

More than 600 juniors are entered in the singles eliminations at Mercury Lanes in Dearborn to decide the State Youth Bowling Association Championship and the trio that will represent Michigan in the All-America event in Washington later in the summer.

Washington later in the summer the climinations are being held in six areas with all Observerland competitors bowling at Mercuty Lanes. The other sites include: Howe's Lanes in Clarkston, Town and Country Lanes in Ithaca. Parkview Lanes in Cadi' c., Porman's Recreation in Buchanan and Wayside Lanes in Kalamazoo. The finals are scheduled at Pleasant Lanes in Mt. Pleasant May 16, 22-23.

FOR THE FIRST time in

FOR THE FIRST time in the eight year history of the Ladies Invitational doubles at Merri-Bowl the 700 barrier has been broken.

Putting together games of 243, 232 and 267, Dottie Slomkowski registered a 733. In the Teen Classic, Mark Raphe, we the locate with Barber was the leader with 605, followed by Mike Kaka-ley with 574 and Randy Smith with 573.

THE UNUSUAL happened at Bel-Aire when two bowlers tied at 703 for top honors in the Classic. Don Walker had games of 244, 244 and 215 for his 793 and Bob Younker fired a 288 between games of 245 and 190 to get a share of the honor. the honor

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Other high scores included
Jack Brown 692, Frank Baker
689, Jim Brinkman 688, and
Ted Smith, who fired a perfect game a year ago, took
high single with a 278.

ANOTHER 760 popped up the Garden Lanes Classic. This time it was the work of Paul iskin who posted a 704. Behind him came Ron Brennan 688, Doe Aubtey 664, Carty Brandt 672, Gordon Cantwell 670, David Waters 668, Don Denham 667, Tom Itanes 685, Bob Mann 657 and Bob Cassar Substraba Ladies Traveling League Rosemary Prueter was high with a 668. Fred Pringle found the range in the Watstrad Classic. After starting with a 197 be came back with games of 258 and 248 for 728. His closest rival was Denny Feloni with 673 who beat out Bob Beneson for second place by a single pla.

Don Timmerman's Quitter 18 the Classific plan.

Don Timerman's Quality Precision team in the Twin Parish League at Westland is headed for something f a record. Bowling a split sea-son the team has a mark of 35 victories and only a single defeat thus far in the second half

LOIS MCALLISTER took top honors in the Livonia Ladies Classic with a 583-66-649 that included a high single

Other high games included Betty Moller with 181-37-218 and Peg Warner with 181-43-

and Feg watter in the Whirlwind League 224.

In the Whirlwind League Walt Cherris was high with a 659. In the single game competition Lenny Elandt set the pace with 227, followed by Billy Eggenberger with 241 and Jerry Pollard with 227.

M. Haffman,

Clarence M. Hoffman, longtime owner of Livonia Lanes, will be guest of honor at the annual Dad's Night doubles Saturday night. Three complete squads have

Brent Kennedy, with a 227 in 565, topped the high school boys at Farmington Lanes, while Ardith Notestine, who wante Artista Notestine, who carries a 144 average, paced the Queen Bees at Country Lanes with a 529.

DAN KUZMA joined the ranks of unusual performers with a Dutch 200 at May-flower Lanes.

erts League to beat out Doro-thy Kummer's 509. two women for Geraldine !

two women for the honor. Writer Son. John Son. 221 in 578 in the Church coll was Jackie Sepelveda, a League and Phyllis Himelson 423 in 533 in 553 in 553 in the Pisgah a 235 in 535 in St. Mel's League.

League.

KERRY REESE was the JIMMIE SMITH took high game honors for the week at barrier in the Wonderland Oak Park Lanes. He posted a Classic and he did it with a 257 in the Outer Drive 714. His closest rival was Church League to beat out John Ayotte with a 688.

## Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

Racing Commissioner Leo Shirley, who is deeply involved in legal moves to force five directors of the Hazel Park Racing Association to resign, will have time to study the impact of the state's first midwinter harness racing meeting within another week.

Beset by inclement weather for most of its early season, Northville Downs will lower the curtain on its activities next Thursday with the thought that the two months of darkness from the end of the Jackson-at-Northville campaign on Dec. 1 to the start of the current sessions on Feb. 3 were death blows to a successful meeting.

Naturally the final conclusion is based on tendance and mutuel handle — the Northville ssion isn't going to set the world on fire on either attendance

At the start of the season, shortly after receiving the dates for the midwinter, Executive Manager John Carlo felt that it would take an activative bondle of \$250,000 to meet average nightly handle of \$250,000 to meet

Indications at this time point to an average handle of around \$240,000 with the crowd figures still not available.

There isn't any question but that Carlo and his associates had to spend hundreds of dollars for work on the racing strip that wasn't in their

work on the racing strip uses was a managed of the holding else, the midwinter meeting proved that more than the normal all-weather track is needed. Northville has long been known for having the best half-mile track in the midwest. It had never been used for anything but harness racing and thus had been beaten down to the kind of surface needed for the pacers and trotters.

But heavy snowstorms, unseasonable rains, unpredictable weather, all added up to some of the worse track conditions ever encountered at the 'Downs.

Only because the Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association had agreed to race regardless of conditions kept the meeting going on more than one occasion. The drivers agreed rather reluc-

one occasion. The drivers agreed rather rejuc-tantly but did race with the option of scratching if they preferred not to compete.

Eventually everything worked out and the meeting is grinding to a close. but there are a great many matters that should be ironed out by the commissioner and the tracks come another

AFTER THE BIGGEST opening in Detroit, Race Course history, thoroughbred racing has settled down in much the manner expected by Detroit Racing Association officials

The earliest meeting in Michigan history has run into the same problems of Northville Downs. Principally unpredictable weather with snow, rain and all of the things that happen in Michigan in the spring.

But officials are looking for a break in the near future and then will start making plans for the arrival of the big stables from the sunny south with the top horses

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Actually DRA executives figured the first 30 days of the 120-day campaign would be turned over to the cheaper horses, those that had been racing at small ovals during the winter plus those who winter trained in Michigan.

That's exactly what is on the grounds. The result has been excellent racing with cheap, evenly matched horses. The big problem comes at the end of the 30 days when track officials will have to decide whether they will ask the cheaper stables to leave and take off for the meetings of that type in Ohio, Illinois and New York and perhaps Windsor Raceway, or try to keep them on for some cheap events. for some cheap events.

The big problem is that there will be early meetings in years to come and the small stable owners may decide the beck with Detroit, we can go elsewhere and stay for the summer.

It is interesting to note that the DRA, with the consent of the Building Services Employes Union which represents all workers in the mutuel department, has retired all those 70 and older.

Elima Mahar also got her share of the spotlight by posting a 536 in the St. Rob

## Schembechler Sees M Top Contender In '71

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Michigan will be in the thick of a four or five way hattle for the Big Ten football championship next fall and Bob Thormbladh, the former Plymouth High School star, could play a great part in the campaign.

You can take the word of Head Coach Bo Schembechler for it.

Wearing a broad smile of optimism as he awaited the opening of spring practice, "Bo" leaned forward in his chair during an exclusive interivew and said—"This will be a much different race this year than we've had in some time. "Last year, it was obvious from the start that the title would go either to us or Ohio State. That isn't so this time. Here's why.

"Michigan State is certain to be stronger—and could be a contender. Northwestern looks very good and from all reports Purdue will have a fineam. And you can't count

#### Gow Accepts<sup>⋄</sup> **Tender From** Illinois U

All-star football back Mike Gow, of North Farmington High, has accepted a football scholarship to Illinois Univer-

field returns intact with Bill Taylor at tailback, Bellen Doughty at wingback, and Fritz Seyferth at fullback, Schembechler is keeping his eye on Thornblath.

"He can't expect to break into the first team as things stand now," Bo said, "but he's got a lot going for him. He's big and strong, and I like his speed."

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Gow sparkled this past fall in North Farmington's drive to a perfect season and the state Class A dampiouship. He gained 10% yards in nine games, sorced 118 points on the state of the state Class A to the state of th

#### Can't Lose

Michigan State wrestlers won an unprecedented sixth straight Big Ten champion-ship in 1971 with a record 101 points and garnered five indi-vidual titles in the process.

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Ohio out of it, even though it has been hit hard by graduation. The Buckeyse had fine backup material. We'll be hearing from them when the season starts."

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The Wolverine chief admit-ted that many things could happen in the long trail from spring to September but he likes what he has seen thus far.

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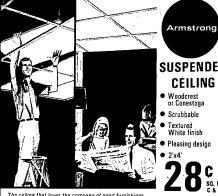
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