

tennis

HOLLYWOOD INTERNATIONAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. East Lansing, 30 points; 2. Bedford Catholic Central, 29; 3. First German, 18; 4. Holy, 10; 5. Owosso, 12.
INDIVIDUAL RESULTS
 No. 1 singles: Todd Kanicki (EL) defeated Tom Steele (CC), 6-4, 6-3, 6-2.
 No. 2 doubles: (EL) def. Mark Egnatios, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.
 No. 3: Ross Blackburn (EL) def. Phil Egleston (CC), 7-5, 7-6.
 No. 4: Bob Martin (CC) def. John Mackay (EL), 7-5, 7-6.
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 No. 6: Tom Flack-Jeff Huston (CC) def. Scott Johnson-Mike Pomykala (H), 7-5, 6-3.
 No. 7: Don Vengovich-Greg Grabowski (CC) def. Brad Coe-Chris Dugan (EL), 7-6, 6-1.
PLYMOUTH CANTON 7 LYONSIA FRANKLIN 0
 Monday at Canton
 No. 1 singles: Mike Minton (PC) defeated Aaron Twiss, 6-0, 6-1.
 No. 2: Tom Flack-Jeff Huston (CC) def. Jeff McCabe, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2.
 No. 3: Peter Chin (PC) def. Val-Matt Aili, 6-4, 7-5.
 No. 4: Paul Reid (PC) def. Bob Parks, 6-4, 6-3.
 No. 1 doubles: Paul Hatheway-Dan Robertson (PC) def. Steve Phillips-Bob Johnson, 1-6, 9-2, 6-2.
 No. 2: Mo Mazher-Jeff Pizny (PC) def. Harry Latoro-Dan Cochrane, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.
 No. 3: Dave Dierkowski-Luke Stockwell (PC) def. Bob Dierkowski-Dennis Mathe, 7-6, 3-6, 7-5.
FARMINGTON HARRISON 7 CLAREHILLSVILLE 0
 Monday at Harrison
 No. 1 singles: Ken Davidson (FH) def. Matt Schwab, 6-2, 6-1.

the week ahead

BASEBALL
 Friday, April 13
 W.L. Central at Liv. Bentley, 4 p.m.
 Lutheran East at Clarehillsville, 4 p.m.
 Liv. Central at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.
 Wild. John Glenn at Liv. Franklin, 4 p.m.
 Liv. Stevenson at Farmington, 4 p.m.
 Liv. Central at Garden City, 3:30 p.m.
 Bedford Union at Red. Thurston, 3:30 p.m.
 Northville at Puy. Canton, 4 p.m.
 Saturday, April 14
 Liv. Stevenson at Red. Thurston, 2 p.m.
 Bedford Union at Farmington, 12:30 p.m.
 St. Agathe at O.L. St. Mary's, 11 a.m.
 Farm. Harrison at W. Bloomfield, 2 p.m.
 Liv. Franklin at Puy. Salem, 11 a.m.
 Bishop Borgess vs. Catholic Central at Redford's Capitol Center, 11 a.m.
SOFTBALL
 Thursday, April 12
 Lutheran West at Clarehillsville, 4:15 p.m.
 Friday, April 13
 Liv. Bentley at W.L. Central, 4 p.m.
 W.L. Western at Liv. Central, 4 p.m.
 Wild. John Glenn at Liv. Franklin, 2:30 p.m.
 Farmington at Liv. Stevenson, 4 p.m.
 N. Farmington at Garden City, 3:30 p.m.
 Puy. Canton at Northville, 4 p.m.
 Bedford Union at Red. Thurston, 2:30 p.m.
 Bishop Borgess at H.W. Regine, 2:30 p.m.
 Liv. Wood at Deth. Gallagher, 2:30 p.m.
 St. Agathe at Our Lady of Lake, 3 p.m.
 Saturday, April 14
 Wild. John Glenn at Edsel Ford, 11 a.m.

Pingpong wizard

West Bloomfield teen eyes world crown

By Rich Swenson, staff writer

Southfield's gifted Michelle Mantel is a Michigan state table tennis champion — again.

The 16-year-old ping pong wizard captured the girls' state crown last week at Cobo Arena for the third consecutive year, taking both the under-17 and under-18 titles.

She also finished third in the women's division and combined with partner Jim Dixon to take second in the mixed doubles event.

"I played very well," Michelle said. "I won the events I wanted to win. I think I've improved a lot."

WINNING IS nothing new to Mantel, whose impressive credentials include three national titles and a Junior Olympic crown.

How does she do it? Practice, practice and more practice — with some of the finest coaches the sport has to offer.

Her chief tutor is Aaron Smith of the Detroit Table Tennis Club. But she has

also learned a great deal from Heman Li Ai, a member of the 1983 world champion Chinese women's team.

A former coach of the Chinese National Team, Ai has since defected to the United States and now coaches the U.S. national team.

She has toured nationwide to get a good look at the top junior hopefuls in the country. One of her stops was at the Mantel home, where she spent a couple weeks working with Michelle, improving her game immeasurably.

MICHELLE EXCELS in singles play where she is pitted against one opponent, but she also enjoys playing doubles.

"I like playing both, but doubles is more fun," Michelle said. "In doubles, I don't have to concentrate as much. And not all the mistakes are my fault."

She also "prefers" playing against boys, because the challenge is greater and she learns more.

"Playing boys is harder because they are tougher and stronger," she said. "But there are some girls that are equally as good."

people in sports

A freshman at Southfield-Lathrup High School, Michelle practices about two hours every day after school preparing herself for her next challenge. It's not always fun, but she knows that it could lead to her ultimate goal — making the 1988 United States Olympic Table Tennis team.

"THERE ARE DAYS when she's not up to practicing," Michelle's mother Hedy Mantel said. "But mostly it's something she looks forward to. When something is a pleasure, it's no longer a chore. If she keeps working hard, it will eventually pay off."

Table tennis will be officially recognized as an Olympic sport for the first time in 1988, and Michelle is excited

about the prospect of being a part of the inaugural team.

Her accomplishments in table tennis are not what is most important, however, according to her mother. It's the exposure to other people and the life experiences she will gain if she continues to succeed in the sport.

"What she is learning is how to fight and perform under pressure," Hedy Mantel said. "It's an important asset in life. She can then translate that discipline and apply it to other areas, such as school."

IT'S UNUSUAL for a girl Michelle's age to have seen and done things that most adults don't see in a lifetime, but she has handled it all very well.

"She's made a lot of new friends," Mrs. Mantel said. "It gives her another dimension to see the world through — another window to the world."

Because of family commitments this summer, Michelle will be unable to test her skills in the nationals or Junior Olympics.

But she will compete in the prestigious Macabbi Tournament Aug. 19-23 at West Bloomfield's Jewish Center.

Bowling queen hits big with 758 series

Mary Mohacsi, who is serving her seventh year as Detroit's bowling queen, reached one of the highest points in her career last week at Woodcreek Lanes when she posted a 758 series.

Bowling in the ladies classic she linked games of 235, 257 and 263. It is the highest series ever rolled by a woman in the classic that has been in competition for the past 10 years.

Meanwhile, on the men's side Fred Ringrose showed the way with 740 and was followed by Larry Brandt with 715, Dean Brandenburg with 709 and Jerry Helldorf with 702.

BEL-AIRE — Larry Franz joined the select ranks of those who have posted 800 series when he put together games of 259, 279 and 269 for the big count of 807, highest of the year in the house.

When he missed a 300 game by a single pin he was joined by Billy G. who had his 99 in a 758 series.

WESTLAND BOWL — Bowling in the all-star league, John Firo barely missed the 700 barrier when he closed with a 687 for 695. Following him in the battle was Mark Rosenbloom with 659, and Tom Sanford with 657. In the singles loop Larry Geiga was high with a 259 game in a 651 series.

In the pocket

by W.W. Edgar

WOODLAND LANES — Bowling in the kings and queens league, Mark Harnberger won the coveted membership in the 700 club when he put together games of 225, 267 and 225 for 715. In the ladies league, Sue Wignard had a high game of 275 in a 650 series and Senie Engbrechtson paced the park ladies with a 615.

MEER-BOWL — Sharon Sevakis showed the way in the bowlerettes loop with a 631 series. Ed Nitzsche has a 275 for high game of the week.

CITY TOURNAMENT — More than 400 teams are entered in the Detroit men's city tournament that opens Saturday at Rose Bowl Lanes on Highway M-47. Aside from the regular division there are 179 entered in the senior section.

GARDEN LANES — Only 17 pins separated the two leaders in the St. Louis League when Victor Sandacki took the lead with a 622 and John Bierkamp was right behind with 610.

Pat Pennington paced the winners in the senior house league with a 575 series.

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Sun shines on Tigers, veteran sportster

By W.W. Edgar, staff writer

There was a big, broad smile on Sparky Anderson's face when he climbed the steps of the dugout to greet his players after they had defeated the Texas Rangers, 5-1, in the home opener Tuesday.

He has seen the team run its winning streak to six straight games to open the season. It is the Tigers' best start since 1911. And he had seen his new players come through in fine style. And more than that, they are helping him make good on his claim he made five years ago when he took over the manager's job.

And all of this happened before a gathering of 51,233 in the bright sunny afternoon.

When Sparky took over the job early in the 1979 season, he addressed the baseball writers as no other manager had done. Very seriously he told them, "This is not my team. I will finish the season with it. But after that I will try to build another winner — and that could possibly take five years."

baseball

Since then he made many trades and strengthened the positions need and now claims the 1984 Tigers have more talent than any other team he has coached. And that statement was made in spite of the fact that he managed the Cincinnati Reds to four flags and a World Series victory during his stay along the Ohio River.

The Tigers didn't have much trouble gaining their sixth straight victory — thanks to a home run by Darrell Evans, who was signed last year as a free agent. The home run came with two men on base the first inning, and the Tigers never gave up the lead.

Along the way two others — Dave Bergman and Howard Johnson — showed the fans that they would be helpful in any race to a pennant.

Dan Petry, possibly a bit nervous in his first start in a home opener, was touched for two hits and a run in the first inning.

That only urged the Tigers on and they settled the game in their first turn at bat. Lou Whitaker and Alan Trammell each drew a free ticket to first base. Then Evans stepped to the plate and drove the ball high into the upper deck in right to produce three runs.

Later, a pass to Johnson with the bases loaded brought in the fourth run. The Tigers added another in the third inning, when Larry Herndon doubled and Bergman singled in the fifth run.

That was it. And it was enough to make Sparky wear his widest smile and enable the Tigers to go into the record books with their best start in 73 years.

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