

Motion captures tournament title

The Mid-America Motion girls 14-and-under softball team won its third tournament last week-end, capturing the Interlake Tournament in Walled Lake with a 4-1 record.

The Motion opened the tournament with a 15-5 win over M.S.E. Sporting Goods. Melissa Baku and Annie Bolognino had three hits each, while Kari Flynn, Sarah Talbot and Stefanie Volpe had two hits, two runs and two RBI apiece. Lisa Shaw added three RBI.

In Game 2, the Motion defeated Finewe 4-3, rallying for two runs in the bottom of the seventh.

Jenny Trott's single tied the game, and Shaw's sacrifice fly scored the winning run. Flynn was 2-for-2 with one RBI and Diana Jastrzebski with two runs apiece.

On Sunday, the Motion defeated Michigan Sports 14-2 to advance to the final.

Baku and Gina Yaquinto had three RBI each, and Jastrzebski and Melissa Thompson added two hits and scored two runs apiece.

In the final, Finewe defeated

SOFTBALL

The Motion 6-3, forcing a second game.

The Motion survived a bases-loaded, no-out situation in the seventh inning in the second game, turning a double play to preserve a 3-2 lead. Bolognino's RBI groundout in the bottom of the sixth scored Jastrzebski with the winning run.

MUSTANGS IN TOP 10

The Mid-America Mustangs finished ninth with a 2-2 record in the 23-team Smokey Baker All-American Tournament in Milford, Ohio, July 2-4.

The Mustangs lost their first game 7-4 to the Batavia (Ohio) Rockets but rebounded with an 11-0 win over Colton (Ohio).

Mid-America rallied from a 6-4 deficit in the fifth inning when Lauren Wright (Madison Union) hit a three-run homer. The Mustangs added four runs in the sixth when Sue Huber (Canton) delivered a two-run triple.

The Mustangs merited the Louisville Lasers 12-0 in their next game July 3. Nikki Kuncak (Canton) bases-loaded triple was the big hit.

But the Louisville Hit N Misses eliminated the Mustangs 7-0 on July 4, scoring six runs in the first inning to jump in front. Mid-America was scoreless until the seventh when Stephanie Haggerty (Southgate) hit a two-run double.

The Mustangs will make their most extensive road trip ever Aug. 2-16, taking 14 days to travel to Lexington, S.C., and then Jacksonville, Fla., for a pair of national tournaments.

Other members of the team are Lynn MacLeod, Lisa Ratum and Aimee Urell of Canton; Heidi Wahl, Southfield; Julie Jones, Belleville; Patricia Kenner, Garden City; Anne Allio, Plymouth; Alicia December, Lisa Colangelo, Kim Shaw and Jennifer Jack of Livonia; Susanne Fulmer of Southgate; and Amanda Boston (Virginia).

Bowling, auto racing have common ground



TEN-PIN ALLY

What do bowling and auto racing have in common?

According to

American Bowling Congress executive director Darold

Duba, a mutual tie-in exists be-

tween the two sports.

"Auto racing delivers both the audience num-

bers and the demographics to match almost exactly with bowlers," Duba said.

This is one reason for the Pin

Car, where a 12-by-7-foot exact scale bowling pin is mounted on a souped-up golf cart.

The car represents the start of a new bowling industry marketing effort funded by the ABC, Women's International Bowling Congress and the Bowling Proprietors Association of America.

It made its debut at the Indianapolis 500 Parade and serve as a low vehicle for race driver Stan Fox at Gasoline Alley.

The Pin Car will be on display Aug. 26-28 at the Gibraltar Trade Center North as part of Bowling Expo '94.

Another tie-in with auto racing is stock car No. 07, which is

driving by bowling pro shop owner John Fallows of Farmington Hills.

His Chevy Lumina is painted with the number 0, and looks like a bowling ball. Face fans at Flat Rock Speedway can easily recognize it as the "Bowling Car."

This is the first year of stock car racing for Fallows, who also operates the Pro Balance Shop located inside Country Lanes in Farmington.

John's skills at ball fitting do not help him much at the track, but he agrees with Duba that "most of those race fans are bowlers, too."

All league officers should make note of the dates for the annual Greater Detroit Bowlers Association league workshops and supplies.

Workshops start at 6:30 p.m. at the following locations: Monday, Aug. 15, at Airway Lanes in Pontiac; Wednesday, Aug. 17, at Friendly Starling Lanes; Wednesday, Aug. 24, at Thunderbowl Lanes.

Supplies and materials will be available at each site from 3:30-8 p.m. Officer duties and the benefits of being sanctioned will be reviewed, and questions will be answered.

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4. Garden City Stars 3-3

5. Westland Astros 3-3

6. West Bloomfield Bombers 2-6

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