efforts this season.

After earning a 34-33 halftime lead, the Pioneers registered the first eight

points of the second half to take a 42-33 lead. Six of those points were scored by Livonia resident Bill Peterson — two foul shots and two short-range jumpers.

Lake Superior outscored Oakland, 42-41, over the remaining 18 minutes. The Pioneers finished by scoring the game's final 10 points — including a slam dunk by freshman forward Larry Lubitz.

Oakland's leading scorer was Peterson, who went over the 700-point plateau with his production of 27 points. Lubitz added 19, and Mike Mohn (16) and Dennis Hammond (12) were also in double figures.

It was also a great psychological victory for Frederick, who had only seven players dressed for the game. The Pioneers have been ravaged with injuries this winter, and have been

playing with seven men since before Christmas.

"WE DON'T have practices, we have rehearsals," mused Frederick. "We call time-outs not to discuss strategy, but to give our guys a rest."

"We've been through a lot of hard trials this year, and (this victory) is one they deserve. It allows the players to feel they can win some."

"Our freshman have come a long way, they've grown up faster than what I expected," he said. "I liked the fact that we stayed in there (against Lake Superior). We held our poise."

Oakland is now 6-13 overall, 2-8 in the league.

The Pioneers' next home game is Feb. 16 against Northern Kentucky. It will be played at OU's Hollie L. Lepley Sports Center, although Frederick probably wouldn't mind if it was played in Detroit.



OU sports

Greg Smith

Hillsdale slices OU

Substitute Gary Pool scored a game-high 18 points to lead the Hillsdale Chargers to an 89-64 victory over the Oakland University Pioneers Monday night at Hillsdale.

Pool, who came off the bench to score 17 of his points in the second half, helped Hillsdale stay atop the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) race with an 8-2 record (17-4 overall).

The Pioneers, who previously defeated Lake Superior State College at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena, fell to 2-9 in the league (6-14 overall).

Oakland shot 65 percent in the first half, and finished with a 54.3 percent mark from the field (25-46). However, the Chargers shot 51 percent (36-70) and held a 41-18 rebounding advantage.

OU freshmen Larry Lubitz and Mike Mohn led the Pioneers with 12 points each. Les Thomas, playing the entire game for the 11th time in his last 13 starts, set a single-game assist record of 13.

The OU men's and women's basketball team will play at Ferris State 5 p.m. this afternoon. The Pioneer women (11-6 overall and 8-1 in GLIAC), will be at Bowling Green 2 p.m. Saturday.

OU WRESTLING will participate in the Alma Tournament Saturday.

The Pioneers, who have been hit with numerous injuries, are 2-12 overall.

They have been receiving outstanding individual performances from sophomore Gregg Mannino (15-6 record at 177 pounds) and freshman John Craig (12-6-1 at 134). Freshman Willie Moore is also having a fine year at 12-9.

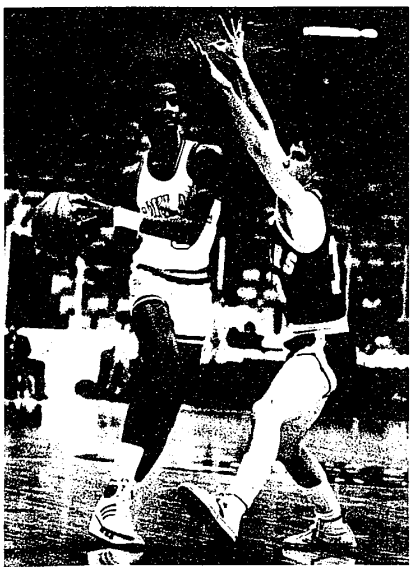
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Sophomore forward Linda Krawford is ranked ninth nationally, according to the latest AIAW Division I basketball statistics released earlier this week.

Krawford is averaging 23.4 points in 17 games. She is also the leading scorer in the state and second-leading rebounder in the state with an 11.2 average.

Krawford scored her 800th career point in OU's 81-72 victory over Lake Superior College last Saturday, and sophomore guard Anne Kish netted her 500th point in that win.

Sophomore Teresa Vondrasek is the state's leading rebounder with an 11.4 average. Vondrasek is tied for 10th in the AIAW national Division I statistics with a 3.3 average.



Oakland's Les Thomas (left) dances around a Lake Superior State College defender Saturday night at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena. (Staff photo by Marty Budner)