

Davidson exits in quarterfinals

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Kori Davidson learned a lesson about pressure last weekend. Prior to the USTA Girls 16 National Indoor Tennis Tournament at the Franklin Racquet Club, Davidson had never drawn the top seed for a national tournament.

Last weekend at Franklin, however, Davidson drew the top seed, and along with it all the pressure that goes with being selected the best player in the competition before competition begins.

"I didn't play half as well as I should have," admitted Davidson, a junior at Farmington Hills Harrison. "There was so much pressure it was unbelievable. I've been to the finals of three other national tournaments, but I've never been seeded that high."

"I was disappointed with my finish, but there will be more tournaments."

Davidson won her first four matches before bowing out of the competition in the quarterfinals to the eventual champion Amy Chiminello.

DAVIDSON OPENED THE tournament — behind the support of many faithful fans — with a tough 6-4, 3-6, 6-2 victory over Sarah Malone.

"She had a lot of support all through the tournament, said Da-

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vidson's mother, Kim. "It was just wonderful. Boy friends, girl friends, grandmas, grandpas, everyone was there supporting her throughout the weekend."

Davidson earned an easy 6-1, 6-3, victory over Jennifer Jensen in her second match of the tournament. She followed that with a 6-3, 6-3, win over Sarah Dixon and a 6-3, 6-3, win over Sonya Olejar.

In the quarterfinals, Davidson dropped a 4-6, 2-6, decision to Chiminello. Ironically, Chiminello is also Davidson's doubles partner.

"I'd rather lose to her (Chiminello) than anyone else," said Davidson, the 1989 Class B Michigan high school state champion. "I'd rather see her win it than someone else. She is very good. She's not a shoo-out."

In doubles competition, Davidson and Chiminello were also seeded No. 1, but were eliminated in the semi-finals by the eventual champs, Chanda Rubin and Katie Schlukebir, 6-7, 6-7, 4-6.

"It was an upset, but they were very good," Davidson said. "We played pretty well, they were just tough."

Bowling balls become specialized

HIGH TECH BOWLING balls are here to stay, and this season there are more to choose from than ever.

In this era of "short oil," synthetic lanes, varying lane conditions and newly developed lane dressing, more ball manufacturers are developing new equipment to meet the needs of the sport today.

Most of the new models are constructed with a urethane outer shell. There are several variations in the weight block. These are elements that will cause the ball to react differently under certain conditions like oily lanes, medium lanes and dry lanes.

The Columbia "U-Dot" line comes in five different models, each for a certain type of condition with new pearled finishes, to go along with the old standbys.

Brunswick now has five different versions of the "Ithino," each a different color for each particular lane condition.

AMF has added the "Coke" in its existing line. The ball is designed to work best on heavy oil conditions.

New from Ebonite is the "Thunderbolt M10," developed for medium to dry lanes.

"Hammer," by Fabill Industries, offers a wide selection of urethane balls, including the "Nail" for medium to oily lanes.

The "Enforcer" is another series developed by Track, Inc., which features a dual-weight block to reduce friction.

Star Trax makes the "Equalizer" for dual weight and the X-15 with a triple-weight urethane shell.

Rotigrip claims its new ball, the "Gre-nade," is an explosive weapon. These are all fine productions, but they may be more expensive than our old "black beauty." But anything is worth the price if you can score higher.

With the holidays fast approaching, this might be a nice little stocking stuffer.

Most of the balls mentioned can be obtained at your local pro shop or bowling center. The selection, however, may be



10-pin alley

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confusing, so ask for help.

• **Drakenure Lanes in Farmington** featured six old teamsters: Fred Samers, hitting an 814 series with games of 228, 220 and 241.

• **In the Greenfield Mixed League at Country Lanes in Farmington**, the leaders included Bob Adams (237, 4-7), Lesaupe Dutton (212, 3-2), Steve Mandamus (222, 2-5, 4-3) and Mike Stefan (224, 3-4). Clara Zimmerman capped it with a 204 game while pre-bowling for the Thanksgiving weekend.

• **Jim McPaul led the Friday Night West Side Men's League at Bet Ave Lanes** with a 474 series. Right behind was Mark Howes (274, 4-3) and Bob Duman (250).

In the Senior House League on Tuesdays, Darryl Ballins shot a 234 game, leaving the four-man split on the 12th ball. He finished with a 712 series.

Other top scores included Willie Smith, 217, 7-0; Fred Vitale, 244, 6-2; Paul Koenig, 614; Mel Partovich, 259; 444; Bob Gupac, 234, 4-1; Tom Johnston, 149; and Lynn Lewis, 234, 6-1.

• **Bob Rizer converted the daunting 4-6-7-11 "double pinacle" split.**

• **At Redford Lanes**, last week's action in the West Side Leagues League featured these high scores: Eugene Chambers, 216, 4-2; Frank Galitz, 643, 4-0; Rick, 249; Wexley, 437; Tom Roy, 246; 1-1; Craig Tillman, 442; and Jerry Labo, 234 game.

• **In the Ford Limited Salaried League at Woodland Lanes in Livonia**, Sue Spaul led with a 710 series. In the Future, Linda Syder bowled a 234. Jim Saranting, 755; and Dan Emmerich (242, 7-7) led the Men's Trio. Joan Hixon shot a 222 game in the Early Birds, while Greg Wingard hit a 679 series in the Senior

House League.

The Midnight Delco League featured Keith Spark at 751, while Angie Lupa fared a 232, 103 pins over her average in the Wonder Women circuit.

In St. Edith's, Scott House shot a 288, while in the Friday Kings and Queens, Tom Elsey had a 749 series.

• **At Mayflower Lanes in Redford**, Vi Creighan delivered games of 203 and 213 for a 603 series.

In the Swinging Seniors, the leaders included Art Croteau (233), Don Wilson (227) and Jan Oliver (217).

• **At Merril-Lowe in Livonia**, Tom Wopowski scored a 703 series to lead the Senior House League.

Randy Smith (780) and Bruce Herzog (755) paced the Right Approach-Right Louise Trio League.

In the Ladies Classic, Darlene Florent scored a 291, 251 and 180 for a 622 set. The Merry-Bowl Mixers featured Denise Wolber with a 628.

Linda Sueta scored 230, 199 and 232 for a 661 series in the Roving Jills, while the top scores in the Golden Eagles circuit were Mark Doehring (675), Bruce Benz (672) and Craig Senkowski (671).

• **At Garden Lanes in Dearborn Heights** Men's League, Gordy Cantwell led the way with a 714 series on games of 256, 221 and 235.

• **Some proprietors have been complaining about adults buying drinks for underage bowlers.** This is a big "no-no," and anyone who does this is taking a big risk, and not doing any favors for the kids by encouraging them to use booze.

This can jeopardize the liquor license of the establishment, cause hard feelings by all involved, and lead to prosecution by the owners.

The problem seems to escalate during the holidays, so let's be all good sports and set a good example. A soft drink will make them just as happy.

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