

Tyler, Castro set records

By BRAD EMONS

Scott Tyler and Reynaldo Castro both had goals before the swim season started.

Birmingham Groves coach John Wick had Tyler and Castro, along with the rest of his team, fill out an index card listing their goals.

Wick did not look at the cards until the swim season was completed.

Tyler's goal was simple. He wanted to win both the 200 and 500-yard freestyle events in the state finals and set records.

Castro's goals were similar. He wanted to win the state diving title.

Tyler achieved his goals by winning both events and setting records in the process. He swam a 1:41.16 in the 200-yard freestyle and a 4:31.05 in the 500-yard freestyle. Those times qualified him as a high school All-American.

Castro won the state diving title with a total of 531.60 points. Another state record was bagged by a Groves athlete.

Tyler, a senior, admitted later that he wanted his time to be 4:30.0 in the 500-yard freestyle.

The Groves senior is a dedicated athlete. During the season, Tyler worked out twice daily. He'd get up early and train with Dave Seagraves, coach of the Royal Oak Penguins Swim Club.

AFTER SCHOOL, Tyler would work

out with the team. "Swimming is pretty much it as far as sports go," said Tyler. "I've been swimming since I was six years old."

Tyler said he always swims with personal goals in mind. "My personal goals were higher than the team's," Tyler said. "We had a good season and couldn't expect more."

Tyler will continue to swim regularly. The end of his high school career doesn't mean he's through with the sport.

"I'm going to compete in the AAU regionals in Cincinnati," he said, "and try to qualify for the AAU senior nationals in Los Angeles."

Tyler made the trip to Cincinnati this weekend. He says the AAU nationals attract the big name, world-class swimmers such as gold medal winner Brian Goodell.

The tedious Tyler hasn't made up his mind yet about which school he will attend.

"I haven't made any decisions. Right now I'm interested in Indiana or North Carolina."

Indiana coach Doc Counsilman, a veteran tutor, has invited Tyler for a recruiting visit. Indiana regularly churns out world-class swim talent. Tyler knows the competition is tough.

"I'll just wait and see," he said.

CASTRO is an exchange student

from the Dominican Republic. The 17-year-old sophomore was discovered by Dr. Hector Inchastegau, a Birmingham resident, who sends a lot of time in the Dominican Republic. Inchastegau is Castro's foster father in a program called, "Dominican Partners."

Jim Henderson, a graduate of Michigan State University, was Castro's coach in the Dominican Republic. Castro has been diving for three years.

Before coming to Groves, Henderson made sure Castro had the proper tutoring.

Every day, after completing teaching at Derby Junior High, Dave Eddy comes to Groves and works with the divers. Eddy is a 1973 graduate of Groves and competed in diving four years at the University of Michigan.

Like others who have seen Castro dive, Eddy believes the Groves stand-out has unlimited potential.

Truji (his nickname) will just get better," said Eddy. "He has good mechanics, balance and a strong body. He gets as high off the board as anybody I've ever seen."

Castro gets so high off the board that he couldn't compete against Royal Oak Diver earlier this season because the school's pool ceiling was too low.

Castro is already a strong candidate to make the Dominican Republic Olympic team.

"He (Castro) has already qualified for the lower and now needs to qualify for the three-meter," said Eddy. In April, Castro will be involved in international competition.

"Coach Dave has really helped me a lot," said Castro. "I don't know if I'll be

going to school here next year. It's been a good experience.

"We had a pretty good team here and coach Wick is a nice guy."

Besides Castro, Dr. Inchastegau is also foster parent to Evaristo Perez, Orchard Lake St. Mary's standout 6-

fool-8-inch center. Perez was also part of the Dominican Partners program.

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Area netters win platform crown

Megan Foster of Southfield and Claire Slaughter of Birmingham combined to win the National Junior Girls' 15-and-under Platform Tennis Tournament held March 17-18 in Montclair, N.J.

Foster and Slaughter teamed up to defeat the No. 1 seeded team, Katie Peketic and Lynn Loftus, both of Montclair, in a two-hour match, 6-7, 5-7, 5-7.

In the semifinals, Foster and Slaughter breezed to an easy victory, disposing of Ginny Allen and Lynn Cleaves, both of Philadelphia, 6-0, 6-3. Allen and Cleaves were seeded second.

The first two rounds were easy for the Michigan duo as they failed to lose a game in four sets.

Slaughter is a ninth grader at Covington Junior High School in Birmingham.

girls' 18 semifinals before losing in three sets to the eventual national champions.

Foster and Slaughter combined to win, while Foster is an eighth grader at Kingswood Academy in Bloomfield Hills.

Both girls are also highly-ranked tennis players.

Foster is ranked No. 6 in the Southeastern Michigan Tennis Association (SEMATA) rankings in the 14-year-old age group. Both girls are 14 years of age.

Prior to the national finals, Slaughter and Foster played in tournaments in Toronto, Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Detroit.

In Toronto, they two girls lost only three games en route to the championship. In Pittsburgh, they reached the

win the Detroit Junior Tournament at Oakland Hills, douring Jane Neville and Amy Walsh, both of Birmingham, in the finals. Some 63 teams participated in the Detroit event, held last Feb. 24.

Other area duos placing in the nationals included Keith Sotiroff and Brad Wayburn, both of Birmingham.

Sotiroff and Wayburn, competing in the boys' 15-and-under competition, reached the semifinals before losing to the second-seeded team and tournament winners, Mike and Craig Pilca-

rin, both of Pittsburgh, 6-3, 6-2.

Sotiroff and Wayburn won three matches before losing in the semifinals. They were also runner-ups to the Pittsburgh brothers in the Detroit tournament finals.

In the national boys' 18-year-old group, Orchard Lake's Bill Nau and Tim Buschner reached the second round before losing to Jay Packer of Rowatan, Conn., and John Sheehy of Chatham, Conn., 6-3, 7-6.

Buschner and Nau were runner ups in the Detroit junior event.

In The Pocket.

By W.W. EDGAR

When Cora Fiebig rolled her 758 series in the men's league last week, the question arose as to who held the women's record for high series and the number of 700 series.

A search of the records brought out the fact that Ann Setlock, day manager at Garden Lanes, not only holds the record with a 776, but she also claims the honor of rolling the highest number of 700s in her career.

All told, Ann has rolled 10 of the barrier-breaking counts and she recalled that she set the record of 776 in the doubles at Garden Lanes.

Several of her 700 series came with the All-Star ladies loops when they bowled at Wurm's Recreation in Detroit.

SOMETHING NEW has been added to the bowlers' schedule and it will carry them through the summer.

It is a state team bandicup tournament that will be sponsored by the Bowling Proprietors of Michigan and the Brunswick Co.

According to the plan announced this week, the

event is open to any team with five members—even mixed teams. The only stipulation is that they bowled in a sanctioned league during the present season.

The entry fee is \$70 per team and the finals will be held at Stardust Lanes in Saginaw, Aug. 18-19.

TWO NEW NAMES popped up in the ranks of those who broke the 700 barrier during the past month. And both of them turned the trick at Wonderland Lanes.

Jeff Messico joined the group when he paced the classic with a 723 that was made possible by games of 120, 287 and 226. His nearest rival for top honors was Jerry Bigham with a 694.

The other highlighter was Carl Bowl-er, who came up with an unexpected 720 in the House League.

HERE'S ONE for the books. Bowling in the Tuesday morning Coffee and Donuts League at Westland Bowl, Lynn Brewer knocked over the "impossible" 4-6-10 split and never men-

tioned it until a baby sister called it to the attention of the onlookers. It was calmly marked on the back of the score card without any fanfare or bluster.

The girls in the ladies classic turned in some fine bowling during their last time out. Toni Smith set the pace with scores of 232 and 237 in 608.

Jackie Richards was right behind with a 243 in 602. Judy Griwicki had a 245 in 546, while Joan Warner posted a 583 and Cyndi Edwards rolled a 245 in 570.

BOB KUBINER, who carries a 189 average in the Ford LTT league at the House Lanes, moved to the top of the list of high scorers during the week when he fashioned a 632 series that included games of 235 and 222. In the same loop, Joe Samoner rolled a 556 and Bob Moore had a 275.

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Dot Fricke took top place in the Keglerettes loop with a 544. In the same loop, Colleen De Gaglia, with a 119 average, posted a 437 and Joan Gibson with a 106 average, found the range for 404.

In the Bowling Belles loop, Mary Foreman was high with a 211 in 526. In the Ford Parts circuit, Tim Myers was high with a 265 — which was 110 pins over his average — and Colleen Kelley paced the Parks and Recreation league with a 234, which was 110 pins over average.

THANKS TO a closing game of 266, Willie Hunter paced the Michigan Bell circuit at Merri-Bowl with a 644. And in the Tuesday ladies league, Dorothy Molnar closed with a 232 for 634.

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Rodeo slated for Silverdome

The Community House in Birmingham is offering tickets for the Longhorn Championship Rodeo to be held at the Pontiac Silverdome on Sunday, April 1, at 1:30 p.m.

The Community House, a non-profit organization, dedicated to the cultural, educational, social and civic needs of the community, will collect a commission on the ticket sales to help offset the deficit under which the house operates.

Ticket prices will be the same as those sold to the public elsewhere.

The Longhorn Rodeo is sanctioned by the Oklahoma-based International Rodeo Association for world championship points.

Among the sanctioned events are bareback bronc riding, steer wrestling, saddle bronc riding, cowgirl barrel racing, calf roping and bull riding.

Again this year, the International Rodeo Association has granted special sanction for the Silverdome Rodeo to feature the top contestants in the world-championship standings.

The total purse for the Silverdome rodeo is expected to be \$40,000 with steer wrestling and bull riding to be the most popular events with 60 competitors in each event, vying for \$2,500 first-place prize money.

More than 250 head of livestock will be included, with selected animals like bucking horses, crossbred bulls,

longhorn steers and crossbred calves. Also, more than 100 quarter horses will be transported to the Silverdome.

This year's rodeo will include the first appearance of the rodeo company's Texas Longhorns. Weighing up to 1,600 pounds, each with horn spreads of about seven feet, they will be part of the rodeo's opening pageant.

The Community House is offering \$7.50 and \$6 reserved seats. Children under 12 years of age will be admitted at half price.

For additional information, please call the Community House at 644-5832.

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