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For a few brief hours last Wednesday, John Hurley, the high scoring bowler at Westland Bowl, thought he had earned a place in the American Bowling Congress record book.

He had bowled a 721 series on games of 233, 233 and 255 in the Wednesday morning league.

It was his 48th consecutive series above 600 in the league and supposedly, he had bettered the mark of 47 held by John Sabo, former owner of the Grand Central lanes in Detroit.

Then came the stunning blow. Tom McKay, executive secretary of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association, called ABC headquarters to verify the record and was told that Hurley's effort was four series short of the ABC record.

The record is now held by Ron Thompson of Columbus, Ohio, who turned the trick in the 1977-78 season. Hurley was given second place with his 48 in a row. The fact that he is still bowling and averaging more than 200 in at least three houses gives Hurley a chance to go on and realize his goal of getting into the ABC record book.

FOUR MORE MEMBERS were added to the 700 club in the western area over the past week.

Three of them came in the Wonderful Classic where Les Fish put together games of 260, 290 and 205 for 755. Don Weisse added a 709 and Joe Charlon followed with 700. Charlon's big score helped his team to roll a 234. The other 700 came at Plymouth Bowl where Jeff Baker turned in a 715 on games of 237, 235 and 223.

IN CONTRAST to the high scores, Tim Henry, who has been bowling for 24 years, turned in the lowest score of his career at Woodland Lanes. With a 166 average, he rolled games of 137, 116 and 127 for 380. Not a bit chagrined, he chuckled that it was the lowest he ever could remember.

MEANWHILE scores hit bottom in the Ladies Major league at Beech Lanes last Wednesday night when Sue Kuhn paced the loop with a 502. It was the lowest score to lead the league in years.

PAUL SMITH, a 15-year-old who bowls in the Catholic Central League at Woodland Lanes, set something of a record during the week. Bowling in the school league he posted a 246 game to match a like count he rolled in the junior league the day before.

Bowling in the same league, Bob Sadtene was high scorer with a 235 in 611. In the Hits and Misses loop top honors went to Shir Williamson with game of 224 and 202.

ANOTHER CLOSE finish marked competition in the ladies classic at Westland Bowl. Martha Baron set the pace with 604, but she gained only a two-pin margin over Del McCallum. Third place went to Theresa Duty with a 238 in 599 and Mary Porter had a 248 in 593.

PAUL HORIE finally got to the Winner's circle in the Canton Classic at Super Bowl. Linking games of 222, 244

and 184, he posted a 650 to land on top. Behind him came Tom Giedell with 625, Mike Hayes with 625, Dave Knotts with 624 and Denny Feloni with 614.

IN THE VINCO league at Garden Lanes, Jerry Kundrot lost a race with Len Eldhart for three pins when he finished with a 618. In the ladies Classic, Ann Setlock, one-time bowling queen, showed the way with 636 to beat Pam Anderson by 28 pins.

Third place went to Elaine Kath with 580 and behind her came Mac Lackey with 579 and Dora Brandtlett with 570. In the Moose model league, top honors went to Allen Martelle with 625.

IN OTHER GOOD performances, Ray Kreske finished with a 244 for 605 in the St. Collett loop at Plaza Lanes and Mike Cieliczak opened with a 237 to lead the Business and Industrial league with a 603.

Area swim club wins 8 firsts

West Bloomfield Swim Club's 'C' swimmers splashed to eight first-place finishes during an AAU meet sponsored by the Southfield Swim Club Feb. 16 and 17.

Two of the wins came in relay events. Jeff Walton, Michael Schultz, Anthony D'Errico and Mike D'Errico combined for a victory in the boys' 10 and under age group 200-yard freestyle

relay (2:36.83). Kim Higdon, Tracey Woodcock, Mary Crimmings and Laura Frye teamed in the girls' open 400-yard free relay for a first (4:52.23).

Several swimmers also turned in fine performances in individual events. Walton, competing in the 10 and under boys' division, grabbed a first in the 200-yard individual medley (3:28.15),

finished second in both the 100-yard backstroke (1:37.50) and 50-yard backstroke (42.45) and was sixth in the 50-yard butterfly (48.17).

Mike D'Errico won the boys' eight and under 100-yard individual medley (1:44.52) and was second in the 25-yard butterfly (25.83). Marti Notarius captured the girls' 10 and under 200-yard individual medley (3:11.35).

Eagles toppled

Hillsdale College put together a strong second half to gradually pull away from Orchard Lake St. Mary's and post a 80-62 victory Wednesday at Hillsdale.

St. Mary's led most of the first half, as the Eagles scored their first 10 times down the floor. But they couldn't keep the momentum going, and Hillsdale overtook them before halftime and held a 32-30 advantage at the intermission.

The second half was all Hillsdale, as both squads enjoyed hot shooting nights. Hillsdale connected on 34 of 55 field goal attempts (50 percent) to 26 of 49 for OLSM (53 percent).

Dale Allen, a forward for Hillsdale, had a superior scoring game, connecting on 16 of 22 floor shots and pouring in 35 points. Johnny Hill was the only other Hillsdale player in double figures with 15.

OLSM coach Tim Domke got balanced scoring from his squad, with four players in double digits. Aaron Hardaway, who started at guard in the place of Scot Miller, hit on seven of eight field goal attempts and scored 16 points. Martin Eddy and Scot Glidden each netted 15 and Ed Barrett contributed 10.

Despite the one-sided final score, Domke felt his team played well enough to win. Officiating played a key role in the game, as the Eagles were called for 26 fouls to only 11 for Hillsdale.

"FOUR TIMES in five games against GLIAC (Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) schools

this has happened," Domke said in reference to the "homer" officials.

"It frustrates me. The kids play so hard, it's hard to explain to them. (Against Hillsdale) Anyone playing well suddenly got called for fouls."

Hillsdale had only four more free throw attempts than OLSM, but the Eagles were crippled when both Eddy and Glidden picked up early fouls and eventually fouled out of the game.

OLSM won the battle of the boards, collecting 26 rebounds to 23 for Hillsdale. Hillsdale committed 12 turnovers to eight for the Eagles. Eddy led the OLSM rebounders with nine. The Eagles were without the services of starting forward Mike Knight, who has contracted viral pneumonia.

Domke did get some good news, however. According to NAIA statistics, his team leads the nation in free-throw shooting accuracy. The Eagles have connected on 376 of 475 attempts for a 79.2 percentage.

OLSM's record is now 10-19.

HILLSDALE 80 - OLSM 62

HILLSDALE COLLEGE (80) - Willie Scott 2-5, 24, 7; Johnny Hill 6-4, 3-4, 15; Bob Pador 3-4, 0-6, 20; Tom Houghton 2-5, 8; Dale Allen 16-22, 34, 35; Keith Szajacki 3-9, 1-2, 7; Dean Blackwell 2-7, 6-4, TOTALS - 34-58, 12-18, 40.

ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARY'S COLLEGE (62) - Martin Eddy 7-12, 1-1, 15; Scot Glidden 6-9, 3-3, 15; Craig Blackwell 5-14, 1-2, 11; Aaron Hardaway 7-2, 2-2, 16; Ed Barrett 3-7, 4-6, 16; Scot Miller 2-5, 0-6, 4; Tim Higgins 1-2, 0-2, 2. TOTALS - 26-49, 10-12, 40.

TOTAL FOULS - OLSM 26, Hillsdale 11. FOULED OUT: Eddy (OLSM), Glidden (OLSM). HALFTIME SCORE - Hillsdale 38-OLSM 12.

Laker tankers dominate Lahser

West Bloomfield's swim team ended its dual meet season in style, sweeping all 11 first places in a 139-59 rout of Bloomfield Hills Lahser Tuesday and winning 10 of 11 events in a 123-44 victory over Pontiac Northern Thursday.

The Lakers finished the season with a 14-1 dual meet record. Their league the Greater Oakland Athletic League (GOAL), does not have a conference championship meet because only three schools have swimming teams.

Three West Bloomfield swimmers had a hand in three victories apiece against Lahser. Jack Dreisig, Tom Maten, Skip Schwarz and Steve Beckner combined to win the 200-yard medley relay (1:46.2).

Maten, Schwarz and Beckner also teamed with Bob Papp to take first in the 400-yard freestyle relay (3:24.6). The foursome was pushing to make the state qualifying time of 3:23.8. The team's last chance to qualify was Saturday in the Andover Invitational.

Maten also won the 200-yard individual medley (2:12.5). Beckner took the 50-yard free (23.7) and Schwarz was first in the 100-yard butterfly (37.1).

Dreisig captured the 100-yard backstroke for the Lakers (1:01.5) and Papp grabbed top honors in the 100-yard free (52.5).

Other winners against Lahser included Scott Mohr in the 200-yard free

(1:59.7), Terry McGinnis in the 500-yard free (5:05.4), Ken Briskin in the 200-yard breaststroke (1:10.5) and Danny Miller in diving (209.3 points).

IN THE VICTORY over Northern, Steve Harris and Bill Hartzell each won a pair of individual events.

Harris' wins came in the 200-yard individual medley (2:23.8) and the 100-yard free (54.9). Hartzell was first in the 200-yard free (2:02.9) and 500-yard free (6:35.0).

Harris and Hartzell also combined with Rob Bryant and Tom McGinnis to take the 400-yard free relay (3:52.2). In the 200-yard medley relay, Marc Wittenberg, Paul Walby, Terry McGinnis and Mike Hartz teamed for a first for West Bloomfield (1:54.9).

Wittenberg topped all swimmers in the 100-yard fly (1:01.5). Tom McGinnis grabbed first in the 100-yard back (1:12.9). Jerry Miller captured the 100-yard breast (1:12.8) and Miller won the diving for the second straight meet (188.6 points).

Saturday's Andover Invitational was the final event of the season for most of West Bloomfield's swim team. The state meet will conclude the season and Maten is the only qualifier in individual events. He will compete in the 50- and 100-yard free and in the 400-yard free relay if the team makes state time.

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