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Ski Heil
By **BILL CAMERON**
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"When the building plan is completed, the various Four Seasons Village facilities will be able to accommodate 6,000 people, offering a sophisticated mix of winter sports, fine entertainment and dining, luxury lodging and an incomparable setting for residents and visitors alike.

I DID HAVE the opportunity to take my first "ski-touring" lesson, and I took to it like a duck to water. Many of Colorado's ski areas (commonly called Ski Country, U.S.A., and rightfully so) are expanding their cross-country touring trails, realizing the potential growth in the sport. I found it very easy to learn, safe and fun. This has to be the answer to your frustrated winter sports enthusiasts who worry about breaking bones, costs, getting to and from ski areas, and the interminable waiting in lifelines.

We were also offered the opportunity of snowmobiling in the high country but because of the pressure of time, we weren't able to squeeze it into our schedule. As it was, we had to miss the dog sled races, the speed-

Observer - Livonia Ski Skule
Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City _____
No. of Registrations _____ Thursday Preference _____
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Ski Classes Open Jan. 6
Are you ready to try your hand at skiing in the annual Observer-Livonia Parks and Recreation ski skule? There isn't anytime like now to get adjusted...the opening classes of the first nine week session begin next Thursday, Jan. 6 at the Mt. Brighton facilities. More than 600 participated in the ski skule a year ago and reports from Directors Joe Czaplak and Norb Koppekin indicate the registrations already have passed that total. Now's the time to get some use from the skis and other outdoor equipment Santa dropped off a few days ago.

DESPITE the unseasonable weather, Gene Hill, general manager of Mt. Brighton, says there's plenty of snow and hundreds of skiers have been using the facilities since the plant opened on Dec. 3.

REGISTRATIONS are still being accepted for the Livonia Ski Skule with sessions on Thursdays and Fridays for the initial nine-week session. Fill out the blank printed elsewhere on this page and follow the instructions.

The classes start at 6 p.m. with the following schedule: Thursday - Jan. 6, 13, 20 and 27; Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24; and March 2, Friday - Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; and March 3.

The six week second session starts in late January with the following schedule: Thursday - Jan. 27; Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24; and March 2, Friday - Jan. 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; and March 3.

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OCC Upset In Hockey

Western Michigan University upset Oakland Community College 8-5 to win the OCC invitational holiday hockey tournament.

Both teams looked good in Friday's preliminary match, with WMU an easy 14-3 victor over Central Michigan, and OCC defeating the U. of Illinois, 6-3, to gain a berth in the tourney championship.

MacDonell scored WMU's initial goal of the championship game with only 1:45 elapsed in the first period, on a pass from teammate John Anella, and the Broncos never relinquished the lead.

"Four minutes later, the two teammates exchanged favors, with Anella scoring on MacDonell's assist for a 2-0 WMU lead at 5:53 into the first period.

OAKLAND'S FIRST goal was scored by Tom Zarb, who beat Western's goalie Jim Kish on a pass from Chuck Rossie at 14:40, to finalize the first period scoring at 2-1 in favor of SMU. Kish then proceeded to hold OCC scoreless during the second period, while his teammates added four goals to pad the Western lead to 6-1 for the start of the final period.

MacDonell scored his second and third goals for the hat-trick at 9:25 of the second period. Al MacNichol tallied Western's third goal of the second stanza, followed by MacDonell's fourth goal of the game at 18:54.

The third period saw a strong effort by OCC to regain the lead, with a total of four Raiders goals getting by Kish. Oakland came within three goals at 13:44 of the final period, on scores by Dave Zarb, and two by leaving Tom Zarb, which were scored within thirteen seconds of one another, to trim the Western lead to 7-4.

Zarb's third period efforts gave him a hat-trick for the game, but Jim Hamelink scored Western's eighth and final goal at 18:00 unassisted, to put the game out of reach.

The Raiders continued to press, however, and with fifteen seconds remaining, Bob Blackmore scored the fifth and final Oakland goal of the game, on assists from

Three members of the OCC hockey squad were voted to the all-tournament team by the coaches of the four participating colleges. Goalie Craig Wojay played one of his finest games of the season in the 6-3 semi-final victory over Illinois, and finished the game with a .91 per cent save average. Defenseman and alternate captain Rossie collected two goals and two assists in the tourney, and was voted one of the tournament's two outstanding defensesmen.

The Raider all-star trio was completed with the addition of Zarb, who scored a hat-trick in the championship game, and contributed two assists in the 6-3 OCC victory over Illinois in the semi-final match.

IN THE POCKET
By W.W. EDGAR

As the sanctioned league season reaches the halfway point here are the top scorers bowled in the nation thus far:

TEAM EVENT
(men)
Stroh-Detroit - 3671
(women)
Champion Auto Parts-San Francisco-3202

TEAM GAME
(men)
Stroh-Detroit - 1285
(women)
Wright-Really - Denver - 1092

INDIVIDUAL SERIES
(men)
Jim Shaw, Columbus, O. - 843
(women)
Shirley Sjostrom - Bloomington, Minn. - 744

Here are the top scorers rolled in the metropolitan area:

MEN'S TEAM GAME
Stroh - 3671

MEN'S TEAM GAME
Stroh - 1285

MEN'S INDIVIDUAL SERIES
Mike Totky-Stroh - 801
WOMEN'S TEAM SERIES
Jac-Ro Die & Engineering - 3014
WOMEN'S TEAM GAME
Jac-Ro Die & Engineering - 1084

WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL SERIES
Marge Wuerth - 704
LARRY ANGGOTT who bowls in the Thursday Mixed League at Bel-Aires Lanes, will have good cause never to forget his final 1971 performance.

Taking his regular turn on the lanes last week he ran into six splits in his three games. Here's the list that's enough to cause a nightmare - 6-7-10, 3-6-7-10; 4-10, 4-7-9, 5-10 and 7-10.

Then, to top off the evening, he "blew" the No. 9 pin.

MARY MOHAKIS, former metropolitan bowling queen, showed her former all-star teammates that she has lost none of her scoring ability last week at Pine Tree Bowl.

Bowling as a substitute in the Ladies Major League, she fired a 630 to pace the entire league.

DICK BEATTIE returned to his old form to close out the year. On games of 213, 267 and 287 he posted a 717 to top Westland Classic and set the pace for Observerland bowlers during the week.

At this figure he was four pins ahead of Bob Hart who had a 713 on games of 225, 246 and 242. With a 257 middle game John Wodarski landed in third place with 680.

DAVE PASHKAT, a 16-year-old who carries a 179 average at Westland, hit his peak last week when he put together games of 226, 244 and 244 for 637.

THE GIRLS again stole the show at Oak Park.

Joe Bell fashioned a 684 on games of 246, 234 and 204, while Al Feldman had a 648, followed by Bernie Woerdenman with 637 and Ron Tutak with 637.

Falcon Wrestlers Upset Kimball

Farmington wrestlers squared offed Royal Oak Kimball's 22 dual meet winning streak in a 3-18 upset. Each team scored six wins but the Falcons outscored Kimball in the point production.

Farmington's John Oestrom pinned Kimball's Chuck Seymour in the 98 pound bracket to get things rolling for the Falcons. Bill Mason continued the Farmington assault with a 1-3-0 score over Bill Lewis at 105 pounds.

Kimball scored a pin in the 112 pound class with Paul Amell taking Dan Longtine down. Falcon Rob Charella pinned Ken Lang in the 119 pound class with a time of 1:43. Pete Oenoki also pinned his Kimball opponent, Tom Ryan, in the 126 pound class.

Kimball's Bill Haynes pinned Falcon Dave Burley in the 132 pound bracket, and Rich Dewolf outscored Farmington's Kevin Ratliff, 10-18 in the 138 pound category.

FALCON Jeff Krause totaled 11 points to Tony Krolkowski's two and Farmington had another win in the 145 pound class.

Bill Seery scored a 9-3 win over Farmington's Tom Impellizzeri in the 155 pound class and Falcon Rick Colley scored a pin in the 167 pound class against Rex Poff.

Hailed 16 points in the 185 pound division to topple Farmington's Mark Walsh and Kimball scored a victory in the heavyweight class on a bye.

Turf Tips, Quips

After two weeks of darkness, harness racing returns to Michigan Saturday (Jan. 1) with a 10 race program at Northville Downs which officially marks the opening of year round racing in the state.

Leon Slavin, president and general manager of Jackson Raceway which is conducting the Jackson-Northville campaign, fought hard for a continuance of the 1971 meeting to the end of the year but couldn't get approval from Racing Commissioner Leo Shirley.

Now Slavin will learn just how much damage was caused by the two week layoff while Windsor Raceway continued operations with the exception of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Damage in this respect concerns the attendance and handle... did fans take off for Windsor during the two weeks and will they return?

The Jackson Raceway boss will have the answers to both queries in short order. Patronage was on the downward slide during the final two weeks of the meeting which ended on Dec. 18 due to the weather and the poor condition of the racing strip.

During the two weeks, the half mile track has been re-covered with a ground slag composition that John Carlo, executive manager of Northville Downs reports will result in a hard, fast all-weather surface.

Carlo personally took charge of the installation, supervising a crew of workers in covering the racing strip from the inner rail to the outside barrier with more than eight inches of the slag.

The process included pouring large bits of slag on the dirt layers. This was followed by several layers of finer slag and then a couple inches of sand.

The new surface was pounded down by huge pieces of equipment and then turned over to the horsemen for daily workouts. The thought is that the pounding by the horses will work it into excellent shape for Saturday's inaugural card.

If it does what Carlo and his associates are certain it will do, then Jackson-Northville will have an excellent track year round and the muddy, heavy going that marked the races earlier in the month will be eliminated.

PRESENT PLANS call for the Jackson-Northville season to continue on the same lines prior to closing.

Racing Secretary Tom Smith lost some of the stables during the layoff when owners and trainers shipped to Chicago, some to Windsor and several of the better horses to Pompano Park for the meeting which opened on Dec. 10.

The draw for the opening program is scheduled for Wednesday morning and that's when Smith will learn how many of the better pacers and trotters will be available. He knows for sure that

Thimble, winner of the early winter pacing series with a sweep of all five of the legs including the \$10,200 finale, is gone. The speedy three-year-old fully shipped to Windsor after the championship and proceeded to whip the best there.

All officials of the early winter meeting will be back for the 25 night midwinter session that goes through the final week of January.

Posttime will be 1 p.m. with the nighty double on the first two races, a perfecta and two trifectas. There is a possibility that Slavin will ask permission for another perfecta or perhaps a quinella.

COMPETITION for the wagering dollar will be keener than ever starting Saturday since the thoroughbreds will open a lengthy meeting in Toledo and Windsor will be battling Jackson-Northville for patronage every night with the exception of Monday.

The answer to the question "Has Jackson-Northville cut into Windsor's business?" was answered during the night since Northville Downs went dark.

Windsor's handle picked up something like \$100,000 every night and almost \$150,000 on Friday.

But it must also be pointed out that Windsor started its Wednesday matinee as soon as Hazel Park closed and added a few promotions that worked wonders.

For instance, the Windsor track management made arrangements for Herv Filion, the top driver in North America who recently set all-time records for wins in a single year and also for a career, to appear on Sunday's card.

It also must have arranged for the spectacular reinman to have live horses in every race for he set a record with seven firsts and wasn't worse than third all afternoon.

His appearance also had a definite effect on the crowd and wagering for the afternoon. One recalls that the appearance of Albatross, everyone's choice as pacer of the year, resulted in a handle of \$824,000. Wolverine, first time wagger ever went over \$900,000 at a Michigan harness track and now one driver has the same kind of magic at Windsor.

ALTHOUGH things have been relatively quiet at Hazel Park since the meeting closed on Dec. 18 while waiting for the new owners to take over, there are more than 500 horses on the grounds using the small indoor track for morning workouts.

There is a possibility that many will move to Toledo in the next few days but most owners and trainers indicated they would stay at Hazel Park until the season opener on Feb. 28.

A Toledo meeting is the only answer for most since the stall allocations already have been made at the Fairgrounds in New Orleans, at Hot Springs and at Tampa.