

IN THE POCKET

By W.W. EDGAR

It's official now — that big 3671 series fired by the Stroh team at Mercury Lanes several weeks ago has been approved by the American Bowling Congress and placed at the head of the list in nationwide scoring for the season. Along with the team series, the team single game count of 1285 also was approved. That, too, heads the national honor roll.

Topping the nation during the season is nothing new for Stroh's sharpshooters, but only once have the Brewers been at the top when the race finished.

This one national victory came in the 1966-67 season when they posted a 3386 count. Their 1291 was high team count that year, too, and so was their 1326 of last season.

For the record, here is how the Stroh bowlers piled up their big count:

Mike Totsky — 801
Mike Samardija — 791
Harry Campbell — 736
Dale Seavy — 680
Bob Kwolek — 663

At the moment Stroh is leading the Michigan Open Classic with a 1021 average and is runner-up to Coca Cola in the All-Star Classic with a 1009 average — two points behind the leader.

BOWLERS AT Wonderland set the race for the area pin-strippers during the week. First, in the Classic Tuesday night, the Palace team, captained by Ron Sharples, fired a 3194 series and four members of the Classic broke the 700 barrier.

The pace-maker of this group was Al Girolamo with a 717 gained on games of 243, 216 and 258. Next in line was Fred Ringrose with counts of 226, 240 and 244 for 710. He was followed by Sharples who put together counts of 245, 196 and 238 for 709 and Jim Macomber completed the list with a 707. After a 185 start he added games of 263 and 269.

REDFORD BOWLING Sales landed the runner-up scoring spot for the week in the area with a 3168 series in the Westland Classic. This is a new high for the Classic and the big count included a 1147 game.

Jerry Holt led off with a 609 and was followed by Rick Kendall 663, Al Siebendick 669, Hal Jolley 629 and Dick Lewis. Among their rivals Dan Emmet was high with a 214 and 266 in 667.

Among the women Shirley

Lunden was high with a 556 in the Queens Circuit and Jan Himmelstach followed with a 551.

AT GARDEN Lanes where Dick Preston still tops the averages with a 217, Imer Santti missed the magic 700 by a single pin. His 699 was high for the night. Among the other high scores were Ron Brennan 668, Tom Gibbons 666, Al Vass 653, Paul Zajac 649 and Joe Morris 647.

JACK SCHUMAKER fired a history making 726 series at Bel-Aire Lanes during the week.

Bowling in the Clarenceville United Methodists league, he linked games of 224, 244 and 258 for 726. This is an all-time high for the league in the 18 years of its existence.

THE 700 CIRCLE was just out of reach for John Wodarski in the Bel-Aire Classic. He finished with a 698 to take the high scoring honors. Jim Ewbank had high single with 287. Al Ozyan followed with a 255 and Jim Andries trailed the leaders with a 254.

SOME OF THE highest scoring of the season marked competition in Our Lady of Sorrows League at Bel-Aire. And it was a father and son combination that carried off the major honors.

Ed Dobrowski Sr. showed the way with a 646 and Ed Jr. came through with a 616. Bob Duntler contributed a 625, while Tim Anlock had a 616 and George House a 612 and Jack Brown a 611.

ONE OF THE most surprised bowlers in the area was Lois (Mrs. Bernie) Morrison, of Famous Men's Wear in Plymouth.

She bowled a 126 triplicate in the Thursday Mixed League and didn't realize what she had done until she added her score.

"I just couldn't believe it," was all she could say when informed that she was due for an award.

ANOTHER surprised girl was Patricia Butlers at Bel-Aire. She rolled a 580 — the highest of her career — and a high mark for the league.

TRIPPLICATES seemed to be the order of the day at Mayflower Lanes.

Loraine Wojcikowski put together three games of 135 and Nancy Hardella contented herself with three identical games of 127.

And Norma Keller celebrated her return to work at the Mayflower desk with her first 500 series — a 512 in the Ford Designers Mixed League.

ELLIE WILKIN walked away with top honors in the Livonia Ladies Classic when she posted a 573-44 — 657. Included in this count was a high single of 201-28 — 229. In the other games Gerry Wilson took the opener with a 225-31 — 256 and Theresa Derus won the second with 198-38-256.

Cagers Lose, 95-71

North Farmington Blitzed

North Farmington's young basketball squad suffered its second loss of the season in a 95-71 lashing at the hands of an experienced Walled Lake Central team.

It's tough to beat a team that has two players scoring a total of 71 points against you," said North Farmington Coach Ken Dean.

Dean.

Central's Steve Serra and

CENTRAL went into a half-

Randy McLean combined for a 71 point output. Serra, a 5-11 guard, totaled 37 points while his counterpart, 6-8 McLean, popped in 34 points.

The Raiders jumped to an early lead with Fred Creighton scoring the game's first basket and North enjoyed a first quarter 22-17 advantage.

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Spartans Crush Hawk Wrestlers

Stevenson captured its second wrestling win in a 28-21 dual meet with Farmington Harrison. The Spartans won their first meet against Waterford Kettering, 35-16.

Stevenson captured seven of the 12 weight classes with three Spartans obtaining a fall.

Tom Norman outscored Harrison's Jim Seltz in the 98 lb. class, 7-4, and Spartan Greg Antonishek scored a fall against Jerry Timmis in the 105 lb. class.

Stevenson's Chuck Orlando shut out Mat Gully in the 112 lb. class, 2-0. Rich Parent downed Harrison's Pete Callow, 7-2, in the 119 lb. class, and Jeff Angelosante totaled 17 points in his win over Harrison's John Suerherin in the 126 lb. class.

SPARTAN Steve Miller scored a fall at 5:40 in the 132

lb. class against Steve Brandon. Harrison's Steve Bernia scored six in the 138 lb. class to shut out Kevin Bevers.

In a free-scoring match, Steve Paternal of Harrison topped Dave Stein 12-10 in the 145 lb. category.

Hawk Frank Arcangeli captured the 155 lb. class with a 12-5 win over Stevenson's Brian Partie.

Spartan Mark Warring scored a fall over Mark Bendivoglio in the 167 lb. class and Glenn Shaw totaled four to Harrison's two by Jeff Hoehner in the 185 lb. class.

HARRISON'S Barry Smelter recorded a fall against Rich Setzer in the heavy-weight class to round out the dual-meet card.

Stevenson hosts Milford Wednesday afternoon in dual meet competition.

Olympia To Host College Hockey

The seventh annual Great Lakes invitational college hockey tournament opens at Olympia Stadium on Dec. 28 with Dartmouth College meeting Michigan State at 6:30 p.m. and Michigan Tech pairing off with Notre Dame at 9 p.m.

The championship and consolation rounds will be held the following night, Dec. 29, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Thurston Wins 3rd Dual Meet

Thurston's wrestling squad captured its third dual meet victory in a 42-10 win over Southfield.

Thurston won the first six weight classes to clinch a win and took nine of 12 classes overall.

Sal Maralese, Jim Dovey, Jim Matheny, Tom Lovach and John Wheeler are undefeated in Thurston dual meet action this season.

Orchard Ridge Downs Alpena

Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College evened its season basketball record at 3-3 with a 108-86 win over Alpena.

Chris Lessnav paced the Orchard Ridge attack with 27 points and 16 rebounds, followed by Rayfield Goss with 26 points.

Forward Bob Brown scored 16 and collected 14 rebounds for the Orchard Ridge five.

Jim Barnett and Al Harvey paced the Alpena attack with 23 and 20 points respectively.

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