



If you don't believe that lightning strikes in the most unexpected cases consider the case of Mrs. Marge Lewandowski who recently bowled a perfect game at Thunderbird Lanes in Troy.

She is a 30-year-old mother of five sons who carries a mere 140 average and bowls mostly for the fun of it. But last week when she appeared for her regular turn on the approaches there was nothing unusual as she opened with a 124 game — 16 pins below her average.

Then it happened. As if by magic she "found" the lanes and started piling up strikes until she posted the much coveted No. 12 and assured herself of a place in Detroit bowling history.

Then, when the excitement died down, she returned to herself again and finished her series with a 180 game for a 604.

When the 12th strike of the second game was recorded she became only the sixth woman in Detroit bowling history to roll a perfect game. The others were: Hattie Wooster, Doris Knecht, Edna Pukilinski, Ann Setlock and Catherine Hannan.

And to make the perfect game all the more unusual is the fact that Mrs. Lewandowski is no student of the game and confesses that she doesn't know whether she is a three step or a four step bowler.

She's the last person you'd expect would bowl a perfect game — but she did.

THE ANNUAL tournament of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association, which opens at Thunderbird Lanes in Allen Park on Saturday, April 22, may be the largest association event held in the nation this year.

The entry of 738 regular

teams and 121 seniors is 25 per cent above the entry of a year ago when only 500 teams battled for the regular title.

"We just can't explain the reason for the big jump," Tom McKay, GDBA secretary confided, "but perhaps our improved prize list was the lure."

Thus far this season 29 perfect games have been bowled in sanctioned league in the Greater Detroit area. This is one less than a year ago and only about half the number of the record 58 registered some years ago."

WELL, AT LAST, the real reason for the American Bowling Congress Awards Committee turning down 175 high scores, including Ray Orf's 890 — the highest series ever bowled — has come to light.

On his return from the ABC convention Tom McKay revealed that there was nothing wrong with the machines now used to "dress" the lanes — except that in most cases — including Orf's — the lane mechanic shut off the end brushes on each side, thus causing the dressing to pile up in the middle and, as a result, fall from ABC specifications.

THE CELLAR-DWELLERS tournament — the most unusual in the area — gets underway again this year at Ark Lanes on May 5 and entries will be taken until midnight of July 15.

This is the tournament in which only the bottom four teams in any sanctioned leagues are eligible to compete for the top prize of \$3,000.

FRED McLEAN and his wife, Penny, seem to be taking turns in grabbing the spotlight in the area bowling leagues.

This week Fred paced the Garden Lanes Classic with a

759 series and gained a 54 pin margin over Jerry Soszack who landed in the runnerup spot with a 705.

Other high scores included Dick Preston 677, John Grinrod 688 and Bob Grenier 648.

Meanwhile Hal Jolley paced the Westland Classic with a 680 to make a bid for high average honors.

SALLY SCHROEDER, who does her bowling in the Thursday morning mixed league at Westland Bowl, rolled one of the oddest series of the year.

A 165 average bowler she started with a 285, then faded to 212 and closed with a 121 for 598.

THE SPOTLIGHT turned on Milt Smith in the Mixed League at Country Lanes when he posted a 693.

Ginny Gertz, a 136 average bowler, took a share of the honors with a high single of 208.

Janet Krahn took high single in the Ladies House League with 247 and another Janet, this time, Janet Balogh followed with a 243.

PREP Results

BASEBALL
Lutheran West 3, Borgess 2
John Glenn 9, GC West 5
(14 innings)
SLX 9, Bentley 6
Alphus 6, GC West 4
(11 innings)

THURSDAY
Thurston 68, Lincoln Park 55
GC West 78, Glenn 44
Stevenson 88, Thurston 58
Farmington 53, RU 53
Borgess 49

FRIDAY

Livonia Stevenson captured all three relay events to edge Thurston, 65 to 58.

Thurston scored nine firsts in the 15 event meet with the 880 relay proving to be the difference. The Eagle cindermen were 20 years ahead of Stevenson to the last handoff.

A poor handoff dropped Thurston out of contention and Stevenson's Jim Lefevre darted across the finish line much to the surprise of everyone.

"Any sort of a handoff would have given us the 880 relay," said Thurston Coach Ray Williams. "If we could have won it, we would have taken the meet, 63-46."

"For as many events as we won, we should have won," added Williams. "Maybe we are just one year away from putting it all together."

Thurston's junior Bill VanAlsten hurdled to the top individual performance of the

afternoon with a time of 0:20.0 in the 180 low hurdles.

Neil Bowly, of Stevenson, clocked in with a respectable time of 0:20.5, but the honors went to VanAlsten who matched the time of Franklin's Mark Newman in last season's state finals.

Newman placed eighth in the state with 0:20.0.

BOWLY jumped into the spotlight with a Stevenson record in the high jump. The senior trackster soared to a height of 6'3 3/4" with VanAlsten second.

Thurston's Tom Haron won the shot put with a toss of 49'1 1/2," and teammate Craig Boyak scored a double win with firsts in pole vault and long jump.

Boyak vaulted 12' and won the long jump with a leap of 19'3".

VANALSTEN came back to win first the high hurdles at

0:16.0 and you guessed it ... Bowly came in second.

Dave Drake, of Thurston, clocked in at 2:02.4 in the 880 run ahead of Stevenson's Walker and Thurston's Rick Westphal won individual honors in the 100 yard dash along with the 220 sprint.

Thurston's Lou Torcolacci won the mile with a time of 4:46.8 and Coach Williams has to smile a little brighter with the performance of Westphal and Torcolacci. Both are sophomores.

Stevenson's Rich Fuerst won the 400 in 53.0 and the

Spartans walked to a first in the two mile with Kevin Maly and Rick Galindo hitting the finish wire together with a time of 10:41.7.

Thurston's next meet is at Redford Union Tuesday and Stevenson hosts Edsel Ford the same afternoon.

MEET RESULTS
SHOT PUT: 1-Haron (T), 2-Ekins (T), 3-Hule (T), Distance 49' 1 1/2"
LONG JUMP: 1-Bowly (T), 2-D-Keefe (S), 3-Luke (S), Distance 19' 3"
HIGH JUMP: 1-Bowly (S), 2-VanAlsten (T), 3-Archer (T), Height 6' 3 3/4"
POLE VAULT: 1-Bowly (T), 2-Perceval (S), 3-D-Keefe (S), Height 12'

880 RELAY: 1-Stevenson (Fuerst, Lohr, Hord, Lefevre), Time 2:02.4
880 RUN: 1-Drake (T), 2-Walker (S), 3-Bowly (S), Time 2:02.4
100 YD DASH: 1-Westphal (T), 2-Lefevre (S), 3-Wendy (T), Time 10.8
400 RUN: 1-Fuerst (S), 2-Gibson (T), 3-Wykes (S), Time 53.0
100 YD HURDLES: 1-VanAlsten (T), 2-Bowly (S), 3-Toth (S), Time 16.0
MILE RUN: 1-Torcolacci (T), 2-Walchuk (S), 3-Governor (S), Time 4:46.8
220 YD DASH: 1-Westphal (T), 2-Luke (S), 3-D-Keefe (S), Time 22.5
MILE RELAY: 1-Stevenson (D-Keefe, Weiss, Lefevre, Fuerst), Time 10:41.7
400 RELAY: 1-Stevenson (Bowly, Lohr, Hord, Preskorn), Time 4:46.8

DRC Going 'To Dogs' At Kennel Show Sunday

There'll be plenty of howling at the Detroit Race Course Sunday but all of it will come from the more than 1,400 dogs entered in the Livonia Kennel Club's 21st annual all-breed show.

The trotters and pacers will have their big moments Saturday night and then the blue bloods of dogdom clock in early Sunday morning for the start of judging in the show.

A total of 87 breeds are included in the 1,400 and judging will take more than nine hours before the best of show is selected by a panel of judges coming in from as far away as Texas and Florida. The program calls for judging to start at 9 a.m. with the variety groups taking over at 4 p.m.

Rings have been set up outside the grandstand in the sunshine and another set of rings have been set up inside the grandstand for judging in case it turns cold.

One of the high spots of the day will be a junior handling class starting at 1:15 p.m.

There'll be fun for all, regardless of whether you like to see the youngsters compete or to watch the entries in the various breeds vie for

championships and a crack at the top award.

The admission fee is \$1.50

for adults, 50 cents for children under 12 and no charge for the little ones.

Will Wolverine Raceway better the season high record hands of \$84,000 set last Saturday in tonight's star-studded card?

That's the question track officials are asking themselves as they keep a wary eye on the weather conditions. If the weather is right, then they believe there's an even chance waging will go past \$900,000 for only the second time in Michigan history.

There isn't any question in anyone's mind but that the Wolverine meeting will pick up in handle and attendance from now to the final program on June 20.

Stables are arriving daily from the sunny south, far west and east, and that means nothing but high class stock for the final two months of the meeting.

Impact of the newcomers will be felt for the first time Saturday in the 10-pace program arranged by Racing Secretary Bill Connors.

One of the newest arrivals is Gene Riegler, of Greenville, O., with his strong stable of pacers and trotters. Riegler will make his presence known tonight with entries in five of the 10 races and a possibility that he can get into the winner's circle with two or three.

Gene has Mayo Mahone in the second, Chit Ragtime in the third, Little Master in the sixth, Princess Judith in the seventh and Big Kahuna in the eighth. The featured preferred event with a purse of \$5,200.

THE PREFERRED event could develop into one of the best races of the meeting. Riegler's Big Kahuna is a definite threat off recent starts. Then there's Blaze Pick, the fast moving Canadian veteran who loves the Wolverine mile strip and generally is in top form at this time of the season.

Tom Merriman will be in the sulky behind Tricky Dale, a winner a week ago. Others in the field are: Knight Desire, Winter Dean, victor in his first start two weeks back; Bedford Jet, Knight Attack, Mighty Fire and D. Judge.

Saturday's card includes: four events with purses of \$3,000 each; one for \$2,500; one at \$2,500; one at \$2,400; and two for \$1,800.

And that's just a sample of what's coming. The big horses are on their way and it won't be long until fans will be seeing their first better than 2:00 mile.

HAZEL PARK will pay tribute to one of the best liked figures in thoroughbred racing in the Detroit area today (Saturday) when it honors Dave Goldberg.

Goldberg, who distributed the Racing Form and other publications for almost 40 years, decided to call it quits this year and turned the business over to Ludington News on Jan. 1.

Dave just wore out and decided to enjoy his remaining years with his wife. It was just about a year ago at this same time that his brother, Harry, his long time associate in the business, died and part of Dave's interest died with him. He tried to turn the distribution of the Racing Form over to Harry's son but he wanted no part of it. Dave

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Dave and his wife will be guests of the track management for lunch and then will be in the winner's circle to make a presentation to the winner of the race named in his honor.

And with Dave fading out of the picture, another of the faded characters who played such a major role in the development of the sport will be gone.

George Lewis, Ed Strong, Reed Hess, King Lear, George Krehbiel, Charley Ward, all legendary figures of the past are gone. Each to his final reward. Now Dave Goldberg has called a halt and plans to enjoy life from here on. We wish him the best of luck.

BILL KOFENDER, who left his posts as public relations director at Wolverine Raceway and publicity director at the Detroit Race Course, hasn't given up on racing.

Far from it, latest word is that Bill has accepted a position Maywood Raceway in Chicago as director of publicity for radio and television.

Bill joined a long time friend there... General Manager Sid Anton who held executive posts at Wolverine, Hazel Park and Windsor Raceway before shifting to Chicagoland.

Three Tiger mound stars have been selected to receive coveted Soup Bowl trophies at the 31st annual Capuchin Charity Golf baseball dinner at the Raleigh House April 13.

Mickey Lolich, who was Tiger of the year in 1971; Joe Coleman, a 20 game winner for the first time; and Fred Scherman, outstanding bullpen ace, will get the silver bowls. It will be the second time Lolich has been picked for the Capuchin salute. He also was honored in 1968.

Emmett Ashford, retired American League umpire who is a highly-regarded after-dinner speaker, will be featured at the benefit dinner which will be attended by Manager Billy Martin and the entire Tiger team.

Proceeds will help support the Capuchin soup kitchen for indigents and other charity projects of the Capuchin Guild.

Tickets at \$17.50 each can be ordered through the Capuchin Monastery on Mt. Elliott and will be on sale at the Tiger Stadium advance ticket office, Michigan and Trumbull, starting Monday (April 3).

Previous Soup Bowl winners include: 1965 - Bill Freehan, Dave Wickersham; 1966 - Willie Horton, Don Wert; 1967 - Denny McLean, Earl Wilson; 1968 - Al Kaline, Mickey Lolich; 1969 - John E. Fetzer, Jim Campbell, Mayo Smith; 1970 - Jim Northrup, Mike Kilkenny; 1971 - Billy Martin, Jim Price, Tom Timmerman.

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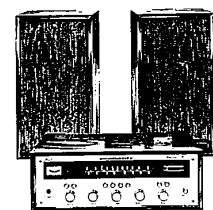
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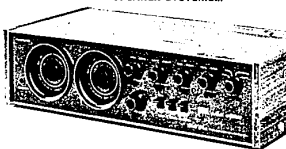
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