

In The Pocket.

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There was a time not too long ago when a left hand bowler was a rarity in the all-star leagues.

The few who were around never figured to move to the top of the averages because they felt they had to bowl on "stiff" alleys all the time.

Times have changed and now the southpaws are starting to dominate the game. The most successful has been Earl Anthony, of the Pacific Northwest, who is the pro bowlers' all-time leading money winner.

And last week another left hander, Pam Buckley, won the nationally televised game at North Hill Lanes in Rochester by rolling nine strikes in a row to conquer the veteran Betty Morris.

Now we have left handers leading both sexes and no one ever would have dreamed that possible.

THE WOMEN went on a scoring spree at Merri-Bowl during the week and when the final pin fell Barbara Brough was at the head of the list in the Ladies Classic.

After opening with a 178, she came back with games of 231 and 215 for

649. Her closest rival was Denise Grole who had counts of 213 and 221 in 614. Jan Elliott had high game with a 236.

In the invitational doubles, Jan Boyer set the pace with a 608 which was three pins better than Cheryl Morris. Lorrie Dempsey took third with a 278 in 604.

In the go-getters loop, Mary Harvey went 201 pins over her average with a 567.

MARY LASKEY moved in to the winner's circle in the ladies classic at Garden Lanes with a 633 and made a show of the field.

Her closest rival was Dorothy Lisewski, who was 38 pins back at 595. Doris Hines was next with 584. Mary Mohacs landed fourth with a 589 and Elena Hall and May Alders tied for the next spot at 575.

THE SENIOR CITIZENS staged a real duel at Garden Lanes when Joe Crockey and Al Strong decked for the lead at 608 and Ken Via was only seven pins back.

AT WOODLAND LANES, Gordon Walsh rolled a 221 in 524 to pace the old timers and at Plymouth Bowl, Rick Lopez paced the seniors with games of 222, 137 and 210 in a 579 series.

DORIS MACORINDALE showed the way in the Livonia Ladies Classic when she won the final game with 180-35 - 215 and the series with 512-105 - 617.

In the other games, Ethel Meisner won the first with 195-23 - 218 and Kay Harmon took the second with 196-35 - 231.

A NEW NAME popped up among the winners in the Little Caesar Classic at Westland Bowl when Earl Van Ness posted a 693 on games of 223, 235 and 235.

Next in line came Rich Rencok with 645 and Frank Ascraft landed third with 632. On the women's side, Cindi Borucki showed the way with a 223 in 593.

In the bowlerettes loop, Orlene Winnie paced the field with a 233 game in a 589 series.

Kimball nips Lathrup

By TOM BAER

Southfield High will have one last chance to settle a basketball score with Royal Oak Kimball on Thursday (March 8), when the two Southeastern Michigan Association rivals meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Class A district at Kimball.

Coach Chuck Jones' Kimball club, which beat Southfield twice during regular-season play, won its district opener last Tuesday with a thrilling 66-55 victory over Southfield-Lathrup.

Southfield High hasn't played since last Friday, when it wrapped up the SMA championship with a 52-45 win over Hazel Park. Southfield (12-8 overall) would have had a perfect league record had it not lost those two games to Kimball.

Last Tuesday's Lathrup-Kimball game wasn't decided until Knight center Jim Shillito sank two pressure free throws to give the winners a three-point edge (56-53) with just 10 seconds left to play.

For Kimball, it was a matter of hanging on through a furious fourth-quarter Lathrup comeback. Coach Jim Kourtkas' Chargers led by two points (38-28) at halftime, but then fell behind by as many as 11 (43-32) midway through the third quarter.

But Lathrup rallied in the last quarter, outscoring Kimball, 17-10, and coming to within one point (54-53) with 1:38 remaining. Suhail Shaya led the comeback with seven points in the quarter.

KARL TAYLOR, Lathrup's outstand-

ing senior forward, led all scorers with 19 points. Shaya and Karl Akerman each added 13. Eric Marschner led Kimball with 15 points, six coming in the third quarter when the Knights went ahead. Doug Miles and Bob Bruckman scored 14 and 11 points, respectively, for the winners.

Actually, Kimball won the game at the free throw line. Lathrup made 23 field goals to Kimball's 19, but the Knights made 18 of 22 free throws to Lathrup's nine of 15.

Shillito and Bruckman each pulled down six rebounds to help Kimball maintain a slim rebounding edge. Jack Dakesian grabbed 14 rebounds for Lathrup.

Lathrup turned the ball over 13 times. Kimball was guilty of nine miscues.

Kimball climbed to 16-5 with Tuesday's victory. Lathrup finished its season at 14-7.

Thursday's Kimball-Southfield game will follow the Berkley High-Royal Oak Dondero which has a 6 p.m. start. The winners of Thursday's games will meet in the district championship game at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday.

The district champion will advance to the regional at Pontiac Central High.

KIMBALL 56-LATHRUP 53

ROYAL OAK KIMBALL (49) - Bob Bruckman 4-3, 11; Bill Greening 2-0, 6; Jim Shillito 6-8, 8; Eric Marschner 7-1, 12; Doug Miles 5-4, 14; Dave Miles 7-2, 2; Jim Russell 0-0, 0. TOTALS 19, 19, 22, 36. SOUTHFIELD-LATHRUP (55) - Karl Akerman 9-14, 19; Craig Rowley 2-5, 4; Jack Dakesian 2-0, 4; Karl Akerman 3-4, 12; Suhail Shaya 3-4, 12; Jim McKnight 1-0, 2. TOTALS 22, 19, 15, 35.

TOTAL FOULS - Lathrup 18, Kimball 15. FOULED, GIVE UP: KIMBALL 15, 13, 10, 10 - 554; LATHRUP 10, 12, 4, 17 - 55.

SCS trounced

Detroit St. Martin De Porres, with 13 players making the scoring column, eliminated Southfield Christian 77-35 last Monday in the opening round of the state Class D basketball district at De Porres.

De Porres, now 15-3 with a good chance to win the Class D state championship, got 11 points from Vernon Hollis. Jene Johnson, who was injured late in the first half on a slam-dunk attempt, and Karlas Wilson each added 10 points.

The winners raced to a 20-10 lead after the first quarter and then boosted the margin to 21 points (40-19) at halftime.

Christian, which finished at 13-8, got 10 points from Jeff Hamlin and eight more from Steve Hall.

"We took it as a privilege to play De

Porres, but our kids were really psyched out," said Christian Coach Dave Sells. "Some of our players had the best seats in the house. They just didn't come to play."

"De Porres runs real well and they pressed us full court," Sells said. "We'd planned a slow-down game, but they forced us to run with them."

DEPORRES 77 - CHRISTIAN 35

DETROIT DEPORRES (77) - Curt Calley 8-0, 4; Mike Taylor 4-0, 4; Jene Johnson 8-0, 10; Donnie Moser 3-0, 4; Karlas Wilson 5-0, 10; Vernon Hollis 5-1, 11; Steve Trimmer 2-0, 4; Ernie Murrell 1-0, 2; Louis Adeline 1-0, 2; Tim Ford 2-0, 4; Paul Humphrey 2-2, 8; Jene Johnson 3-1, 4; Charlie Green 1-0, 2. TOTALS 37, 34, 17.

SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN (35) - Jeff Hamlin 4-14, 16; Steve Hall 3-5, 8; Dan Moser 1-2, 4; Jeff Hamlin 1-0, 2; Bob Volder 1-0, 2; Tim Germaine 0-0, 4; Joe Newswell 0-0, 2. TOTALS 13, 9, 25.

TOTAL FOULS - DePorres 32, Christian 8. FOULED, GIVE UP: WILSON 10, 10, 10, 10 - 554; CHRISTIAN 10, 12, 4, 17 - 55.

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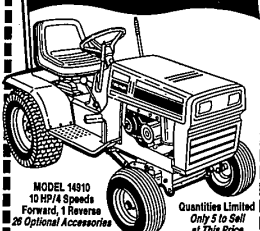
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