

# Set Dates For Observer Pin Tourney

The third annual Observer Newspapers-Merri-Bowl Lanes mixed doubles tournament will begin Feb. 20 and continue through May 23 with a guaranteed first prize of \$1,000, second of \$500 and third of \$350.

That was the announcement Monday by Tournament Manager Mac Goldman as he began the distribution of thousands of entry blanks to bowling establishments in southern and eastern Michigan and northwestern Ohio.

More than that Goldman, who is the owner of Merri-Bowl Lanes, has estimated the first prize check could go as high as \$2,500 on the basis of 1,000 or more entries.

"If the entry list exceeds 1,000," said Goldman, "and we have every reason to believe it will go that high, the estimated prize list is \$2,500 for first, \$1,250 for second and \$750 for third."

The tournament paid off to the 130th score a year ago, ranging from the top check of \$900 to Barbara Neville and David Mattox to \$10 for bowlers from 25th through 130th places.

The tourney is sanctioned by the American Bowling Congress and the Women's International Bowling Congress and the prize list is set up according to the recommendations of the two groups.

In addition to the first prize, last year's tournament paid \$300 to Vera and James Beeman and Donald Allen and Donald Allen who tied for second \$125 to Dolores Lane and Peter Fraser for fourth and \$75 to Doris Knechtges and George Hollabaugh for fifth place.

The mixed doubles is a handicap affair based on 70 per cent of 400 with a limit of 120 pins per game based on the high average of each bowler as of Dec. 31, 1964 for a minimum of 21 games.

Bowlers may enter more than once, providing they change partners each time. Teams will bowl three games on the same pair of lanes and are eligible to cash as many times as they bowl.

The rules provide that entrants must present either WIBC or ABC sanction cards at the time of bowling.

The total entry fee is \$10 of which \$3.50 is the charge for bowling, \$1.70 for expenses and \$5 goes into the prize fund. All prizes monies will be returned 100 per cent.

Any bowler who falsifies his or her average automatically forfeits any rights to the prize money. Prizes will be paid after averages of all prize winners have been verified.

Director Goldman indicated the Rules Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry and the decisions of that body are final.

Rules of the ABC and the WIBC will apply in all instances where there is any question.

Goldman warns that any change of a reserved squad time must be by written request five days in advance of the change.

Bowlers planning to enter are urged to do so immediately in order to have the advantage of choice times and dates.

The tournament will operate on weekends only on the following dates with squads at 11 a.m., noon, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 p.m. on each day. Entries will be accepted until noon on May 23, the closing day, with the final squad at 10 p.m. that night.

The dates:

Saturdays: Feb. 20 and 27; March 6, 13, 20 and 27; April 3, 10, 17, 24; May 1, 8, 15 and 22.

Sundays: Feb. 21, 28; March 7, 14, 21 and 28; April 4, 11, 18 and 25; May 2, 9, 16 and 23.

Entry blanks are available at the Observer offices at 33050 Five Mile Road in Livonia and at Merri-Bowl, 30950 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Goldman has started distribution to every bowling establishment in the area, as well as in southern and eastern Michigan and Northeastern Ohio. Blanks will be at all points within another week.

So, if you're interested in competing in the area's richest mixed doubles tournament, then file entry blanks immediately and get your choice of dates and times.

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ONE-PIN SHORT of a perfect 300 game was Brownie Sudol, of Oak Park, formerly of Livonia, as he rolled the highest score of the year at Merri-Bowl Lanes. Brownie left the 10-pin standing on his 12th ball for the 299 count. He's a member of the DiStefano team in the men's senior house league and had a 661 series on games of 146, 216 and 299.

## Pistons Host To Two Rivals

Two home games are on the docket for the Detroit Pistons this week.

They meet the St. Louis Hawks Wednesday night at Cobo Arena and then the world champion Boston Celtics on Saturday evening.

A special preliminary between Lawrence Tech and Indiana State will precede the Detroit-Boston game. The Celtics will take the floor at 8 p.m. p.m.

Boston continues to dominate the National Basketball Association's Eastern Division. The Celtics, led by Bill Russell and Sam Jones, appear to be on their way to an easy ninth straight Eastern crown.



MEMBERS of the first basketball team ever to represent Schoolcraft College are posing for the official team picture. The group includes (front row, from left) Jeff Houtaline, Cal Lulbrand, Scott McIntyre, Bob Geist and Jack Hooper; (back, from left) Manager Hans Melroth, Coach Marv Gans, Dave Norris, Gerald Kinsbeth, Bob Eckenon, John Breckenridge, Dick Birzak, Greg Rice, Roger Grover, Keith Watson, Manager Rick Smith and Assistant Coach Wilson Munn. The cagers play at Michigan Lutheran College on Jan. 5 and then host Muskegon on Saturday, Jan. 9 at Franklin High School.

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## Rouge Stops Bentley

As far as Coach George Fefes and his Bentley high basketball team are concerned, River Rouge was about as good as the state Class B champions last March.

The Rouge team, which virtually has dominated the Class B picture for the last decade, again is a power, a terror and a giant.

Just ask the Bentley cagers, who visited the Rouge fair a week ago Tuesday and took a crack at trying to stop the mighty men of Coach Letton Green.

It was a pretty hot contest, despite the fact Bentley had taken the floor possessing a spottless 4-0 record in action up to that moment.

Rouge wasted no time jumping ahead of Bentley. By the end of the first quarter it was 20-8 for the Panthers. Halftime saw Rouge on top by a 41-19 count. After three quarters it was Rouge 64, Bentley 28.

When the final buzzer sounded, the scoreboard flashed River Rouge 80, Bentley 47.

"They were just too big and too strong for us," Fefes said at the end of the game.

"It was a typical Rouge team," added Fefes. "They kept the pressure on all the time. We couldn't do very much."

Surprisingly, the f a m e d River Rouge pressing defense didn't bother Bentley too much.

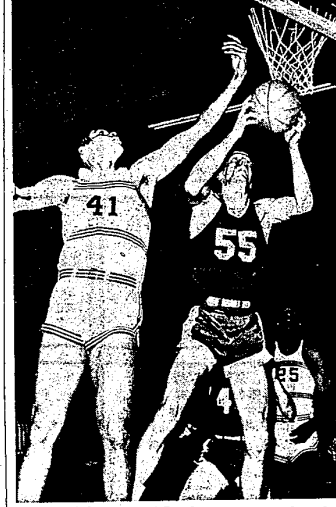
"It was just that they had too much else for us," declared Fefes for this week let his cagers into the holiday tournament at Redford Union.

Bob Elsner was the top scorer for Bentley with 10 points. Bill Swit, Fred Matzels and Mike Bondi followed with nine each. Tim Doll scored seven with Bob Lucas, Danny Sommerman and Scott Reed collecting four each.

The Bentley reserves gave the Rouge second-stringers a

much stiffer test before finally succumbing by a 51-48 score.

Greg Coleman flipped in 12 points, Larry Grimm 10 and Bob Ryan for the losers.



TIM DOLL (55), of Bentley, goes up to clear the boards against River Rouge high's perennial state Class B champs. Rouge won, thus stopping Bentley's unbeaten record.

## 2 Falcons Annex Wrestling Crowns

Farmington High produced a pair of champions in the South Oakland County prep wrestling tournament.

Art Woehler, 103 pounds, and Dick Johnston, 154, emerged as

the kings for Farmington in the competition, which lured representatives from 16 schools.

Both Woehler and Johnston had to win five matches each in the two-day tournament. Woehler pinned the first three rivals he faced, while Johnston allowed only two points to be scored against him.

Ron Mortenson, a 112-pounder, reached the semifinals for Farmington before he was beaten by the eventual champion.

Gary Tudball, Bob Finks, Dan Heuer, Tom Hughes, Dennis Bakin, Gary Less, Mark Tetter, Carl Mich and Bob Holby of Farmington won their first-round matches before losing.

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## Big TV Schedule In Sports

Sports fans are in for a hectic weekend—television speaking. Football, hockey and basketball, they'll all be on the screen.

The action begins Friday with the usual parade of major bowl games. Here's the schedule:

**FRIDAY**

1:45 p.m.—Arkansas vs. Nebraska in Cotton Bowl, Channel 2.

2:00 p.m.—Louisiana State vs. Syracuse in Sugar Bowl, Channel 4.

4:45 p.m.—Michigan vs. Oregon State in Rose Bowl, Channel 4.

6:00 p.m.—Ohio State vs. Texas in Orange Bowl, Channel 4.

**SATURDAY**

2 p.m.—Florida State vs. Oklahoma in 'Gator Bowl, Channel 2.

4:30 p.m.—East-West Shrine game in San Francisco, Channel 4.

4:30 p.m.—Ohio State vs. Georgia Tech, basketball, Channel 2.

8:30 p.m.—Boston Bruins vs. Toronto Maple Leafs, Channel 5.

**SUNDAY**

2 p.m.—Pro-Roller Bowl, Green Bay vs. St. Louis, Channel 2.

2 p.m.—New pro basketball series starts, Boston Celtics vs. Cincinnati Royals, Channel 7.

## RU Loses To Parkers In Pool

Allen Park high's swimming team had too much for Redford Union in the 'Townshippers' final meet of 1964.

The score was 59-47, but there was one bright note for Redford Union. Steve Glazier set a new varsity record in the 400-free style when he was clocked in 4:27.2.

The old school mark of 4:33 was set in 1960.

Glazier also won the 200-yard freestyle while Jeff Shonfield took the diving to account for the only other victories scored by RU.

Here's how the RU performers placed:

**400-YARD FREE:** 1—Steve Glazier, 4:27.2 (new varsity record).

**200-YARD FREE:** 1—Steve Glazier, 2:08.4.

**100-YARD FREE:** 1—Steve Glazier, 1:28.4.

**50-YARD FREE:** 1—Steve Glazier, 1:08.4.

**400-YARD FREE:** 2—Pherson, 4:33.4.

**200-YARD FREE:** 2—Pherson, 2:10.4.

**100-YARD FREE:** 2—Pherson, 1:30.4.

**50-YARD FREE:** 2—Pherson, 1:10.4.

The RU tankers resumed action next Wednesday at Plymouth field. They'll be at Plymouth on Jan. 7.



Farmington's Art Woehler is crowned winner after taking championship match.

## OBSERVER SPORTS

By George Miskin

A HAPPY, HAPPY NEW YEAR—AND IN THE WAY OF SPORTS MAY THE YEAR 1965 BRING TO OUR COMMUNITY:

1—Artificial skating rinks which the folks of Livonia, Redford Township, Plymouth and Farmington so richly deserve. We're told such rinks aren't too expensive and don't require too long to erect. It's a shame that hockey teams from hereabouts must travel to Detroit, Garden City, Ann Arbor and other points to play and practice.

2—More lighted fields in the area for baseball and softball. The installation of arcs at Livonia's Ford Field last summer proved a smash hit. Now let's have similar facilities for baseball in Redford Township, Plymouth and Farmington and why not a second lighted field for Livonia?

3—The rise of Schoolcraft College in the world of sports. The new institution is just making its debut this winter with teams in basketball and swimming. Within a short time, why not football and baseball and track and maybe one or two other sports for Schoolcraft? Many of our outstanding former high school athletes are already attending Schoolcraft and many more in the future will head there. These boys deserve a chance to continue their sports careers.

4—Steps to improve baseball for older boys (15-20 years in age) should be undertaken at once. We're not going to get off on what we think is a major tragedy—thousands hereabouts playing Little League and in contrast very few performing on upper-level teams. Perhaps recreation officials and parents can see for themselves that they should be doing something for the older boys, who need far more supervision than the 11- and 12-year-olds.

5—Good fortune for all of our high school teams. The year of 1964 was a tough one on several of the schools. They didn't do too well in the victory department.

6—We're hoping, too, that the Tigers, the Lions, the Red Wings and the Pistons can shake their problems and all become consistent winners. The community is itching for sports champions. What a thought? All four of the teams finishing on top!

7—Increased interest on the part of adults in the various recreation programs staged in this area. A fair chunk of tax money annually goes into such activities, but only a small minority of the people seem to show any interest. More of us older guys should partake. It might cut down on our waistlines... and with fewer pounds to lug around, we're bound to draw less criticism from our weight-conscious spouses.

8—A thought by Livonia school officials to have all three of their senior highs—when the third one starts functioning next fall—contesting in the same league. To this department, it doesn't make much sense to have your teams spread over different leagues. It's not that way in Detroit or Flint or Grand Rapids or most other big cities. Livonia is getting to be a BIG town. Let's use the three Livonia senior highs as the nucleus for forming a new prep circuit.

9—It's our fervent wish that the swelling of sports on television won't ruin the eyes of those who gander toward this page once a week. With the opening of Channel 50 shortly, the sports enthusiast will never lack for anything to watch on the TV... another reason why we're suggesting that you give more thought about taking advantage of what the recreation departments in your area have to offer. Sitting and watching and eating—they only can lead to getting fat.

10—A victory for Michigan over Oregon State in the Rose Bowl this Friday. The Wolverines have been installed as heavy favorites—by as many as 11 points. If the Michigans are mentally ready, they'll be no beating them. In fact, the game easily could turn into a romp for the U. of M.

AS A NEW YEAR DAWNS, we'd also like to assure our readers that we will continue our policy of offering FULL coverage of sports in the areas served by the Observer newspapers.

This was the wish of our late publisher, Paul Chandler. We're here to do our part.

It requires the cooperation, however, of coaches, managers and others connected with athletic teams and enterprises. We're a growing area and for the present, we are a one-man sports department.

Our mission in life is not to attack or find fault. Instead, we strive always to report and say nice things, especially about the youngsters who make up the lion's share of the teams about which we write.

But when we see wrong, we'll be the first to speak up.