

Paddlers play

Excitement is mounting among local platform tennis enthusiasts as they prepare for the fifth annual Detroit Invitational Platform Tennis Tournament.

On Thursday Jan. 30 amateur "paddle" players from many midwestern cities will gather in the Detroit area for a long weekend of competition and camaraderie.

Four area clubs: Birmingham Athletic Club, Bloomfield Open Hunt, Oakland Hills Country Club, and Orchard Lake Country Club will host the paddle matches along with the three private courts of Dick Flannery, Ed Collins, and Chuck Smith.

PLATFORM TENNIS has been popular in Northeastern U.S.A. for 40 years, but only recently has spread to the Midwest. The BAC built their two courts seven years ago followed shortly by the other three clubs.

Five years ago Bob Buchner of the BAC organized the first Detroit Invitational and has been head of the DIT committee ever since.

"He has been fantastic in organizing and running the tournament," said Nancy Bookmyer—one of the participants and a committee member. Bob is aided by treasurer Al Van Why, Ladies Chairman Betty Mathias, and committee members Dave Kelton, Dorinda Brownlee, Curt Wood, Nancy Bookmyer, Hunt Weber, Ted deWendt, Bill Bones, Keith Olson, Ross Smith, Bunney Leitch, Diane Nixia Howe Anderson and Kitty Flannery.

Jean Buchner is in charge of housing the 175 out of town players and spouses over the four nights. They will stay in private homes or in hotels and motels according to individual preference.

THE INVITATIONAL will include teams from Toledo, Indianapolis, Erie, Minneapolis, Columbus and the east coast, along with Pittsburgh.

Cleveland, Kalamazoo, Cincinnati, and Chicago who make up the midwestern circuit. The circuit begins in Kalamazoo in October and ends in Chicago in March—one tournament a month.

The Cleveland Invitational attracts the most interest," said Buchner. "They had the Nationals once and now will have the Masters which offers prize money for teams who win a certain number of matches."

The women's doubles will be played Thursday Jan. 30 semifinals and finals on Jan. 31.

"WE HAVE a draw of 64 teams as compared to 32 last year," said Betty Mathias. "I guess more add more women are playing and competing. We are very happy with the turnout."

The men's and senior men (50 years and older) teams will complete Saturday Feb. 1 and proceed to the semifinals and finals on Sunday.

All matches prior to the semis will be held at the four area clubs and private courts. The finals and semifinals of both championship and consolation rounds will be at Orchard Lake Country Club beginning at 9:00 a.m. Jan. 31. Visitors are welcome to watch the matches at all area clubs Thursday through Saturday—no admission charge.

Locally, an enthusiastic group of men and women will enter the tournament. Some women's teams from the area include Betty Mathias and Bunney Leitch, Peg Walbridge and Dorinda Brownlee, Bonnie Wood and Jean Buchner, Kitty Flannery and Dottie Nicholse, Ann Trees and Sandy Leckler, Helen Miller and Jutta Letts, Audrey Cox and Sue Long, Dede Hayes and Sally Lowry, Jean Weiting and Jan Therson, Howie Anderson and Janet Foell, Carol Hoffer and Leone King, Nancy and Julie Bookmyer.

All Star Gathering

The March of Dimes fifth annual "Sports Award Dinner" was held at the Raleigh House in Southfield and these six well known Detroit-area sports figures were singled out for their outstanding work in sports and the community. From left to right are: Marcel Dionne, honored as Detroit Red Wing of the Year, Al Kaline, as

Detroit Tiger of the Year, Jack Van Berg, as the Horseman of the Year, Warren Orlick, Distinguished Community Citizen, Pat Davey, Amateur Athlete of the Year and Ron Kramer, Distinguished Athlete Citizen.

Helmet Day kicks off Tiger free gift days

The Detroit Tigers are going to remember their young fans in 1975 with another series of four big gift days.

Helmet, baseballs, bats and caps will be handed out to the youngsters with the Tigers' compliments.

Free helmet day, which was launched last season, will open the

Tigers slate benefit game

The Detroit Tigers and Cincinnati Reds will be paired in an exhibition baseball game on Thursday, May 29 at Tiger Stadium with a 7:00 p.m. starting time.

The benefit contest will raise funds for amateur baseball in the Michigan Detroit-Ohio area.

All tickets for the contest will be sold by amateur players and all receipts will be retained by their organizations. Last year the game raised nearly \$55,000 for 183 amateur baseball organizations in 71 cities.

series on Sunday, April 27. It will be followed by the 11th annual free ball day, the 12th free bat day, and the 18th free cap day.

Gift day regulations are a helmet, ball, bat or cap for every boy or girl 14 or under presenting a full price ticket.

Tickets for any of the events can be ordered by mail at this time with tickets to be delivered in March. There is no limit on the number of tickets and organized groups of the proper age are invited to take part.

Birm. YMCA tankers win

The Birmingham YMCA swim team took 48 of 60 events against Port Huron last weekend for a 368-113 win—their third dual meet victory of the season.

Five local tankers and one relay team qualified for the YMCA state sectional scheduled for March. They were: Michele Optek, 50-yard backstroke, 10 years old and under, Kurt Maczko, 50 freestyle, 10 and under, Muff McCarthy, 50 freestyle, 11-12 years, Lisa Dull, 200 freestyle, 13-14 years and the medley relay team, 10 and under, Optek, Dana Knorr, Lynn Brison and Sue Tepaske. Other first place winners against Port Huron were Tom Gagne, Keith Gardiner, Skip Weber, Brad Smith, Mike Otero, Mark Koenig, Dave Smith, Tracy Pryce, Susie Otero, Stephanie Parente, Dana Hewitt, Denise Optek and Patty Pippin.

Playing it smart

Michigan State University soccer player Robert Steere of Bloomfield Hills was one of 12 MSU student-athletes honored at halftime of a recent Spartan basketball game for outstanding academic achievements.

Steere, a senior, is majoring in criminal justice and has accumulated a 3.76 grade point average.

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United States Government Agency Securities	40,058,000	
State and Municipal Securities	377,240,000	
Other Securities	9,660,000	
Trading Securities	18,877,000	
Total Securities	670,873,000	
Federal Funds Sold and Securities Purchased Under Agreements to Resell	96,076,000	
Commercial Loans	935,518,000	
Consumer Installment Loans	191,780,000	
Real Estate Loans	676,635,000	
Total Loans	1,803,933,000	
Premises and Equipment	29,240,000	
Customers' Liability on Acceptances	14,643,000	
Accrued Income Receivable and Other Assets	42,032,000	
TOTAL	\$2,984,261,000	
LIABILITIES		
Demand Deposits	\$	795,058,000
Savings and Personal Time Deposits	1,299,118,000	
Other Time Deposits	388,509,000	
Total Deposits	2,482,685,000	
Federal Funds Borrowed	161,985,000	
Securities Sold Under Agreements to Repurchase	23,873,000	
Other Borrowed Funds	9,972,000	
Unearned Income	22,618,000	
Liability on Acceptances	14,643,000	
Accrued Expenses and Other Liabilities	43,823,000	
Total Liabilities	2,759,597,000	
RESERVE		
Reserve for Loan Losses	29,984,000	
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Preferred Stock—No par value		
Authorized 500,000 Issued		
Common Stock—\$10 par value	33,705,000	
Authorized 4,500,000 Issued	3,370,483	
Capital Surplus	125,000,000	
Retained Earnings	42,583,000	
	201,268,000	
Less Treasury Stock—182,282 shares in 1974 at cost	6,608,000	
Total Shareholders' Equity	194,660,000	
TOTAL	\$2,984,261,000	

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