Borgess Harriers Win 24th In Row; Churchill Takes 7th

As the cross country season nears the halfway point with the district and state meets looming over the horizon, Bishop Borgess and Churchill High teams continue to make strides as the top squads in Observerland.

Borgess, defending Catholic League champ, rolled to its 24th straight victory and fifth of the season by routing Orchard Lake St. Mary, 20-43.

Strange enough, Borgess lost individual honors for the first time but swept the next seven places.

SPEEDY JIM Karas, of Orchard Lake, sped past the finish line in 12:10.4, five yards in front of Borgess' ace Dan Madden who was clocked in 12:14.7.

Then in order Borgess took the next six places with Jim Bearden, Mark Oller, Steve Legel, Doug Kruecher, Craig Lantto and Chuck Rositter.

Meanwhile, Churchill was equally as impressive in Western Six Conference action, beating Waterford Mott, 15-50, in the league and then downing Wayne Memorial, 20-36.

The twin victories boosted the Chargers' streak to seven in a row in dual meet competition with Dennis Kurtis continuing his unbeaten string with firsts in each.

Kurtis was timed in 13:12 in the Wayne triumph and won in the Mott meet in 12:55. He has yet to lose in two years of conference competition.

Churchill swept the first seven places against Mott for its second sweep of the season.

Finishing behind Kurtis in the meet at Cass Benton Park were: Mark Kobylarz, Randy Saletnik, Mark Kappler, John Kaminsky, Jim Yuhas and Pat O'Hagan.

Larry Bush, of Mott, was eighth but the first to cross the finish line for his team.

Churchill took five of the first eight places against Wayne. Following Kurtis were: Mark Kobylarz, second; Mark Kappler, fourth; John Kaminsky, fifth and Pat O'Hagan, eighth.

THURSTON'S harriers divided a double dual meet against Garden City East and West. The Eagles topped East, 27-31 and lost to West, 22-35.

The finishers in order: Steve Basler (T), 13:44; John Yuches (E), Sam Garcia (E), Don Custurel (W), Ken Smith (W); Randy Quint (E); Bob Hembel (W); Lou Torcolucci (T); Karl Gill (W); and Dan Snabes (W).

Livonia Bentley measured Ypsilanti, 22-39 with Terry Fry, of Ypsilanti, taking individual honors in 13:10.8. Bentley's Jay Kirksey was second in 13:52.

Other Livonia runners and their finishes: Paul Speake third, Paul Biem fourth, Paul Boutell sixth and Alex Charnes seventh.

THESE TWO LIVONIA products have played key roles in Michigan Tech's football fortunes so far this season. Ed Raether (center) and Ed McGowan (right) are shown talking with MTU head coach Ted Kearly. Raether is the starting wingback in the Huskies' slot-I offense and McGowan is listed as the number two quarterback. The Huskies are 18th ranked in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics grid poll.

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Rainbows, Splake Bite At Maceday

Maceday Lake, in the Pontiac Lake area of Oakland County, is yielding good rainbow trout and splake – the latter being a hydrid brook and lake trout.

Splake are hitting on the bottom in 60 to 80 feet of water during daylight hours. Anglers are getting them on worms and small minnows.

Rainbows are taking corn or worms at night, 30 feet down and deeper.

IF YOU PLAN to hunt this season, here are a few points that you can follow: Get a medical checkup, do some pre-conditioning exercises and spend some time at a local rifle range before the hunt.

In the medical checkup, a cardiogram or a heart reading should be taken for those over 40. At the same time, your doctor could recommend pre-conditioning exercises.

Push-ups, toe-touching, knee-bends, sit ups and jogging or running in place are good all-around exercises. Endurance and strength are important. Doing an exercise many times with a light load (weights or heavy book) will increase endurance, and fewer repititions with a heavier load will produce muscular strength.

Experienced hunters who regularly practice-shoot at local ranges recommend that weekend hunters do the same.

The Proud Lake recreation area has a shooting range which is open during hunting season. In some communities, hunting courses are supervised by off-duty enforcement personnel.

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IN THE POCKET

By W.W. EDGAR

Did you ever hear of a bowling match being postponed because of smoke?

Well, it happened at Garden Bowl.

Just as the Classic bowlers started their matches smoke started pouring in from a waste fire in the store room. It became so great by the end of the first game that they gave up and agreed to make-up matches later in the season.

No damage was done to the lanes as the smouldering fire was in a room separated from the lanes by a cement block wall.

TALKING ABOUT oddities, how about this one.

Losing confidence in his regular ball, John Bates, a member of the Consumers Power League at Merri-Bowl, decided to purchase a new one.

He got delivery last week and promptly converted the "impossible" 4-6-7-10.

Not to be outdone the women added a few oddities of their own.

Helen Bates started it when she converted the "double pinochle" at Mayflower Lanes and Janice Marrow made the 7-10 look easy.

Then, there was the case of Pauline Hatz, a member of the Golf League at Plum Hollow Lanes.

Bowling for average she turned in a 600, one of the highest series she ever had bowled.

To top off the week, Karen Nitta, who carries a 116 average at Cloverlanes, posted a 130 triplicate.

WONDERLAND LANES is fast becomming the high scoring capitol of Observerland.

The latest claim to the title was made Tuesday night when Mike Mathis, with his second big 700 series in two weeks, paced the Continental team, to a 3267 series and victory over Jack Piscopink's Thunderbird squad that posted a 3138.

This was the highest scoring match of the season in Metropolitan Detroit.

Piscopink's lads won the first game 1083-1077, but dropped the next two 1112-1003 and 1078-1052.

To get his big series Mathis linked games of 258, 243 and 227. Close behind him came Kenny Geisler with counts of 259, 215 and 245 for 719 and Jack Born joined the elite 700 group with games of 277, 213 and 216 for 706.

Mathis' big series jumped his average for the first five weeks to 236 – highest in the entire area.

SCORES WENT soaring for the first time this season in the Senior House League at Oak Park.

Allen Feldman fired the biggest broadside with a 276 in 695 while Joe Bell had a 259 in 662 and Mike Bengall landed third with 655.

Second high game went to Mike Rendine with a 265.

BEL-AIRE LANES is the only establishment in Observerland hosting a qualifying round for the big pro-am tournament that opens the annual stopover of the nation's top pros at Hartfield Lanes, Nov. 12-15.

Bel-Aire is doing its own scheduling for the qualifying tests, which opened this Saturday, Oct. 9.

GARY BOWEN set the pace in the Westland Classic with a 673 on games of 215, 201 and 257. He beat out Jerry Holt by nine pins. Jerry opened with a 257 and closed with 212 and 215.

Rick Kendall overcame a 189 start to finish with 250 and 224 to land third with a 663.

The top score of the week at Westland, went to Jerry Maisano, of the Sunday Mixed League, who linked 225, 279 and 181 for a 685.

Herman Lindsay had the oddest experience. Bowling in the Men's 700-800 league where he carries a 153 average, he opened with a 289. Then the roof caved in and he finished with counts of 176 and 180 for a 645.

THE 700 CLUB at Merri-Bowl admitted a new member this week.

Bowling in the Junior House League John Lake Jr., opened with a 266 and added games of 234 and 212 for 712.

MARGE BASHOR took top honors in the Livonia Lanes Ladies Classic with a 551-84-635 that included a finishing game of 211-28-239.

Gerry Wilson made a bid for the top when she took the first two games, the first on 234-28-262 and the second on 192-28-220.

JACK BROWN got into the swing of things at Bel-Aire with a 711 series to top the Classic.

He was headed for a much higher count when he started with 259 and 258, but fell to 194 in the third.

His closest rivals were Vito Petrul with 697 and Jet Perelli with 689.

Among the high scores in the other Bel-Aire circuits Ron Enders paced the Businessmen with a 689 that included a 258 opener. Howard Zeske was high in the Senior House and Otto Tekoe shattered all records in the Woodcrest Mixed group with a 717.

An oddity cropped up in the Thursday Mixed League where the Bills Brothers – Perry and Bill - each posted a 236.

Eve Lennon showed the way to the women with a 599 and Greg Hatter paced the men with a 670.

ONLY ONE PIN separated three women in the race for high single game in the Farmington Lanes Ladies League.

Mary Ann Mayer showed the way with a 220, but right behind came Jackie Archer with 219 in 566 and Jean Dembeck with 219 in 562.

In the prep boys league Brad Bergstrom was the top bowler with 183 in 523 and Sharon Raymond led the beginners with 137.

By George Mat...

observing sports

It doesn't make sense.

For a half century, maybe more, the State High School Athletic Association has ruled schoolboy sports in Michigan.

There always were a few grumbles, which was to be expected. But generally most folks were happy. Very happy.

What the MHSAA did, especially under the reign of the late Charles Forsythe as director, made prep athletics in Michigan BIG time.

Now, all seems to be confusion in Lansing, and around the state.

IT SEEMS BECAUSE one or two young athletes in Detroit were ruled ineligible a year or two back, a lawyer found a quirk in what the MHSAA was doing.

He cried that the MHSAA was illegal...that it really didn't have the power to decide whether an athlete was eligible or not.

So, what's happened?

The state legislators got into the act. The attorney general, too.

And, the way things shape up, nobody is quite certain what will happen to the MHSAA in the days and years to come.

There'll be some kind of a head to prep athletics, that's for sure. The state Association may have some say, and maybe none at all.

You sit and wonder...why if something is good for 50 years, why should it suddenly not be the way to operate because somebody may have found a loophole?

There have to be more important things for our state legislators and attorney general to worry about.

By no means, am I knocking the merits of prep sports. But with all the problems we have these days, somehow the folks in Lansing should spend their time tackling other matters rather than riding around the state, as they did this past week, holding meetings on what to do about the MHSAA.

FOOTBALL OR BASEBALL? Which one do you consider the KING sport today?

I have to lean toward football, based on this past week where the baseball playoffs collided with the regular weekly schedule of action in the National Football League.

Even though Vida Blue was pitching for the Oakland A's against the Baltimore Orioles, nobody seemed – at least in these parts – to be concerned. They much preferred to watch one of the TV football encounters, that is, if they didn't have a ticket to watch the Lions play Atlanta.

The next day on Monday, the second game of the Baltimore-Oakland series was on the tube.

But where I worked, nobody mentioned the game, or how it was going, or who won. It wasn't until late afternoon I finally discovered that the Orioles had made it two straight.

It could be that the diversification and speed of football makes it much more interesting to watch than baseball. Or, folks just don't get excited about preliminary playoff games when they don't involve one of your own teams.

I'm sure it'll be different this week when the World Series is on. These games will draw the attention of the fans across the country.

But still football has moved to the fore. I dare say that if the Lions-Green Bay Packers game were available for local TV Sunday, it would murder the World Series telecast in these parts.

AND, AWAY WE GO....the hockey season officially opens Saturday night for the Red Wings; the basketball season for the Pistons next Tuesday.

The Wings won't be the same, not with Gordie Howe having taken his final shot in a Detroit uniform. But something tells me the Wings will be an interesting team nonetheless, vastly improved over last year's club which had to settle for the basement.

New faces, eager youngsters and a new attitude all should help the Wings.

The Pistons, they'll be a better ball club, too, and you can't fault their record of last season when they had the best in their history.

Bob Lanier is sound and healthy. That's the big thing. When you have a strong center, you're in business in basketball...be it high school, college or pro.