

Men's Tourney This Weekend

Kay Coppola Captures Women's Golf Title

The course has been replaced, the women champions crowned and it is now on to the 35-hole Observerland Open golf tourney for men at Whispering Willows.

The men take over play Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 16-17, with 98 golfers entering four flights with the champions being crowned around 5 p.m. Spectators will be welcomed, especially for the final round.

The 16-hole women's tournament featured a 71 repeat victory with Kay Coppola defending her title with a 59-45 for a gross first of 55 and a net score of 75.

Hope Roy placed second with a low gross of 96 and a net of 75 also.

LOW NET prizes went to Elaine Blezenski and Jackie Stocks (80). Only two scores in the entire women's tourney were not reported and that has to be some kind of record.

The A flight low gross playoff between Elaine Blezenski and Mary Gilbertson who were tied at 110.

The playoff opened on hole No. 1, a 460 yard par five with Elaine Blezenski scoring a seven and Mary Gilbertson a

final hole tied with Kiley scoring a seven and Glentke an eight to decide the champion.

Ann Lawrence won the B low net with a 50-handicap 80 and Nancy Ham placed second with a 56-handicap 86.

It's now on the men's 35-hole tourney and the crowning of the Observerland champion.

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT
 KAY COPPOLA .50-45-96-20-75
 HOPE ROY .96-80-110-100-100-100
 PHYLIS ROBINSON 53-50-103-24-79
 JACKIE STOCKS .50-50-100-20-80
 JACKIE ARCHER .49-52-101-20-81
 SHIRLEY CUMMAROSI 53-104-21-83
 MARY LOU CAZA 58-51-109-20-89
 LYNDA WALDECKESSES 50-109-16-93
 PAT STILL .62-63-125-21-104
 JOHN GARNEY . . . NO SCORE
 ALICE GAMB . . . NO SCORE

A FLIGHT
 MARY GILBERTSON 55-60-110-33-77
 ELAINE BLEZENSKI 50-60-110-27-83
 KAREN AHLGREN 67-64-121-36-85



THE WINNERS -- The women's Observerland tourney at Whispering Willows in Livonia produced these winners: from left, Jo Glentke (B flight low net); Kay Coppola (champion flight winner); Hope Roy (championship runnerup); Elaine Blezenski (A flight winner); Mary Gilbertson (A flight low net); with B flight winner Marge Kiley absent from the picture. (Observer photo)

Falcons Hoping For Best With 'Strong 14' Squad

By TOM DONOGHUE
Sports Editor

A 14 man football team? This could very well be the '72 football story for the Farmington Falcons.

"We have 14 good football players," said Head Coach Hal Beardsley. "We have one good team with about eight of the kids going both ways."

Farmington has 21 returning lettermen.

"We have a good one team roster but no depth," added Beardsley.

This will be the third season

for Beardsley at Farmington, coming off a 4-1 record his rookie year and 3-6 last season.

BEARDSLEY like most coaches is hoping for a perfect 9-0 mark but admits he is shooting for an overall 6-3 record.

"The Inter-Lakes Conference is going to be real tough with Pontiac Northern and Stevenson our toughest foes," added Beardsley.

Farmington opened the '72 season with cross-town rival Farmington Harrison on

Saturday, Sept. 16 at Holt. The Falcons won the first contest last year, 21-12 and are hoping for a bright season opener.

Inter-Lakes action moves into high gear on Sept. 23 with Farmington hosting Pontiac Northern. Stevenson entertains Walled Lake Central the same time.

THE OFFENSIVE LINE is the smallest Beardsley has had at Farmington with an average of 180 pounds but is still tabbed the real heart of the Falcon squad.

Steve Bliss is back for his third year as center with Mark Walsh and Kevin Schaefer two year lettermen at guard and tackle respectively.

Dick Mangin and Jim Mascow are seniors battling it out for the left guard slot.

THE FULLBACK BERTH features 63, 190 pound senior Bill Marra and 5-11, 170 pound senior Jeff Krause.

Beardsley labels his receiver department the "best he has ever had at Farmington," in Jim Eveleth, Al Firek, Bob Drake and Bill Cox.

A brother team tops the bill in the halfback department. Junior Brian Ratliff and senior Kevin Irwin head the list with Brian Irwin and Sean Harte also on the running.



BOB HOLTON
Farmington Quarterback

This could be the season where Farmington turns the tables with a winning season.

Farmington has been a long time waiting for a football crown and it would certainly appear to be that injuries could play a key role with a 14 man roster making or breaking the season, in addition to 255 pound lineman deciding to play for the band instead of football.

Marra will be handling the punting chores with a 35 yard average to his credit. Junior Steve Cornas and Drake will be handling the extra points and field goals.

The Falcon coaching staff is rounded out by Dave Catherman, Rich Roy, Dan Collins and Ray Boyle.

The last time Farmington won an Inter-Lakes championship was in '58 when Catherman was playing ball for the Falcons.

Prep Golfers Scoring

The '72 prep golf season moved into high gear this week with most area schools in conference matches.

FARMINGTON HARRISON opened with a Western B league win over Walled Lake Western, 219-226, at Farmington Country Club.

Western's Ron Neill was medalist with a two-over 39.

Mike Majeski and Kurt Hess paced Harrison with 45. Jerry Corta and Tom Vance followed with identical 44's

with fifth man Doug Krano checking in with a 45.

Southfield opened with a triangular meet with Henry Ford and Berkley and ended up with two deficits, one a conference loss to Berkley.

The Blue Jays lost to Henry Ford, 219-220, and dropped a Southeastern Michigan league meet to Berkley, 211-220.

John Hallen of Southfield was medalist with a 40.

Other Blue Jays scores were: John Morgan, 42; Jeff Treasure, 43; Roger Mead, 47; and Ed Turner, 48.

NORTH FARMINGTON tipped Westland John Glenn in the Northwest Suburban opener, 178-186, at Farmington Country Club.

Mike Bancroft paced the Raiders with 39, followed by Rich Jewell at 40, Dave Benham with a 43 and Dennis McCarty at 45.

The North's luck ran out in a non-league match with Farmington with the Falcons scoring a 6-1 match field victory.

FARMINGTON'S MIKE MONSON beat North's Rick

Jewell, 40-47, with Bruce Connor defeating North's Benham, 40-42. Falcon Don Hunt lost the only round for Farmington with North's Woods scoring a 41-43 which Jeff Herman scored a Falcon win over Killemer, 42-46. Bill Lapham topped McCarty, 46-51, and Farmington's Rick Pauline edged Zienka, 52-54.

Biop Borgess rebounded from its opening loss to Divine Child, to even its record at 1-1 with a 181-187 triumph over Benedictine at Redford Golf Course.

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Franklin Wins CC Triangular

Livonia Franklin captured third, fourth, fifth and sixth place in a triangular cross country meet with Farmington and Redford Union to all but saw up victory with the fifth man placing 14th for an overall score of 32.

Farmington ran second with 36 and Redford Union brought up the tailend with 52.

FARMINGTON PLACED one-two in junior Mike McGuire and Bruce Taylor with McGuire clocking in at 16:50 for the three miles.

The Franklin conquest started with Chuck Block at third with a 17:41. Next

followed Mike Meunier, Bob Smith and Russ Genter with teammate Steve Ronan running 14th at 19:01 for a Patriot victory.

Following is the man by man breakdown and time: McGuire (Farm), 16:50; 2-Taylor (Farm), 17:32; 3-Block (F), 17:41; 4-Meunier (F), 17:52; 5-Smith (F), 17:54; 6-Genter (F), 17:59; 7-Boytton (RU), 18:00; 8-VanMeter (Farm), 18:08; 9-Baron (RU), 18:10; 10-Pogoda (RU), 18:20; 11-Hagar (RU), 18:22; 12-Clemmer (Farm), 18:39; 13-Ronan (F), 18:50; 14-Ronan (F), 19:01; 15-Smith (RU), 19:05.

PERSONALLY I lean towards Whisk and King's in the first race and Triumphant and Monte Christo 2nd in the second. The two are listed as the seventh and ninth on the card which means the first will go around 5:30 p.m. and the second at about 6:30 p.m.

All we can say is the weatherman has ordered perfect weather. The track is fast, the field is the largest every with the most money in as if the crowd will be the largest ever to attend the Michigan Mile during the last summer meeting.

And that means these expecting to find parking space all the confidence in the world they should arrive early. Every that his filly could overtake indication points to the biggest leading Mimi in the long turnle count of the year. . . stretch.

It's about time horse lovers and those who like to wager a bet or two show their appreciation to a management

Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

Detroit Race Course officials saw a dream come true Thursday when 20 horses entered the \$100,000 added Michigan Mile and an eighth and the state's richest stake had to be divided into two divisions.

Thus a race that could have gone for as much as \$150,000 now becomes worth \$158,000 with \$79,000 up for taking in each division. The winner will collect \$51,000.

And that makes that day's chore well worth while. More than that it means two owners will pick up a check of that size where only one would have collected the big money if the field had been less than 16.

There was a bit of scrambling when Director of Racing Norris Gwin announced the field had been divided in accordance with the Australian system. This places the top weighted in one division and the second top weighted in the other.

The same system is used throughout all of 28 stateries.

"This assures us of tight competition in both divisions," said Gwin. "We will have two evenly matched fields by weight and it should result in two of the finest races in the 24-year history of the Michigan Mile."

Asked which horses he thought looked best in each division, Gwin took refuge under the ancient dodge "I'll have to go by the way the trainers jockeys, turf writers and representatives of radio and television stations, didn't agree with Gwin but the results of the two divisions will determine who is right.

For the benefit of those interested, Autobiography is top weighted at 119 pounds in the first division and Droll Role at 122 in the second.

That has brought the biggest field in 21 years in the area. Just imagine, the first running of the Michigan Mile was for \$3,000 as an overnight event and today's running will go for almost \$150,000. How times have changed.

The post positions for the first division: 1-King's Bishop, 2-Whisk, 3-Figonero, 4-Autobiography, 5-Amberbee, 6-British Fleet, 7-Havango, 8-Spare Power, 9-Foreign Comet, 10-Guitar Player, 11-Van Berg entry.

Second division: 1-Triumphant, 2-Peaceful Tom, 3-Mac Christ 2nd, 4-Favoreciddin, 5-Droll Role, 6-Royal Harmony, 7-Glazed Donut, 8-Joey Bob, 9-Viovoise, and 10-La Song.

There'll be a full afternoon of entertainment for the huge crowd. Management has promised to make the biggest and richest stake in Michigan history one that fans won't soon forget.

So get on the scene early and be prepared for one of the most colorful afternoons the DRC has ever seen.

But Silent Majority was the son of Henry T. Adios, who has to rank with the top two or three pacers in the division, isn't eligible for the Brown Jug next week in Delaware, O.

But Silent Majority was very much a loud majority this time, taking the lead after a half mile and then pulling away to win handily in 2:02. Bruce Nickell's Fast Clip was second and Michigan owned Creeder Limbo was coming fastest of all in the stretch for thirds.

The two stakes ended Grand Circuit activities at Hazel Park, a series that was marked with rain most of the time and a resultant slow track. The strip was fast Thursday as the times of 2:02 in the filly pace and 2:02 in the Jug Trial showed. The latter could have been much faster had the competition pushed the winner.

Final Weekend For National Boat Racing

The Eastern Chapter of the National Drag Boat Association will present the last race of the year at Ford Lake in Ypsilanti, Sunday, Sept. 17.

The N.D.B.A., officials expect a large turn-out of boats with some coming from Virginia, Kentucky and St. Louis.

The over 100 mph "Thunderboats" will be in abundance with the hydroplanes reaching speeds as high as 180 mph. Time trials at noon with racing starting at 2 p.m.

For a new experience in racing, stop in at Ford Lake which is easily accessible via I-94 and then south on Rawsonville Rd. to the race course.

Five members of Michigan State's 1972 football squad also compete for the Spartans in track. Wide receiver Marshall Dill is a sprinter, running back Mike Holt does the 400, offensive tackle Marv Roberts works in shot put, wide receiver Mike Hurd is a hurdler and cornerback Larry Jackson is a sprinter.

Two Ways

Keeping poultry is almost as important as eating it. Loosen the wrappings on fresh poultry before putting it into your refrigerator. All meat needs airing before being stored. Never keep poultry in the refrigerator for more than two days. Frozen birds should be cooked within twelve hours of being thawed. And it does not take long to untaw a frozen chicken or turkey. A whole chicken will untaw in the refrigerator overnight. It takes considerably longer for a turkey depending on the size. Dine at DANISH INN, 3200 S. State, 478-5320. There it won't take long for you to relax in the beautiful supper club atmosphere. We have a good wine selection plus all mixed drinks and cocktails and for your extra enjoyment we feature Pat Flowers at the piano playing jazz, boogie and classical music from 8:30 to 10:00 closing Tuesday thru Saturdays.

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