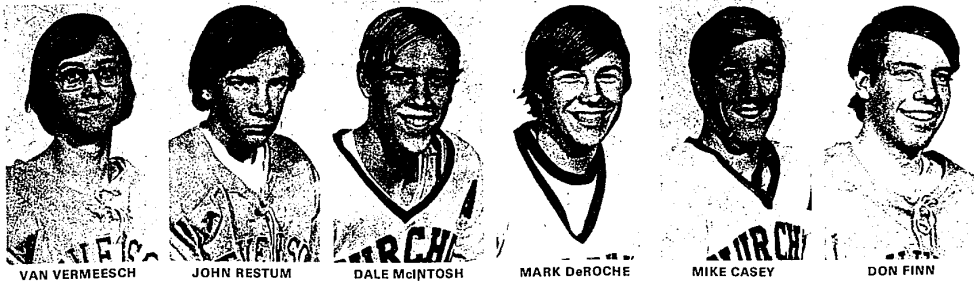


All-Area Cagers To Be Named

Coming up in Wednesday's Observer will be the all-area prep basketball team comprised of the standouts from the 21 schools in Observerland. Included will be pictures and summaries of the starting five in addition to a second team and honorable mentions.

A coach of the year has been selected by Sports Editor Tom Donoghue. In addition to the prep selections will be a cage wrapup including top scorers, rebounders, and highlights of the 1971-72 season.

Don't miss it, the Observerland Cage Wrapup in Wednesday's paper.



Churchill, Stevenson Pucksters Capture All Observer Spotlight

MSU Wrestlers

Five Michigan State wrestlers won Big Ten individual titles in 1972. The winners were Greg Johnson at 118, Pat Milkovich at 126, Tom Milkovich at 142, Gerald Malecek at 167 and Ben Lewis at heavyweight.

Livonia Churchill and Livonia Stevenson shared the spotlight in the All-Observer prep hockey selections. The two front running schools each placed three players on the first team.

Gerry Goode's Spartans captured the goalie, a defense, and a forward position, and Adam Mitchell's Chargers placed one on defense and walked away with two forward spots.

Stevenson's Van Vermeesch was a unanimous choice for tie net-minder post. The junior goalie tended the nets for 11½ games, allowing only 25 goals and coming up with 202 saves.

He allowed average of 2.17 goals per game and averaged 22.8 saves per contest.

The two defensive positions were taken by Stevenson's

John Restum and Churchill's Dale McIntosh.

RESTUM is a 5-10 junior checking in a 155 pounds which might seem a little small for a defenseman, but he carried his own around the Spartan net and was of the key factors in keeping shots on goal at a minimum.

The junior defenseman scored six goals, tallied four assists and wound up with a total of 22 minutes in the penalty box.

McIntosh checks in a 6-4 and 170 pounds and finished the season with 11 goals and four assists for 15 points. The senior defender accounted for only 16 minutes in infractions.

SENIOR MARK DeROCHE heads the list of forwards for Churchill. He stands 5-11 and

FIRST TEAM		
	Class	Ht. Wt.
G--Van Vermeesch, Stevenson	Jr	6-1 150
D--John Restum, Stevenson	Jr	5-10 155
D--Dale McIntosh, Churchill	Sr	6-4 170
F--Mark DeRoche, Churchill	Sr	5-11 170
F--Mike Casey, Churchill	Sr	5-10 165
F--Don Finn, Stevenson	Jr	5-9 170

SECOND TEAM		
Goal	Tom Hoger, Churchill	
Defense	Mike Watson, Bentley	
Defense	Don Coombe, Bentley	
Forward	Frank Geluso, Stevenson	
Forward	Brian Said, Franklin	
Forward	Dick Saranen, Churchill	

carries 170 pounds when he makes moves towards the opposing goalies.

DeRoche hit the 20 goal mark and had 15 assists for 35 points. The fast skating forward spent 25 minutes in the penalty box.

Churchill's 5-10, 165 pound senior forward Mike Casey made first team honors with eight goals and seven assists in 16 games for 15 points and collected only 12 minutes in penalties.

DON FINN of Stevenson was the other forward. Finn stands 5-9, the smallest member of the honored squad, but weighs in at 170 pounds.

The junior forward tallied 16 goals and recorded 10 assists for 26 points and collected 44 minutes in penalties.

The second team includes Churchill's Tom Hoger in goal, Bentley's Mike Watson and Don Coombe on defense and Spartan Frank Geluso, Franklin's Brian Said, and Churchill's Dick Saranen at the forward positions.

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IN THE POCKET
By W.W. EDGAR

Jim Macomber, a regular in the Westland Classic, experienced the greatest thrill of his bowling career last week, but he had to travel across the country to enjoy it.

Bowling in the ABC tournament at Long Beach, Calif., he put together games of 246, 256 and 200 for a 702 series.

This not only gave him the singles lead, but it was the first 700 series of the big tenpin battle.

Seeing his name at the top of the list on the big scoreboard, he said, "was the thrill that I was with all the travel to get there."

ANOTHER WESTLAND bowler moved into the spotlight over the weekend when Sherman Michaels, a once-again week bowler, fired an actual 678 series in the Women's State Tournament in Pontiac to help her team - The Clocks - take second place.

She opened with a 207, followed with 193 and then closed with a 278 for the 678 actual and a 753 handicap count. Her closing game was one of the finest shot in the state tournament in a long time.

She had nine in a row, then left up the No. 8, spared and left up the No. 10 on a good hit.

THE MOTOWN RECORD team, winner of the state tournament last year, made a strong bid to repeat by piling up a 229 to take the actual lead and topped the handicap list with 295.

Three other bowlers, well known in Observerland, staked out strong claims for a huge portion of the women's state prize money.

Kay Springs, of the Belmar team, posted an 1836 in the all-events and Marie Schneider and Paula Berger fired an actual 1234 in the doubles. Marie had a 615 and Paula 619. With a handicap of 51 pins they are atop the doubles with 1318.

VIRGINIA HARRIS rolled a 210 game in a 663 series to take top honors for the week in the Westland Classic at Farmington Lanes.

In the Teen Classic which is becoming very popular, Scott Horton set the pace with a 205 in 540 while Jim Daniels and Gary Fehley shared honors among the preps with 502.

JACK BROWN was at it again at Bel-Aire Lanes. This time he rolled a 709 in the Classic on games of 245, 228 and 236.

Ron Weintraub was right behind with a 257 in 693 and Al Massecar landed third with a 211. Other high games were a pair of 263's rolled by Jim Beard and Ray Pederson.

Among the women Kay Jackson fired a 582, Chris Stevensen a 549 and Bertha Simonsen a 528.

FRED McLEAN continued his hot streak in the Garden Lanes Classic. With games of 231, 231 and 249 and posted a 711 to pace the circuit and boost his average to 209. With a 269 opener Dick Preston added games of 210 and 191 for a 670 and second place while Kenney Geisler landed third with 665. Other high scores included Jim Pettio 652, Ron Brenner 653 and Bill Montgomery 655

DKC Show At Cobo Has 3,402 Entries

The Detroit Kennel Club's 54th annual all-breed dog show, which will be held at Cobo Hall Sunday, March 12, has drawn a record-shattering enrollment of 3,402 dogs from 114 breeds.

This smashes the previous all-time Michigan high of 3,265 dogs from 112 breeds for the DKC show two years ago. The entry was limited to 2,500 last year.

"The DKC show will be the biggest one-day show in North America in 1972," predicts Chris Teeter, DKC president. "We will use 24 rings for the judging, which will start at 8:00 a.m."

The Afghan Hound tops the list this year with 183 of this unusual and exotic dogs. This is the greatest number of dogs from any breed in DKC annals. The old record was 171 Afghan in 1970.

141, followed by Poodles with 139, Doberman Pinschers with 138, Irish Setters with 114, Newfoundland with 111, German Shepherds and Dalmatians with 89 each, St. Bernards with 87, Collies with 83 and Alaskan Malamutes with 80.

All the popular breeds will be well represented in the show. So will many of the uncommon breeds, including Rotweillers, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Salukis, Whippets, Vizslas and Belgian Terriers.

This will be a benched show. Dogs will be required to remain on their benches from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. when they are not in the show ring.

The show will include confirmation judging, obedience trials, and special exhibitions of obedience training and police work with dogs.

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It should be brought up that the mutual clerks' union has shut down the huge Aqueduct plant in New York City in a dispute over layoffs of large numbers of union members.

There is a precedent in Michigan going back a few years when Northville Downs lost a 35 night late winter meeting, Wolverine Raceway lost 10 nights and the first major meeting of 1972, that opening at Wolverine Raceway next Thursday.

Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

Spring is catching up with us rather quickly this year. Seems like we hardly celebrated the New Year before harness racing moves into the first major meeting of 1972, that opening at Wolverine Raceway next Thursday.

The 84 night campaign could well be one of the most important in recent years since it will be the first to attract big stables, fast horses and top drivers for the biggest purses offered in Michigan.

There is one major obstacle that must be hurdled before Thursday, the tracks and mutual clerks union have been busy negotiating for several weeks and from what information that has dribbled out of the meetings, they are just as far apart today as after the initial session.

A CONTRACT is of most importance for both groups. Wolverine Raceway wants to open on schedule without pressure. Hazel Park wants to continue operations without interruption, the union hopes for a settlement because it doesn't want to start picketing and it wants to keep its members employed.

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