

PORTRAIT OF A RACER -- Tom Toutant poses on one of the hot machines that makes the Livonia team a threat to racing in the "pro" classes.

# Racing:

Snowmobiles go fast, and probably as soon as there were two of them, some guy challenged the other to a race.

Competitive snowmobile riding isn't as popular as family weekending, but it's a lot more exciting. The racers bounce around oval tracks like "Indy" cars gone cross-country.

Racing gets publicity, and snowmobile manufacturers are thinking like the auto makers used to -- that winning sells machines.

All the ingredients are there for what may eventually become a full-fledged winter spectator sport.

JUST OPEN the throttle while riding next to a buddy and you are racing, but what is it like when you are into the world of big-time professional racing?

Livonia snowmobile dealer Pierre ("Frenchy") Toutant and his son, Tom, are both part of that world.

"I started in racing in 1968," the elder Toutant says.

"It's really changed since then. We used to have machines that went 25 or 30 miles an hour -- now they go faster than 100."

Today, when they go racing, it is with an eight-man team and six machines.

Joane Hoose, "a real good powder puff driver," John Hoose, Dan Frazier and Douglas Wrylkowski and four mechanics make up the team.

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