



IN THE POCKET

By W.W. EDGAR

West La Palme concurred an old jinx while playing the Garden Lanes in Garden Lanes during the week.

It long has been belief among star bowlers that a slump follows the posting of a perfect game. But he knocked that belief sky high by jarring in a 750 series in the Senior House League to lead all Observers' scores.

Only a week before he joined the select circle with a perfect game. Instead of slumping, though, he came back this week with this amazing performance.

What may become an annual affair, the Franklin High School team won a high school invitational tournament at Country Lanes.

The Franklin team, aided by Dan Ottman's 570, rolled a 3051 series to beat out Farmington High, with Oak Park placing third, Churchill fourth and North Farmington trailing in fifth place.

They're still talking about Dee Howden's performance 10 days ago in the Road Commission League at Garden Lanes. In the excitement of his missing a perfect game when a balky No. 10 pin stood on the final ball, his series was overlooked.

But he had games of 245, 299 and 216 for a 761, highest ever in the league.

Tony Loiacino who has been scoring well in the area's all-star leagues set the pace in the Westland circuit last week when he posted a 725 series. Starting with a 279 he added a 199 and then closed with a 247.

His closest rival, Don Wiley, linked games of 218, 216 and 245 for a 679, while Jim Matuzak placed third with a 666 that included a 222 middle game.

Bob Garrett still is top man in the averages with a 205 that is one point better than Hal Jolly.

No one broke the 700 barrier in the Garden Lanes Classic, but Bob Cassar and Harvey Wilson Jr. put up a great battle for scoring honors. When the last pin fell,

conquered eight pins in front with a 649.

In the Women's Traveling League Nancy Bartlett was high with a 619.

Pat Melvin, who is a regular in the summer leagues in Oberlin, posted the first 700 series of her career by Monday night in the Bowl.

Given a "monkey" for luck just before play began, she made it pay with games of 236, 246 and 214.

A poor start oftentimes presages a great ending and that's what happened to Martha Wall at Plymouth Bowl. Opening with a 160, she jumped to 236 in the second and closed with 232 for 628.

Meanwhile, Dianne Goodsite opened with a 216 and then declined to games of 178 and 140 for a 555.

Although she didn't win a single game, Ted Wesner walked off with top honors in the Livonia Classic when she posted a 300-90-620.

In the individual games, Delores Dowhan won the 194-40-234, Marie Bashor took the second with 203-17-229 and Gail Dugan paced the third with 179-50-229.

Gary George won a close battle with Don Hunt in the Livonia Classic when he over her average with a 211 and Mike Dugan had a 203 in 521.

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In the Senior House League it was Tom Maibarger who went on a strike spree with

games of 257, 215 and 249 for 721. His closest rival was Ed Dunkel with a 684.

Among the other leaders were Aron Litshay, who paced the Businessmen's circuit with 682, and Bertha Simonsen who topped the women's mixed league with 612. A mother-daughter combination held forth in the Bel-Aire Women's league when Jackie Dix posted a 551 and her daughter, Dawn, a 507.

The Mx-Bowl team, composed of Keith Gault, Jerry Krass, Jeff Muglia, Ken Lindbert and Ken Block, rolled a 1445 series to beat out Cloverlanes for the city championship in the Teen Division of the Parks and Recreation League at Cloverlanes.

In the Prep Division, the Woodland team, composed of Colleen Kelley, Barbara Calley, Annie Zack, Mazin Karaduse and John Zywowski, rolled a 1445 series to beat out Cloverlanes for the city championship in the Teen Division of the Parks and Recreation League at Cloverlanes.

The juniors also did well at Country Lanes where Bartlett Silvertown won 138 pins over her average with a 211 and Mike Dugan had a 203 in 521.

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Eagles Bag RU

Thurston High scored eight individual firsts and one relay victory to upend Redford Union in a non-league dual track contest, 70-53.

LONG JUMP: 1-Burke (RU); 2-Danforth (T); 3-Bogdanos (RU) Distance 2007'

800 RELAY: 1-Thurston; 2-Redford Union; Time 5:52.5

SHOT PUT: 1-Huron (T); 2-Peach (RU); 3-Redford Union; Distance 52'

HIGH JUMP: 1-O'Grady (RU); 2-Hunter (T); 3-Kozmin (T) Height 5'

100 YD DASH: 1-Sanchez (T); 2-Roberts (T); 3-Jones (RU) Time 27"

HIGH BURLES: 1-Van Allen (T); 2-Huron (RU); 3-Wick (T) Time 1:5.4

MILE RUN: 1-Dwyer (RU); 2-Wilson (T); 3-McDonald (T) Time 9:40.0

100 YD DASH: 1-Whithead (T); 2-O'Grady (RU); 3-Benson (RU) Time 27.5

400 YD DASH: 1-Glass (T); 2-White (RU); 3-Roberts (RU) Time 2:55.0

LOW HURDLES: 1-Whithead (T); 2-Meter (RU); 3-Eslinger (RU) Time 2:4.0

200 MILE RUN: 1-Whithead (T); 2-Glass (RU); 3-Hasty (RU) Time 10:19.0

800 RELAY: 1-Whithead (T); 2-Whithead (T); 3-O'Grady (RU) Time 23.3

100 YD DASH: 1-Whithead (T); 2-Broderick (RU); 3-Sheika (RU) Height 12'

400 RELAY: 1-Redford Union; 2-Thurston; Time 2:48.8

400 RELAY: 1-Redford Union; 2-Thurston; Time 4:43.8



SOME OF THE "Lovers and Other Strangers" in the Livonia-Redford Theater Guild production, opening April 27, are (from left) Judy Trembley,

Ed Moorehead, Esther Mellon, Perry Lewis, Susan Chapman, and Rosemary and David Tucker.

Chargers Annihilate Western

Livonia Churchill won all three relays, took firsts in all four field events plus seven of eight firsts in the running events to crush Walnut Lake Western in a Western Six dual track meet, 96-27.

MEET RESULTS:

400 YD DASH: 1-Churchill; 2-Walnut Lake Western; Time 1:25.5

800 YD: 1-Grove (C); 2-Kappler (C); 3-Peason (C) Time 2:52.5

HIGH BURLES: 1-Honka (C); 2-Juarez (C); 3-Silvertown (W) Time 1:51.5

MILE RUN: 1-Peina (C); 2-King (W); 3-McDonald (C) Time 9:40.0

100 YD DASH: 1-Mendoza (C); 2-LaFave (C); 3-Parha (C) Time 31.4

400 YD DASH: 1-Latch (W); 2-Kahn (C); 3-Bradley (W) Time 28.5

HIGH BURLES: 1-Honka (C); 2-Guly (C); 3-Rally (C) Time 1:52.5

200 YD DASH: 1-Mendoza (C); 2-Park (C); 3-McDonald (C) Time 29.5

MILE RELAY: 1-Churchill; Time 23:7

400 RELAY: 1-Churchill; Time 4:43.8

SHOT PUT: 1-Sahluni (C); 2-Randall (C); 3-Dawson (W) Distance 45'

LONG JUMP: 1-Mendoza (C); 2-LaFave (C); 3-Parha (W) Distance 110'

HIGH JUMP: 1-Churchill; Time 5:29.0

800 RELAY: 1-Churchill; 2-Reunmy (W); 3-Aval (W); Height 10'

'Lovers' Visit LRTG Amusements

"Lovers and Other Strangers," a humorous look at sex and marriage, is set for an opening night sell-out audience this Friday, April 27.

Under the direction of J. Craig Collicott, it will be seen in the Livonia-Redford Theater Guild Playhouse April 27-28 and May 4-6 and 11-12. Curtain time is 8:30 every evening except 8:00 when it is 7:30.

The playhouse is located on Beech-Daly, one block south of Five Mile, Redford Township.

Reservations for all except opening night are available from Pam Nelson, 30742 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, Ann Arbor, Tr 3, 38742.

Ed Moorehead, Esther Mellon, Perry Lewis, Susan Chapman, and Rosemary and David Tucker.

"Lovers" is really four plays loosely tied together by a common theme. This is best described in the words of one of the characters, "When you make your bed, you suffer in it." It was written by Renee Taylor and Joseph Bologna.

The first lovers and strangers to appear on stage are Brenda and Jerry, who met in Maxine Plum and have gone to Jerry's apartment to get better acquainted.

Playing the single-minded Jerry will be Perry Lewis. Susan Chapman has the role of Mrs. Roger Packard, 14360 Stout, Detroit.

The last act deals with the marriage philosophy of Frank and Bea, revealed as they counsel their son, Ricky, and his wife, Joan. Father tells son, "After a while, you get used to it. You become deeper strangers. That's a sort of love."

Frank is played by Ed Moorehead, with Esther Mellon (formerly Esther Goodman) as his wife. The young couple are played by Alice Masson and Chip Geriden.

Residents of the Cambridge Nursing Home on Beech-Daly had a preview look at the play Friday evening. The LRTG staged it at the home as a community service project.

Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

With the meeting still short of the halfway point, horsemen have received a new share of the action at Wolverine Raceway with the announcement from Vice President and General Manager Richard Wilson of a second purse hike in a three-week period.

The first increase came in early April when purses were boosted \$100 to \$200 with the preferred events going to \$8,300 and the invitationals to \$8,600.

With the nightly average parimutuel handle climbing from \$510,000 to more than \$560,000 during the early weeks in April, Wilson announced a second share of the wealth in a new purse structure ranging from \$200 to \$600 more per race over that offered when the meeting opened on March 15.

The boost sent the minimum to \$1,500 for lower class trotters and pacers with the invitationals going up all the way to \$7,000. The preferred races jumped to \$5,800.

Thus the meeting is following the pattern of a year ago when the increase in business resulted in an \$1,800 minimum for the closing weeks of the season, highest ever offered by a harness track in Michigan.

"We figured we would be able to raise purses during the meeting," said Wilson, "but we didn't think it would come so early. Especially after the blizzard on the first Saturday night that resulted in a handle of \$108,000. We thought it would take much longer to overcome that disastrous night. But it seems it only served as a catalyst and business has been booming ever since, come rain, snow or cold."

With many of the major promotions coming up later

in the meeting, Wilson is looking forward to another million dollar night and hopes as many as three or four before the meeting ends in Mid-June.

And with the million dollar nights goes an opportunity to give the horsemen another share of the wealth.

Provided the weatherman cooperates, Wolverine is looking forward to the first sub-2:00 minute mile of the season Saturday night when it presents the finest program of the year.

It was just a week ago that Mighty Fire, an Ohio owned pacer, raced to a neck victory in 2:00.4 in a preferred event. That clocking came just two races after the spectacular J.R. Skipper, the brilliant Canadian three-year-old, had been clocked in 2:01 in his season debut.

Both times were the fastest of the meeting and the best since the big mile track became so fast.

Mighty Fire moves up to the invitational class this time with a purse of \$6,600 up for grabs against the fastest and best pacers on the grounds.

J.R. Skipper isn't in the field, moving east during the week for a rich stake, but the field of eight could be a mighty Fire to break the 2:00 barrier to win.

Local Time, pride and joy of the late Ray Forsyth, has shipped in from Florida and will be making his 1973 Wolverine debut. The speedy horse with a record of 1:58.2 will have the services of Ted Taylor and that could make it a definite threat.

In from Chicagoland is Shitawo Lad, guided by Chris Boring, and the fast moving Michigan Mack. From California comes Bramble Hall with a clocking of 1:58.3. Then there are Big

Kahjna, star of the Gene Bingle stables; Skipper Gene Marz, who chased J.R. Skipper to his last mile; and the Michigan favorite Bedford Jit, seeking his second win of the meeting.

In addition, the card lists a \$5,300 preferred purse, three conditioned paces worth \$4,000 each and two others with a value of \$2,800 each.

Herve Filion, back atop the season Saturday night, is bi-weekly North American dash-winning standings, is winning races this spring at the same world record clip he used in registering \$95 victories in 1972. The amazing French-Canadian harness driver has 105 triumphs, just three less than at this same date a year ago.

Willetta Buddy Gilmore, one of metropolitan New York's dash leaders, is second with 99 victories and Jim Curran, the early 1973 leader, is third with 96 conquests.

Filion, who missed last weekend because he is competing in the World Driving Championships in Europe, jumped to 110 starts during the past two weeks.

Joe Marsh Jr., who led all U.S. drivers with 307 victories in 1972, is second in the World Driving Championships in Europe, jumped to 110 starts during the past two weeks.

On Sunday afternoon Marsh scored two wins and one third for 31 points at Vienna, Austria. The Norwegian, who is the new European king, leads with 35 points while Canada's Herve Filion is fifth with 25 points.

The world tournament continues in Paris with later stops in W. Germany and Italy.

Churchill Upends Spartans, 69-54

Livonia Churchill nabbed another city rival with its track prowess.

The Charger childrenmen,



Ailie Wilson Has Exhibit

Churchill won all three relays, five of the eight individual running events and the high jump for the victory.

The foursome of Don Phillips, Phil Damaska, Phil LaFave and Rich Kahn won the 800 relay in 1:34.4 and the group of Great Gully, Mark Priebe, Damaska and Kahn won the mile relay in 3:31.1.

SALLY KELLERMAN is stored with James Coan in MGM's "Slither," the story of what happens when some shady, but comic characters, look for cash in rural California. It's now playing at the Quo Vadis, Wayne and Warren Roads, Westland. Showing in the three other Quo Vadis Theaters for the Easter holidays are "The Nelson Affair," "Soylent Green" and "Scorpio."

at the Wayne State University Center for Adult Education and Oakland Community College, and has won several awards in area shows. "To me, each painting is a learning experience," she says.

She studied oil painting and art with Marvin Boehm.

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