

Farmington Hills' Wright takes title



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The annual Michigan Queens Tournament is the premier women's bowling competition in the state.

It was held last weekend at Royal Scot Lanes in Lansing.

And the winner and champion — Julie Wright of Farmington Hills, a young lady who defeated Tamika Glenn, another young southpaw from Farmington.

Both are members of the Monday night All-Star Bowlerettes League at Cloverlanes in Livonia.

Two other All-Star Bowlerettes finished third and fourth, Novella White and Lisa McCarty, both of whom are members of the record-setting Turbo 2-n-1 Grip/Ramercia team, which established a new all-time world record for women's high series with their 3.557 score.

Another member of the same league, Livonian Pam Jones, had a separate story on how she whines her two interests, bowling and rabbits.

I referred to this story in a previous column, but it only ran in the Livonia editions.

Jones travels all over this continent on weekends to serve as a judge at rabbit shows. She also offers good advice to prospective or new rabbit owners around the Easter holiday.

If anyone from Westland, Redford, Farmington, Plymouth, Canton or Garden City would like a copy, just send self-addressed stamped envelope to: Al Harrison, 30521 Roslyn, Garden City, MI 48135-1395.

If you are interested in movies with a bowling theme, the Disney Channel will have a showing of the great epic "Alley Cats Strike."

This is not Oscar material, but

it is a fun movie, only seen as a Disney feature.

The story is about two rival high schools who play against each other in all sports for the Big Apple Trophy.

They finished in a tie, and by rule, that necessitates a game of bowling as a tiebreaker. I'll leave the rest of the story for you.

It airs again at 8:35 p.m. Thursday according to my search on the internet.

"This is the week of the Bowling Ball Swap-Sell-Buy at Westland Bowl. The selling days are from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday through Sunday, April 28-30.

If you have any extra balls that you are no longer using, this is the chance to turn them into instant cash.

For buyers, an opportunity to get some real bargains on late model used equipment. There will be plenty to choose from that just about any bowler could use for a second or third ball.

As we know, lane conditions can vary greatly, and some balls will work much better than others under certain conditions.

Now you can get that equipment at a nominal cost which may just require some re-drilling.

The pro shop at Westland Bowl will plug and re-drill at a special rate, and there will be door prize coupons for all buyers and sellers.

Drop off the balls anytime this week and they will be tagged.

For more information, call (734) 722-7570.

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<p>Division 1 (Senior 1920)</p> <p>1st Place: Julie Wright, Farmington Hills, 234/720; 2nd Place: Tamika Glenn, Farmington Hills, 228/680; 3rd Place: Novella White, Farmington Hills, 222/600; 4th Place: Lisa McCarty, Farmington Hills, 218/580.</p> <p>Division 2 (Junior 18-19)</p> <p>1st Place: Julie Wright, Farmington Hills, 234/720; 2nd Place: Tamika Glenn, Farmington Hills, 228/680; 3rd Place: Novella White, Farmington Hills, 222/600; 4th Place: Lisa McCarty, Farmington Hills, 218/580.</p> <p>Division 3 (Youth 10-17)</p> <p>1st Place: Julie Wright, Farmington Hills, 234/720; 2nd Place: Tamika Glenn, Farmington Hills, 228/680; 3rd Place: Novella White, Farmington Hills, 222/600; 4th Place: Lisa McCarty, Farmington Hills, 218/580.</p>	<p>Division 4 (Senior 1920)</p> <p>1st Place: Julie Wright, Farmington Hills, 234/720; 2nd Place: Tamika Glenn, Farmington Hills, 228/680; 3rd Place: Novella White, Farmington Hills, 222/600; 4th Place: Lisa McCarty, Farmington Hills, 218/580.</p> <p>Division 5 (Junior 18-19)</p> <p>1st Place: Julie Wright, Farmington Hills, 234/720; 2nd Place: Tamika Glenn, Farmington Hills, 228/680; 3rd Place: Novella White, Farmington Hills, 222/600; 4th Place: Lisa McCarty, Farmington Hills, 218/580.</p> <p>Division 6 (Youth 10-17)</p> <p>1st Place: Julie Wright, Farmington Hills, 234/720; 2nd Place: Tamika Glenn, Farmington Hills, 228/680; 3rd Place: Novella White, Farmington Hills, 222/600; 4th Place: Lisa McCarty, Farmington Hills, 218/580.</p>	<p>Division 7 (Senior 1920)</p> <p>1st Place: Julie Wright, Farmington Hills, 234/720; 2nd Place: Tamika Glenn, Farmington Hills, 228/680; 3rd Place: Novella White, Farmington Hills, 222/600; 4th Place: Lisa McCarty, Farmington Hills, 218/580.</p> <p>Division 8 (Junior 18-19)</p> <p>1st Place: Julie Wright, Farmington Hills, 234/720; 2nd Place: Tamika Glenn, Farmington Hills, 228/680; 3rd Place: Novella White, Farmington Hills, 222/600; 4th Place: Lisa McCarty, Farmington Hills, 218/580.</p> <p>Division 9 (Youth 10-17)</p> <p>1st Place: Julie Wright, Farmington Hills, 234/720; 2nd Place: Tamika Glenn, Farmington Hills, 228/680; 3rd Place: Novella White, Farmington Hills, 222/600; 4th Place: Lisa McCarty, Farmington Hills, 218/580.</p>	<p>Division 10 (Senior 1920)</p> <p>1st Place: Julie Wright, Farmington Hills, 234/720; 2nd Place: Tamika Glenn, Farmington Hills, 228/680; 3rd Place: Novella White, Farmington Hills, 222/600; 4th Place: Lisa McCarty, Farmington Hills, 218/580.</p> <p>Division 11 (Junior 18-19)</p> <p>1st Place: Julie Wright, Farmington Hills, 234/720; 2nd Place: Tamika Glenn, Farmington Hills, 228/680; 3rd Place: Novella White, Farmington Hills, 222/600; 4th Place: Lisa McCarty, Farmington Hills, 218/580.</p> <p>Division 12 (Youth 10-17)</p> <p>1st Place: Julie Wright, Farmington Hills, 234/720; 2nd Place: Tamika Glenn, Farmington Hills, 228/680; 3rd Place: Novella White, Farmington Hills, 222/600; 4th Place: Lisa McCarty, Farmington Hills, 218/580.</p>
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DeBoer insists his second-straight designation as OHL coach of the year is a tribute not just to him, but to the Whaler organization — something not lost on DeBoer, who also serves as team general manager.

"This award is something for all of us, from the top down," he said. "It's a big credit to our scouting staff, and our owner (Peter Karmanow) gives us all the resources needed to be successful."

DeBoer will add all he needs to "just stand behind the bench," as if all the other things will take care of themselves. It's a bit too self-deprecating, however.

In his five seasons, DeBoer has three division titles and a second place finish to his credit. Only once have the Whalers had a losing record; his coaching mark is 199-110-25.

The only thing his resume lacks is that Memorial Cup title, presented to the winner of a tournament between champions from the OHL, the Western Hockey League and the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League. Last year, the OHL's Ottawa 67's were Cup winners.

Could this be the team to land the Cup? "This isn't a star-studded team," DeBoer said. "No one's going to play in the NHL next year."

Down the road that could change. Fisher, Goolby and Fitzgerald "all had pro opportunities (this year) but they weren't the greatest of opportunities. They thought another year with us would be better for them."

There's also players like Stephen Weiss, a first-year forward who has been superb all season, scoring 24 goals and assisting on 42 others (66 points).

"He'll be a great player," DeBoer predicted. "They're already projecting him as a top-10 pick (in the NHL draft)."

Weiss won't be eligible for that until next summer.

Dreams of playing pro hockey fill the OHL. "At this level, everyone has that goal," DeBoer said.

Including himself. Coaching in the NHL won't be too far in his future if he continues to string together seasons like the last two.