

THE WEEK AHEAD

Bowling alliance strikes out, but could be revived in future



Ten Pin Alley AI Harrison

One of the most prolific of all American Bowling Congress conventions has just taken place March 12-14 in Knoxville, Tenn. This was the 108th ABC Convention, running hand-in-hand with the 100th ABC Championship Tournament.

The very future of bowling was in the hands and ballots of the 1,252 delegates who were there to make the final decision on a Single Membership Organization (SMO) proposal which started up two years ago. Under the adopted title of the United States Bowling Congress (USBC), it would have combined the men's (ABC), the Women's International Bowling Congress (WIBC) and the Young American Bowling Alliance (YABA) along with USA Bowling into one organization, basically an economic measure.

The leadership wanted it to go through, and they ran some 'whistle stop' campaigns nationwide, formed a strong Ad-Hoc committee to study all aspects and submit their findings. The closed ballot vote was 628 for, and 630 against the SMO proposal, but not as close as it would appear, since it would have required a two-thirds majority for passage.

Lanes on Wayne Road. Doug Ellison was defeated by Yves Szmansky, 237-175. Szmansky then beat Clarence Munding 226-211 to advance. The third match had lots of excitement, especially in the 10th frame. Chris Dolby had the first 11 strikes and left (you guessed it) a solid 10 pin on his final ball for a 299, defeating Szmansky, who rolled a game of 193.

Dolby moved onto the final match against David Beck who was the high qualifier with a 743 actual, plus 90 for 833 and earning the top seed position. Dolby had a spare in the first frame, then clicked off 11 straight strikes for a 290 while Beck fell short with a 210 game. Thus, Chris Dolby was crowned champion of the 700 tournament, earning a plaque, championship jacket and a \$1,500 check. Congratulations to Chris Dolby.

Dorothy Makowiec of Canton called me to let me know that her husband Robert had just rolled his first 300 game at age 68, and after 54 years of bowling, had finally fulfilled his dream of a perfect game. He recorded it at a 'Double Nickel' league at Super Bowl on March 18. Carrying a 169 average, Robert had games of 300, 216 and 205 for a series of 721. This is a very good family of bowlers, as son Robert E.

Makowiec had a 300 game four years ago in the 'Holy Rollers' league, also at the Super Bowl. Since everything is relative, John's brother Dave bowls in the Senior Men's Classic at Mayflower Lanes in Redford. Dave's son Mike holds the current all-time Detroit area high series of 899 which he rolled a couple years ago at Cloverleaves in Livonia. I wrote all about the record-setting event at the time.

Mike is a ball fitter/roller at Dave's Rite Liner pro shop in Cloverleaves. Getting back to Robert and Dorothy Makowiec, these two first met at the old Ritz Lanes back in Detroit in 1963. He even goes back further in time, having earned his spurs as a pinboy. His prior high game was 286 a few years ago. In his 300 game, he felt a little nervous on the first ball in the 10th frame, but on the next shot, he said "The ball seemed to have gained about 40 pounds."

Having struck number 11, the ball seemingly gained another 30 pounds, but the shot was true in the pocket, just like the rest. And after 54 years, a perfect game.

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Chris Woodruff slugged a pair of doubles in a 3-for-3 performance at the plate, and Matt Rigley collected two more hits to help Madonna University improve its baseball record to 11-3 with a 5-3 victory at Olivet College Wednesday.

The Comets slipped to 4-6 with the eight-inning loss. Madonna coach Greg Hager used a free-pitcher rotation, with Mark Cole (Farmington/Redford Catholic Central) working the first two innings and getting the win to improve to 4-0. He allowed one hit and one walk, striking out Joe Halliday (Redford Union) and pitched two scoreless innings, giving up two hits and fanning three, and Adam Kline (CC) tossed a scoreless eighth inning, walking one and striking out two to get his third save of the season.

Woodruff (Livonia/CC) and Rigley (RU) each scored a run. Brian Williams (Livonia/CC) had a double and an RBI, and Eric Lightle (Livonia Churchill), Tony Kern and Scott Miller (Farmington Hills) each had a RBI.

Madonna was supposed to start its Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference schedule Friday, but the game was postponed due to rain. No makeup date has been set.

Crusaders are All-Americans For the first time in Madonna men's basketball history, there are two players who received NAIA All-American honors.

Junior point guard Dan Kurtinall and sophomore shooting guard Noel Emehiser were both singled out. Kurtinall (from Dearborn Edsel Ford) averaged 14.6 points and four assists per game and, despite suffering a knee injury in the final regular-season game of the year, was named to the all-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference first team.

Emehiser (from Monroe, Ind.) averaged 17 points a game, second-best total in the WHAAC, and 4.8 rebounds. He was a second team selection to the all-WHAAC squad.

NANCY BATES, Mayor KATHRYN A. DORNAN, Clerk

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SC outshot Monroe, making 38-of-70 floor shots (54 percent), 15-of-21 free throws (71 percent) and 6-of-16 three-pointers (38 percent). Monroe hit 35-of-82 (43 percent), 26-of-43 free throws (60 percent) and 7-of-24 threes (29 percent). The difference: The Tribunes enjoy a wide rebounding advantage (61-41) and forced 21 SC turnovers while committing just 15.

SC also lost its best inside defender, Andre Scott, and Dorsey to fouls.

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and Tavoris Baker contributed 15 points apiece, Baker grabbing 14 boards, with Gary Johnson (from Wayne Memorial) scoring 11 points and Ronald Dorsey nine.

Monroe got 27 points and 14 rebounds from Ryan Williams, 26 points (17 in the second half) and 10 boards from Edwards, 19 points from Lashard Duren and 10 from Bell.

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CITY OF FARMINGTON GOAL SETTING AND STRATEGIC PLANNING (Summary). A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Tuesday, March 18, 2003 in Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Bush, Campbell, McShane, Mitchell. COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Harrison. FARMINGTON CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, City Manager Pastore, Assistant City Manager Richards. DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Batsloff, Cornwell, Grace, Director Morgan, Paul, Ziegler.

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MARCH 17, 2003. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bates at 7:30 p.m. Council Present: Bates, Barnett, Ellis, Grant, McEae and Oliverio. Council Absent: None. Others Present: City Manager Brack, City Clerk Dornan, Assistant City Manager Whinnery, Directors Binell, Cauntoggn and Lasley, Police Chief Dwyer, Fire Chief Marinucci, City Attorney Joppich, Planning Consultant Conates and Landscape Architect, Delbacco.

CITY COUNCIL TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS: Received presentations on: Developmental Assets, Current 'Art in the Corridor Program' by Oliver Ragdale, Jr., President of the Arts League of Michigan, Hockey Has Heart Foundation Fundraiser. Recognized: 2002 Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police Excellence Awards for Traffic and Commercial Vehicle Safety, Severe Weather Awareness Week - March 16-22, 2003, Accepted the Orchard Lake Road Corridor Study Report, Tabled consideration of the Single Family Cluster Site Plan for Farmington Ridge in Section 51, Introduced Ordinances amending the City Code: regarding the use of public rights-of-way pursuant to Public Act 48 of 2002, to increase the number of members of the Commission on Children, Youth & Families and provide staggered terms of office.

AWARDED BIDS/CONTRACTS FOR: Purchase of an Avaya Telecommunications System in the amount of \$592,720.00 to G.E.E. Communications, 2003/04 Pavement Marking Program to P.K. Contracting in the amount of \$167,977.00, Road and Park Maintenance supplies to various suppliers, Purchase of 11 Mobile Data Computers (MDC's) for the Fire Department to Motorola in the amount of \$70,202 and to Cruiser's of Brighton for the installation of the MDC's in the amount of \$11,000.00.