

Ladies team regains world bowling record



HARRISON

time record for a five-member ladies team.

The competition is as close as Cloverleaf in the All-Star Bowlerettes League that even with this record breaking score, the opposing team, Pro-Am B&T Potere-Modets, was still able to win one game.

The scoreboard: Jeanne Gebble, 279-257-237/773; Lisa Bishop, 226-265-267/760; Carmen Phillips, 226-248-235/709; Alena Sili, 194-259-270/659; Cheryl Danile, 208-192-243/615. Captain Kathy Hallall was off that night.

East meets West this week and next for a home-and-home series with the Senior men's classic league. The competition is comprised of men ages 65 or older with averages from 170 and up.

On Wednesday, Jan. 12, the "Don Byrd's Turbo 2-in-1 Classic" comes over from the East Side to Mayflower Lanes in Redford Township to bowl the Mayflower Men's Senior Classic League at 9:30 a.m.

This year's event will be dedicated to John Gavle with opening ceremonies starting at 9 a.m. The following week, the Mayflower Men will travel to Friendly Ark Sterling to take on the Eastsiders at their home base beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 19.

Last year's inaugural of this series saw the West take the championship, so this year should be interesting as those Eastern seniors are hoping to give it a payback!

Drakehire Lanes in Farmington Hills is running an in-school learning bowl program with 11 public elementary schools in the area.

Using the Porta-Bowl system, they are teaching a three-week course in the fundamentals, followed by field trips to the lanes. This is how the bowling industry is taking action right now to build for a better future for bowling.

Alice Perry rolled her first 200 game at Town in Country Lanes in Westland with a 201 game in the W.G.R.S.A. League. It's always a thrill to get that very first 200. Let's see if she can do it again soon!

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

Drakehire Lanes (Farmington Hills): Wisom Early Bids - Bill MacDonald, 299-200-234/739; Kevin Howell, 267.

Anara's Big Boy Classic - Doug Evans, 415-300-263/784; Lee Snow, 266; Pat Agius, 257-267; Rick Elernann, 290/772; Jerry Prenz, 278.

Bel Air Lanes: Senior House Trio - Terry Chase, 260/622; Vern Flowers, 601; Cass Papola, 266; Ken Olinier, 240/615.

Country Lanes: Country Keglers - Bob Shimko, 256/652; Clarence Bishop, 268; Gary Via, 257; Bill Richardson, 256/640; Brian Barakat, 277.

Tuesday Mixed Trio - Butch Lucas, 298/692; Stan Wright, 288; John Osborne, 279; Brian Campbell, 279; Rob Gaynor, 264; Kevin Keller, 260; Ken Kuba, 255/728.

Wednesday Knights - Scott Wright, 278/678; Terry Sharkey, 259/697; Tom Harrison, 258/650; Dave Green, 353/712; Curtis Beach, 241; Tom Ray, 290/759.

Wednesday Nite Ladies - Nancy Tynas, 211; Jill Landrum, 203/635; Patsie Haines, 203/630; Gloria Vanderlust, 220; Doreen McMahon, 219.

Leon Lake - Tim Siren, 233; Lee Siren, 224/604; Jerry Wenker, 223.

Sisters & Spares - Sherry McMahon, 217/620; Carol Hildner, 203/640.

Advanced Youth (Seniors) - John Cisman, 250/567; Ray Naselli, 263; Del Shell, 201.

St. Paul's Men's - Chris Bacalla, 260; Bruce Wright, 225; Bob Gola, 225; Dominic Poliville, 252/635; Mike Bost, 264.

Las Vegas Mixed - Jack Craig, 233; Ron Caraway, 232; Sharon Hogan, 218; Cindy Keylen, 212.

Tuesday Mixed Trio - Kevin Landace, 255/645; Mark Woodward, 217; Harry Schluhl, 236; Roberta Barkdale, 223.

Comeback win brightens SC outlook

Could this be a turning point? Certainly Schoolcraft College women's basketball coach Jack Grenan hopes so. His team played the toughest segment of its Eastern Conference season prior to the Christmas break, losing to St. Clair, Highland Park and Henry Ford.

But on Wednesday, the Lady Ocelots hosted Mott, which came into the game unbeaten in the conference. The Bears didn't leave that way - SC squeaked out a 61-60 victory, its second-straight league victory.

"This was the first game against a good team that we've staged a comeback and won," said Grenan, as his team improved to 6-5 overall and to 2-3 in the conference.

SC had a five-point lead with eight minutes left, but Mott eliminated that deficit and took a 60-59 lead with 18 seconds to go. The Bears called time out to set up a press, but the Ocelots broke it and had a 2-on-1 break. When Angie Cerne's short jumper bounced out, Alisa Wechter rebounded for SC. She missed

the putback but was fouled.

Wechter converted both free throws to put SC up 61-60 with 13 seconds to play. Again, Mott called timeout, but it didn't help the Bears never got off a shot.

Cerne finished with 19 points. Wechter and Julie Kios each had 11, with Wechter grabbing 16 rebounds, and Cindy Muiha scored 10. Six of Muiha's points came in a 40-second span that trimmed a Mott 10-point lead to four with 15 minutes to play.

Sanya Booth's 16 points topped Mott, now 2-1 in the conference. Erin Flynn scored 11. However, both Booth and Flynn had 11 first-half points, and each was 3-for-3 from three-point range.

"We went to a man-to-man defense and completely denied them the ball (in the second half)," said Grenan. Muiha, Dawn Newlin and Lonne Hoffman took turns checking the high-scoring Booth and Flynn.

MOTT 82, SC 73: The news wasn't nearly as good for the SC men's team - and not just on

the court, where the Ocelots lost their fifth-straight in the Eastern Conference Wednesday at SC.

Semester grades were posted, and once again the Ocelots were hard-hit: Five players were lost for academic reasons, although there were contributing factors in each case, according to coach Dave Bogataj.

By comparison, the SC women's team did not lose a player. All but one of the 12 Lady Ocelots had a 3.0 grade point average or better. Grenan has lost just one player in the past five years to low grades at the end of the first semester.

Bogataj has never been that fortunate. His greatest loss is guard Abu Hamilton, the team's second-leading scorer at 16 points a game. In fact, the backcourt was hit hard: Also lost were guards Ricky Mitchell, Milton Stoudemire and Jacob Endicott. The fifth casualty was forward Shawn Brown.

Four others on Bogataj's pre-season roster left the team before the end of the first semester:

Adam Roy (he joined the Marines in November), Herman Sutton, Nate Fye and Herb Taylor.

Not all the news was bad, however. There were three notable additions: Fadi Bazzi, a 6-0 guard who joined the team at the conclusion of the SC men's soccer season; Lamont Fondren, a 6-4 starter at forward last season (he averaged 8.5 points and seven rebounds) who got the additional credits he needed to become eligible; and Dan Pertulla, a 5-11 guard from Redford

Thurston.

Pertulla graduated from Thurston in 1992 and attended University of Michigan-Dearborn for a year.

Bogataj does have 11 players left - perhaps his strongest second-semester team. But the Ocelots are still 0-5 in the conference, 5-9 overall.

Wednesday's outcome could easily have been different - SC was up 38-30 at the half. "We found out what we were doing right at the half and fixed it," Bogataj joked.



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