



Western skiers suffer from lack of snow

Eastern and midwestern skiers shout. Western skiers pout. The snows which have graciously blessed our flatland ski slopes this season have ended the near-dearth of substantial skiing which has plagued Michigan's hills for the past two seasons.

By contrast, Rocky Mountain highs are difficult to achieve this year, so far. Flying high over North America's backbone week before last, it was evident that most of the skiable snow in the Colorado Rockies was adjacent to the Denver area including Copper Mountain, A-Basin, Keystone and Breckenridge.

With a Salt Lake City destination, it was evident flying further west that Steamboat, Aspen and the areas farthest from the mile-high city were truly suffering.

AT SALT LAKE CITY, winter had partially arrived skiing was not as limited as the latest reports had indicated. My reason for being, and skiing, there was to analyze progress made since last year at Deer Valley, the country's newest major ski resort development, scheduled to open this November.

Last year, skiing via snowcat, I witnessed newly cut trails and deer tracks. This year, I saw more trail cutting, widening of the existing ones and more deer tracks. Also noticeable was the construction ready to begin on the 6,700-acre complex. Olympic champion Stein Eriksen will direct ski activities.

Eriksen is well-known to Michigan skiers. He was associated with Boyne Mountain and Pine Knob. He lived in Livonia for a short time and considers Michigan his first American home.

Deer Valley will be worth watching. Its owners plan to make it the new Sun Valley. Vail or Aspen.

CLOSER TO HOME, Michigan's 1980 Olympic contender, Cary Adgate, continues to win, having joined the professional ranks. Adgate overcame an early round scare to take first place in the MacClay's Classic, the fourth stop of the Peugeot Grand Prix tour at Sunburst, Wis. on Jan. 11.

Adgate had hooked a tip and crashed off the course during one of the early rounds, knocking precious seconds from his overall time. But the Boyne City native was able to come back in the following round, picking up enough seconds to win.

The pro tour is a rough way to earn a consistent income, but Adgate has proven his ability to come through in the clinches.

The Nordic spectrum is shining this season, thanks to the natural snow, upon which the cross-country skiers depend.

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New bowling tournaments offer big bucks

No longer will the Detroit area bowlers have to galivant around the country in search of rich tournaments. They are going to find them at home.

The latest is the team tournament in progress at Royal Oak Bowl and carries a top prize of \$10,000. This is one of the richest in the area and is being sponsored by the Detroit News.

Not alone is the tournament a rich one, but it will establish new interest in team competition, and it is going to run weekends until June.

Along with this team event, the Detroit City tournament also carries a richer prize list than ever, and the Proprietors Charity Tournament, now in progress, adds to the rich stakes available. All of which shows that the real competition can be found without too much traveling.

WHEN JIM LEZOTTE rolled a 739 series recently at Town and Country Lanes in the K. of C. League, he established two "firsts." It was the first 700 series bowled in the league that has been active for the past 22 years. And it was the first 700-barrier-breaking count of the year at Town and Country. To get the big total, Jim linked games of 235, 226 and 278.

NO LONGER is it any surprise when 700 series are rolled in the classic at Wonderland Lanes. Two more of them were posted this week.

Shaving the way to all of his rivals, Dave Karasaka had counts of 268, 259 and 242 for 769. The other was the work of Larry Franz, who had a consistent series of 258, 259 and 258 for 729.

In the ladies competition, Lillian Buzkowski closed with 236 for 635. Dorothy Pashon was next in line with an opening 234 in 693.

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Rice rips Borgess

Country Day edged in OT

Detroit Country Day failed to avenge an earlier 76-71 setback to Detroit Lutheran West, falling in overtime, 70-66, Friday night at the Yellow Jackets' gym.

Country Day, 10-4 overall and 4-4 in the Metro Conference, trailed by as many as 11 points in the third quarter. It finally caught Lutheran West, tying the score at 62-62 with eight seconds to go.

The Yellow Jackets scored the first bucket in the overtime period but the Detroit visitors hit the next eight points to put the game away.

Damon Jones, Country Day's 6-foot-5 center, fouled out in the first minute of the overtime period.

Doug Howell scored a game-high 26

points to pace Country Day. Chuck Adams netted 14 and Richard Goldberg and Troy Hudson added 10 each.

The Yellow Jackets travel to Grosse Pointe tomorrow night to battle University-Liget.

BROTHER RICE 58 BISHOP BORGESS 40

The Warriors clinched a spot in the Catholic League playoffs with this easy 18-point home victory over lowly Borgess Friday night.

Rice, ranked No. 1 by the Observer & Eccentric, is 14-1 overall and 8-1 in Central Division of the Catholic League.

Rice led 14-7 after the first quarter, 25-13 at halftime and 42-19 after three quarters of action.

Paul Jokisch paced the Warriors with 15 points and six assists. John Shasky, a 6-10 center, had nine points and 15 rebounds. Guard Dennis Kozak, playing steady ball all year, chipped in with nine.

Paul Blacomez led Borgess with 12 points.

Rice travels to Detroit DeLaSalle in a tough conference game tomorrow night.

ST. MARY'S 78 AA GABRIEL RICHARD 52

The Eagles, ranked No. 2 by the O&E, scored 20 first-quarter points and

breezed to an easy 26-point road triumph over Gabriel Richard.

St. Mary's, 14-1 overall, has won 42 straight Catholic League games — 39 coming with coach Bob Shoemaker at the helm.

The last league game St. Mary's lost was in January, 1977 against Detroit St. Andrews. Shoemaker coached Andrews at that time.

St. Mary's has won four straight Class C-D West Bracket conference crowns.

Hiram Harris led the Eagles' onslaught with 24 points and nine rebounds. Ed Okuniewski added 18 points and 12 rebounds, while Phil Kotzick chipped in with 15.

Dave Ebner paced the Fighting Irish with 16 points.

Avon tennis fate at deuce

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"They need to be able to back up their agreement," said Gallaudet, "and they haven't done it. It's happened repeatedly here. They know how we feel disgruntled."

"THIS YEAR the excuses are legitimate. If someone is hurt, you can't ask them to play, but we'd like to have one of the top three players in the world here."

"But we have to have some kind of guarantee. I try to be more positive. There is still a good field of players. And you'll still see good tennis."

The tournament prize, money this year was reduced from \$150,000 to \$125,000 by the Junior League because of a lack of commitment from the top world-ranked players. The WTA was also fined \$3,000.

Gallaudet said continuation of Avon in Detroit will be left up to the rank-and-file members of the Junior League.

"Our members will vote on it in the spring," said the tourney chairman. "It's going to be a tough decision this year. They're going to have to stop and think if they want to take another chance."

Trish Faulkner, who resides in Bloomfield Hills, has been on the administrative staff of WTA for the past six years. She currently is in charge of

special projects and is head tour director, working with the players on a daily basis.

"Everyone in Detroit has reason to be skeptical and angry," said Faulkner, "but I'd hate to see the Junior League give this up."

"THE PUBLIC and the media have to realize and take a good hard look that the competition doesn't drop off. There already have been some good upsets in the first and second rounds."

"I haven't heard one player say they don't want to play here. The Junior League does a fabulous job. We asked every player that was fit if they could possibly play. I'm sure there were some phone calls when they found out Tracy (Austin) wasn't coming, asking for their money back."

Faulkner, a former tour player herself, forges changes during next decade in women's tennis.

"There are two things," she said. "We are confident there will be no longer total domination by one player."

"And it's up to us to make the public more aware of someone like (Susan) Mascarin. A Bettina Bunge may not reach No. 1, but she's an exciting player to watch. We had a 64-player draw here last year to give more exposure to other players. I realize everyone wants to see a Billie Jean because they're so

used to having names stick around. But there are a lot of good juniors coming up. I'm looking on the bright side."

"The players like to play in Detroit," said Gallaudet. "They're well taken care of. The people who come to Detroit enjoy the tournament."

"It's been just a stroke of bad luck." There are plenty of alternatives to the problem, but none of those can really be solved by the Junior League. The purse reached \$200,000 last year and \$134,000 in profits.

Some members of the Junior League of Birmingham say Detroit area sports fans cannot afford to endure a "bad stroke of luck" in 1992 or the tournament will have to be held elsewhere.

NF tankers win

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The Harrison team found the right school eventually, but finished up on the wrong end of a 91-81 score in the Western Six League meet. Harrison had beaten Churchill earlier this season.

Ted Rudel, Harrison's outstanding sophomore freestyler, won the 200 free (1:53.5) and the 500 free (5:03.7). Steve Goodman won two events, the 200 IM (2:18.7) and the 100 fly (1:00.7). At Babcock finished first in the 100 back (1:01.5).

Churchill, which won only four events but had nine seconds, has won four meets in a row. Churchill's Mike Stetz won the 50 free (24.1) and the 100 free (53.7).

Earlier last week, West Bloomfield dumped Harrison, 113-59.

Rudel won the 200 free (1:55.9) and the 500 free (5:05.5) for Harrison, and Jerry Missel won the 100 (1:21.1) and the 100 free (54.4) for West Bloomfield. Harrison, now 2-7 overall and 1-2 in the Western Six League, travels to Northville High for a WSL contest at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

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