

Observerland's Top Rebounders

	G	RB	AVG
Halstead, Clarenceville	12	213	17.7
Jackson, GC East	13	210	16.1
Kenney, Redford Union	14	225	16.0
Bolin, Bentley	16	226	14.1
Rich, Country Day	13	178	13.6
Meyrelles, Clarenceville	12	162	13.5
Dietz, Franklin	13	175	13.4
Sieloff, Harrison	13	172	13.2
Buescher, Brother Rice	14	182	13.0
Trent, Southfield Lathrup	13	169	13.0

Trojans Face 'Real Test'

The Wayne-Oakland conference basketball crown will be on the line Friday when Clarenceville invades Clarkston and Trojan Coach Ralph Weddle believes Clarkston's luck is about to run out.

Clarenceville stands 6-2 in league action, one notch behind Clarkston at 7-1. The Trojans toppled Clarkston in first round competition, 88-78, but have fallen to Kettering and Andover.

Clarkston has been riding on this ice in the last four games, capturing a one point and two

point win and scoring a double overtime victory over Kettering and an overtime clash over Andover.

"Clarkston's luck is about to change," said Weddle. "We are going to put them on the map and then take their right eye."

"The key in Friday's battle will be how well we stop scoring aye, Gary White, who has averaged over 30 points a game.

"It's a do or die battle for us," added Weddle. "If we lose, it's all over."

CLARENCEVILLE blasted

Kettering, 88-57, in a grudge match from the first round stanza, 13 to 12, but the Trojans had their 10th win against two setbacks.

Clarenceville ended up taking 30 more shots at the basket than Kettering and scored 43 per cent from the floor on 33 of 77 shots. Kettering hit on 21 of 47 for 48 per cent.

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Ski Heil

By

BILL CAMERON

Can't afford Europe? Can't afford Colorado? Bored with local skiing? Treat yourself to a foreign trip by just crossing the border of our friendly neighbor to the east and in five hours you'll be in Collingwood, Ontario where you'll find three great ski areas - Blue Mountain, Georgian Peaks and Talisman.

I have to confess, they put anything up north to shame. Not only are they twice as high (768' vertical drop at Blue Mountain) but twice as long.

If I were a beginner - intermediate skier, I'd spend my time at Talisman. They have some great fun runs that are wide and gradual.

new motels have opened recently, improving the housing situation which has been a problem.

Alpine Lodge at Talisman is an ideal place for families with some rooms having a combination of double bed and bunk beds. Two other things they have going for them are a great dining room and an excellent children's program. Lift fees at all areas are \$7 per day. How can you beat that? Try it, you'll like it.

Some of my "friends" thought they spotted me in Sapporo, Japan, via the T.V. I wish they had suggested the idea to the publisher. I was originally scheduled to be in Davos, Switzerland this week, but I sent my wife instead. She is assuming the role of tour leader in my absence.

My No. 2 son, Reid is leaving Sunday for a ski week in the Canadian Rockies. It just hasn't been my year. Course I did get to Vail for a weekend, but that just wasn't enough. A ski week is the only answer.

When the "big snow" comes (the Felician Sisters are going to have to pray harder) I am going to take off for somewhere. Care to join me?

IF YOU LIKE moguls, Georgian Peaks has two great runs that will excite any hotshot skier plus several good slopes for intermediates.

For pure variety and numbers of slopes, your best bet is Blue Mountain. The runs are two miles wide. They are serviced by five double chairlifts, five Poma lifts and three T-bars. And view from the top overlooking Georgian Bay is beautiful.

All of the areas now having liquor licenses and several

score went back and forth in the final quarter, with Stevenson on top at the buzzer.

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Tom Jones paced Waterford with 14 points and Tom Runyon added 10.

Spartans Edge Into 2nd Place

Stevenson moved into the No. 2 spot in Inter-Lakes basketball action with a 44-22 win over Waterford. The Spartans stand 5-3 in league play and 7-7 overall.

But the next two games for Stevenson could very well be a different story as the Spartans contend with Pontiac Northern and unbeaten Walled Lake Central.

Waterford jumped to a 10-7 first quarter score and led at the half, 21-18.

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The Spartans finally broke through to a 31-22 third quarter advantage yet the

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Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

Winter racing has caught on in its second year at Northville Downs and the state's pioneer of night harness racing with parimutuel wagering is doing a booming business in the first two weeks of its 39 night meeting.

A year ago after 14 nights, the "Downs had a nightly average of \$203,000, fighting a bad racing strip, rain, unseasonable thaws and must everything that could possibly discourage customers.

More than that, permission had been given to a snowmobile racing association to hold a series of races on a weekend at the half-mile plant just a scant three weeks ahead of the winter season opener.

The snowmobile races were a huge success but left the track covered with snow about a foot deep and icy snow along the rail spreading out about four feet.

Eventually the snow was worked off the track but not along the rail where drivers found they had to go out about two sulky widths for safe racing. The situation existed almost all through the 1971 meeting.

The situation is different this year. Executive Manager John Carlo installed a new slag limestone cover for the track during the period between Dec. 18 and the first of the year.

It was a slow surface for a while until the slag and limestone were packed down. The turn for the better came midway through the Jackson-Northville January meeting and by the time Northville opened on Jan. 29 it was near perfect.

"The results? Wagering and attendance are at the highest levels ever for a Michigan winter meeting. The mutuel handle for 14 nights is up 25 per cent with an average of more than \$270,000. This compares with \$247,000 for the Jackson - Northville season.

Saturday's crowd of 5,384, largest to date, poured \$385,532 through the mutuel machines . . . the latter probably would have been over \$400,000 but for one late scratch that took out more than \$5,000 and two others during the evening. As it was wagering was highest of the New Year.

"WE BELIEVE we're over the hump in winter racing," said Carlo. "Our patrons now know we have the facilities to keep them comfortable on the coldest nights and the clubhouse dining room has been filled to capacity practically every evening with long lines waiting for reservations on the weekends.

"The clubhouse is one of the big reasons for our success thus far," he pointed out. "More than 40 per cent of our wagering has come from patrons there."

"Our new racing strip more than proved itself during the past three or four nights. We have had several races in times between 2:07 and 2:08 and that's unheard of in Michigan at this time of the year. That's another reason for the increase in patronage."

Meanwhile, Saturday's program brought out some unusual events. Warhops, the eight-year-old owned by Obery Johns of Pinckney, started a new winning streak after having a string of seven snags in the past week.

This time Warhops waited until the final quarter to take the lead and then sped home with a half length on second place Navy Sue. It was his eighth win in nine starts.

Action, the speedy veteran pacer from Pandora, O., with two straight victories in handicaps, ran into his nemesis when Vesta Boy Len, guided by Dan Winisky, paced from Dan to first going into the final turn and stayed there to the wire, winning in 2:07.3.

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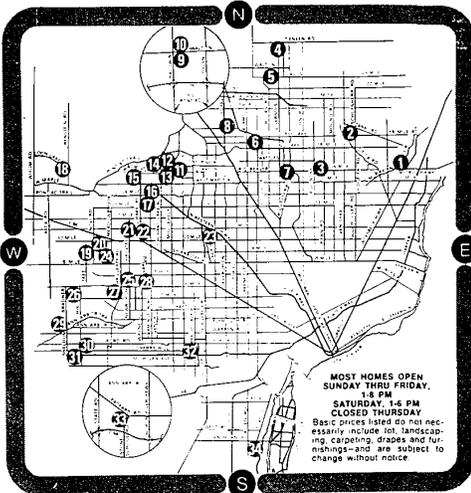
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