



TWO MICHIGAN MILES -- Saturday's (Sept. 16) running of the \$100,000-added Michigan Mile at the Detroit Race Course has been broken down into two divisions with the seventh and ninth races featuring \$79,000 purses each. Posing with the post

positions and trophies are: Vice President Public Relations Dick Wilson (left); Vice President-General Manager Paul Ryder; and Director of Racing Norris Gwin. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

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Driving Championships Clinched At Flat Rock

Joy Fair of Pontiac and Denny Pace of Plymouth clinched the 1972 driving championships in their respective divisions of auto racing at Flat Rock Speedway.

Fair won the late model stock crown. He won the top money posted for the ARCA late model stock drivers by the track, but also will pick up a \$500 check, the top prize money in the point championship.

with the late model stocks and the wild Figure Eight division in a big 14 event program topped by a 30 lap feature for late models and a 15 lap feature for Figure 8 cars. Time Trials begin at 6:30, racing at 8:15.

Fair won his 10th feature event taking the lead from Ray Barnard, of Ann Arbor on the 14th lap and leading for the remainder of the 30 lap event. Joe Ruttman of Dearborn Heights finished second, Bud Pingleton of Plymouth third and Ray Barnard was fourth. DENNY PACE of Plymouth won his 10th feature event of 1972, in the Figure Eight division, capturing the 25 lap season championship by a half lap over Bob Studt of Taylor. Carl Bowen of Taylor finished third and Jerry Middleton of Southgate fourth.

Saturday night, Sept. 16 will be the final race of 1972 at the Southern Michigan Speedway

Boys Needed As Referees

SOUTHFIELD
The Southfield Parks and Recreation Department needs high school age boys to referee its flag football and soccer programs. All games will be played on Saturdays at the Southfield Civic Center with two officials assigned to each game.

Any boy interested should call at the Southfield Parks and Recreation Department located at 26000 Evergreen Road to fill out a job application.



By W.W. EDGAR

There was a time—not too many years ago—when every bowler dreamed of the day when he could register a 600 series and the thought of averaging 200 was just about out of the question.

But the double century figure no longer is the main target. It now has been boosted to 700 and even these sky rocketing series are more numerous now than the magic 600 used to be, even among the stars.

What has caused the change? There could be many reasons, most of them centered on the fact that we now have better conditions. These conditions include uniform lanes and pins. In days gone by each proprietor had his own idea of how the lanes should be conditioned with the result that the bowler seldom bowled under the same conditions two or three nights in a row.

ASIDE FROM THAT, in the days before plastic coated pins came into being, the bowler was asked to shoot at all sorts of targets. Oft times there were tall and short pins, top-sided pins, and greatly bashed in pins.

Now, because of the plastic coating, and other improvements such as firm bottoms, conditions are the same and the bowlers now concentrate on their game. The result is higher scores.

Not the least in the reasons for better scoring is the fact that the bowlers now compete often and the more practice, the better results. Or so they claim.

A FINE EXAMPLE of the new trend came during the opening week of league competition throughout Overland where at least three 700's were posted. Such performances were almost unheard of during the

opening week in years gone by. Bob Cassar, at Garden Lanes, and Aaron Lipshey, the pro shop manager at Merri-Bowl, shared top scoring honors with counts of 713.

Cassar posted his big series on the opening night of the Garden Lanes Classic, when he put together games of 214, 256 and 243 for a 713.

Then came Lipshey, bowling in the Suburban Travelling League at Wonderland Lanes.

He opened with a 279 and followed with a 250. He was well on his way to a real series, only to find the pressure too much and he slumped to 184 for a finishing game and his 713.

Cassar had to be on the ball to pace the Garden Classic, where competition reached a high note.

Right behind the pacemaker came Larry Brandt with a 687 and Paul Isken followed with 673, while Jim Furtak posted a 665 and Mike Machis had a 662.

ONLY 10 PINS separated the three leaders in Westland Classic on opening night.

Hal Jolley showed the way with 686 on games of 232, 228

and 208. Jim Wrublewski took runner-up honors with 682 and Ed Malinowski landed third with a 676.

Jerry Holt had high game of 266 in 617.

THEN CAME the third "700" of the week and from an unexpected source.

Bowling in the Twin Parish League at Westland Joe Attard put together games of 226, 238 and 244 for a 708. It was an unusual series in that he improved with each game instead of falling victim to pressure.

NONE OF THE Classic bowlers broke the 700 barrier on opening night, at Bel-Aire but Don Bennett barely missed.

After rolling games of 244 and 255 he seemed certain of hitting the magic target. But the pressure was too much and he finished with a 184 for 683.

Tom Malberger was not far behind with a 669 series and Lee Pettit landed third place for the night with a 641.

Jim Jakubowski posted a 750 for the high game honors, out had to be satisfied with a 602 series.

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