

# Michigan's Adgate — one rich rookie

Catching up with the world's best pro skier is easier on paper than on skis.

Michigan's Cary Adgate did more than catch up with the top money-maker Feb. 6-8 at Winter Park, Colo., but, alas, he was able to do it only one glorious time.

It was glory for Adgate and astonishment from the entire ski world that a rookie could sweep to first place his first time on the tour. Adgate's late-season ability and agility are no secret, but Cary proved he had more than just a passing shot at some fast money.

His take for the Winter Park race was \$30,000.

Considering his time and training for the past 20 years, it averages about \$1,500 per year.

**DURING THE** ninth meet of the season in Heavenly Valley, Calif., the irrepressible Austrian Andre Arnold clinched the World Pro title.

The ninth-season meet also was the fourth annual John Denver Celebrity Pro-Am, and the purse — furnished in part by a sustan lotion manufacturer — was \$50,000.

Arnold captured the giant slalom and slalom races and established a career victory mark of 35, bettering Henri Du Villard's three-year record of 35 victories.

His double victory at the John Denver affair was his third this season and 12th as a pro-racer, and because only two more races were on the agenda, he also secured his fourth consecutive

World Pro Skiing championship, a tour record.

Arnold wasn't quite ready to celebrate. "My mind is not at ease," he said following multiple triumphs on the California-Nevada border ski site.

"This is my job, and I can never let up. In fact, I didn't ski that well today. The course was very long and tough and almost everyone made mistakes against me today."

"I was very lucky."

**ADGATE DEFEATED** Spain's Jorge Garcia, 25, in the Feb. 28 giant slalom.

France's J.P. Barroso and Austria's George Ager finished third and fourth, respectively.

Arnold defeated Boyne City's Adgate on March 1.

Adgate's only comment following his Heavenly Valley loss to Arnold was, "I want Andre to know that I am looking forward to the next one."

But despite all the excitement and records set by the indestructible Arnold, John Denver and his celebrated friends once again stole the show.

With personalities such as Denver, George Hamilton, Susan Saint James, Barbara Mandrell, John Havlicek, Anne Lockhart, William Shatner, Ed Podolák, Randi Oakes, Barbi Benton and many more, the fans got more than they expected, as celebrities raced and ran into one another. Ms. Benton took one of the weekend's most spectacular spills when she left the course and somersaulted over the retaining fence



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along the edge of the run.

But she popped back and, at the finish line, exclaimed, "I'm just rehearsing for 'That's Incredible.'"

**FORMER FOOTBALL** great Ed Podolák of the Kansas City Chiefs and Larry Mahan, the six-time world champion all-around cowboy, had two of the most unconventional runs of the weekend. The two giants met head-on while scussing the course, both falling into the snow. But neither gave up the race.

Both attempted to remount their skis when it was apparent that Mahan wished to continue and win. The former Chief running back tackled Mahan. The two wrestled almost 40 yards from the finish line. Podolák dragged Mahan through the finish line behind him and thus emerged the victor of that head-to-head competition.

Ironically, when all the pro and celebrity tallies were added, Podolák's team emerged victorious. Among his team were Left Garrett, Liz Treawell, Barbara Mandrell and our own Cary Adgate. And for John Denver, it was another hit.

For those looking forlornly at very few days left in the Michigan ski season, it's good to remember that the Rockies, the Sierra and the Laurentians still have plenty of snow (much of it man-made in the Laurentians and New England, but nonetheless skiable).

Next week, a visit to Eastern North America's highest ski mountain, only three hours by plane and car from Southeast Michigan. The season still has some spice.

## Bowling merger in the works

Unless there is a last-minute change of heart, the long-standing rivalry between the American Junior Bowling Congress and the Youth Bowling Association of America will end.

The plan to merge the two groups started a year ago when the Women's International Bowling Association and the Bowling Proprietors of America approved the idea. That left it up to the American Bowling Congress.

The ABC vetoed the idea last year, but it is expected they will reverse that action at the current convention.

**ODDITIES GALORE.** Competition in parts of the western suburbs produced some unusual feats during the past week.

Several of them happened at Plaza Lanes, and one of the oddest was the experience of Jerry Maisano, who wilted under pressure on the way to a big 700 series. He posted games of 284 and 244 and then fell off to 148 for a 656 series.

In the Monday night mixed league at Plaza Lanes, Helen Neelands, carrying an average of 138, rolled a 112 triple-ace. On her team are three women, and each of them rolled 112 in the first game.

And John Early will never forget his

experience at Westland. Bowling in the Monday men's league, he rolled game of 172 and 192, then came within sight of a perfect game only to foul in the 10th frame and settled for 280 and a 644 series.

At Woodland Lanes 78-year-old Gordon Staff, who bowls twice each week, rolled a 210 in a 577 series.

**THERE WAS ANOTHER** unusual week in the Wonderland Classic: None of the sharpshooters was able to break the 700 barrier.

Top man for the night was Dave Karaska with a closing 242 in 679. This gave him a 127-pin lead over John Grindroad, who slumped to 186 in his final game after rolling counts of 247 and 225.

In the women's division, Chris Fischer opened with a 244 and posted a 642 series.

There was another close race in the senior house league at Merri-Bowl. Greg Hager outlasted his rivals to lead with 666. Neil Altenbernt was next with 658, one pin more than D.J. Archer, who landed third.

It was close, too, at Plaza Lanes, when only nine pins separated the top three in the Pin Busters loop. Ron McIntyre landed on top with 625, while

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Ken Steiner and Tim Detherage tied for runner-up honors with 616.

**TOM SOKOROWSKI** took scoring honors at Garden Lanes when he turned in a 676 to pace the Vingo league. John Tetri paced the Wayne County loop with 641. Others with double century figures were Frank Whitby with 625, Ron Wilson with 623 and Keil Radford with 620.

In the ladies senior house league, Kay Stowell showed the way with 583. Lucille Campbell was next in line with 574.

There were several unusual happenings at Westland Bowl when the ladies took to the lanes. Sue Ford opened with games of 132 and 132, then closed with

244 for 500. In the Coffee and Donuts league, Toni Smith opened with 245 and then had to settle for a 556 series. Donna Taylor reached the heights with a 249 in 666 in the Thursday ladies loop.

**IN OTHER GOOD PERFORMANCE,** Ken Siegfried posted a 243 in the Diesel league at Woodland Lanes. John Schramm had a 249 in 631 in the Ford league. Larry Nordelle inserted a 249 in a 647 series in the junior house league.

At Super Bowl Brenda Garner, a 142-average bowler, found the range for a 244. Jim Scott paced the senior house league with a 257 in 671.

### Local netter plays at BGSU

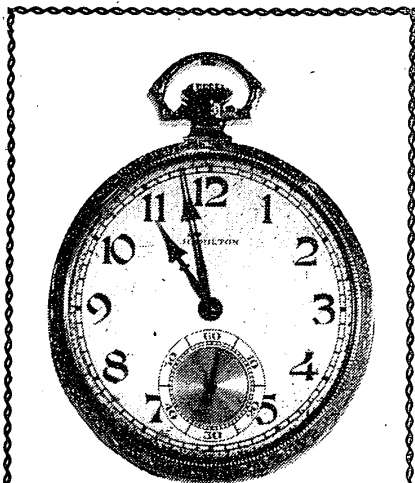
Dave Epstein of Farmington Hills is the captain of this year's Bowling Green State University tennis team. Epstein, a senior, has been one of Bowling Green's most consistent players, compiling a 12-9 record at No. 3 singles last year to go with a 14-6 record in No. 3 doubles with his partner, Bud Vetter.

Epstein's career singles record is 42-32, including a 7-9 mark in Mid-American Conference matches, and 34-16 in doubles. A versatile player, Epstein seems to play doubles and singles equally well.

He is currently in a battle for one of the top four singles positions and is expected to play at No. 2 or 3 doubles.

Bowling Green began its season March 20 with an indoor match against Eastern Kentucky. The Falcons left the Ohio campus for Florida, where they play seven matches in seven days.

Four lettermen, including Epstein, return for Bowling Green this spring. The Falcons finished the 1980 season with a 10-15 record and a sixth-place showing in the Mid-American Conference championships at Northern Illinois University.



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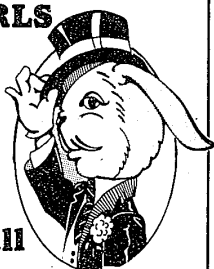
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