

Franklin Girl Netters Swish By Bentley, 4-3

Franklin High's girls' tennis team has a good thing going in doubles.

The Patriot netters shut out Bentley in doubles, 4-0, to score their second win, 4-3. Franklin topped Thurston in its first match by the same score.

BENTLEY on the other hand has lost its first two, the opener to John Glenn, 7-0, and to Franklin. Bentley travels to Thurston Monday with hopes of its first triumph.

Franklin's Liz Sullivan lost the first singles to Bentley's Lori Hazen, 8-5; Bentley's Joanne Schroeter topped Lauri Renard in the second set, 8-4; and Judy Preston edged Franklin's Greek foreign exchange student Ade Archimandriton, 8-7.

The first doubles went to Diane Urbanski and Deri Knox of Franklin over Ann Stevens, 8-5.



AREA WAYNE STATE freshmen shown with Head Coach Dave Hoover, of Southfield, include (kneeling, left to right) end Art Stagle (Farmington Harrison) and guard Dave Schultz (Southfield Lathrup). Standing are end Tom Hurley (Bishop Foley) and end Mike Roosen (Bishop Foley).

Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

Unlike the Michigan Mile, which had to be split into two divisions because of the large entry, the \$35,000 added Damsel stakes at the Detroit Race Course today (Saturday) drew 14 three-year-old fillies. Two of them are fresh from track record performances a week ago at the DRC.

Spray, owned by Kentucky's Claiborne Farm, sped to a mile and 70 mark of 1:39.2 in running away with the Damsel Prep and William H. Floyd's Fairway Flyer equaled the track standard for a mile and an eighth in the \$50,000 Mille Handicap with a clocking of 1:47.2.

Including Spray and Fairway Flyer, who came in a week early, 11 of the 14 in the Damsel are ship-ins from all parts of the United States and Canada.

Only three have been locally stabled at the DRC and Racing Secretary William Gwin labels it as the largest percentage of ship-ins ever in a DRC stake.

Among those coming from a distance are Mrs. B. L. Gilmartin's Barely Even and S. G. Olsson's Dancing Double, both shipping in from New Jersey.

Others are: C. J. Jackson's Happy Victory from Canada; Windfield Farm's Susceptible and Buckland Farm's Never Husla from New York, and C. C. Madden's Len Lee from Chicago.

The fillies will race over a distance of a mile and a sixteenth with the stake listed as the eighth event on the 10-race program.

THE QUESTION of whether the Detroit Race Course will start its daily racing programs earlier for the remainder of the season will be answered at the end of next week.

Vice President and General Manager Paul Ryder, who has more or less let it be known that he favors a 2 p.m. start, will have questionnaires handed out to the patrons during the week asking for their opinions on post times.

The questionnaire will ask patrons to determine whether they prefer a 1 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 2 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 3 p.m. or the current 3:30 p.m.

Originally the 3:30 p.m. post, or what is generally considered twilight racing, started under the defunct Detroit Racing Association during World War II to give war plant workers a chance to relax in the late afternoon and early evening.

It was continued after the war for the simple reason that most racing fans had become adjusted to later racing and appeared to prefer it.

The DRC did try an early post two or three years ago but quickly abandoned it when wagering and attendance took a big dip.

However, even with a late post, attendance and wagering are at the lowest level in years and the DRC management feels that any change will be for the better.

Be that as it may, it appears from talking with folks at the races that they would like to get an earlier post. There isn't any question that many of the mutual help would. They are the ones that double up and work the trots at night. An earlier post for the runners means they would get off earlier and have more time to get to Hazel Park.

INCIDENTALLY, the Hazel Park management has set an 8:15 p.m. post starting next Monday.

The reason was that management feels, at this late time, that it's better to get customers out of the track by 11:30 p.m. or earlier.

The only fault with that reasoning is that it folks should get out of the track earlier now than they would under the current post at the start of the meeting.

The same people that will be home earlier beginning Monday so that they can get more sleeping time are the same ones that have been attending the harness races since opening night.

Any excuse is better than none but a lame one leaves one with the thought that there has to be other reasons that there is such a decided drop in crowds and wagering since Labor Day.

"IT'S SAD NEWS that one hears from Jackson Raceway where popular Lou Pariato, longtime program director at Wolverine, Northville Downs and Jackson at Hazel Park until the Sports Service cut him off, is critically ill in Foote Hospital.

Lou, who has been in the Michigan harness racing picture as far back as the late '40s at Northville, was stricken with a number of ailments, all serious, and is under intensive care.

He was stricken while at work on the programs at the track and was rushed to the hospital by Rolo Sims, another oldtimer at Jackson Raceway and a longtime friend, and Mrs. Pariato.

Latest reports from the hospital are that Lou is still in very critical condition. He isn't allowed visitors but we feel sure that Mary and Lou would enjoy messages from friends.

Those wishing to send get well cards can write to Lou Pariato, fourth floor, Foote Hospital, Jackson, Mich.

We hope he is swamped with letters and that he is able to sit up and read them. At this moment he isn't... his condition is that poor.

STATISTICS for the first half of the 60-night meet at Jackson Harness Raceway show that Ray Fuller and Gerry Banfield successfully met the challenge from over 200 other drivers, to head the driver standings in two vital departments.

Ray Fuller, Pleasant Lake, wound up the first 30 nights of the meet with the best percentage among the drivers with one or more starts, and Gerry Banfield scored the most wins.

Fuller's average was a sensational .471, based on 12 wins, 7 seconds and 6 thirds in 38 starts. Second to Fuller was Terry Butler, Clinton, in at .409, and third was Elmer Conrad, Corydon, Ind., tops among the invaders with a .378 average.

Franklin's next match is with North Farmington at home, Wednesday, Oct. 4, at 3 p.m.

Harrison Sweeps By John Glenn

Farmington Harrison swept to its sixth golf triumph over John Glenn, 196-175, at Fellow's Creek golf course.

The Hawks were paced by medalist Tom Vance at 37 and Kirk Heiss 38. Gary Hawthorne followed at 40, John VanVleet with a 41, Richard Mitchell 43 and Bob Auster 46.

Glenn scores were: Ken Schuster (43), Chuck Schuster (43), John Miller (45), John Wood (49), Kevin Pullock (49), Jim Higgins (54).

Harrison's next meet is at Farmington Country Club with Henry Ford on Monday.

Volleyball Referees Needed

Lathrup Village Recreation Director Dave Hime reports the response to the men's volleyball league has been much better than expected.

Ten teams will start play the end of October.

Hime is still looking for qualified referees. Anyone interested should contact Hime in the Lathrup City Offices on the east side of Southfield Rd. just south of 12 Mile.



FRANKLIN NETTERS -- Denise Folgla returns a smash in action against Bentley with teammate Donna Sheppard looking on. Franklin won its second match, 4-3. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

Lathrup Wins 3

Southfield Lathrup's golf team has picked up where the football squad left off... winning.

The Chargers dumped Pontiac Northern and Stevenson, and scored a Met Suburban victory over Royal Oak Dons.

Bulldogs Win 6th

Bentley's cross country team has picked up after five straight wins.

The Bulldogs harriers dropped a 19-30 meet to Dearborn but rebounded over Trenton, 23-38, to stand 6-1 overall.

Trenton's Kurt Holland won individual honors with a 16:22 time at Cass Branch.

Jay Kiersey and Tom Hoesy placed second and third respectively for Bentley, Kirksey at 16:49 and Hoesy at 16:59.

Jeff Minahan of Trenton captured fourth and the rest was all Bentley. The Bulldogs placed fifth through 12th. Alex Charns ran fifth at 17:20, followed by Paul Bien, Chuck Kovach, Steve Spritzer, Paul Speaker, John Vanderhast, Lou Lamarra and Jim Raznowski.

Clelland shot a 45, and Dennis Rosett ended up with a 46.

Lathrup blitzed Livonia Stevenson, 9-2 in match competition and 220-224 in overall score.

SCHALLOM was medalist at 41, Weinstein followed with a 42, Rosett shot a 44, Cavaleri came in with a 45 and Clelland scored a 48.

Stevenson was paced by Tom Mauthe's 45, Dave Cover added a 46, Mark Thomas and Jim Gilland came in with 47s and John Hudspeth shot a 49.

The Chargers remained undefeated in league action, zipping past Dondoro, 10 1/2 to 4 1/2 and 204-225.

Weinstein and Clelland were medalists at 40. Cavaleri and Todd Margo followed with 41s and Rosett scored a 42.

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