



Kurtis Leads Churchill To Western Six Honors

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Churchill had 21 points, followed by Farmington with 16. Northville compiled 79 points for third followed by Walled Lake Western, 82, and Waterford, 111.

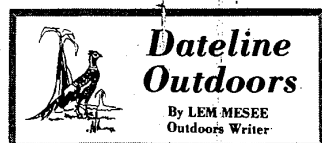
Bentley, RU Sophomores Finish 2-3

Redford Union and Bentley cross country squads placed second and third in the Sophomore Invitational Meet at Bay City.

Alpena won with 39 points, followed by RU with 79 and Bentley, 102. Jay Kirksey placed fifth in the meet and first for Bentley with a time of 14:05.

The meet was the first of its kind to be held in the area with 10 teams taking part.

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The 1971 small game season has produced hunters mixed success in southeastern Michigan.

Pheasant kills were generally poor, with western Wayne county doing best. Macon County generally declining. The few hunters who tried for ruffed grouse had good reports, squirrel hunters had moderate success, but there was little pressure for cottontail rabbits.

Duck hunting is still slow and will remain so until a cold front brings down some flights.

FISHING PRESSURE is off as sportsmen take to the woods, but Union Lake anglers were coming back with some big bass and perch, along with a few northern pike.

SNOWMOBILES have never been high on my popularity list. In fact, I think they should be limited to utilitarian purposes and not be recreational vehicles at all.

So far, my objections have been based on the damage snowmobilers do to the landscape and the way their raucous sounds spook wildlife, but there's more and more

KURTIS IN picking up individual honors at the league meet has placed first in 11 or 12 meets this year. He captured first in all eight of

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Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

With the Wolverine Raceway meeting closing (Saturday) tonight, the battle between the Jackson-at-Northville meeting and that at Windsor Raceway for patronage and handle will start next week.

Actually the confrontation takes place Tuesday night since Windsor opens with a Sunday matinee and Jackson will offer its first 10-race program Monday.

There isn't any question that Windsor is doing everything possible to avoid head-to-head confrontations and dark Mondays with Windsor wipes out one program.

Windsor still recalls the effect the Jackson meeting had on its attendance and wagering a year ago... we don't have the figures but we recall that Windsor suffered more than a 30 per cent dip. It probably would have been even worse had Michigan allowed a track to operate during December and January but no dates were allotted and it was during the period when Michigan tracks were dark that Windsor began to pick up. It was the only game operating and thus fans went to Windsor rather than not go at all.

With the best horses available since it first started operations at Northville Downs, President and General Manager Leon Slavin is looking for a time meeting... one that will shatter all of the records made a year ago.

Groves Girls Walk Off With Six Tennis Crowns

Collecting six of seven championships, Birmingham Groves tennis swept to the girls tennis crown of the Northwest Suburban League with a total of 11 points for the season. Oak Park was second with nine.

There wasn't any question of the superiority of the Groves' girls, who won all but the No. 3 doubles in the annual league tournament on the Franklin High courts.

The only break, in what could have been an unprecedented sweep, came when the Oak Park doubles duo of Carole Horwitz and Laura Tatt whipped Groves' Lisa Gilbert and Lisa Riker, 6-1.

Linda Whitehead, of Groves, ousted two opponents to take the No. 1 singles crown, beating Maryle Siegal, of Oak Park, 6-3.

No. 2 singles went to Debby Humenny, of Groves, with a 6-1 decision over Sherie Parks, of John Glenn.

No. 3 singles was taken by Barbara DeBenham, of Groves, who whipped Carol Bevard, of John Glenn, 6-3 in the finals.

The No. 1 doubles title went to Groves' Peggy Harper and Diane Brykskalk with a 6-1 verdict over Debbie Dunn and Marty Cowan, of Oak Park.

No. 2 doubles was an easy victory for the identical Mitchell twins of Groves, Carole and Yvonne measured Sonia Menenberg and Debbie Weiss, of Oak Park, 6-1.

Then it was Oak Park's turn in the No. 4 doubles where Carole Horwitz and Laura Tatt whipped the Groves' duo of Lisa Gilbert and Lisa Riker, 6-1.

In the final point standings, points for included points for the dual meet competition, it was Groves 11, Oak Park 9, John Glenn 7, Franklin and Thurston, 4 each, and North Farmington in the cellar spot with a single point.

The summaries of the tournament:

SINGLES
No. 1 - K. Cowan (7) def. J. Orville (NF); 6-2; K. Cowan (10) def. B. Cash (1); 6-0; L. Whitehead (7) def. M. Siegal (1) def. Coleman, 6-4; Whitehead (10) def. Siegal, 6-1.

DOUBLES
No. 1 - D. Dunn - M. Cowan (10) def. B. Bernhardt - B. Zuhlen (1); 6-0; P. Harper - D. Brykskalk (10); 6-0; Dunn - Cowan (10); 6-0; Brykskalk - D. Orville (10); 6-0; D. Orville (10) def. C. Whitford - B. Danahy (10); 6-0; Harper - Brykskalk (10) def. Dunn - Cowan, 6-1.

No. 2 - M. Bernhardt - B. Zuhlen (10) def. P. Polan - D. Hanel (1); 6-2; C. Mitchell - Y. Mitchell (10) def. C. Ledbetter - G. Burton (10); 6-0; M. Bernhardt - J. Weiss (10) def. Rayburn - Gibson, 6-1; Mitchell - Mitchell (10) def. Ledbetter - Burton, 6-1; Mitchell - Mitchell (10) def. Menenberg - Weiss, 6-1.

No. 3 - L. Gilbert - L. Riker (10) def. B. Bernhardt - B. Zuhlen (10); 6-0; C. Mitchell - Y. Mitchell (10) def. C. Ledbetter - G. Burton (10); 6-0; M. Bernhardt - J. Weiss (10) def. Rayburn - Gibson, 6-1; Mitchell - Mitchell (10) def. Ledbetter - Burton, 6-1; Mitchell - Mitchell (10) def. Menenberg - Weiss, 6-1.

No. 4 - K. Orville - A. Cullen (10) def. P. Garwin - B. Bloch (10); 6-0; D. Koss - P. Fisher (10) def. C. Lightfoot - K. Kull (10); 6-3; M. Orville - M. Ruten (10) def. Orville - Cullen, 6-2; E. Epstein - F. Fishman (10) def. Koss - P. Fisher, 6-2; Epstein - Fishman (10) def. Orville - Ruten, 6-0.

MSU To Host Swim Meet
The 1972 Big Ten Swimming championship meet will be staged at Michigan State's State's IM Building Pool.

Joe Niecko, John Young, Marvin Lane, Paul Jata and Bob Molinaro have teamed with a promising bunch of first and second-year professionals to get the Duesen-based club off to an 11-1 start and a tie for first place in their division.

Falcons Shock Harrier Rivals

Farmington, which had lost three times to Stevenson, pulled off an upset in the Inter

North Girls Better Four Swim Records

Setting four varsity records, North Farmington girls swimmers trounced Livonia Stevenson, 64-49, for their fifth dual meet victory.

Records were set by Lisa Crozier in the 200 freestyle, Laura Shakoto in the 50 backstroke, Margi McBeth in the 50 butterfly and Ann Bertsch in the 100 freestyle.

The summaries:
200 MEDLEY RELAY: 1-Medley, Bradman, Orchard, Fry (NF) Time: 2:21.
200 FREESTYLE: 1-Crozier (NF) 2-Siek (3) 3-Orchard (NF) Time: 2:28.0.
100 IM: 1-Hickerson (NF) 2-Jacobs (NF) 3-Fredrick (NF) Time: 2:19.4.
50 BACK: 1-Shakoto (NF) 2-McBeth (10) 3-Morrow (NF) Time: 1:17.
50 BREAST: 1-Hartfield (10) 2-Slater (NF) 3-Nahel (NF) Time: 37.2.
50 FREE: 1-Matthews (NF) 2-Pigman (NF) 3-Johnson (NF) Time: 21.4.
DIVING: 1-Wood (NF) 2-Davitt (10) 3-Law (NF).
60 FLY: 1-McBeth (NF) 2-Terry (3) 3-Orchard (NF) Time: 33.1.
100 FREE: 1-Bertram (NF) 2-Siek (10) 3-Hickerson (NF) Time: 1:01.8.
100 BACK: 1-Matthews (10) 2-Shakoto (NF) 3-Jacobs (NF) Time: 1:16.3.
100 BREAST: 1-Hartfield (10) 2-Slater (NF) 3-Matthews (NF) Time: 1:22.8.
200 FREE RELAY: 1-Crozier, Johnson, Fry, McBeth (NF) Time: 1:58.4.

Following Mathia for Stevenson were: Pat Opsommer, sixth; Kevin Maly, eighth; Bill Walker, 12th and Rick Galindo, 15th.

Stevenson ran into unexpected trouble. "My No. 3 man, Paul Walchski, got sick during the race and placed 25th," said Spartan Coach Paul Holmberg. "Plus my No. 2 man ended up being my No. 4 man."

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9 Tigers Head South For Winter

For nine members of the 37-man Tiger roster there has been no vacation between seasons. Instead of going home for a rest, they packed their bags after the regular season ended and headed south for more baseball.

Five of the Tigers on a busman's holiday are preparing for the Detroit entry in the Florida Instructional League, which is already three weeks into its 47-game schedule.

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Lane, a centerfielder, is the main cog in the attack with seven runs batted in and a .462 batting average, third best mark in the loop. Molinaro (.322) and Jata (.280) flank Lane in the outfield, while Young is rotating between the outfield and first base.

Niecko is working on his knuckleball and has appeared twice, going three innings in each outing without figuring in a decision.

Four other Tigers will be playing south of the border. Les Cain received a favorable medical report on his salary-ying at the conclusion of the American League season and will concentrate on sharpening his control with Mayaguez in the Puerto Rican League.

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