



As the season nears the halfway mark, the sharpshooters in the various classics in Observerland have settled down to the keenest competition of the year.

The finest example came during the week at Garden Lanes where only three pins separated the top three bowlers—and each of them broke the 700 barrier.

It was a new high in competition as Phil Horowitz showed the way with a 704 series on games of 243, 247 and 214. But this fine showing gave him only a one pin edge over Hub Werner who linked counts of 238, 256 and 299 for 703. Ken Geisler rounded out the trio with a 701 that included games of 244, 241 and 216.

Pressing this trio came the veteran Dick Preston with a 690 that was the result of a 269 opener. Next in line were Bob Zooker with a 258 in 684 and Bill Montgomery with a 244 in 669.

THE CLASSIC bowlers were not the only heavy bombers at Garden Lanes. Bowling in the Fisher Body League, Don Lutz closed with a 256 for 704. It was his second 700 series of the season. And Monna Via paced the Ladies Senior House League with a 627.

THE CHIEF bomber of the week was Harry Fill in the Westland Classic.

Hitting his best form of the season, he opened with a 244, followed with a 262 and closed with a 241 for 747. This count was a new high for the season at Westland and it was all the more remarkable because it was bowled on "end" lanes. To make his count all the more unusual was the fact that he posted strikes in every frame on Lane No. 1.

A bad break in his middle game kept Jay Dishing from making a real bid to break the 700 mark. He opened with a 265, then added a 196 and closed with 221 for 682 and summer-up honors, while Jerry Holt met much the same fate to land in third place.

Jerry opened with a 269, then dropped to 182 and came back with 212 for 663.

BOB GADIES was the man of the hour at Mayflower

Lanes. Carrying a 164 average he fashioned a 265 in a 618 series to go more than 100 pins over his average.

The women continue to turn in unusual performances in converting splits at Mayflower. This week it was Dorothy Jaluck who topped the 6-7-10.

It was the third time this season that a woman had made this conversion.

WHILE SHE didn't win a single game, Nellie Wilkins took top honors in the Livonia Ladies Classic. She compiled a 525 series and with a "spot" of 72 posted a 597.

The single game winners included Eleanor Silvian with 184-46-230; Lois Merriman with 202-29-231 and Rita Charron with 198-42-240.

ED DYBAS was the big man in the Whirlwinds League at Livonia. He came through with a 265 in 685. Right behind him for single game honors was Tim Ferguson with a 259.

KEN LUDIKER, one of the best liked of the old time bowlers, passed away during the past week.

Ken bowled in the early days of the Detroit All-Air Classic.

THE LADIES took over most of the honors at Bel-Aire and turned in some surprising high scores. Myrna Hill set the pace with a 662 actual on games of 212, 225 and 225. Close behind her came Charlene Cooper with 631, Gladys Sicks with 621, Helen Simpson with 606 and Kay Buchanan with 605.

Let Perelli, one time holder of the metropolitan scoring record, lost a close battle with Don Novak in the Classic. Novak opened with a 163 to finish with a 654.

Among the juniors Greg Shuler was high with a 469—not bad for a bowler with a 54 average. In the Father & Son league Bryan Lad paced the sons with a 574.

THERE WAS an unusual happening in the men's senior house league at Oak Park—two men turned in triplicates. Jack Bicknell linked three games of 190 and Don Kohn came up with counts of 189 in each of his three games.

Michael O'Brien is only 11 years old. But already he has outstripped his dad as a bowler. Carrying a 122 average in the children's league at Plymouth Bowl, he came through with a 200 game. "I haven't done that well," his dad proudly stated.



BASKETBALL

TUESDAY
Franklin at GC West
Kennedy at GC East
FRIDAY
St. Agatha at Benedictine
Southfield at Latnup
MONDAY
Stevenson at Assumption, 3:30 p.m.
TUESDAY
Franklin at Churchill (Ford), 8 p.m.
Latnup at Stevenson (Ford), 9 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Franklin at Churchill (Ford), 8 p.m.
Latnup at Stevenson (Ford), 9 p.m.
THURSDAY
Franklin at Churchill (Ford), 8 p.m.
Latnup at Stevenson (Ford), 9 p.m.
FRIDAY
Franklin at Churchill (Ford), 8 p.m.
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SWIMMING

SATURDAY
Schoolcraft Invitational, 10 a.m.
Claremontville at Belleville
Rochester Relays
St. Agatha, 7 p.m.

WRESTLING

SATURDAY
GC East Invitational
Allan Park at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
Churchill at Novi, 6:30 p.m.

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

MONDAY
Harrison at Kettering, 3:30 p.m.
TUESDAY
NF at AA Huron, 4 p.m.
Claremontville at Belleville, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Milford, 6:30 p.m.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

MONDAY
Latnup at Kettering, 4 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Adams at Latnup, 4 p.m.

Janice Martin Selected MVP

Janice Martin of Livonia was voted the most valuable women's contestant in the National Table Tennis Team Championships held in Cobo Hall.

A total of 21 women's teams entered the competition with Michigan defeating Ontario in the finals, 6-4.

Ontario topped Michigan in the 104-team men's competition, with Ontario defeating Great Plains in the junior bracket.

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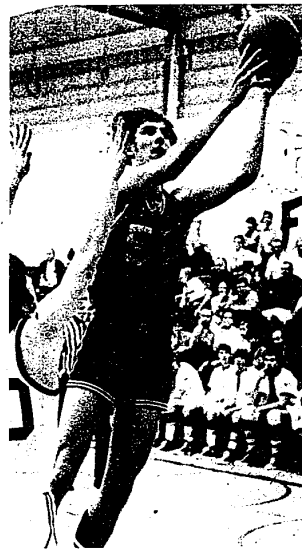
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Hawks Clip Falcons, 77-56



DRIVING HAWK -- Harrison's Jeff Sieloff (53) glides through the air for two points against Farmington. Sieloff netted 32 and Harrison crushed Farmington, 77-56. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

NF Upsets RU, 33-19

By CRAIG NEWMAN

The malmen of North Farmington opened their dual meet wrestling season against Redford with a 33-19 victory.

North Farmington's Ed Vickland captured the 99 pound championship by defeating RU's Fred Stuart, 4-1.

THE 105 POUND title belonged to Redford Union's Randy Worley, who upset the Raiders' J. Dee Brooks with a score of 9-3.

Raider Craig Kilmer swept the 112 pound class by pinning Redford Union's Bruce Luzzo in 2:22.

The 119 pound championship belonged to Kerry Morgan of Redford Union who upset North's Bob Domper 6-2.

North Farmington's team captain, Steve Haller, set a good example for the Raiders by pinning his opponent, Dave Kootz, in 5:56 to capture the 126 pound division.

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Farmington Harrison showed no mercy to its elder "sister" and pressed its way to victory No. 2 against two defeats.

The Hawks of Harrison clipped Farmington High's wings, 77-56.

That's loss No. 3 for the Falcons and new Coach Bruce Brown.

"We pressed from the opening tip and it was our game all the way," said Harrison Coach Bob Sutter.

The Hawks rang up an 18-6 first quarter lead and took charge at the half, 40-17, with free throws the key factor.

Harrison had 20 tosses from the line with senior 6-9 center Jeff Sieloff popping in 10 of 12.

The first half and pacing all scorers in the contest with 32 points, a career high.

"We got the ball into Sieloff and forced them (Farmington) into fouling situations," added Sutter.

FARMINGTON came back to outscore Harrison in the third quarter, 20-15, but it was too late, with the Hawks winning the fourth period, 22-19.

Harrison hit 48 per cent from the floor, 25 of 52, and the Falcons 22 of 68 for 32 per cent.

The boards belonged to Sieloff and Harrison.

THE HAWKS outscored the Falcons, 47-19, with Sieloff collecting 20 to outscore Farmington himself.

Harrison's quarterback on the floor was 3-6 senior captain Dan Hickey with 11 steals, 13 assists and 12 points.

Going into that period we had him shut off with a total of eight points."

NORTH HIT on 19 of 50 for 38 per cent from the field. Central 19 of 52 for 36 per cent.

Central outscored the Raiders, 32-26, with the eddily being each club hauled in a total of five offensive rebounds.

"If you didn't make the bucket on the first shot, you weren't getting a second shot," said Dean.

"It was a disappointing loss and I am glad it was out of the league," concluded Dean, whose Raiders will have another shot at Central in the Northwest Suburban Holiday Tournament.

N. FARMINGTON (49)

	FG	FT	TP
Parker	0	1-2	1
Gastor	2	0-0	4
Ellsworth	3	4-5	10
Fredericks	3	2-3	8
Daley	1	4-6	6
Foster	2	0-0	4
Totals	19	11-26	49

'King' Hits 300 Game

Les Harden added another jewel to his crown as "King" of the metropolitan Detroit bowlers last weekend at Farmington Lanes.

Taking his regular turn in the Independence Green Mixed League, he fashioned a perfect game—only the first ever recorded in the 31-year history of the lanes.

A 180 average bowler, he opened his historic series with a 152, followed with 178 and then closed with the magic 300.

"It was a good 300," Fred Hamlin, owner of the Farmington Lanes, stated. "The last three strikes were right in the pocket."

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Hickey	3	6-12	12
Nicely	5	0-1	10
Midnight	2	1-6	5
Sieloff	10	12-18	32
Bagdon	3	4-4	10
Lund	0	2-2	2
Alvarez	1	2-3	4
Holman	3	0-2	6
Coan	6	20-22	77

FARMINGTON (56)

	FG	FT	TP
Edwards	0	1-2	1
Maria	1	0-0	2
Hagen	1	2-2	4
Duke	0	0-0	16
Montgomery	0	4-5	20
Low	2	1-3	5
Herman	3	2-3	8
Totals	23	10-14	56

HARRISON 77
FARMINGTON 56

11	20	19-56
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NF Raiders Fall To WL Central

North Farmington basketball Coach Ken Dean bowed out with a total of eight points."

"We put a press on and turned the tables around," said Dean. "We shot six of 13 in the quarter compared to Central's four of 13."

North continued its surge in the third to jump to a 32-27 advantage but rebounding strength was gone when Jim Fredericks fouled out.

Central caught North with one minute and 20 seconds remaining.

RANDY McLEAN popped in two from the line to tie it at 45-45.

The Raiders lost the ball on a turnover and McLean connected on a turn-away shot from the corner to put Central ahead, 47-45. Dave Ellsworth came back with one of two free throws for North but McLean made good a one-and-one situation, pushing Central lead to 49-46.

With 40 seconds to go, Charlie Foster put North within one with a 12 footer but McLean was fouled again and made both on a one-and-one situation.

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