Swisher heads Aquinas tankers

Paula Swisher, a sophomore at Bloomfield Hills Lahser, led the Michigan Aquarius Syncho Swimmers to the state title at the Michigan Senior Association Synchronized swimming Championships held April 26 in East Lansing.

Michigan Aquarius totaled 58 points.

Swisher won the solo competition with 109.831 points, and finished second in figures with 43.751. Swisher and Julie Spencer, also from Lahser, placed second in duets with 104.43 points. Swisher, Spencer, Laura and Pam Berne of Birmingham, Cecilia Seidler of Bloomfield Hills and Diane Flagg of Farmington Hills finished second in the senior team competition.

Karen Beveridge of Pontiac, and Michelle Bayley, Patti Henderson, Jennie Brown, Mandy Whitney and Maura Flaheny of Bloomfield Hills finished fifth in the team event.

Other point scorers for Michigan Aquarius were:

SOLO — Laura Berne, 4th, 103.381; Julie Spencer, 5th, 99.045; Diane Flagg, 6th, 98.768; Cecilia Seidler, 7th; Pam Berne, 9th, 90.615.

DUET — Laura Berne and Cecilia Seidler, 4th, 98.653; Pam Berne and Diane Flagg, 5th, 91.811.

FIGURES — Laura Berne, 3rd, 41.441; Cecilia Seidler, 7th, 39.175.

Michigan Aquarius will be competing in the state Junior Olympic Age Group Competition, May 17 in East Lansing. The top three finishers in that event will compete in the Regional Junior Olympics, June 6-8 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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There was a time not too long ago when bowlers who released the ball from the "wrong side" of the alleys were considered in the same category as freaks. There were so few of them.

Now, much to the surprise of followers of the tenpins sport, these lefthanders have just about taken up most of the top posts in the standings of the leagues and the major tournaments.

In the old days, two proprietors now long gone — Jim Tropea, of Mt. Elliott Recreation, and Howard Crumit of the defunct Northwestern Recreation — were the only southpaws in the all star leagues.

They complained that they were not given a fair shake because they were forced to bowl on "stiff" alleys all the time. There were no "grooves" on their side.

Things are much different now. One of the bowlers now considered among the all time greats is Earl Anthony, who has been a leading figure in the pro ranks for several years. He was the first to win more than $100,000 a year in prizes.

On the local front, the top southpaw is Dick Beattie, winner of the Masters crown several weeks ago and the Michigan Majors title last weekend.

Others among the southpaws now going well include Mike Lee, who averaged 222 in the Little Caesar Classic; Ken Kossick, who posted a 212 average in the same loop to go along with Beattie's 220; and Bob Schmidt's 208.

On the ladies side, the ranks are much thinner. In what they call the old days, Gladys Dempsey was the top lefthander. In her prime, she won the largest purse on TV up to that time. And she was always a figure in the league races.

Today, the top southpaws are Geri Beattie (Dick's wife) and Aleta Rzepecki, the young newcomer in the all-star leagues. Both rank high in the averages.

So the bowlers who release the ball from the wrong side no longer are considered in the same class as freaks.

DICK BEATTIE wrote a strange chapter in the history of the Michigan Majors Assn. while winning the MM championship last week at Orchard Lanes in Pontiac.

After finishing in 33rd place in the qualifying round, he was moved in to the finals when one of the leaders was disqualified because he failed to list his ball on the score sheet. This is mandatory in the association.

Then given a new life, Dick went on to average 234 and lost only one game in the finals. This gives him the two major titles the Masters, sponsored by the Greater Detroit Bowling Association, and the Michigan Majors championship.

ONE OF THE MOST unusual groups bowling this summer is the childs league at Merri-Bowl. This group is for those between 3 and 6 years of age. They will bowl each Thursday morning.

THE WEST SIDE proprietors put on quite a show in their weekly tournament at Garden Lanes when only nine pins separated the top three bowlers.

John Klimkiewicz showed the way at the finish with a 629. Next in line came Joe Mruk with 619, one pin more than Jerry Oaskaiek and Jim Barker with 611.

THE LARGEST league reported thus far for summer bowling is the Wednesday night group at Westland Bowl. It is comprised of 50 teams, 30 of which are women.

It is not a mixed group in that they don't bowl each other, but they all bowl at the same time.

Women needed for soccer squad

The Farmington Angels, a recreation women's soccer team, is seeking experienced players over 18 years of age to compete during the upcoming season.

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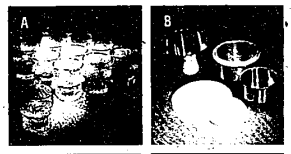

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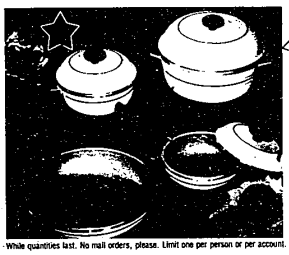

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