



After laying off all star competition all season Mary Mohan proved the idleness didn't hurt her game when she bowled in the city tournament last weekend.

She put together scores of 555 in the team event, 618 in the doubles and 661 in the singles for 1832 and top place in the actual all-events.

With a "spot" of nine pins a game she posted a 1913 handicap all events count and missed top place by three pins.

In the singles she had games of 213, 213 and 235 for the 661, plus a 27 pin "spot" for a 688 that gave her top place in both the handicap and actual divisions.

Mary, a former "Bowling Queen", bowled with the Thunderbird Inn team before she decided to take a year's vacation from top flight competition.

JAY DISHONG turned in one of the best "iron man" performances of the season at Westland.

Bowling a double header in the Classic he put together 196, 264 and 226 for a 676, then came back with games of 290, 206 and 200 for a 696 for a one night average of 228.

Meanwhile, Larry Kellogg topped the Classic in a 236-235 finish for a 680 and Jay Hay opened with a 290 for a 670.

The big gun for the week at Westland, however, was John Wordarski who fashioned a 738 on games of 256, 207 and 275.

In the women's classic, Marcie Bashier was high with a 236 finish in 623 and Mary Rady topped the Friday Mixed league with 606.

In other women's circuits Marilyn Ruggle, a 126 average bowler, fired a 255 and Shirley Gay topped the Early Birds with a 257 in 614 and Midge Pashkot finally got going with a 247 in 599.

THE HIGH SCHOOL bowlers turned in some fine performances at Cloverlane where Frank Migerdian posted a 252 and Alan Taylor a 235, while Robert Novak had high series with a 578.

In the Saturb Teens Richard Cantin, a 14-year-old lad put together games of 212, 219 and 223 for 654.

AL KOWALSKI again was high in the Garden Lanes Classic. This time with a 697.

Trailing in order were: John Grindrod 693, Bob Grenier 680, Gary Johnson 676, Bill Collett 667, Paul Iskin 664, Jim Pierce 661, Joe Dixon 660, Bill Gay 656 and Ed Bybas 650.

## Patriots Continue Track Win Streak

There appears to be no slowing down of the Franklin High track express.

The Livonians made it 5-0 for the season and 2-0 in Northwest Suburban League action Thursday by crushing North Farmington, 45-30, while John Glenn turned back Thurston, 60/2-57 1/3.

Mike Jinnett won the 440-yard run for the fourth time and ran on both winning re-

## Prep Schedule

### BASEBALL

#### MONDAY

Stowman at Wall Lake Central, Trenton at Plymouth, Benton at Belleville, Wall Lake Western at Churchill, Franklin at Oak Park, Farmington at Pontiac, Northern, Hamilton at Westford, Mott, Glenn at Franklin, Andover at Glenview, Bedford Union at Allen Park, Groves at Thornton, Southfield at Hazel Park, Bishop, Borgess at Dearborn Sacred Heart, Waterford at Southfield-Lathrop.

#### TUESDAY

Groves at Birmingham, Southfield, Catholic Central at Brother Rice.

#### WEDNESDAY

Clinton at Brother Rice, Southfield at Dearborn, Bedford Union at Dearborn, Oak Park at Thornton, Southfield at Farmdale, Ann Arbor St. Thomas at St. Agatha, Glen at Franklin, North Farmington at Groves, Farmington at Waterford.

#### THURSDAY

Birmingham at Southfield, U-D High at Brother Rice.

#### FRIDAY

Churchill at East Ford, Ypsilanti at Bentley, Bedford Union at Stowman, North Farmington at Oak Park, Hamilton at Wall Lake Central, Waterford at Lathrop, Borgess at Cadillac.

## IN THE POCKET

By W.W. EDGAR

LES BAYLO, secretary of the Livonia Classic, didn't let his work stop him from leading the pack. Monday, he posted games of 235 and 229 in 636.

Other high series included John Hutchinson 616, Matt Hays 617, Pat Byrnes 611 and Cass Hoffman 608.

Mary Worden took top honors in the final day of the Ladies Classic with a 561-105-466. This count included a high game of 212-35-247.

Other high games were Betty Moeller 196-36-231 and Lois McAllister 221-21-242.

Lois finished on top in the averages for the season.

In the Whirlwind League Jerry Flanca had a 231, George Merna who had games of 216 and 237 for 672.

ED MUIR was the man of the week at Bel-Aire Lanes with a 720 that included counts of 249 in each of his first two games.

Bill Rose was runner-up with a 235 in 677.

Among the women, Jackie Dix had a 242 in 579, Eve Lennon topped the Thursday mixed league with a 233 in 593.

The most pleased bowler of the week was Ed Pigeon. Bowling in the Moonshiners League, he posted the first 700 series of his career. He linked games of 245, 232 and 270 for a 707.

AT FARMINGTON Lanes, Steve Renner topped the junior bowlers with a 211 in 539, while Dan Dorman paced the high school stars with a 228 in 511, and Marti Daumler topped the girls with 301 in 500.

Sam Pona won't forget this week for a long time.

Bowling in the Auto-Lite league at Mayflower Lanes he opened with a 225, followed with a 278 and closed with 204 for 707.

Pat Ganucci will have good cause to remember it too, for she converted the 3-6-7-10 split.

HOWARD BAYER, a 16-year-old who has been bowling in the Oak Park junior leagues for the past 10 years, left the lanes with tears in his eyes—and for a good reason.

Competing in the regular Saturday morning session he piled up 10 strikes in a row and seemed on his way to the coveted 300.

But, despite a good hit on his 11th ball, the No. 4 pin refused to fall and he had to settle for a 289.

A million dollar handle at Hazel Park Raceway?

There's a bit of a rumble to that effect from top officials at the harness racing operation on the east side of metropolitan Detroit. Our own opinion is that they better get another jolt from what-ever kind of needle they are using...In other words we don't think it will happen this year.

True enough the track has been over \$860,000 for a single night on two different occasions during the present meeting but that's still quite a bit short of a million and there isn't any reason to believe that wagering will go that much higher in the remainder of the campaign.

Per capita wagering has

been around \$75 on Hazel Park's biggest night. To hit a million on a Friday or Saturday, the track would have to have a crowd of more than 14,000 and meet the per capita.

Opening of the Jackson meeting last Friday won't take any of the better horses from Hazel Park but it will keep bettors from making trips to the Detroit area. They'll take the shorter route to the races closer to home and a much easier trip at the end of the evening.

That's one of the reasons for our pessimistic view of the million dollar night. Added to this is the fact that the impetus of the thoroughbred programs at cross-town Detroit Race Course is picking up and that also will have

## Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

some effect on the handle at the trotters and pacers.

None doubts that either Hazel Park or Wolverine Raceway will hit the million mark some time...but that sometime appears to be another year or two off the future.

A prime example is Chicago where it took quite a few years for harness racing to catch on. Then it took equally as long before wagering and attendance reached the proportions expected of that large a population area.

The growth in the Windy City was much more rapid than that in the Motor City. Hazel Park and Wolverine are just now reaching the levels that Chicago achieved as many as four and five years ago.

We would like to see the

trotters hit the magic million but we believe it's just a lot of wishful thinking at this time.

"IF ONLY the rain had held off for another day..." That's the feeling of the top brass at the Detroit Race Course where the "Good Ol' Days" celebration, which officially rang down the curtain on the 30-day winter meeting, fell short of the anticipated 30,000 by some 6,000 souls.

It was a big success as far as the bargain prices for hot dogs, beer, coke, popcorn etc. went but the betting was a bit lower than that for the previous Saturday.

"We anticipated 30,000 if the weatherman cooperated," said a spokesman for the DRC. "Then came the showers in the late morning and

we knew then that we would never make it...we didn't."

As it was there were more than 3,000 youngsters in the crowd of 24,000 and each must have come with the one idea - eat as many of the dime hot dogs as possible without getting sick.

We didn't hear of any rush on the first aid station but the concessionaires reported more than 31,000 hot dogs went over the counters.

Now the DRC is entering into its 90-day spring and summer program and already figures show a hike in crowds and wagering. All of which points to better things when the vacation period begins, the weather gets better and the better horses arrive.

Many of the latter already are on the scene but there'll

be an influx of top performers after the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs in another week.

LOOKING FOR some horses to give more than a single glance at the Detroit Race Course.

From up in the press box experts who follow the runners daily come a few tips on horses that seem fit and ready and should be worth a second look in their next starts.

Hawaiian Voyage, who didn't quite catch up in his last race; Cantell, Miss Nash, Fleet Deet, Eastern Edition (on an off track), Danny L. Texas Goddess, No Countess, Texas Goddess, Derby Ruler, Tiwanon, Singing Sword, Hi Skyer, Graphic Style and Miss Skidoo.

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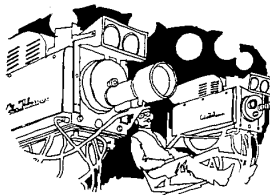
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