

Putting Marks Women's Golf

Low putts—always a challenge—made play more interesting for the Livonia Women's Golf League's play at Whispering Willows.

What makes it more challenging is the fact that the league has only three more weeks of trophy competition before the awards luncheon Aug. 27 at the Thunderbird Inn.

Low putt honors in A flight went to Peg Sontag with 15. Peg also snagged low net honors with a 35 after posting a low gross of 47.

GRACE SMITH took B flight honors with her 16, but Katie Ogden had low net-low gross with her 37-53 round. Nudging her was Joan Wiljaenen who carded a low net of 38 and low gross of 52.

It was a three-way tie in C flight for low putts between Sophie Telman, Jane Shaw and Marie McGee all with 17. But low gross-low net honors went to Mary Gilbertson who came in with a sizzling 51, much to the dismay of league secretary Doris O'Connell who had not-to-be-scooped at 54.

Winning is getting to be a habit with D flight's Lucille McNamara, of Livonia City Hall fame. She had a low net-low gross of 38-60, but low

putting honors were captured by Paula Madsen with 18. E flight saw Jo Gienke walk off with low putts prize with her 16. Newcomer Joan Antenucci took low net-low gross with 33-59.

Betty Tarpinian was F flight's putting champ with 20 with Patricia Pilgrim taking best score honors with a low net of 35 and low gross of 67.

Tim Murphy Wins Golf Clinic Crown

Tim Murphy fired a 45 to win the nine-hole championship that featured the playoffs of the annual golf clinic at Whispering Willows golf course.

The competition for the 92 juniors, participating in the clinic, included a chipping and a putting contest.

Brent Erickson had a 36 for six holes to win that tourney and Kris Somerville shot a 36 for six to lead the girls.

Mike Kim won the putting crown.

Pro Gary Whitener awarded six dozen balls to winners and also had hot dogs and pop for all entrants in the clubhouse following the competition.



BART MARKTEL, of Flint, three time Grand National Champion and four time winner of the nationals at the Detroit Race Course in Livonia, will be back in quest of his fifth victory in the National Championship motorcycle race on Sunday, Aug. 8. Sponsored by the Livonia Metropolitan Club and the Detroit Association of Motorcycle Clubs, the annual program is expected to bring all of the top cyclists in the land to Livonia. More than 12,000 viewed the program a year ago.

Northville Sets Richest Programs

With wagering and attendance at an all-time high, the impact will be felt by horsemen and patrons this weekend at Northville Downs when Director of Racing Harry Peterson presents the richest and finest pair of racing programs in "Downs history."

More than \$65,000 will be offered in purses Friday and Saturday with a \$12,000 invitational race, a \$10,000 open trot and a pace for \$25,000 to \$35,000 claims heading the cards.

The \$12,000 pace on Saturday is the most ever put up for an overnight event in the Metropolitan Detroit area and the \$10,000 trot on Friday is the richest ever offered in the Motor City.

PETERSON believes the invitational pace will be the greatest ever at Northville and sees an excellent chance of the current track record of 2:00.4 going by the boards.

Heading the cast is Windy Way from the Bobby Williams stable who already has been under 2:00 twice this year. In addition it will bring a rematch of the spectacular four-year-old feat of a week ago at Crosswell when Michigan Mac was the winner.

The Futurity was a duel between Breadman George, Shaway Lad and Michigan Mac. They'll all be in the field along with Record Time, winner of Saturday's invitational, who has won more than \$200,000 during his career.

"Never have we been able to arrange two such programs for a weekend before," said Peterson, "Never have we had so many good pacers and trotters and now management is going to show its appreciation by offering record purses."

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Observing Sports

By George Maskin

Practice never is fun. It can become drudgery after a point, especially when you're a football player, loaded down with a lot of heavy gear, and working out in 85-90 degree heat.

But out at Cranbrook these days nothing stops the Detroit Lions from two-a-day sessions. And, nothing stops Wayne Walker of Livonia, one of the team's senior citizens.

Now in his 14th season with the Lions and the possessor of the team's record for most games—172—played in a Detroit uniform, one might think that Walker would take it a little easy on one of those hot afternoons when he'd probably enjoy a cool drink off in some corner of the field.

But, there he is... one of the first out onto the practice area, one of the last off.

When the players move from one spot on the field to another, Walker is usually well up in the pack despite the fact there are numerous youngsters on the squad with more zing in their legs.

We stood there watching as Walker and his fellow linebackers went through a session on tackling... against a dummy.

Bing, bang... when Wayne hit, the coach kept saying: "Nice going, Wayne."

Yet, when others went pounding into the dummy, they drew criticism and were sent back to take another shot.

WAYNE HAS BEEN a starter almost from his first day on the team in 1958. In those days he played alongside middle linebacker Joe Schmidt. Today, he plays under Schmidt, the team's fine head coach.

But, there has been much more than defense to Walker's career in pro football. He ranks No. 2 on the Lions' all-time list of scorers with 343 to his credit.

All but 12 of the points have come off Walker's kicking toe. In his rookie season he scored two touchdowns. He's still waiting for No. 3.

But for many years he was the team's placekicking specialist, running a total of 170 successful conversions in 173 attempts and booting field goals with great success. Walker also handled the kickoffs.

Then Errol Mann came along and moved Walker out in these departments, but the plan now is to have Walker again boot the kickoffs, because he gets the ball up higher and there's less chance of the opposition returning the ball back for big gains.

WALKER IS ONE of the more durable players around the National Football League. He admits to good fortune.

"I've managed to escape an injury jinx which has hit a lot of players," he tells you.

He has been part of the mighty defense that has been a major part of the Lions' success story over the year while the team has been building up its offense.

There's no question he has slowed down some,

but nobody would have thought so last season when Wayne romped some 60 yards to haul down a St. Louis Cardinal runner and not only save a touchdown, but also save the game for the Lions. The Cards couldn't capitalize on the run and turn it into a touchdown.

Walker is more than a top-notch football player who has known just about every personal honor that can come to a pro. He's been an all-star, played in the Pro-Bowl Game and voted the team's most valuable player.

He's also one of the most popular members of the Lions and one of the best liked.

More important, it's the example he sets as a 14 year player which helps to make life just a little more pleasant in training for coach Schmidt.

If an old-pro tends to take it easy, the younger fellows well might, too.

But when they see a guy like Walker, who's been around as long as he has, still giving it the full shot, whether it's 90 degrees or five below, well, a coach can really smile.

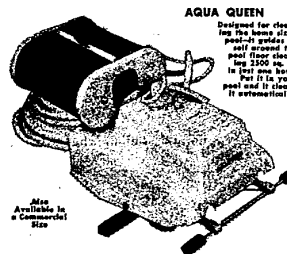
How long will Walker continue in football as a player?

He's not saying. It just depends, he confesses, on how fortunate he is, how his legs hold up... on possible injuries.

But around the Lions' camp, the feeling is Walker will be around for a couple more years... possibly more.

After all, when you truly enjoy what you're doing—and Walker does—it helps to offset the addition of crushing years which pile on for all of us.

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