Bowling ready for New Year

What lies shead for the sport of bowling as we enter the sear 2000?

Back in the

year 999, nobody had to worry about computer bugs, electricity or gasoline supply lines. The state of bowling is very

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The game has gone more than The game has gone more than a century with the same basic rules of play, governing organi-zations that have set and kept atandards for equipment plus playing conditions that are both consistent and variable for the

Zimes: Local associations have maintained the integrity of the game through the efforts of many who give their time on a voluntary basis for the betterment of the sport of bowling.

These local officials have dedi-

a nese local oinciais have dedi-cated their knowledge and abili-ty to foster the growth of the game and create more interest.

The future looks bright indeed

for howling in the next century.

The Budweiser Michigan
Majors Bowling Association held
it's Tenth Annual Tournament of Champions last weekend at

Thunderbowl Lanes.

The event also marked the changing of the guard, as Ken Charrette made his retirement

official.

Ken had been executive director for the past 33 years and has been a class act both on and off

been a class act both on and off the lanes. As for the tournsment itself, 57 champions vied for the top prizes, and the qualifying rounds narrowed the field down to the top ten: Doug Evans, Dale Hoffmelster, Larry Walker (Gar-den City), Ken Kossick (Canton), David Mahaz (Northville), Arnie Goldman, Chris Marshall, Jason Johnson (Farmington), Robert Mirsles and Dick Besttie. Evans, Walker and Besttie are

mirates and Dick Beattie.

Evans, Walker and Beattie are,
in the MMBA Hall of Fame. During the qualifying rounds on Barurday, two perfect games were
bowled — one by Larry Franz of
Redford and another by Evans,
who averaged 246.7 in the early
rounds:

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In the finals on Sunday,
Hoffmeister of Essexville took
top honors and a prize of \$2,000
while Beattle came in second

while Beattle came in second and won \$1,100.

Third-place money of \$800 was won by Walker. Farmington's Johnson, who rolled a 300 game in the finals, finished in fourth to take away \$700 in prize money.

money. Charrette was given a stand-

ing ovation during the opening ceremonies in appreciation of his outstanding contributions to the organization, which he helped from its inception to make the most successful tournament for

most successful tournament for scratch bowling in the Midwast. If you're not a really good bowler, do not enter this type of competition.

Lee Snow of Farmington will-take over the helm from Char-rette. He has the vision and abil-ity to keep the MMBA on course. *Ehonite International has recently made posters of Aleta Sill in recognition of her becom-ing the first woman to top \$1 million dollar mark in career carnings.

carnings. You can see this excellent picture on display at many local pro shops as she uses Ebonite balls exclusively.

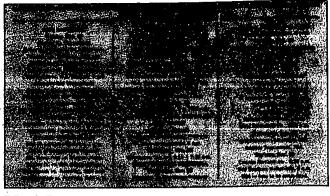
Already an attractive lady,

this picture shows a glamorous side of Sill that says, "A great bowler, and a real American heauty." beauty

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It took Sill 19 hard years to do
win her million as the cash
prizes in the early part of her
career were not big.
She also shot another 300
game at Cloverlanes in Livonia
last week.

That's about the 30th one for her — she's stopped counting. "Have a Striking New Year!



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play at that point but the lead stood until 4:24 was left. Bryan Dery stripped the puck from a defenseman, broke in alone on McLean, deked him upstairs and swept to the left wing before butting it in the net.

Stevenson grabbed a 2-1 lead with 9:09 left in the second period as Mike Peraino lifted the puck over a downed McLean, Mark Nebus and Ventimiglia assisted.

The Spartans scored on a power play with 3:32 left in the second period. Blazek, working the puck behind the net on the right side, passed out in front and David Bonello ripped it

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that great goal-tending that and they're doing it." Chargers skate to tie with Rice

Adem Krug scored on a break-away Wednesday to enable host Livonia Churchill to earn a 1-1 tie with Birmingham Brother Rice in a non-leaguer at Edgar

The game-tying goal by Krug came at 6:09 of the third. Sean Rice in a non-leaguer at Edgar

Churchill enters the winter

Churchill enters the winter break 5-3-1 overall.

Rice carried a 1-0 lead into the final period on Kyle Detloff's deflection goal off the shot from the point from Chris Roff. Spiro the point from Chris Roff. Spiro Churchill coach Jeff Hatley said.

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We had numerous opportunity the played the opening period before giving way to Matt Williams.

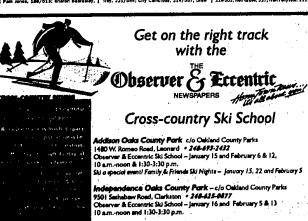
Smith and Nate Jakubowski drew assists

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"This game had all the intensity you'd expect in a game played at this time of year."
All-Btate goaltender Ryan McBroom, a junior for Churchill, returned to the lineup for the first time after sitting out the



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