

# Observerland Athletes Share Headlines In Major Events



**WHO WOULDN'T CHEER?** With personable, colorful Cindy Dinsmore as one of the cheerleading squad at Livonia Bentley High, small wonder that the cheering has been better at home games even though the team is a bit below its usual standard this year. (Observer photo by Vince Witke)

## IN THE POCKET

By W.W. EDGAR

Although the season is only two months old all signs point to another record-breaking year for the junior bowlers. The Michigan Youth Bowling Association that boasts more than 24,000 members last season, is moving at a pace faster than that of a year ago and is now aiming at a goal of 25,000. "We are hopeful of a new record," Mrs. Ethel Heenan, director of the YBA, confided, "and the reason for the optimism is that we already have 22 establishments joining with us for this campaign that were not on our lists a year ago."

The growth of the teenage bowling is reflected in other areas.

The City of Livonia that sponsors the largest recreation program in the country, reports more interest than ever before. There is one drawback, however, and that is the lack of lanes for the youngsters in the afternoon. Over in Farmington where Fred Hamlin has been the key promoter of junior bowling and high school leagues, reveals that he has more youngsters than ever.

"I'm up to my ears in the teenagers," he confessed, "and that's a good sign that bowling has a good farm system. We are building future stars for the adult leagues — and you'll be hearing about some of these youngsters in a few more years."

After a record topping of the pins last week things returned to normal in the Wonderland Classic.

Only two 700 series were posted. Even then they were just one pin over the magic figure. Bill Walker linked games of 234, 240 and 227 for his 701 and only a few lanes away Al Girilano tied him with counts of 227, 245 and 219.

There also was a dip in the scoring in the Westland Classic where the veteran Dick Preston paced the field with a 709 count on games of 247, 237 and 225.

At this figure he held a six-pin margin over Jay Dishing who put together counts of 211, 247 and 245 for 703.

Closest to this pair was Bob Hart with a 665 that included a 279 middle game.

Gary Johnson and Bob Casar shared top honors in the Garden Lanes Classic with identical counts of 691.

Behind them came Jerry Heistadt 680, Gary Nieora 679, B.C. Nunery 673, Harvey Wilson Sr., 653, Bob Mann 661, Joe Guild 661, Paul Sterling 652 and Ralph Westphal 651.

In the Chevrolet League Ron Beller had high series with a 606 and Paul Hayward posted a 221 for high games.

Sy Barton was named "Bowler of the Month" at Merri-Bowl with a 286 and Dorothy Payne topped the women's honor roll with 253.

In the Teen Classic Mark Barber took high single honors with a 245 and Gary Allen finished in the runner-up spot with 213.

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Marty Bacon took high series with a 559 on games of 205, 175 and 178. Two pins behind came Don Mueller with counts of 195, 189 and 192. Third place went to Tony Leonard with 551 that included a 200 game.

Fran Anderson stole the show in the Roving Jills when she started with a 170, then followed with a 143 and closed with a 257 for 570. Not bad for a girl with a 164 average.

Darlene Cook, who recently graduated to the Ladies Major Leagues, took high game honors in the Livonia Lanes Women's Classic with a 206-18 — 224.

Right behind her Lois Merriman with 177-30 — 207 and Maxine Ryan with 150-53 — 203.

Monia Diggoo had high series with a 307-94 — 291. In the Whirlwind circuit Bob Robertson had high single with a 242 and was followed by Hank Jeks with a 223 and Vic Riblett with 204.

Don Kippola was high in the math play circuit with 244 and Terry Donaldson took high series with 227 and 223 in 635.

In the Father and Son league Jack Gagon paced the fathers with a 197 and Mark Seifert again paced the sons with a 175.

Ken Tyburski had high series in the Newcomers League at Plymouth Bowl with a 532.

Paul Radgens posted a 202 and Linda Baumgardner topped the women with 168.

At Bel-Aire Lanes Jim Andrews was top dog in the Classic with a 705 that included a closing game of 257. Gene Goike landed in the runner-up spot with 682.

In the Mixed League Del Bending had a 225 in 615 and June Atkins a 223.

The high score of the week was fashioned by Jack Brown with a 716 on games of 222, 228 and 267, in Our Lady of Sorrows League.

In the Business Men's circuit Greg Hatter was high with 650 and Marnie Sloan paced the Senior House Circuit with a 661.

Phil Goldstein was man of the week at Oak Park with 242 in 642. Other high scores included Howard Wexer with a 602 and Ray Wok with a single of 227.

It's been a week when names from Observerland have made big headlines. There was Dale Livingston, a graduate of Plymouth High . . . later a star at Western Michigan University . . . and now with the Green Bay Packers.

The eyes of the nation focused on Livingston and the Packers the other evening. His Packers had fallen behind San Diego. There were three minutes left to play when Livingston stepped back to the 14-yard line to boot a field goal.

The kick was perfect, his third of the evening, along with two conversions.

THOSE POINTS made the difference and the Packers won, 22-20; and now are tied with Detroit and Minnesota for the Central Division lead in the National Football Conference.

And, on the subject of pro football, Livonia's Wayne Walker was discouraged as everybody else by the performance the Lions turned, in against Washington . . . a game in which the Lions did very little.

Walker himself admitted he might have done a better job . . . for the Lions. But he's convinced that things will be different Sunday when the Lions go to Cleveland to take on the Browns.

Turning to baseball, who'll ever forget the play which involved ex-Franklin High star Bernie Carbo, now with the Cincinnati Reds, in the first game of the World Series?

How could Carbo have dreamed that he would wind up on the front sports pages of every newspaper in the country?

When did he ever think that he'd be involved in a play that would make for conversation for days, weeks and likely for months.

What he did was run and re-run hundreds of times on television. Was he right in trying to score from third? Could he have made it had the umpire not interfered?

A great many questions . . . many of which never will be answered.

But it's little wonder the hot stove league thrives the way it does in baseball.

And, then there's Don Wert, a familiar "Tiger" name for so many years. And Denny McLain's, too.

Wert usually made his home in the East. But this year he decided to purchase a home in the Farmington school system and operate during the winter in the Detroit area.

So, what happens? The Tigers make the big trade, which basically is centered around McLain.

He's gone to Washington and so has Wert.

The chances are Wert will stick around for awhile and then go elsewhere . . . the trials and tribulations of the sports world.

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