

In The Pocket.



By
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Though his name never is mentioned when all stars are discussed, John Hurley, who does most of his bowling at Westland Bowl, is well on his way to setting a record for consistency.

Bowling in the morning leagues on Mondays and Wednesdays, he has registered four consecutive 700 series.

The latest came last week when he paced the Wednesday morning league with a 720 series. This one came on games of 247, 215 and 238.

According to unofficial records, no other bowler in the western suburbs can boast such a consistent topping of the pins.

HERE'S AN UNUSUAL twist. The Chene-Trombly lanes, once the leading bowling center for match games and charity events on Detroit's east side, now has been converted to a church.

It was at Chene-Trombly where over-average bowling got its start and where the Johnny Smith Old Timers

inaugurated the first annual charity event with benefits going to the Capuchin Fathers Soup Kitchen.

THERE SEEMS no way to discourage the women bowlers. When the Bowlerettes reported at Luxury Lanes Monday night they had to wait until several of the machines were going through minor repairs. They waited.

When the machines went down again they waited. They finally finished at 1:20 a.m., with the Firebird team rolling a 1,038 and

Terry Grant taking high scoring honors with a 277 in 64. Gail Griwicki was right behind with a 234 in 68.

SCORING CONTINUES on a high level in the classic leagues at Farmington Lanes.

In the mixed classic, the women are holding their own with the men. Last week, for instance, Myrna Hillie was the women's leader with a 243 in 68 and that was only one pin less than Neil Beckman posted to pace the men with a 235 in 68.

In the men's junior house loop, Art Priemer was the top man with a 678 that included a 244 game.

THEY DID SOME fancy shooting in the Little Caesar's loop at Westland Bowl. Bob Sponse was top man with a 699. He opened with a 214, followed with a 268 and closed with 216.

Right behind him came Dayne Atkinson with counts of 238 and 258 for 687 and Dave Pickett was third with games of 244 and 245 in 682.

In the GM-League, Gus Wells profited by an opening 253 for a 673 to set the pace. His nearest rivals were Ron Brennan with a 650 and Henry Reid with 604.

AL CRAWFORD doesn't let age bother him. He just keeps on splattering the pins in the senior citizens league at Garden Lanes. This week, he had a 569, while Elmer Squires was bowling to top place with a 581.

In the St. Linus league, Hotn Dudek

was high with 646 and George Gerbe followed with a 628. In the Wayne County loop, it was Steve Kekes out in front with a 618.

Although she carries only a 154 average, Yvonne Kilkowski found the range for a 235 game and set the pace in the DeNut loop with a 561.

CHERYL MERTZ returned to the pacesetter's role in the Merri-Bowl doubles when she linked games of 218, 222 and 196 for a 616. In her wake came Rose Lovio with a 233 in 65; Anne Troke with 590 and Toni Smith with 591.

Don Sanford missed the 700 barrier by a single pin when he rolled a 699 to pace the St. Matthew's Mixed league. Included in his big series was a 279 count. In the Livonia Lutheran loop, Bob Baker was tops with a 245 single game.

The juniors did well, too. Jeff Younker paced the peanut division with a 537. Jeff Goodfellow had a 166 in 435, Fred Young a 188 in 508 and Peter Huddy a 198 in 508.

Over 30 leaders win

Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home and Northland Heating, co-leaders of Southfield's Over-30 Hockey League, both won last Thursday. Both teams have 3-0-3 records.

Northland, with goalie Steve Weston recording the shutout, defeated Star Lincoln-Mercury, 3-0. John O'Dell, Frank Chaput and Arnold Shapiro each scored a goal for the winners. Sawyer-Fuller got three goals from Jim Clement and two more from Reno

Merlo to coast past Southfield Holiday Inn, 8-2. Demetri Lambros, Jerry Kowlaski and Dave Snyder scored Sawyer's other goals. Gary LeMeire and Bill Ellis tallied for Holiday Inn.

In another game last Thursday, Lee Jacobs had a perfect night in goal as Suburban Sports blanked Roger Penske Chevrolet, 1-0. Dan Skidman scored the game's lone goal with the assists going to Jim Brooks and Jim Maloney.

Gordon Schram scored the winning goal with 1:36 left to play as Concourse Camera bested Midwest Coffee, 3-1. Schram and Ely Master scored Concourse's other goals, and Day Fay scored for Midwest.

The Over-30 League season continues today (Thursday, Nov. 9) with four games at the Southfield Civic Center Arena. Sawyer-Fuller meets Penske at 8:35 p.m., and Northland takes on Midwest Coffee at 9:40 p.m.

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