

Wally Wins Michigan Open, Sets Course Record in Rain

Walter Burkemo is still jovial and aglow from the Michigan Open championship he won Sunday. And well he may be. The Franklin Hills pro posted his third Michigan Open victory; and the runner-up to the dogged little gofer, Max Evans, was also runnerup the other two times Wally won the event.

It was Burkemo by two strokes as the 72-hole event ended at Edgewood C.C. Sunday. Wally beat par by 12 shots with rounds of 70-65-69-68 for 272. Evans had 72-66-67-69 for 274.

"IT ISN'T THAT I really mind taking second to Walter Burkemo, but I don't want to make it my life work," Evans stated. Wally won his first Michigan Open back in '50 at Lenawee C.C. with a 269. Evans was five strokes back in '55, he won it again at Washitama C.C. with 279. Evans scored 286. Evans also took second place to Al Watrous in '49 at Flint.

This year he hoped things would be different.

PLAY PROGRESSED LIKE THIS: It rained all day Saturday and all morning Sunday—letting up about 2 p.m. Sunday.

Burkemo led off the first 18 with a 70 Saturday, then came through with a 65 in the second round of the tournament that established a new course record. In the third round of play Tom Talkington, who finished sixth in final standings, tied the record with another 65.

The second-round 65 gave Burkemo a one-stroke advantage over Bob Inman, Detroit C.C. assistant, and a three-

stroke lead on Evans and Joe Thacker, who shot a 66 and 68 in that round, respectively.

LATE STARTERS SUNDAY were the lucky ones. Wally, who was in the last threesome to tee off, had only an hour of rain in the final round.

Evans pulled up on Burkemo in the morning round on Sunday. He shot a 67 while Wally and Inman shot 69's. This put Burkemo one-up on the two golfers going into the final round of golf Sunday afternoon.

It looked like Evans might make it hot for Wally when he drew even with Burkemo on number 10 by sinking a 15-foot birdie putt for a deuce.

ON THE 11TH HOLE, the Franklin Hills veteran of nine years proved his mettle by wedging his third shot five feet from the cup and by sinking the putt for a birdie 4. Evans dropped back on that hole by shooting par 5. On number 14, Evans had a chance to tie things up again, but he missed a three-footer for a birdie.

At No. 16 he three-putted, missing an 18-inch tap that put him two strokes back.

From there, Burkemo just played it out, not taking any chances but merely protecting his lead, as he shot par 68 to Evans 69.

"IT WAS THE RAIN on Saturday that really pulled him through," Horton Smith said, praising Burkemo's foul-weather play, of shooting a course record in the tournament's

second round. "He had seven birdies on the soaked greens, including a pair of 25-foot putts."

Burkemo is often his best in the rain. The resident of 5780 Snowshoe circle, Birmingham, used to spend days on end playing under difficult rain and snow conditions.

"Wet conditions cuts down the spin on the ball and the ball consequently runs farther," Wally said over the telephone. "When you're playing in the rain, you have to really compensate for the loss of backspin on the ball," he said.

THE VICTORY WAS WORTH \$750 to Wally as against \$500 to Evans. The Franklin Hills pro has more than \$9,000 in PGA winnings to his credit this year. If you include his winter victories at Palm Beach and Lauderdale Opens then the figure is boosted to around \$14,000.

The next golf matches in which the Franklin Hills pro will be entered are the Ryder Cup challenge matches September 21 and 22 at Buffalo, N. Y. He will also be entered in the Michigan PGA in Birmingham on September 29.



Al and Louise Greet Their Son

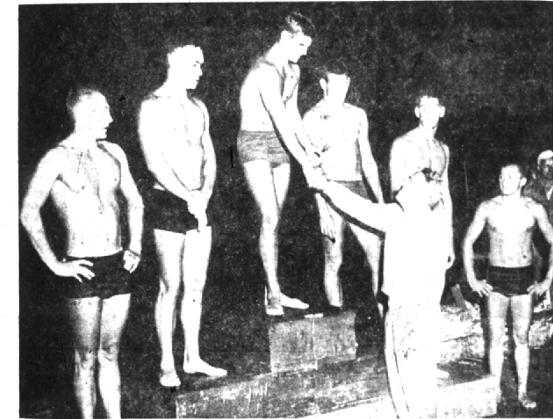
This is the first picture ever taken of Mark Albert Kaline, who weighed in at six pounds and seven ounces upon his arrival at Harper hospital in Detroit, August 21. Here, five-day-old Mark is visited by his parents in the hospital nursery the night prior to his homecoming to Franklin village.

Al Kaline, Now a Father, Feels "Just Wonderful"

By BOB WEBB

Al Kaline has left his Mark in the world, and in a way far removed from the noisy arena of Briggs stadium where the Tiger outfielder earns his pay in the world of sport.

The Mark we are referring to tipped the scales at six (See KALINE, Page 7-E)



When Bechtel Won 440 Freestyle

Tom Bechtel of Birmingham, 440-yard freestyle victor at Grand Rapids AAU Invitational Open Swimming championships, wins top place in the standings of the six men who qualified in the event. To Bechtel's right is Pete Sintz, of Birmingham, who placed third in the event. Ernest B. Smith,

president of the Michigan Amateur Athletic Union (AAU), presents a trophy to Bechtel. Other 440 men are (left to right) Ray Marlin, Detroit; Don Johnson, Lansing; Bechtel; Sintz; Tom Buey, Grand Haven and Hank Reest, Detroit.

Three B'ham Swimmers Flash In Grand Rapids AAU Open

Three Birmingham entries in the Grand Rapids AAU Invitational Open swim championships Saturday flashed through to capture two firsts and four second places at Garfield Park pool, Grand Rapids.

The times were not outstanding. Steady rain and choppy water hampered performers, and the lack of proper lighting proved troublesome for both the contestants and officials.

TOM BECHTEL placed first in the 440 yard freestyle in what proved to be the most exciting race on the 55 event card.

Bechtel, swimming for Matt Mann's Camp Chikopi, grabbed a big lead at the start but teammate Don Johnson almost caught him at the wire. Bechtel's winning time was 5:02.2 and Johnson was clocked in 5:01.3.

THIRD PLACE in the same race went to Birmingham's Pete Sintz, in 5:09.3.

But in the 100 yard freestyle Sintz and Bechtel traded places, Sintz winning the event in 55.4 and Bechtel taking third with 56.

Don Johnson, slipped to fourth place with 57.3, while Fred Rounds of Battle Creek was second, one-tenth of a second behind Sintz.

ANOTHER BIRMINGHAM entry, also competing under Camp Chikopi colors, was Bill Ploch, who placed second in the 100 yard freestyle for boys 13 and 14 years

District Seven MUCC Meeting

Michigan United Conservation Clubs is a statewide organization which represents, and fights for, the rights and privileges of tens of thousands of sportsmen throughout Michigan.

A meeting of MUCC District Seven will be held at the Oakland County Sportsman's Club at 2 p.m. Sunday, September 8.

Tuesday Ladies Golf League

Wilda Stewart and Ann Vaughn won the special event for the last league golf match. The special event consisted of the best prior estimate of score less the handicap.

Kathy Douglas and Ann Vaughn figured in the low net of 33 and Kay Peterson took low gross with 41.

Otherwise, current standings as of Aug. 27 are:

Team	Points
Hoenk & Evans	77
Heikinen & Gowing	60
Balazoff & Shann	58
Case & Mackenzie	56
Hill and Fredrick	54
Hollingshead & Dixon	54
Geggie & Stewart	44
Peterson & Tibbits	44
Cargill & Douglas	37

Roth and Sons Down Gay 90's

In YMCA softball play this week, Roth and Sons patted Gay 90's 3-0 to 2 runs on the wings of a sixth inning rally which accounted for all three runs.

Gay 90's collected both their runs in the third.

Walter Burkemo Surveys Green

Walter Burkemo, winner of the Michigan Open for the third time in his life, credits his victory to accuracy: "I hit 16 greens in the morning and 17 in the afternoon, Sunday. I putted for a birdie on every hole of the last nine although I got only one. On Saturday, I sank a few of those putts, and that made the difference."



Seattle to Dominate Battle for the Silver Cup

By BOB WEBB

The Silver Cup Race will be held Saturday, beginning at noon, on the Detroit River. Once again, we will witness the rivalry of two great port cities, Seattle and Detroit, and once again speedboat-happy Seattle will walk off with the honors.

held Aug. 10 and 11 at Lake Washington, was to take a fifth place via Chuck Thompson's Short Circuit.

Regardless of the outcome, the Silver Cup Race promises to be one of the most interesting spectacles in the world of sport.

The boat's archival is bringing six boats to the race, including the Gold Cup winner for two consecutive years, Miss Thriftway, driven on both occasions by Bill Muncy, whose parents reside in Bloomfield township.

MUNCY, AN ex-Detroitier is a faction for peace between the two cities, although the hottest dispute between the cities was over his disqualification for three months

on the straightaways, reaching speeds of more than 100 miles per hour and churning tons of water 500 feet behind in giant rooster tails of spray.

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Iron Curtain in '53. Representing Detroit in the Silver Cup will be George Simon's Miss U.S. I, the favorite of the Detroit entries. Miss U.S. II, III and IV have also qualified for the Silver Cup Race.

JACK SCHAEFER'S Such (Crust III) will be in the race, as will Bud Sailer's Miss Wayne and Gordon Deneau's What-a-Pickle. Deneau is a Birmingham resident who just acquired the powerful Gale III boat, and will be showing it under the colors of Aunt Jane's Foods, Inc.

Gale VI will be there, driven by Lee Schoenitz.

The race will be the first in Detroit in which Muncy will be entered since the Gold Cup race he's won last year and the uproar which followed it.

MUNCY, you will recall, finished the race certain of his victory when he heard his disqualification announced over the loud speaker on grounds that his boat speaker had buoy on the seventh lap. Detroit's Miss Pepsi, who had taken second place in two of the three heats, was named the winner.

After a three-month controversy a complete viewing of the entire race in which the whole controversy was handled. When Carter was elected to a similar post for the Silver Cup Races Saturday, at first the Seattle boat owners threatened they wouldn't come to Detroit for the Silver Cup. But today they have changed their minds, and fortunately, too.

For whether we want to admit it or not, it is the presence of the Seattle fleet which will make the Silver Cup as attractive a race as it will be.

GORDON DENEAU, who last week acquired Gale III and immediately renamed it What-a-Pickle according to a contract he now has, says "Boy, if we could only get the people of Detroit as enthusiastic over powered boats, as the people of Seattle, we could really begin to go somewhere in this sport."

Deneau's boat qualified at 90-miles-per-hour for the race and while it offers a little competition for the bigger Seattle boats, it should make a nice showing for itself in Detroit.

Birmingham residents may have the opportunity next year of seeing the boat racing under the name "Miss Birmingham" if a sponsor for the boat under that name can be found.

Fresh from winning his second consecutive Gold Cup race Aug. 10 and 11, Bill Muncy, an ex-Detroitier now racing for Seattle, has tried to soothe differences between the two cities.

THE BEST DETROIT was able to do in the Gold Cup this year.

THEY CAREEN precariously through the turns, skipping in each others wake, then bear down



Deneau: "In Seattle, the Whole City Goes Wild Over Boats"

Gordon Deneau, driving What a Pickle in the Silver Cup races Saturday, says, "If we could only get the backing in Detroit the drivers get in Seattle, we could really make a comeback in this sport."

In 1956, Bill Muncy was disqualified in the Gold Cup race because of a ruling alleging his boat had struck a buoy on one of the turns. The decision was contested and a three-month fight ensued before he got his disqualification reversed. In the meantime, he flew home to Seattle empty-handed. Stepping off the plane, he was greeted by 5,000

cheering, banner-waving fans. Some of the signs stated, "Bill Seattle Knows Who Won," and "Detroit Drift-Proof Bouy Chain." The Gold Cup hassle reached such a fever pitch in speedboat-dizzy Seattle that dealers in foreign cars were displaying large signs reading, "Not Made in Detroit."



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