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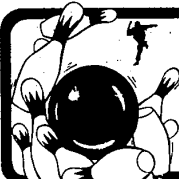
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BY W. W. EDGAR
The Greater Detroit Bowling Association, host to the 1971 ABC Tournament, has set an

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attractive goal for the big event that opens next March in Cobo Arena.

The goal? An entry of more than 6,000 teams which will enable Detroit to establish a record of being the only city that has reached that mark in four consecutive handlings of the pin classic.

It will be the sixth time that Detroit has hosted the affair, but the record breaking string began with the event in 1940. On that occasion it drew 6,073 teams and stamped Detroit as the first city that ever attracted that many teams. Detroit came through again in 1948 with 7,348 teams to easily surpass the 1940 record. The 1948 figure still ranks as

the third highest of all time, being outranked only by Chicago with 8,180 teams in 1953 and Milwaukee with 7,735 teams in 1952.

Tom Mc Kay, secretary of the Detroit association, has called attention to the fact that reservations close on Nov. 4 and he is urging everyone to get in line by that time.

He also has called attention to the fact that special inducements will be made again to the booster teams — those teams with averages of 850 and under.

"Some of these booster teams," he pointed out, "feel that they have little chance against the stronger teams. But that is not so. Under the present plan for awarding prizes 25 out of every 40 booster teams will gain a place in the money."

"Even if the 40 teams are not all on one squad," he ex-

plained, "they'll be grouped in squads of 40 and the top 25 of them will earn prize winning checks."

That should be sufficient inducement.

BOB SCHOLTZ was the big man of the week at Livonia Lanes. Bowling in the Whirlwind League he was high with a 221 in 583. In other high single games Terry Donaldson posted a 229 and Harold Volter had a 225.

Elsie Wilkins rolled her way to top honors in the Ladies Classic with a 535-96-631 series that included a 209 game with a 22 pin "spot" for 241.

Mary Lord took over second place with 192-37-228 and Monica Dlugi landed third with 183-35-217.

IN THE TEEN Classic at Merri-Bowl Tom Johnson took high honors with games of 202, 196 and 193 for 591. His nearest rival was Gary Allen who started slowly with a 172, then added a middle game of 182 and closed with 212 for 566.

In the Senior Heavy League Al Wein posted a 699 on games of 237, 215 and 247. The 699 is high for the season. Two pins behind came Richard Brandenburg with 213-253-231 for 697. Sy Burton had high game with a 286.

Mel Bobecan provided the biggest thrill of the new season to the Newcomers League at Plymouth Bowl when he racked up six strikes in a row. He finished with a 210 in a 531 series. In the women's division Dawn Prutton came through with a 182-only two pins less than Karen Algren fashioned a week ago.

ONLY ONE '700 series was posted in the various classics around Observeland and that was the work of Larry Brandt in the top loop at Garden Lanes.

He linked games of 210, 237 and 275 for a 722 that gave him a big edge over his rivals. B. C. Nunery had a 694 and others in line were Billy Mull 684, Jay McKellen 678, Bob Kramer 657, Jerry Johnson 654, John Gonsior 653 and Terry Burns 651.

While he didn't figure in high series Jerry Bassner turned in a 258 for high single game honors.

Over at Wonderland scores again were not up to par in the Classic as Bill Moore showed the way with a 652 to beat out Bob Cassar by a single pin. And at Bel-Aire took top honors with a 241 in 648.

STEVE KILLIAN fashioned a 256-224-204-686 to show the way in the Senior House League and Andy De Camella landed in the runnerup spot with a 626.

In the women's circuits Roberta Barth was high in the Kimberly loop with a 221 game while Marion Mitchell posted the Early Birds with 216 and Shirley Tadrzynski showed the way in the Salad Bowl circuit with 204.

BOB SCHMID is man of the hour at Farmington Lanes.

In the first two weeks of the Junior House League he has posted counts of 635 and 672.

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BUSY SIGNING autographs during a visit to Hazel Park are Eddie Arcaro, better known as "Banana Nose" during his brilliant career as a jockey, and Willie Shoemaker (right), the tiny gentleman of thoroughbred racing. Shoemaker recently became the winningest rider in history with a total of 6,034 winners. He has had 10 winners in \$100,000 stakes and shows total winnings of more than \$43 million. The pair were guests of Hazel Park Director of Racing Bert Thompson.

Franklin Perfect In Victory

Franklin High's cross country team engineered a perfect score in beating Oak Park, 16-50, in a Norwest Suburban League dual meet.

Franklin grabbed off the first seven spots as Bill Cowen was the individual winner in 13:32 seconds.

Steve Carlson was second, Steve Gordzinski third, Tom Chester fourth, Cliff Vantuyl fifth, Kim Outright sixth and Bill Irving seventh before the Oak Park runner came across.

Tab DeFrank New Director At Windsor

Joe DeFrank has been elevated to director of racing at Windsor Raceway.

Promotion of the 36-year-old official was announced by track president William Rowe as the Border Cities all-weather harness racing plant prepared to open its sixth season Monday evening, October 5.

DeFrank, who hails from Holley, N.Y., has served as Windsor's racing secretary since the track's inaugural meet in 1965 and will continue to serve in this capacity, assuming increased responsibility for backstretch operations.

He will be assisted again by his longtime associate, Gesto Valiquette of Montreal, who doubles as chief timer during race programs.

Starting his racing official career as clerk of course in 1956 under the famed Jim Lynch at Hilliards, Ohio, fore-runner of Scioto Downs, DeFrank was only 26 when he became the youngest racing secretary in harness racing history at Baltimore Raceway in 1960.

Over the past 10 years, in addition to his duties at Windsor, he has been racing secretary at Northfield Park (Cleveland), Green Mountain (Vermont), The Meadows (Pennsylvania), Freehold (New Jersey), and Painesville-Northfield in Cleveland which recently completed a 50-night meeting.

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onds better than Farmington which in turn topped Pontiac Northern by nine seconds.

Birmingham Seaholm was fourth with 61:58.

Then came Brother Rice, 62 minutes, to round out the first five.

Redford Union placed 15th with 65:04, while North Farmington was 20th with 67:32.

Southfield was 18th in the overall standings with 65:21. Then came Lathrup 20th with 67:42 and Harrison 36th with 70:11.

John Donahoe ran 10th to lead Farmington. Kim Hildebrandt came in 12th. Nick Burton 20, Ken Jaske 22 and Kevin Rylance 30th.

Any person 12 years or older is eligible to buy a resident Michigan hunting license if he or she has actually lived in the state for six consecutive months immediately before applying to purchase the license.

Hunting Age

observing sports

As I have said here before, it pays to know the rules...if you're a player, a coach, a referee...or just a fan.

Lem Barney showed how important it is to know what the books says when he picked up a punt and sprinted for a touchdown against Cincinnati.

A good many in the crowd, plus several members of the Cincinnati team, figured the ball was dead after it took a bounce off one of the Bengals.

And, when the downfield official tossed down his cap, the Bengals eased up.

But Barney didn't...and in an instant he was off to the races and a touchdown.

Barney knew what many youngsters, in particular, don't...the ball never is dead until the referee blows his whistle.

Regardless of what happens, players should keep going until one of the gents in a striped shirt goes: "tweep, tweep." Then alone does everything instantly cease.

It's true that sometimes a referee blows his whistle in error. Nothing can be more embarrassing for an official than to think that Back A has the ball and has been tackled...when, in reality, Back B has broken loose and is dashing merrily toward the goal and a TD.

The good officials always have a pre-game conference. And one thing the boss of the crew always tells his helpers:

"Make sure you know where the ball is before you blow that whistle. It's better to hesitate than to kill a brilliant play by blowing in error."

I'VE HAD it happen to me...mess up a good play because I lost track of where the ball was.

One time I was so eager to make certain a runner in baseball touched a base, I turned my back on the ball...and, bingo, it hit me in a soft spot, bounced away and while all this was going on, the runner raced around to score.

The team in the field jumped all over me. They insisted the run shouldn't score.

But what else was there to do? The run had to score. A thrown ball hitting an ump is in play. He's like a piece of rock out on the field, or something like that.

Then, there was the time I was working a football game. I thought I was doing an excellent job that afternoon.

One job as the game's head linesman was to watch for the runner coming toward my side of the field. That is the runner with the ball.

So, here came the runner and he was grabbed by one of the other team's players. I was right there, blew the play dead...and, then, was I re-faced.

The ball carrier actually was a guy barging up the middle for substantial distance.

As soon as that whistle went off, the play was dead and the referee had to set the ball back some 15 yards from where it probably would have been had the runner (with the ball) not been throttled by my ignorance.

AS FOR WHAT HAPPENED in the Lions' game, the confused mind of many of the writers in the press box. The tossing of the cap by the referee baffled them.

But all the official was doing was to mark the spot where the Lions would take over the ball if—and that's the big word here—the ball bounced deeper into Lions' territory and the play ultimately was whistled dead there.

The instant a punting team member touches a kick, after it hits the ground, there's no way the receiving team can be set back from that point. But there's nothing to prevent the receivers from grabbing the ball, as Barney did, and advancing beyond that point.

So, by having the kick touch a Cincinnati player, it was to the Lions' advantage...very much so, as it turned out, when the opposition fell asleep.

I realize that it's impossible for everybody to sit down and make a complete study of the rules. But it sure would make the game more enjoyable, if all concerned would take sometime to familiarize themselves with the code of the game.

To know all about the football rules take a "mas-terminator." That's because there are certain major variations from pros, to the colleges to the high school and vice versa.

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