

Wolverine Stars Eye Track Record

If Wolverine Raceway's track record isn't broken Saturday in the \$6,600 Invitational race, then it probably will hold up until the start of the Grand Circuit program on Sept. 7.

That was the way Racing Secretary Bill Connors put it after lining up one of the finest programs ever offered in Michigan. It contains 10 races, and every single one is well balanced and could bring a photo finish.

"We have the best class of pacers ever at Wolverine this year," said Connors. "Thus, we are able to fill our Saturday programs with just about the best races ever seen in this section of the land."

Connors isn't fooling. The proof came a week ago when a crowd of almost 12,000 sent \$811,000 through the mutual machines...the fourth highest handle in the track's history.

IF THE WEATHER remains cool and the track fast, then fans might well see the 1:58 record, set by Knox Patch a year ago, fade into oblivion.

There is still some question in the minds of those who viewed last Saturday's card that Knox Patch may have come close to his record. But the vicissitudes of time waited until the feature race to break down, and the official clocking never came.

However, the photo finish has a backup on its film and it definitely indicated that Knox was short by two full seconds with a time of 2:00.2.

The story could well be different in this week's rich overnight for the field of six includes all of the fastest at the track.

Just to make the menu a bit more tasty, Keystone Pat, one of the nation's top four-year-olds, has been shipped in ahead of the Grand Circuit and will make his first appearance in the Invitational.

Keystone Pat, handled by Jack Hayes, won \$83,068 a year ago as a three and shows earnings of \$119,635 for three years of competition.

He also competed in cross country and won varsity letters as a sophomore and junior.

He set a school mark of 9:17.5 indoors in the two-mile last winter and has a best time of 4:18.9 in the mile. Outdoors, Gores had personal bests of 14:59 in the three-mile and 4:24.8 in the mile while setting a college mark of 9:23.4 in the two-mile.

THERE WILL BE plenty of familiar Observerland names on future Michigan teams that is provided freshmen who have accepted athletic tenders make the grade.

Gary Kardos, of Livonia, one of the stars of the Junior Red Wings last winter, is listed among the frosh hockey hopefuls. With Kardos at the



CONDITIONING HELD the attention of area prep gridders this week but the weeding out process starts Monday when the teams will be allowed contact scrimmages for the first time. No team in the lower peninsula is allowed to start varsity competition before Sept. 17. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

Youthful Livonia Bowler Is National Champion

By W. W. EDGAR

Little Timothy Wilson, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Wilson, is proudly wearing a crown as the City of Livonia's first national individual bowling champion. Competing in the National Youth Fitness Tournament in Boston, Mass., he put together series of 457, 444, 528 and 526 for a 1955 count that topped the 9-11 year old bracket.

Nine states were involved in the tournament that is part of the President's Physical Fitness program and Little Tim became the idol of the entire assemblage.

DESPITE HIS age Tim has been bowling for four and one half years.

He got his start in the Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation league at Livonia Lanes. After several years in that circuit he graduated to the Saturday morning league in the Michigan Youth Bowling Association and now has become one of the most likely

looking prospects to come along in a while.

"Little Tim has all the right moves," Lois McAllister, who was a member of the national champion Gears by Enterprise team some years ago, remarked. "He could go a long way."

He comes from a bowling family. His mother and dad compete in the mixed doubles league at Livonia Lanes and the proud mother let it be known that the first of three daughters will attempt to follow Tim's footsteps this fall.

The Court Jester

by BILL CAMERON

If it weren't for the weather, people and the time involved, running a tennis tournament would be fun. And if it weren't for people like John Hookey, Rudy Muehlenbein, Art Payvand and Mike Mikula of the Livonia Tennis Club, the open tournament would have been a disaster.

These fellows worked from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, scheduling matches, officiating, cooling tempers, sweeping courts—all of the things required to conduct a first-class tournament.

The tennis was great, in spite of winds gusting to 45 mph, which took its toll of several seeded players. What shaped up as the most exciting match of the day in the men's singles finals between the two seeds, Lynn Katz of Southfield and Al Anning of Dearborn, turned into a disappointment.

Katz, troubled by a sore ankle, had to default after losing the first set 6-2 and behind 2-0 in the second.

ROSEMARY PRUETER of Plymouth, No. 1 seed, outlasted Carmen Charpentier of Southfield, 7-6, 6-3 in the women's finals.

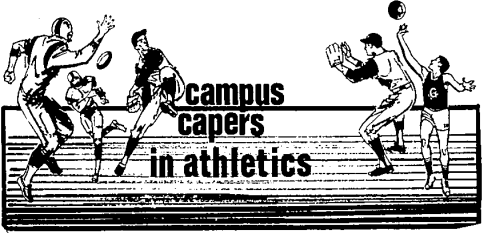
Consistency is Rosemary's trademark and she just outlasts her opponent and returns everything hit to her until her opponent makes an error. She was extended in her semifinal match by Joyce Ferronda, of Royal Oak, 6-4, 2-6, 6-2.

Livonia did emerge with two winners. Dave Ward in the Junior veterans and Rudy Muehlenbein in the veterans division.

Ward had the toughest matches of the day in the 32 degree heat, coming from behind to defeat yours truly in the semifinals 1-6, 6-3, 6-4 and defeating the defending champion, Oscar Boyajian of Farmington 6-2, 1-6, 6-4.

Dave is another player who has the patience to keep the ball in play eliciting errors from his opponent.

Muehlenbein outlasted Rev. Koeninger, of Plymouth, 3-6, 7-5, 6-0 in a baseline duel where the wind would carry a ball 10 feet wide of its mark.



By RICHIE

John Gores, a Livonia Stevenson High graduate, will serve as co-captain of the Wayne State University indoor and outdoor track teams in 1972.

A senior, married and the father of a son, Gores is a three time track letter winner.

University of Michigan and Mark Howe, son of the all-time Red Wing great Gordie Howe, shifting his activities to Toronto, the junior Wings are going to be hard hit for top players next winter.

Bill Brock, the southpaw star hurler for Southfield High during the spring, will enroll as will Rick Seid, the great all-around athlete from Oak Park. Rick was rated as one of the best prep catchers in the area and was drafted by the Boston Red Sox.

Rupert Hansen, who won numerous honors in gymnastics while a member of the North Farmington varsity, is one of the outstanding candidates for the Wolverine squad during the coming winter season.



Tim Wilson

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