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# Ski Heil

By **BILL CAMERON**

Believe it or not, the snow conditions up north are fantastic, especially in Boyne Country. Thus says Marty Pavlich, "The Sage of the Blades."

Since Marty retired as a Red Wing hockey player, he has devoted his winters to perfecting a style of skiing which a young man by the name of Jean Claude Killy made popular. It's now being called "Avalliment" or more

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**Country Day blazed** highly rated Pontiac Catholic in the first round of the cage district but fell in semifinal action to Gosh, 67-61.

The Yellowjackets continued a five game win streak with a 62-55 victory over Pontiac Catholic. Pontiac went up after one quarter, 14-10, and led at the half, 27-23.

Country Day went to work in the third quarter and outscored Pontiac, 20 to 10, to take a 43-37 advantage into the final stanza.

The margin increased to 10 points early in the quarter but the tide quickly changed in a matter of 55 seconds. Pontiac popped in 10 straight

**TAKING A BREAK** from the gymnastic action is Harrison's Laurie Stark during the league meet at Harrison High. (Observer photo)

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# Taylor Girls Win Gymnastic Crown

The Taylor Kennedy girls gymnastic squad followed the boys gymnastic victory in the SMIGA with a league victory of their own at Farmington's Theresa Kutzinski with eight teams competing.

Kennedy won top honors with 117.25 points, followed by North Farmington with 97.50, Clarenceville with 89.70, Farmington with 79.35, Farmington with 76.50, Harrison with 70.85, Taylor Center with 61.0, and Oak Park with 52.0.

Kennedy's Amy Balogh won individual honors with an all-around score of 29.1. Maxine

# Flora Is PR Director For DRA & Wolverine

Earl Flora, public relations director of the United States Trotting Association and news editor of Hoof Beats magazine, has been appointed director of publicity and public relations for the Detroit Racing Association and director of public relations for the Wolverine Raceway effective March 1.

The announcement was made jointly by Paul Ryder, vice president and general manager of the DRA, and Richard S. Wilson, vice president and general manager of Wolverine.

Flora succeeds Bill Kofender who resigned from both posts earlier in the year.

FLORA, for 10 years sports editor and columnist for the Ohio State Journal, has a lengthy background in harness and thoroughbred racing. He covered the runners for the State Journal several years at Beulah Park, outside of Columbus, and at many of the midwest and eastern tracks.

# Country Day Falls, 67-61

**Finish At 12-6**

Each side traded buckets and with 1:40 remaining, Terry Zankas found Randy Olsen open under the basket for the go-ahead score. Field continued his scoring assault, hitting for the last eight points, and Country Day found itself in the semifinals with Goodrich.

Scott Freebairn led Country Day with 18 points, followed by Zankas with 11 and Field 11. Todd Rich and Dave Merritt paced the Yellowjackets in rebounding with 13 and 11 respectively. Olsen never headed Pontiac with a 16 point output.

# Devaney, Kush Top Grid Clinic List

The No. one and two college football coaches in the United States, in terms of win and loss records, will be featured speakers to approximately 1200 Michigan and midwest states college, high school and junior high coaches attending the 12th annual Motor City football clinic in the community building of St. Mary's of Redford High School in Detroit.

Walt Bazylewicz, clinic director, announced Bob Devaney, coach of the national champion University of Nebraska team, and Frank Kush, the Western Conference Arizona State University title holders, will be among 11 leading college and high school mentors participating on clinic staff.

Devaney and his Nebraska Cornhuskers captured national championships in 1956-57. Devaney's team won the Big Eight conference title seven times in the last nine years, making bowl appearances eight times in a 10 year span.

Other coaches are: Chuck Knox, offense line coach, Detroit Lions; Tom Cecchini, new head coach at Xavier University, along with prep coaches Charles Justice, Fordson High School, Class A State Champions; Al Fracassa of Brother Rice, Detroit Catholic League co-champions, and Dar Christianson, Flint Southwestern, Saginaw Valley champions.

The clinic is open to all college, high school and junior league mentors and football buffs. Reservations may be made through the Motor City Football Clinic, 2012 Thomas, Berkley, 48072.



ON THE BALANCE BEAM -- Clarenceville's Denise Sprader goes through the motions during the gymnastic league meet at Harrison. (Observer photo)

# Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

It was during the closing weeks of Hazel Park's thoroughbred meeting which ended on Dec. 18 that racegoers began to talk about the riding feats of blonde Mary Bacon.

The tiny Mom had a way of getting her mounts home first in the shorter races, generally hustling to the front and keeping the horse going all the way.

Mary was around for the start of this year's winter meeting on Feb. 26 and had a few firsts but it was her husband Johnny who was stealing the headlines with his brilliant performances under anything but good racing conditions.

Then Mary ran into a suspension at about the same time she decided to take off for Latoria, a track located just across the Ohio River from Cincinnati, in Kentucky.

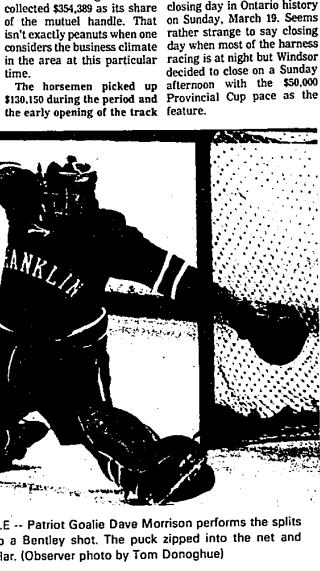
It can be said that few missed Mary, the other side of the Bacon family has been hotter than a firecracker during the past few days, winning four races Saturday and three Monday.

That put him well in front in the race for jockey honors and judging from the way he handles horseflesh in heavy, muddy going, he'll be in the lead for the remainder of the 42-day winter session.

THE HAZEL PARK management isn't complaining about the inclement weather since business has been very good... everything covered.

After the first seven days, the biggest winner was the state of Michigan which collected \$354,389 as its share of the mutual handle. That isn't exactly peanuts when one considers the business climate in the area at this particular time.

The horsemen picked up \$130,150 during the period and the early opening of the track



FRANKLIN STYLE -- Patriot Goalie Dave Morrison performs the splits in an attempt to stop a Bentley shot. The puck zipped into the net and Franklin fell to the cellar. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)