

Latest episode has ADs in quandary

THE WESTERN Lakes Activities Association has been the object of much criticism — some of it even appearing here in print — during its short existence, but the league has produced the topper now.

It seems the WLA has invited another journalistic job in the wake of its girls track and field meet last Wednesday. No, a haymaker might be more akin with the proper response.

With two events left in the meet at Plymouth Canton, heavy rains and lightning caused the coaches to suspend the meet, but the vote to decide if it should be concluded Thursday was deadlocked at 6-6.

Consequently, the meet was declared over and Farmington, the leader at that stage, the winner over Livonia Stevenson by a two-point margin.

The latter understandably sought recourse, and the WLAA athletic directors will meet today to discuss the situation. In the meantime, we still aren't sure who won the meet or what the outcome will be five days later.

The debacle is the result of there being no contingency plan in place to otherwise solve

the dilemma. Resembling a bureaucracy-burdened government, the WLA never allowed for the possibility of such an occurrence, as Stevenson coach Paul Holmberg says, painted itself into a corner.

IF THERE is a redeeming aspect to this controversy, it is the strong assumption the athletic directors will correct the problem at this meeting and agree to implement such a plan for the future.

That would require having the league meets (boys and girls) a week earlier to allow time to finish suspended events. The Michigan High School Athletic Association forbids competition after state meets, which took place Saturday.

"The whole thing is stupid, having the meet this week," Farmington coach Bruce Brown said. "The girls coaches have been saying for years we have to have the meet the week before. So we put ourselves in a box."

"No other conference I know of has its league meets three days before the state meet. At the Oakland County meet, the other coaches thought we were crazy."

Regardless of the action taken today by



Dan O'Meara

the athletic directors, it won't undo the disappointment, frustration and discontent with the outcome of this year's meet.

Athletes were deprived of a chance to compete in one of the two remaining events, the Stevenson team believes it was cheated out of a chance to win the meet fairly and the Farmington team must listen to others talk of it winning a tainted championship.

There is also the question of whether or not Farmington will be stripped of the title it supposedly won Wednesday night. Any change in that status now will surely invite more turmoil and possibly fuel the controversy instead of resolving it.

SINCE The Farmington schools couldn't return Thursday because their proms were

that night, Holmberg did the honorable thing and voted not to finish the suspended meet. Conversely, that would have meant a tainted title for the Spartans.

The other overriding concern was the opposition to having athletes compete with just one day of rest before Saturday's state finals.

"In all good consciousness, I'm not going to ask Jennifer Kiel to come back and run (the 3,200 meters) two days before the state meet," Brown said.

As far as the decision to suspend the meet, I can't fault the coaches and referee for doing what they thought best at that time. Roger Frayer, the athletic director at Stevenson, also raises a legitimate issue when he questions the right of coaches and the meet referee to determine what is the policy of the league in such matters.

That's all the more reason for the ADs to decide on an alternative process now and, most importantly, agree to have the league meets the week before the Memorial Day weekend. Furthermore, I hope they don't delay the issue of announcing a winner. Everybody loses in that case.

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not the girls meet could have been concluded Wednesday before the weather got too bad.

The boys meet was suspended Tuesday for the same reason and was finished prior to the girls meet Wednesday. Naturally, that delayed the start of the girls contest, but why weren't steps taken to move things along given the heavy schedule and forecast for severe weather that day?

FOR EXAMPLE, does there need to be so many heats (four in the 400 and two in the 1,600) that slowed down the boys on Tuesday? And why was the unnecessary, non-scoring heavy man's relay run at the end of the boys meet?

Furthermore — and, sure, it's hindsight now — but was it necessary to introduce every senior on all 17 teams before the girls meet? That was a waste of time, especially since storm clouds were beginning to roll into the area.

That might have been the five or 10 minutes needed at the end of the meet to reach a satisfactory conclusion and, thereby, avoid the mess that hangs like another kind of cloud over the still undecided meet.

Allow time to adjust to new bowling ball

Are you thinking about getting a new bowling ball? The offseason is usually the best time to try out new equipment.

Some bowlers try to change balls in the middle of the regular season and have difficulty adjusting, particularly during competition when there is little room for error. It's also hard to find open bowling time to practice with the new ball.

During the summer, there are a lot of opportunities to get open bowling, therefore, it is easier to go to your own pace when you are making changes in your game. The decision to buy a new ball is not an easy one, nor is the choice of which ball, what weight, what the type of grip and so forth.

If you are satisfied with the equipment you are now using, why change? Maybe there is that Christmas money you still haven't spent. A new ball can range in price from 30 something to well over \$100 for the better urethane models.

Now that you have decided to spend your money, there are several factors to consider. Do you want to throw more or less hook? Should you go to a heavier or lighter ball? Which brand name do you favor? Should you try a fingertip grip? The answers are simple enough, but the choices are many.

Bowling balls are made of either rubber, plastic or urethane. Most of the urethane balls will hook more and carry through better on oilier lane conditions.

For some people, a ball that hooks a lot will be too hard to control, and the spare shooting becomes a bigger problem. This is where your local pro shop comes in handy. If you can consult a professional, let him watch you bowl and analyze your delivery. He can give you the best advice on which ball to choose and how it should be drilled.

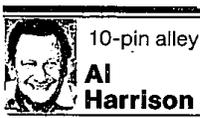
The pro can also check you out after you get the new ball and make any adjustments to the fit when you try it out. With any new ball, you must be patient and practice with it during the summer so when the fall leagues start you will be ready to chop down all those pins.

If you have been using a 16-pound ball for many years and are now getting up in years, it would not be uncommon to drop to a 15-pounder. This could result in less arm fatigue by the third game.

There are also variations in the way a ball can be balanced by the pro such as leverage weight, axis weight, finger weight or thumb weight. All these would have an effect on the roll of the ball, the hitting power and accuracy.

You should discuss these possibilities with the pro shop to determine which way to go in getting the most out of your equipment.

Now that the summer leagues are in full swing, Bel Aire Lanes in Farmington has the Wednesday



Al Harrison
10-pin alley

night Un-Mixed Mixed League in which Kim Walker rolled a 640 series, including a 224 game, in the Men's Trio League. Jack Craig holds the high series at 646 and high game with a 256 for now. Phil Hale came up with a 244 game for the second high spot. In the King of the Hill competition, there were 24 participants with the \$100 top prize going to Bob Parker beating John Flores in the final eliminations.

At Westland Bowl on Wayne Road, the summer leagues have already produced two perfect games, as Bill O'Brien and Terry Tesarz each rolled a 300 game in the Thursday Summer Trio League. Tesarz had a series total of 717, and O'Brien's series was 697. Also in this same league, Vince Leleniewski rolled up a 278 series, Pete Zarger a 265 game and Don Haase Jr. a 701 series. Ron Matney had a 698 series and John Richardson a 694.

The youth summer program is now going strong at Super Bowl on Ford Road in Canton Township. They are now forming Monday Teen Mixed League starting Monday, June 19, at 6:30 p.m., a Wednesday Youth Mixed League at 1:30 p.m. to begin June 21, a Wednesday afternoon Bumber Bowl League for ages 8-8 beginning June 21, a Thursday Bumber Bowl starting Thursday, June 22, at 4:15 p.m., and a Thursday Youth Mixed Trio League at 4:15 p.m. beginning June 22.

Every Saturday night there is a summer "no-tap" moonlight doubles at 9:30 p.m., with singles no-taps available at the same time. On Friday, the teens Rock-A-Bowl takes place from 8-10 p.m. in which you can bowl, dance and eat all the pizza you can eat for \$8. I know some teens who could really take advantage of that offer!

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● RUNNING CAMP

The Third Annual Mercy Girls Cross Country Camp will take place in two sessions at the Brighton Recreation Area this summer.

The first is scheduled for Sunday, July 30, through Saturday, Aug. 5, to Saturday, Aug. 12. Runners can sign up for both sessions.

One session costs \$110, which includes room and board. The two-week stay is available for \$175. A \$30 non-refundable deposit is required. The balance should be paid by Friday, June 30.

Checks should be payable to Gary Servais and sent to him at 3650 Thomas, Berkley, 48072. Call him at 547-3572 or 478-2836 for details. Servais is the cross country and track coach at Farmington Hills Mercy.

● COACHES NEEDED

Farmington Hills Mercy needs a JV and varsity cheerleading coach. Applicants should send a resume to Athletic Director Suzanne Brown, 29300 Elveto Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, 48018, or call her at 478-2346.

Farmington Public Schools is accepting applications for non-teaching coaching positions for the 1989-90 school year in the following capacities: freshmen, junior varsity and varsity football assistants; varsity head coach for girls swimming. Applicants should send a resume to Ronald G. Holland, 32500 Shilawassee, Farmington, 48024, or call 471-6337 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

● GOLF TOURNEY

The Independent Insurance Agency of Wayne County will sponsor a qualifying tournament in the annual Big 'I' Insurance Youth Golf Classic on Monday, June 26, at Brae-Burn Golf Club in Plymouth. Children ages 17 and under are eligible.

Entry blanks and tournament rules and regulations are available by writing K&H Agency, Inc., 13113 Trenton Rd., Southgate or calling 284-0947.

Pistons' Salley will speak at OCC camp

John "Spider" Salley of the Detroit Pistons will be the featured speaker next month at the Oakland Community College Basketball Camp.

The one-week camp will take place Monday, July 24, through Friday, July 28, at the Orchard Ridge Campus. The camp is for boys age 8-17.

"We're excited about having (Salley) here and running the program for kids," said Tom Negoshian, the basketball coach at North Farmington High School and one of three camp instructors.

Salley, who will appear at two of the five sessions and explain his mental and physical approach to the game, will fly back from Italy and the National Basketball Association Tour to attend the camp, according to Negoshian.

"He's very committed to it and not only for one year," Negoshian said. "We hope it's the start of something that's going to continue for a number of years. He plans on returning as long as he's with the Pistons organization."

Winners of the local tournaments will compete in the state finals July 16-17 in Cadillac. The top six will be paired with touring pros for the IVGC national at the Tevatkann (Ark.) Country Club in August.

● CANTON 5-MILE RUN

The 11th Annual Canton Five-Mile Run, sponsored by the Canton Parks and Recreation Department, will take place Saturday, June 24. The fee is \$5 for early registration and \$7 after Thursday, June 22. Checks should be made payable to Canton

● TRYOUTS FOR LITTLE CAESARS 1991

Tryouts for Little Caesars 1991 and 1978 girls teams will be 6 p.m. Monday, June 5, and for the 1975 and 1976 teams 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 6. Call Kathy at 427-3336 for details.

The Spirit of '77 soccer team will have tryouts on Monday, June 5; Wednesday, June 7, and Friday, June 9, 6-8:30 p.m. at Lower Warendale Park in Dearborn Heights. Only boys with 1977 birth dates are eligible. For information call Louis Stankovich at 927-1739 during the day or 981-7197 in the evening.

The Plymouth Kicks '77 Little Caesars team will have tryouts on Monday, June 12, and Wednesday, June 14, 6:30-8 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School. All boys born in 1977 with premier or select skill level are invited. For information, call Tony Derhake at 459-7057 or Paul Kogut at 455-8175.

The Livonia Wings '77 soccer team will have tryouts for the fall '89 and spring '90 seasons 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, June 7, at Bicentennial Park Field No. 1. All boys with 1977 birth dates and interested in playing Little Caesars Division I soccer are invited. For information, call Doug Herriman at 453-3047.

The Plymouth Soccer Club will have premier tryouts for the 1989-90 team on Monday, June 5, and Tuesday, June 6, at the Umpire's soccer field (Haggerty and Plymouth roads) from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Any boy born in 1978 is invited. Attendees should bring a light and dark shirt. Call Armando Santos at 453-5293 for details.

Open tryouts for the Northville Sting '76 team will be Friday, June 9, and Saturday, June 10, 6-8:30 p.m. at Training Center No. 1 on Sheldon Road between 5 and 6 mile roads. Call Harvey Rossing (348-8226) or Ed Sieracki (981-4787) for information.

● SOCCER TRYOUTS

The Farmington Falcons '77 boys soccer team will have tryouts on Monday, June 5, and Thursday, June 8, 7-8:30 p.m. at North Farmington High School.

The \$10 tryout fee includes a T-shirt. Tryouts are for the fall '89 and spring '90 seasons. Call Dale Dolech

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