



Bowling interest is at an all-time high in Metropolitan Detroit — and that includes Overland.

Tom McKay, secretary of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association, and Agnes Ekstrom, president of the Detroit Women's Bowling Association, released figures this week to lend support to Detroit's claim to being the

"Bowling Capital of the World."

As of Jan. 13, the men's association boasted 300 leagues and 129,133 members and the women's group listed 2,700 leagues and 95,000 members.

Aside from these two adult associations, the Youth Bowling Association - YBA and AJBC — claimed more than 30,000 registrations, bringing the grand total to more than a quarter of a million persons who bowl in organized competition at least once a week.

One of the features of the membership figures thus far is that 54.7 per cent of the men's listing are mixed leagues.

"This is the highest percentage of mixed leagues we have had in our history," McKay stated, while pointing out Detroit is maintaining its rank as the largest association in the world.

"Our 95,000 figure is just tentative," Mrs. Ekstrom explained. "We are working on new listing each day and may surpass anything we've ever had."

No other city even comes close to Detroit's membership listings.

FORMER CHAMPIONS found the going much too strong in the Detroit Masters' Tournament last weekend at Indian Lanes. Only one — Bill Spargo — was able to qualify.

Date Seavy set the pace in the qualifier with a 1728 series that included a 279 game. Bob Garret was four pins back at 1711 and Tony Loiscano third with 1736.

Fred McLean tied Seavy for high game honors with a 279 and the last qualifying position was fixed at 1583.

A FORMER Overland girl who was a protégé of Fred Hamlin at Farmington Lanes is setting the pace in the right Petersen Classic in Chicago.

Linda Hansen, a graduate of the Farmington Junior League, who now is teaching

in Traverse City, posted a 1510 series that included a 251 middle game.

After going at a record pace for the first five games she slumped to counts of 165, 165 and 162.

"Even at that, she beat me" her proud father, Warren Hansen, reported. He could do no better than 1384.

WITH A 222 COUNT Don Hunt took high game honors in the Farmington Teen Classic and wound up with a 582 count. Other high scores included Kevin Hibbs with a 220 in 548, and Bruce Gelcore with a 202 in 552.

In the Ladies Noon Classic, Julia McGrath showed the way with a 210 in 582.

ELLIE WILKINS walked off with the major honors in the Livonia Lanes Ladies Classic.

She won high series with a count of 580 - 75 - 655.

The single game winners included Lois McAllister with 339 - 18 - 227, Gerry Wilson with 294 - 30 - 224 and Betty Moeller with 209 - 36 - 245.

BILL SPARGO continues to "pile up the wood" in the Westlake Bowl Classic.

This week he linked games of 290, 238 and 245 for 683 to lead Bert Newby by 29 pins. Buzz Brzowski placed third with 650.

In the Junior House League Doug Uhl won high single with a 245 in 622. This was one pin above Pat Murphy with 244.

RON BRENNAN led the parade in the Garden Lanes Classic with a 655. Close behind him came Jim Teller 618, Bill Collett and Paul Zajak, each of whom posted 625.

ALL RECORDS went by the boards in the Golden Eagle League at Merri - Bowl when Bud Le Claire registered a 276 in 610.

Sue Dietz did likewise in the Ladies Afternoon League with a 259. She carries a 114 average.

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Churchill Cagers Stumble; Trounced By Schafer, 56-45

The Churchill basketball squad was guilty of one of "sport's unpardonable sins."

"I am afraid that we were looking ahead to our clash with Northville and didn't give our full attention to our Schafer game," said Churchill Coach Pat Montano.

The Chargers experienced one of their worst shooting performances and fell to Schafer, 56-45. Churchill hit on 15 of 66 from the floor for a 22 per cent, and made good 15 of 29 from the free-throw line.

SCHAFFER mustered a little more of an offensive attack with a 34 per cent from the field on 17 of 50 shots and

going into the final eight minutes, 38-26.

With two minutes remaining, Mark Reed scored on a fast break for Churchill, but was detected traveling and the Chargers could not get any closer than eight points.

MIKE KELLER was the lone Charger to hit the double figure mark with 16 points.

Al Catarino paced the Schafer attack with 16 points, followed by Rich Pilon with 14 and Kent Hammond with 12. Churchill outrebounded Schafer, 38-29, with Reed hauling in nine but the Chargers just couldn't put the ball in the bucket.

The Chargers stand 8-3 overall but remain undefeated in Western six action with a 4-0

mark. Churchill travels to overall but remain undefeated in Western six action with a 4-0 league battle.

Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

Officials of the cities of Hazel Park, Livonia and Northville and thoroughbred and harness horsemen have said these days, big smiles generated by a bill passed by both branches of the Legislature which will give the racing industry better than a \$4 million boost and allow an additional \$100,000 to those cities in which a track is located.

For Livonia and Hazel Park it means each will receive a maximum of \$700,000 from the state's share of the mutual handle, compared to \$500,000 three years ago and \$600,000 in 1971.

That eases the pain from the additional days and nights allotted each of the major tracks in the two cities.

But the bill, which provides for a boost from 15 per cent to 16.5 per cent of the mutual handle, is expected to be a major boost for racing. The tracks will receive one per cent and the other half will go towards the construction of new stadiums.

It will enable the tracks to hike purses for the runners and the trotters and should bring a decided improvement in the class of racing.

The increase is the first for racing since 1963. It has been a lack of financial support from the wagering that caused both the Detroit Race Course and Hazel Park runners to lose many of their better stables during the past year. And that had a definite effect on the handle since both tracks suffered their poorest years businesswise in a long time.

Of the raise, the tracks will split their one per cent 50-50 with the horsemen in purses. This is on the basis of the contract between the horsemen and the track which calls for 50 per cent of the track's share of the handle to go for purses.

Paul Ryder, vice president and general manager of the DRC and Dick Wilson, vice president and general manager of Wolverine Raceway which uses the DRC facilities, hailed the boost.

"THIS WILL put the Detroit area thoroughbred tracks back in competition with Chicago for the better stables," said Ryder. "It will enable us to boost purses as much as \$5,000 daily."

Wilson figures it will enable Wolverine to boost its purses around \$300 per race.

Harold Duris, general manager of the Hazel Park harness operations, said "the extra money will help us put on even better racing."

"In the past few years we have narrowed the gap in quality between Detroit and Chicago tracks with a decided increase in nightly wagering. Now we can boost purses even more and that's bound to bring in better stables. After all the horsemen will go where the purses are the highest... we'll be in that position in the Midwest now."

Bud Sears, hired recently as director of racing and racing secretary at Hazel Park runners, was enthusiastic over the boost. He has been selected by Bernard Hartman and Herbert Tyner, who are in the process of purchasing Hazel Park for an estimated \$14.2 million, to boost the quality of racing.

Another win streak of major proportions meets a challenge Saturday.

Already winner of five straight, Warhorns, driven by Owner Orbery Johns, drew an inside post position for the first time in several starts. He meets such contenders as Swift Knight, Agent Adams and Eyre Dancer in the ninth race.

Falcons Clipped By Huskies, 72-62

Farmington had its wings clipped again in Inter-Lakes action, dropping a 72-62 cage decision to Pontiac Northville. The Falcons dropped into a tie with Northern for the No. 4 spot in the league with 23 records.

Farmington hosts winless Waterford Friday in an opportunity to get back up to the .500 mark. Overall the Falcons stand 17-7.

Farmington and Northern battled to a 10-10 first quarter score and the Huskies slipped in front at the half, 31-30.

NORTHERN JUMPED all over Farmington in the third quarter with the Falcons going three for 14 from the field and hitting on seven of eight from the line, while the Huskies totaled 19 points to take a 50-43 lead.

Northern was paced by Dan Copeland with 18 points, Lo Gibson with 17, Manuel Watson 11 and Roosevelt Washington added 10 to the balance attack.

Farmington outrebounded Northern, 45-43 with Bill Marra hauling in 12 and Hagen collecting 14.

Wrestlers Tip Chargers

Harrison Wins

Livonia Churchill and Farmington Harrison each collected six individual wins in a Western Six wrestling match, but Harrison ended up on top in the point total with a 36-24 win.

Charger John Hesse outscored Jim Seitz of Harrison at 100 lbs. with a 7-1 decision, and teammate Pat Mullin won the 107 lb. bracket with an 8-4 score over Harrison's Jerry Timmis.

KURT HEISS recorded a pin for Harrison against Bill Mills of Churchill at the 3-05 mark in the 114 lb. class.

Churchill's Bob Rose shutout Hawk Matt Gully, 3-0, in the 121 lb. category, and Rick Boehms pinned Harrison's Steve Brandon at 1:51, in the 128 lb. class.

Charger Dave Stobbe pinned Steve Archangel with a 1:59 time in the 132 lb. match and Harrison's Steve Bernia pinned Steve Archangel with a 1:54 against Kris Schulz in the 140 lb. class. Harrison's Val Benvolio edged Bob Stowers, 3-2 at 147

lbs., and Pat VanDresen pinned Churchill's Dave James in the 157 lb. category.

TERRY DRISCOLL posted a Churchill win in the 169 lb. match with a 5-4 edge over Jeff Hoehover, while Harrison's Steve Stanz recorded a pin at 1:18 over Mike Zakerski in the 187 lb. dual.

Harrison's Barry Smelter fought to a heavyweight win over Henry Stubbe with a 5-0 score.

Churchill hosts Novi Tuesday while Harrison entertains West Bloomfield.

Sacred Heart Edges Borgess

"We won the last three quarters but lost the war..." This was Bishop Borgess basketball Coach Tom Denewith described the Borgess - Sacred Heart battle which Sacred Heart won, 76-69.

Sacred Heart hit on 10 of 17 from the floor in the first quarter while Borgess could only muster four field goals and Sacred Heart spurred to a 27-10 lead.

"They hit on everything they threw up," said Denewith. "We won three quarters of the game, 23-10, but we just couldn't make up the difference from the first quarter."

Mark Sopko was the lone Spartan to hit double figures with 18 points.

MIKE WNETRZAK and Park Sarb combined for a 50 point output in the Sacred Heart attack. Wnetrzak totaled 26 and Sarb 24 with Paul Golden adding 10 points. Borgess plays at Aquinas Friday.

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Farmington Gymnasts Topple AA

The Farmington Falcon gymnasts broke over the .500 mark with a win over Ann Arbor Huron giving the Falcons a 3-2 record.

Farmington squeaked by Huron, 80.9 to 79.7, and hosts defending state champs, Taylor Kennedy, Wednesday.

Huron's Marley Danner was the all-round winner with a 21.3 point total. Farmington lost in the floor exercise, trampoline, and tumbling events but dominated in the still rings and parallel bars to capture the slim margin.

GYMNASTICS RESULTS
FLOOR EXERCISE - 1. Danner (H), 58.2; 2. Smith (H), 4.85; 3. Vasilatos (F), 4.35.

HIGH BAR - 1. Bowie (F), 4.5; 2. Smith (H), 3.95; 3. Bowie (H), 3.8.

PARALLEL BARS - 1. Rankin (F), 4.7; 2. Danner (H), 4.45; 3. Compo (F), 4.1.

SIDE HORSE - 1. D. Durham (F), 2.8; 2. Vasilatos (H), 2.3; 3. Hodges (H), 3.25.

STILL RINGS - 1. Yee (F), 4.65; 2. Danner (H), 4.35; 3. Knapton (H), 3.8.

TUMBLING - 1. Danner (H), 4.85; 2. Bowie (F), 4.0; 3. Smith (H), 3.8.

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