

Horse Show Starts at Bloomfield Open Hunt Club

out of sports

By BRUNO L. KEARNS Sports Editor

One of the most colorful and attractive events which brings prestige plus to this community, drawing attention from all over the country, is the Horse Show which gets under way today at the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club.

This outdoor show, which is now considered the largest of its kind in the country, attracts the top stablemen and riders and their horses to the area, filling the four days with all of the splendor to be found in the intricate field of horsemanship.

This is the 38th annual presentation of the nation's finest equestrian at the Bloomfield club and as the show has increased in popularity among the exhibitors, it has also skyrocketed from the standpoint of public interest.

More than 31,000 people attended the 1954 show, bringing folks from all over the country into the area.

IN RECENT years, however, horse shows have drawn attention for other reasons than that of spectator interest or competition for prizes.

Horse shows have now become the primary training ground for horses and riders to represent the United States in international athletic events.

For 40 years this was the task of the U.S. Cavalry, but mechanized armies of today has withdrawn practically all association of the army with horses.

AS RESULT the United States has taken a back seat in international equestrian competition, leaving only the horse shows such as the Bloomfield show, as the "hot" horse shows of the nation.

This year the show at Bloomfield takes on added significance and reason for local residents to attend the affair.

A share of the receipts will go to the Disabled American Veterans who are handling the ticket sales.

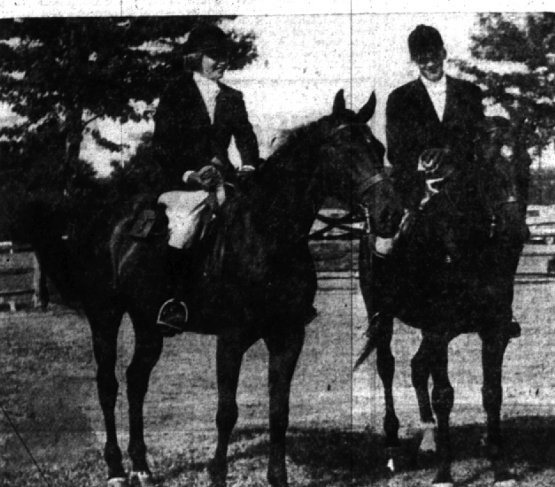
For one-dollar, the general admission price, a person can spend an entire day of relaxation besides giving an assist to charity, supporting the Olympic future of the U.S., and seeing the top men in the field.

FOUR OLYMPIC candidates, including 18-year-old Frank Duffy, Bloomfield member of the U.S. Equestrian team are part of the 1955 show.

Major Robert J. Borg, famed Olympic horseman and his mount "Sergeant Saboga" will give one of the most intricate exhibitions in the entire field of horsemanship, that of dressage.

Dressage, Mrs. E. Michael represented the U.S. at the Pan American games in Mexico and was America's sole representative in dressage, winning the Silver Medal for his performance.

DRESSAGE is an event designed to show obedience, balance and the perfect lightness of the horse, a performance which should interest all horse lovers.



MEMBERS of the winning Junior Hunt team in 1954 who will again participate in the Horse Show starting today are Miss Lou Wilson, 27806 Lathrup, up on "Tinka" and Skip Dowd, 145 Overhill, up on "Eknerecraft."

1,200 Horses Compete. For \$10,000 in Prizes

The largest outdoor horse show in the United States opened this morning at the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club with 320 entries, totaling 1,200 horses, competing for a prize total of \$10,000, 32 trophies, and 358 ribbons.

Champions in every division representing the finest class of horses in the country, with some of the most prominent names in horsemanship, are entered in the four-day show.

AMONG the top riders are four of the top prospects for the 1956 U. S. Olympic team, J. E. B. Wolford of Milford, Kansas; Charles Denehy of Lake Forest, Ill.; Frank Duffy of Bloomfield Hills and Major Robert J. Borg of Dallas, Oregon.

Wolford, a 21-year-old veteran of the 1952 Olympics at Helsinki had entered his three fine horses Reno Kirk, Rattler and Hollandia in the show.

Denehy, winner of the Junior Hunter Class championship last year with his horse Potato Chips, has five horses in the show.

Among the top trophies are the Ainsworth Memorial, William F. Lambert Memorial and the Gloria Joan Coulson Memorial.

THE AINSWORTH trophy, a giant silver cup valued at more than \$5,000, is the oldest awarded at the local show with 18 years of competition. There is a possibility that it may be retired this year under the rules that if it is won by one exhibitor in the Green



MAJOR ROBERT J. BORG of Dallas, Ore., a member of the U.S. Equestrian team who will give an exhibition in dressage at the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club show opening today and lasting through Sunday.

Southfield to Lose "Lend Lease" Athlete

Southfield high school's athletic department is completely satisfied with the "lend-lease" deal that brought foreign exchange student Hanns-Jurgen Kristen to this country for a year.

Under the sponsorship of the department of State and the Michigan Council of Churches, Kristen came to the United States last July, along with 225 other foreign students under the exchange program, and was enrolled at Southfield high school.

DURING the past spring sports season, Hanns decided to go out for the tennis and track teams and was good enough to earn a varsity letter in each sport.

He excelled especially in tennis as the number one man on the team, and when the season ended he posted an enviable personal record of four and one-half victories. The Jays with Kristen leading the squad had one of their best tennis seasons with six wins in eight matches.

IN TRACK Hanns had 16 points in dual meets and was a member of the medley relay team which took third in the league meet.

The 17-year-old German youth got his tennis background from his mother and father, both dental surgeons, who are active in tennis circles at the Quakenbruck, Germany tennis club. He has been playing tennis for four years.

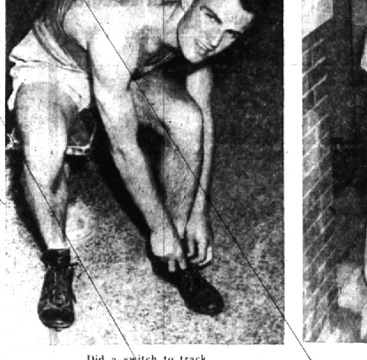
KRISTEN was born in Berlin and went through agraria school in Schleswig-Holstein. His home now is in Quakenbruck, Lower Saxony, in West Germany.

During his stay in the area, Hanns first lived with Mr. and Mrs. William Vincent, 1945 Bates, but while attending Southfield high school, he lived with Doctor and Mrs. Wesley Douglas, 14442 Magnolia in the township.

NEXT MONTH, July 23, Hanns and the 225 other exchange students will return to their native countries.

"It has been a wonderful year," said Hanns, "but naturally I am very anxious to see my folks."

He will continue his high school education in Germany in August, entering college to study engineering.



Did a switch to track. Led Jay's in Tennis

Braves Boast Hit Power in Cleanup

The Little League Braves in the National Youth have a potent cleanup punch with Jim Stenger and Steve Jacobson.

Stenger the leading hitter in the national league with 255 average has three doubles among his hits. He is the team's third baseman and bats third in the lineup.

JACOBSON the cleanup hitter has blasted two-doubles and three homers to pace the slugger department.

Pine Lake Man Regatta Winner

Nearly 8,000 fans watched the 39th Annual Power Boat Regatta held last Sunday on Sylvan Lake.

Ray Fuller of Detroit, winner of the 48 cubic class, was the only man in the regatta. In Saturday's trophy races, Bill Hickson of Pine Lake copied the McDonald trophy.

Fuller of Detroit was a double winner with the Kallibfish trophy and Hickson trophy.

Sportsweek

June 23	Time	Pop
Tigers vs. Athletics	6:00 p.m.	Eto No. 2
White Sox vs. Giants	6:00 p.m.	Eto No. 2
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Red Sox vs. Yankees	6:00 p.m.	Eto No. 2
Senators vs. Athletics	6:00 p.m.	Eto No. 2
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Chief vs. Wolverines	6:00 p.m.	Eto No. 2
Broncos vs. Spartans	6:00 p.m.	Eto No. 2
Rockets vs. Wolverines	6:00 p.m.	Eto No. 2
Chiefs vs. Broncos	6:00 p.m.	Eto No. 2

AMERICAN LEGION

Birmingham vs. Berkeley	6:00 p.m.	Eto No. 2
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FEDERAL FARM

Blues vs. Oaks, Terry field	6:00 p.m.	Eto No. 2
Seals vs. Oaks, Terry field	6:00 p.m.	Eto No. 2
Stars vs. Hawks, Terry field	6:00 p.m.	Eto No. 2

NATIONAL FARM

Redskins vs. Cardinals	6:00 p.m.	Eto No. 2
Texas vs. Colts	6:00 p.m.	Eto No. 2
Broncos vs. Bears, Pembroke	6:00 p.m.	Eto No. 2

AMERICAN FARM

Broncos vs. Packers, Howarth	6:00 p.m.	Eto No. 2
Wildcats vs. 49ers, Howarth	6:00 p.m.	Eto No. 2
Packers vs. Bulldogs	6:00 p.m.	Eto No. 2

JUNIOR FARM

Trojans vs. Sluggers, Howarth	6:00 p.m.	Eto No. 2
Wolverines vs. Tians, Howarth	6:00 p.m.	Eto No. 2
Knickerbockers vs. Spartans	6:00 p.m.	Eto No. 2

SOFTBALL (YMCA League)

Varsity vs. Merchants	6:30 p.m.	Eto No. 2
James vs. Bell	6:30 p.m.	Eto No. 2
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"Toughest Course" Says Burkemo

Teeing Off by Sally Sharp

Water Burkemo returned to his Franklin home Sunday from the National Open at the Olympic Country Club in San Francisco Sunday, and according to the local pro, the boys who took off in the tourney had no more of an inkling of what Jack Fleck's potential than the rest of the surprised golfers around the country.

BURKEMO said he has known the 22-year-old Fleck for about seven years, "but you will notice they didn't even mention Fleck 100 into it. Then add an additional as a competitor until the final day 30 strokes allowing two parts on of the tournament," he said.

The Olympic course is similar piece of figuring you've got to get that of Oakland Hills, he said game likely "at least on paper." "In fact, it's the toughest I have ever played."

Cocker Puppy Match

A cocker spaniel puppy match for local exhibitors is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. at the White Oaks Kennel, Middlebelt and W. Maple roads. Puppies may be registered at that time for judging by Frau Malloy.

Each exhibitor should test them rather than just score alone. The Oakland greens with their truck will probably be the biggest factor in the final scores.

Fan the Breezes

The Bears in the National Farm League defeated the Colts 4-1 with Jarody and Harvey combining their pitching talents to strike out 18 batters and allowing only one hit.

THE WOMEN'S State Amateur

will be played on the rugged Oakland Hills course. Since this contest is one of the toughest and longest 36 holes in the state the working ladies will be more of an endurance test.

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