



OBSERVERLAND REPRESENTATIVES on Western Michigan's 1973 football squad are (front row, left to right): Rick Palmer from Garden City East and Mark Lundell of Southfield. Flanking assistant Coach Dick Rakowski in the rear (l-r) are Churchill High's Keith Armstrong, Bruce Nederveld of Bentley and Larry Weinberg from Southfield Lathrup.

Upend Stevenson, 26-29

Bulldogs Triumph Twice

The Bentley Bulldogs have their running shoes ready for the 1973 cross country campaign.

Coach Ron Fedraw knows this is a year where Bentley could put it together on the

three-mile courses.

If the first two meetings are any indication, Fedraw should be in for one heck of a season along with visions of an outstanding track team in the spring.

"I have had this group of kids now the third year," commented Fedraw. "I have never seen a crew work as hard."

Bentley opened the campaign with what had to be labeled an upset over last year's No. 2 team in the state at Livonia Stevenson.

The Bulldogs handed the Spartans a 26-29 setback, the first cross country loss for Stevenson in three years.



Stevenson did boost individual honors in Steve White who captured first with a 16:15 clocking followed by Bentley's Jay Kirksey in second at 16:28, and Tom Hoes in third at 16:29.

Rick Galindo of Stevenson placed fourth at 16:38, Alex Charns scored a Bulldog fifth at 16:51 and K. C. Stanger a Stevenson sixth with a 17:11 time.

Placing seventh was Bentley's Steve Spreitzer (17:16) with Stevenson's Ken Brown eighth at 17:19, Bentley's Tim Sobolak ninth at 17:20 and Stevenson's Bob Oppen-

der No. 10 with a 17:21 clocking.

Bentley sprinted past Belleville in its Suburban Eight League opener, 19:44.

Placing third was Kirksey at 16:28, fourth was Charns at 16:46 and fifth was Tim Belleville's Randy Block Sobolak at 16:52. Bentley's spilling a shutout with a 17:00, Steve Spreitzer seventh at 17:04 and Paul Bien Belleville were Ed Conrad in

ninth (17:44), Mike Young in 10th (18:08), Doug Hall in 13th (18:27) and Tom Kos in 15th (18:34).

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Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

From the DRC comes word that management will drop the ninth race every time the horsemen fail to fill races. If the races fill all scheduled events, then the track will present nine races daily. But if there are one or more races with six - horse fields, then those with short fields will be scratched.

"The horsemen were paid some \$400,000 more than they deserved under the terms of their 1972 contract," stated Vice President and General Manager Dick Wilson. "We are trying to get some of that money back this year and told the horsemen of that plan as early as last spring."

"Now we're trying to regain some of our losses from last year and the first ones to cry 'loud' are the horsemen. Seems they are willing to take advantage of situations such as existed last year but want nothing to do with our plans this year."

Such has been the story of horsemen through the years. Apparently they forget they actually are putting on the show and track management is giving them the stage.

It's much like the man handling the cameras at a movie, all he does is make sure patrons can see the film, he has nothing to do with what happens at the gate. If the film is good, the turnstile count soars, if the film is a dud, then customers stay away in droves.

That's the situation at the races. The horsemen provide the show. If they put on a good show, then they share in the "take". However, if the programs don't draw, the handle goes down, the crowds sag and the responsibility lies with the horsemen.

"They shouldn't scream loud and long about poor crowds, a dip in purses and such things until such time that they do things to put on a better show. Such as, better horses make for better races and in turn for larger crowds and bigger handles. That's the ideal situation. It's about time the horsemen realized the fact and did something to improve their own product."

LIVONIA BOY, the 14-year-old pacer owned by Jack Richards of Livonia, is in the midst of a big year even though it is the old-

timer's last for competition. Rules of the United States Trotting Association ban a horse from racing after its 14th year.

One of the state's top stars in the early years of its career, Livonia Boy is bowing out with a loud bang. The aged pacer won his share of races during the Northville Downs' winter meeting and they continued at the Downs summer session.

"Now it is back in winning form at Jackson's half-mile oval. Livonia Boy recently won two in a row there and probably will wind up its career when Jackson moves to Northville Downs in mid-November for the final standardbred meeting of the year in Michigan."

SIR DALRAE, the West Coast speedster who showed fans at Wolverine Raceway why he's considered the nation's best, recently won his 12th consecutive race, 10th straight in two minutes or faster and hiked his 1973 earnings to \$253,150 with a 1:57 victory in Brandywine's \$25,000 General "Mad" Anthony Wayne pace.

The victory, his 14th race mile in 2:00 or faster this year, came on the heels of a 1:57.3 track record triumph in Greenwood's \$38,300 Canadian Pacing Derby.

Sir Dalrae simply sped away from his competition in a \$12,000 overnight at Wolverine, pacing the last half in a spectacular :56.2, fastest half-mile of the year in Michigan and the best entry at the big mile track.

ED DRAUGELIS, the prominent Plymouth lawyer who also owns a few standbreds, entered into another phase of the business two weeks back. Ed is a partner in a 30-acre farm in Salem Township geared to handling all paces and trotters.

It consists of an elaborate, knotty-pine stable, and numerous paddocks for horses to rest when needing a break from racing or a place to recuperate from injuries.

In addition there is a training track.

Ed greeted more than 160 friends and well-wishers when he had an open house inspection recently. Practically all were owners of pacers and trotters and all ap-

Cyril completed the perfect Franklin scoring with a 17:51 clocking.

Sixth overall but first for RU was Doug Milne at 17:55. Next was Mike Hasty at 18:02 for RU followed by Ed Boynton in eighth at 18:15. Franklin's Mark Waterstradt dashed in for a ninth place finish at 18:37 to inter-

upt the RU flow. Jim Olson placed 10th for RU at 19:01 with Jim Haggart at 19:04.

Thurston Dashes By Canton, 19-42

Thurston captured five of the first six places to dump Plymouth Canton in a non-league cross country meet, 19-42.

It was Thurston's second victory in as many outings and Canton's first setback in varsity competition.

Lou Torcolacci, of Thurston, scored individual honors with a 16:32 clocking for the three miles with Canton's Brian Bennett second at 17:01.

Thurston then wrapped up the meet with the next four

places. Paul Benedict ran third at 17:25, Bob Wilson fourth at 17:27, Eric Forbes fifth at 17:38 and Jerry Meredith sixth at 17:45.

Canton's Mike Guzman ran seventh at 17:56 with Dan Graustein (18:15) and Lou Macerati (18:42) placing eighth and ninth for Thurston.

Tom Kelly, Paul Johnston and Mike Potter rounded out Canton's scoring with 10th, 11th and 14th places respectively.



Although the fall and winter league season is only two weeks old competition already has reached a high peak.

This is evident in the various suburban classics that have drawn a number of the top bowlers in the metropolitan area.

A fine example was furnished during the week when only 112 pins separated the top three scorers in the Wondersland Classic and each of the trio broke the 700 barrier.

Jim Laro set the pace for the trio with a 717 to gain a one pin edge over Dick Prentiss, one of the area's real veterans who seems to be off on another good season. The third member was Jerry Bingham who fired a 705.

The Classic also posted its second 3200 series in as many weeks when George Bashara's Wondersland team came through with a 3222.

THE 700 BARRIER also was broken in the Bel-Aire Classic when Chet Sincere put together games of 237, 238 and 224 for an even 700.

Trailing him were Nick Colucci with 690, Dick Witly with 676, Jack Brown with 644, Alex Morton with 640 and Fred Bickle with 629.

THE OTHER TWO major Classics-Westland and Garden Lanes-didn't produce a 700 series but the battles weren't settled until the final pin fell.

Dick Beattie paced the Westland game with a 633 that included a 367 final game. He held a seven pin edge on Ed Wylie who was most consistent with games of 231, 222 and 223 for 676.

Rick Capaldi was in third place with 627.

Harry Fill posted the high game of the night with a 269 in a 642 series.

At Garden Lanes it was Norm Boehm who set the pace with a 627.

In his wake came Larry Brandt with 641 and John Grindrod with a 632.

PENNY McLEAN, the young lady who topped the "mean" averages in the metropolitan all-star leagues last

season and who bows at Garden Lanes, has officially been named Detroit's Bowling Queen.

Ann Setlock, instructor at Garden Lanes, who reigned as Queen several years ago, finished second in the average race and will be a member of the Queen's Court.

The Detroit Women's Bowling Association, in which a majority of Observerland women bowlers hold membership, has changed the locations of its regular meetings and will hold its next session at Veterans' Memorial in Downtown Detroit on Tuesday, Sept. 25 at 8 p.m.

MIDGE POSHKA, counter girl at Westland Bowl, is at a loss to explain what happened to her in the Westlanders League last week.

Well on her way to a 600 series—with games of 211 and 217 she slipped to 171 and missed the double century figure by a single pin.

At that she topped the women for the week with her 599. Terry Fox posted a 203 in 563 to pace the Ladies Classic and Doty Wietecha had a 235 for high game in a 593 series.

ONE OF THE surprise performances of the week was contributed by Jackie Bird in the new mixed classic at Farmington Lanes.

Graduating from the senior division of the junior leagues only two years ago, she showed her older rivals how it is done with a 608 count.

Linda Hamilton took top honors in the Prep Girls League with a 175 game.

Showing the same ability that enabled her to win consistently last year Ellie Wilkins took top place in the Livonia Lanes Ladies Classic with a 213 in 530.

Another who stole the show was Ralph Zadrozy who rolled games of 235, 245 and 228 for 716 at Mayflower Lanes.

ONLY ONE PIN separated the leaders in the Bel-Aire Businessmen's League when Aron Litsky posted a 609 for

Thurston Runs Past RU, 21-36

Thurston High opens 1973-74 varsity competition with a 21-36 cross country triumph over rival Redford Union.

Paul Benedict and Jerry Meredith paced the Thurston assault with first and second place respectively. Benedict clocked in at 17:26 with Meredith next at 17:35.

RU then took third and fourth. Doug Milne finished third at 17:40 with Ed Boynton next at 17:42. Thurston prevailed with fifth, sixth and seventh place showings.

Lou Torcolacci ran fifth at 17:59, Bob Wilson sixth at 18:00 and Eric Forbes seventh at 18:07.

Completing the RU attack was Jim Olson in eighth at 18:22, Mike Hasty in 10th at 18:43 and Gary Pogoda in 11th at 18:47.

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Franklin Runners Blitz RU, 15-42

Franklin High scored a shutout cross country non-league victory over Redford Union, 15-42.

The Patriot three-milers captured first through fifth place and ninth before RU came up with the five necessary finishers and a 42 score.

Finishing first for the Patriots was John Fritz with 17:13. Doug Shaffer was second in 17:21. Glen Cutright third with 17:31, Russ Genter fourth at 17:34 and Jim

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