

No Extension Granted Jackson Meet

By DOC MINARD

Michigan's racing season grinds to a close come next Monday, Nov. 30, and for the benefit of those who have been thinking Racing Commissioner Leo Shirley would grant an extension to the Jackson-at-Northville meet-

ing to the end of the year — forget it, it isn't going to happen.

The commissioner made that clear earlier in the week in talking with Jackson President Leon Slavin.

In short, Shirley said he didn't have the authority to grant an extension even if he had the desire. We believe he did have such a thought in mind earlier in the current meeting but word from Lansing was 'no' and that's the way it will be.

The commission is expected to announce the dates for the thoroughbred meetings at the Detroit Race Course and Hazel Park over the weekend, from all indications each plant will receive 120 days.

BUT THERE may be a

change in that before the dates are allotted. Our information is that the mayors of Livonia and Hazel Park were in Lansing Tuesday to present their views on additional dates. Each has taken a firm stand against more days unless the state boosts the ante to each of the cities.

Since that has to be approved by the Legislature, then those in Lansing, who apparently dictate to the commissioner, will either tell Livonia and Hazel Park to live with more days and await action by the legislators or they may tell Shirley to limit tracks to the same number of days as this year's each plant will receive 120 days.

The last step appears out of the question since the state is seeking more revenue and it can't get more from the operation of the tracks unless more days are allotted.

Northville Downs' Executive Manager John Carlo and other representatives of the Downs met with the officials in Lansing Wednesday to discuss reasons why Northville should continue to receive the summer dates.

Carlo doesn't want any part of winter and early spring at the expense of the summer dates Northville has

enjoyed for more than 25 years.

He contends that his plant, which pioneered pari-mutuel harness racing in 1944, is entitled to summer dates by tradition.

"There is a precedent in most every state that a track continues to receive the same dates once a pattern has been set," he said. "We have had summer dates for 25 years. I feel that is a precedent that is hard to beat."

The big battle between the harness tracks is whether Northville will continue to receive summer dates or whether Hazel Park and Wolverine will go back-to-back in the summer.

And there has been quite a bit of work in Lansing for the back-to-back programs.

Whether Carlo will be able to sell his thoughts to the Lansing chiefs is something else but John isn't one to give up without a fight and as a lawyer he knows more than a little about the ins and outs of the racing code.

The outcome of the talks probably won't be known for another couple of weeks. But look for the fur to fly when the commissioner gets around to announcing the harness racing dates. He has until mid-December and from all indications it will be that long before the dates are finalized by the commissioner with bosses in Lansing.

It should be an interesting winter with Windsor operating without competition from Dec. 1 until the resumption of Michigan racing in the late winter or early spring.

MEANWHILE, the Jackson-at-Northville meeting, is moving along at a record rate. The nightly handle is \$254,969 for an increase of 27.6 per cent over the figures for a year ago and the turnstile average is 3,325 for a hike of 30.4 per cent over 1969.

It will be remembered that the 1969 meeting only went for 30 nights when the handle averaged \$207,640 and the attendance 2,549.

Jackson President Slavin had hopes the commissioner would grant the extension to the end of the year but even he is happy with the results this year.

Slavin had thoughts of a nightly average of around \$250,000 for the meeting and

is very happy over the additional \$14,000 per night.

THERE WILL BE 22 popular doubleheaders during Windsor Raceway's 1970 winter meet which opens Jan. 1 and continues through March 20.

The total of 90 racing programs, to be held over 68 days, includes matinees each Wednesday and Saturday, starting Jan. 6, in addition to the evening sessions, Monday through Saturday.

Post time for the afternoon cards will be 1:15 p.m. Nightly post remains at 7:45 p.m.

The Ontario Racing Commission has also assigned Windsor's 1971 fall meeting schedule.

track dark Dec. 24 to Dec. 30 inclusive for the annual holiday break.

This represents a total of 65 racing nights, with no matinees planned, to give the Border Cities plant 153 racing programs for the year, seven less than the 1970 schedule.

Earlier this year, the ORC awarded Windsor a total of 42 programs for the introduction of thoroughbred racing from May 15 through July 11.

Tentative plans call for four programs each week under the arc lights and a late Sunday afternoon card.

Within a short time, construction work on a six-furlong chute, paddock, jockey quarters and walking ring will be started.

Soutar Writes The Bowling 'Cinderella' Story of Year

By W.W. EDGAR

When Dave Soutar, the tall blond who formerly called Detroit his home, came from behind to win the American Airlines Open, he added another dazzling chapter to one of the best "Cinderella" stories in all of sports.

His climb from fifth place to victory by a margin of 316 pins not only enabled him to successfully defend the title, but it marked the third triumph in four weeks and placed him high among the top money winners of the year.

Amazingly, for a bowler of his ability, it was the failure to topple the No. 10 pin in the final frame that robbed him of victory two weeks ago. Otherwise, he would now be sporting a new record for the pro bowling circuit with four victories in a row.

Soutar's climb to the top among the nation's leading bowlers is a fascinating story.

A MEMBER OF THE Stroh

team a few years ago, he went on the hunt for a backer to sponsor him on the pro circuit. He felt he could hold his own in fast company and among his credentials was the honor of being the high average bowler in the city—a feat that made him Detroit bowling king.

Few gave him a chance to make good. But he was determined. Finally, Ray Petty, himself an all-star bowler and proprietor of Maples Lanes on the east side, so the story goes, staked him to \$8,000 and sent him on his way.

It was hard going for a time, but the determination he showed enabled him to pay his way and return the loan. From then on he has climbed steadily among the pros and now has taken a bow with the Dick Webers, Nelson Burtons, and others who names have been bywords in bowling for years.

The top pro bowlers in a five-state area, including Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky—will re-

turn to the metropolitan area on Dec. 5-6 for the regional P.B.A. championships at Yorba Linda Lanes in Birmingham.

This is the event arranged for the pros who do not compete regularly in the national tour and entry will be limited to those living in the five-state area.

A pro-amateur is scheduled on Dec. 5 with the big qualifying round and the match games on the following day.

All those interested in competing may call Bill Srock at Yorba Linda Lanes.

Mary Worden walked away with top honors in the Ladies Classic at Livonia with a 520-125-648. Single game honors went to Darlene Cook with 227-12-239 and Peg Warner landed second with 180-50-520 and Mrs. Worden was third with 185-40-225.

Les Balyo took the pace-making role in the Classic with a 235 in 638. Other high games included Dan Tracey 222 and Bob Hitt 214.

Harold Zillerot was high in

the Whirlwind loop with a 620. Henry Jeko had high single with 225. Dino Piederelli was next with 222 and Frank Sherman placed third with 207.

Carl Piscopink showed the way in the Junior House circuit with a 202 in 624. Other high games included Bud Weinsliener 224, Dick Walter 214, Leo McCulley and John Barry 202.

Dick Eddy failed to reach his 135 average at Mayflower Lanes, but he left them talking with a 121 triplicate.

Those who went away over their average included Fran Tariscan who had a 126-150-232 for 508 and she carries only a 138. And Del Newbrough who averages 156 fashioned a 189-246-227-662.

Gary Allen opened with a 247 and followed with games of 192 and 184 for 683 to lead the Teen Classic at Merri Bowl. Right behind came Gary Gaylor with 568 and Don Mueller with 554.

Bill Zimmerman, of St.

Valentine, is Bowler of the month with a 679.

Bob Grenier's Palace team went on a scoring rampage at Wonderland and posted a 3335 series that is high for the season in the suburban area.

Tommy Rames was the top man with a 760 on games of 235, 268 and 257. Grenier added a 675 and Si Vargo contributed a 699.

Mildred Reynolds soared to new heights at Bel-Aire Lanes when she paced the Suburban Ladies loop with games of 213, 194 and 234 for 643.

It is the highest series posted by a woman at Bel-Aire this season.

While she was knocking them down, Gaston Marois of the Livonia carpenter who holds the city record, paced the senior house league with a 699 that included games of 279 and 226. George Somers was right behind with a 678.

John Lennon showed the way in the Businessmen's loop with a 236-211-255-702 and Erv Watson added a 656.

June Boone joined a select group, too, when she posted a 143 triplicate in the Salad Bowl. Myra Hoelt was high with a 573 and Bev Langquill took single game honors in the Novi Women's League with a 209.

Don Danes again topped the Teen Classic at Farmington Lanes with a 559 and Steve Renner paced the Junior High Boys with a 554.

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