

# North Farmington '72 Grid Season A Double??

By TOM DONOHUE Sports Editor

North Farmington head football Coach Ron Holland knows that he has the nucleus of another championship team, but isn't going to get on the limb with a pre-season prediction, that is until he knows more about the "rookie" team in the Northwest Suburban Conference.

The new team in the Northwest Suburban League is Garden City East, making a jump from the Mid-Wayne League when Birmingham Groves left the six school league.

North Farmington is the defending champion with an overall mark of 8-1, that one loss being on Coach Holland will never forget and one Oak Park will long remember.

The Raiders from North sport seven returning lettermen with an additional eight seniors returning with playing time.

"We will be a strong team with tremendous speed," said Coach Holland. "Our defensive secondary will be tops along with our offensive backfield, with the big question

mark being our offensive line."

North Farmington has to be the team to beat in 1972, but Coach Holland doesn't see any one team dominating the league.

"Oak Park, Thurston and John Glenn will be experiencing rebuilding seasons," added Holland.

THE ONE ITEM that is holding Holland back from a pre-season prediction is the new club, Garden City East coached by Gary Humphrey. "I am just not sure about

the whole ball of wax this year," said Holland.

GILMORE AND LOUGH play the defensive end berths with Gilmore doubling at guard on offense.

The veteran Rattler squad is made up of seniors Bob D'Agostino, Bill Doerr, John Dwyer, Bill Gilmore and Jim Lough. The two returning juniors to be are Brad Pease and Jim Fredericks.

Dwyer, a 6-1 180 pounder is expected to carry the quarterback chores.

"John saw little action under Marty Raymond last year but shows great leadership and will be handling the whole ball of wax this year," said Holland.

Line Coach Ken Dean will have his hands full. On the list of hopeful seniors are: Bruce Deighton, Jim Garesse, Carl Goetzke, Mike Sanders and Paul Stoycholl.

Line Coach Dean also has a good crop in juniors: Brian Chisholm, Joe D'Agostino, John Daubenmeyer and Brent Dreyer.

Other juniors expected to carry their own in the back field are: Dan Kramer, Mike Daly, Dave Babcock and Mike Combes.

COACH HOLLAND has always stressed the importance of the kicker and now

with the addition of "breaking the tie" in high school football with overtime a new rule...the importance is even greater for the defending champion Raiders.

"This ruling has to benefit us," said Holland. "We have geared our team to the importance of the specialist and we have a good kicker in senior John Dwyer."

North Farmington has its first practice game in a four-way clash with Milford, Warren Fraser and Lansing Okemos on Sept. 8.

THE RAIDERS step into high gear with the Pontiac

Northern opener on Sept. 15 at Pontiac's Wisner Stadium. Next follows a Walled Lake Central battle on Sept. 23 with the Northwest Suburban First against Thurston, at Thurston on Sept. 30.

Accompanying Holland on the North head mentors list are: Ken Dean, line coach; Ralph Tenby, end and tackle coach; Jim O'Leary, junior varsity coach; and Dennis Fitzgerald, receiving and backfield coach.

The potential is there for the North squad with the question marks the interior line and Garden City East.



## IN THE POCKET

By W.W. EDGAR

The Detroit Woman's Bowling Association, to which most Observerland women affiliated, has little doubt



**SHE PACES PRO BOWLERS** -- Dittie Fohrigill, North Attleboro, Mass., will be the girl to beat when the professional women's bowling association stages its monthly tournament at Hartfield Lane in Berkeley, starting Thursday. She is the leading money winner of the year thus far. She has won seven PWBA tournaments and is a four-time All America selection.

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of the Detroit area, to which most Observerland women affiliated, has little doubt

the total would have reached close to 145,000.

In the annual report, released by the Women's International Bowling Congress, Detroit was at the head of the list in individual membership with 100,814 and topped the country in the number of sanctioned leagues with 3,006.

It marked the first time any city had passed the 100,000 mark and much of the credit goes to the untiring efforts of the Detroit officers. For years they have set the 100,000 mark as their goal—despite to some critics who claimed they were aiming too high.

First, it was Mrs. Lillian C. Jacob, as president, who put in long hours in quest of membership. And, following in her footsteps, is Mrs. Agnes Ekstrom and another able staff.

FOR YEARS Detroit and Chicago competed for national membership honors. But for the past two years Detroit has left Chicago far behind. In fact Chicago finished the past year with 78,167 and that's almost 25,000 behind the leaders.

New York leads all states in membership with 396,691 and Ohio is next with 304,284. California landed third with 273,429 and Michigan because of Detroit's great showing, gained fourth place with 264,626.

While the women were going to the top, the men's group also posted some outstanding figures for the past season.

When the membership rolls were closed the Greater Detroit Association boasted 132,515 members in 3,138 leagues. This does not include the substitutes who competed during the season. With them

the total would have reached close to 145,000.

So, combining the membership of the two groups Detroit can boast a membership of 233,129 sanctioned bowlers—which is far and away above any other city in the country.

THE OLDEST of the individually sponsored tournaments in the metropolitan Detroit area—the John Gavie Sweepstakes—will have its 35th renewal on Aug. 28 at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park.

This event attracts all of the leading all-stars as it is their last warm-up before the leagues start on the following night.

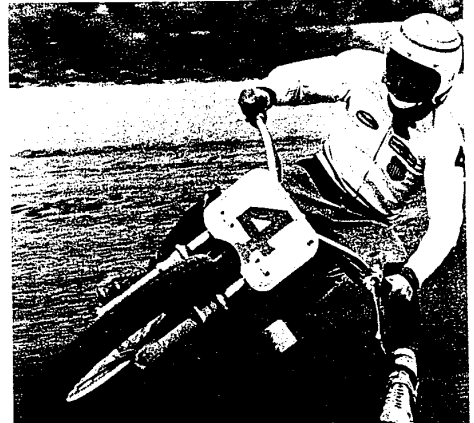
When the event gets underway at 7 p.m., Gavie, former president of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association, expects to have a complete complement of 40 teams—comprising the best in both the men's and women's classes.

THE WOMEN, who open their season at Pine Tree Bowl on Sept. 13, are looking forward to a keen race between Luola Brown, of the Motown Crown team, and Penny McClean for top average honors.

Each won a league title last year and each will not only be trying to repeat, but to sweep top honors in both leagues.

And right behind will be well known veterans—Elvira former "queen," to move in if either of the favorites fall.

The Women's Professional Association will conclude its invasion of Michigan this weekend with the state of their monthly tournament at South Lanes. The women pros then will invade the Detroit area next week with a regular tour stop at Hartfield Lanes in Berkeley.



**BART MARKEL**, Flint Harley Davidson factory rider, three-time grand national champion in the last 10 years, holder of a record 28 national championships, plans to celebrate his 37th birthday by racing at Northville Downs, Saturday, Aug. 19, where he holds another track record. . . . on a snowmobile.

## Thousands 'Scared Away' From Michigan Parks

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Through mid-July, day use at state parks was down 17 per cent from a year ago, while camper turnouts were nearly five per cent off the record pace of 1971. At that point, daily attendance for those areas stood at 9.3 million, representing a loss of 1.8 million visitors from last year's count through the middle of July.

Campground registrations at state parks have slipped by about 10,000 this season, totaling 194,825 through the first half of July.

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## Picking The Lineup Out Of A Hat Could Be Answer

If picking a lineup out of a hat insured a victory, then Tigers might go undefeated for the rest of the year — and all of the next 248 seasons!

Such a feat would defy all imaginable theories except mathematical ones, but perhaps the possibility of using the mind of Billy Martin when he sought to shake the Tigers out of a recent losing streak.

For the first game of the Aug. 13 doubleheader at Tiger Stadium the Bengal skipper had each starter except the pitcher pick a spot in the batting order out of the manager's cap. The result was a victory over Cleveland ace Gaylord Perry with a lottery lineup that featured slugger Norm Cash batting first and light-hitting Ed Brinkman batting in the cleanup position.

Mathematical calculations show there were 40,320 possible lineups in Martin's magical cap. If the Tigers won each time the skipper took a new lineup card to the plate, the club would not be defeated for all 40,320 games, or 248 straight seasons, assuming the present 162-game schedule.

If Billy had included all nine positions in his lottery, that would have meant 362,880 different lineups, 362,880 straight victories and 2,220 undefeated seasons — all the way through the year 4211.

Actually, Martin has used 69 different lineups in 110 games this season. The most he has employed the same order is eight times. Fifty times he has



BILLY MARTIN

used a batting order, then discarded it completely.

The lineup most frequently used has a 5-3 record, while the Tigers have a 27-23 log in games with unique batting orders.

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