



Charlie Kotarski, long rated one of the smoothest bowlers ever developed in Detroit, will be enshrined in the Detroit Hall of Fame on Saturday, April 21.

Along with him will be Ruth Johnson, member of the women's championship teams in the 30s, and the late Phil Bauman, of the Stroh team that won the ABC and International championships in 1954.

Detroit bowlers are continuing to juggle standings on the national honor roll.

While Anita Catalano's Jac-Ro team moved to the head of the list in the women's division with its 3107 series, Tom McKay's Green Cola team landed high on the American Bowling Congress roll with a 3421 series in the highest scoring match of the season.

The "Cokes" rolled games of 112, 117 and 119 in the All-Star Classic at Belmar Lanes to conquer Stroh which fashioned a 3322 with a finishing game of 1181.

The 3421 series is the highest bowled in the metropolitan area in several years and may stand up as the best series rolled hereabouts this high.

Pat Lanucci was high with a 779 and was followed by Tom McKay with 673, Rocky Graziani 663, Bob Garrett 660 and Tony Loaicano 646.

The Majors record team faltered in defense of its women's state title last weekend in the state tournament. The title slipped away when the team could do no better than 2735, while another Detroit all-star team -- Pro Car Wash -- took the actual score lead with a 2730 series.

Jim Mullen, a 167 average bowler at Westland Bowl, provided the oddity of the week when he posted a 298 game and failed to hit 600.

He opened with 140, followed with the 299 and closed with 150. In his big game he left up

the unusual 3-9 after registering 11 strikes in a row.

Mort Friedman and Stuart Pearlman who bowl at Wonderland Garden Lanes, had the thrill that comes to few bowlers. When they finished their stint in the ABC at Syracuse, N.Y., last week they were leading the doubles on the big board with 1284. Pearlman contributed a 687 and Friedman a 597.

Oak Park Lanes will host part of the National B'nai B'rith tournament that opens this weekend in four establishments. Aside from Oak Park other hosts include Niles Lanes, State Fair Recreation, and Strikes and Spares in Birmingham.

Scoring dropped again this week in the Westland Classic where Jim Warner showed the way with 666. Others among the top finishers included Fred Pringle 660, Bob Garrett 631 and Rick Capaldi 650.

Meanwhile, over at Garden Lanes Jerry Fisher landed on top with a 721. His closest rivals were Bob Denham with 692 and Dick Preston with 685.

Bowling in the Jaycee Mixed League, Tom McFarland turned in the best score of the week at Farmington Lanes. He fashioned a 276 game in a 501 series.

Other leaders were paced by Connie Woods with a 607 in the St. Paul's League, and Dottie Komecki with a 220 in a 510 series. Kim Herrington topped the Junior High Girls with a 199 in 534.

Harry Topalian and Larry Boncher gave their sponsors -- Country Lanes -- something to think about in the Suburban Proprietors Traveling League. Larry posted a 723 and Harry a 704 to top the squad at Wonderland Lanes.

Aided by a 252 middle game Joe Bogden set the pace in the Oak Park Senior House League with a 691. Next in order came John Wigz with 627 and George Lerner with 615.

However, the Chargers then ran off nine straight points of their own to boost their lead to



"YOU SEE THAT GATE!" -- Referee Gordie Anderson has his hands full with Southfield's Roger Mead in semi-final action of the George Gee memorial suburban high school tournament. Mead got the gate from Anderson in the third period with Churchill knocking the Southfield crew out of the tourney, 6-4. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

# Death Of Frisch Recalls Wild 1934 World Series

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The death of Frankie Frisch, manager of the St. Louis Cardinals and the famous "Gas House Gang," during the past week brought many memories to the oldtime baseball fans of the wildest and most hilarious world series ever played.

It was back in 1934 when the Tigers had won their first pennant in 25 years and the entire state was in a frenzy after the long, dreary years of the depression.

The celebration of the pennant victory was as nothing compared to the wild scenes that followed before Mickey Cochrane and the Tigers lost the fall classic against the "Gas House Gang" that included those two

colorful characters, Dizzy and Daffy Dean.

Along with them were Pepper Martin and Joe Medwick who was ordered out of the sixth game by Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, then the Commissioner of Baseball, when he became the target for the famous fruit barrage in the Cardinals' pitcher that has a prominent place in world series history.

The fun and excitement started five minutes after the Cardinals reached Tiger Stadium (then Navin Field) on the day before the series opened.

Arriving at the ball park just as the Tigers finishing their practice, Dizzy Dean, attired in cowboy boots and a white cowboy hat, leaped over the wall and headed for home plate. Picking up a bat, he

yelled "throw me one," and then proceeded to hit the ball out of the park.

Rubbing his hands and chucking, he yelled, "This series will be easy" as the Tigers stood by in silent dismay. But the best was yet to come.

The Tigers were in the thick of the fight all the way and the tenacious grew with every pitch in the sixth game. Then toward late innings, Medwick raced into third base, spikes riding high, and crashed into Marv Owen, the Tiger third baseman. To the fans it looked like a deliberate attempt at bodily injury and they vent their feelings in a volume of boos that could be heard for miles.

When the side was retired and Medwick walked to his place in left field the Fans really let him have it -- not only with yells and boos. They beat him the target of a fruit barrage that didn't let up until the Baseball Commissioner ordered him from the game. There never has been a case like it in all baseball history.

Then came the final game and one of Dizzy Dean's greatest days. He had spent several hours in Ford Hospital the day before after being hit on the head by a pitch. After a hurried examination he was discharged and the Detroit Free Press came on the street with a big headline -- "Dean's Head Shows Nothing."

Ever since that day Dizzy claims it was one of the worst insults he ever received.

The other game when Manager Frankie Frisch sent the entire pitching staff to the

## 69-56 Regional Victory Churchill Downs Central

A balanced attack which saw all five starters score in double figures put Livonia Churchill in the finals of the Franklin regional basketball tourney with a 69-56 victory over Wall Lake Central.

It was the 10th win in the last 11 starts for the Chargers who took a 19-5 record into Friday night's Class A championship game against Detroit Murray Wright.

A 22-point scoring burst in the second period wiped out Wall Lake's 17-14 first quarter margin and put Churchill in front for keeps. The Chargers led at the half, 36-25, and after three periods were on top, 49-41.

Quick buckets in the first 30 seconds of the fourth quarter by Central's Craig Long and Mike Imhoff cut the margin to four at 49-45.

Although Damaska talked back then 20 points for the first time in four district and regional tournament games.

## RU Hurdler Earns Spurs As Spartan

EAST LANSING John Morrison, a 1969 graduate of Redford Union High, is a fine hurdler on Michigan State's track team.

## Rowe Over 1,000 Mark

Forward Curtis Rowe has given the Detroit Pistons three scorchers in the four-figure category this season. He recently went over a 1,000 points for the season, joining teammates Bob Lanier and Dave Bing.

Rowe also is on his way to finishing among the top six in field goal percentages in the National Basketball Association. He's been clicking at better than a 513 clip from the field this season.

he passed up several possibilities to set up shots by teammates.

Coach Pat Montagano attributed the five-man scoring attack as due largely to Damaska's assists and had a special pat on the back for Braun's effective rebounding.

"In the last five ball games Don has found out what it's all about," said the victorious coach of the Western Six titlists.

## Lanier May Up Rebound Mark

It's the second 1,000 rebounding season in a row for Pistons' center Bob Lanier.

## Sets Pace

Wayne State University senior forward Bob Solomon led the Tartars in scoring, rebounding and field goal percentage in each of his three varsity seasons. He also topped the same three categories on the freshman team in 1969-70.

## Dives For Mark

Steve Reeves, Wayne State University senior co-captain diver, raised his own school record for the championship schedule of dives at three meters to 422.10 vs. Northern Michigan in 1973.

W.L. CENTRAL (56)			
Player	FG	FT	TP
Imhoff	2	2/4	1
Braun	8	2/2	18
C. Long	3	4/5	10
M. Long	1	0/0	1
McLean	7	1/2	15
N. Long	0	0/0	0
Loberf	0	0/0	2
Total	23	10/14	56

CHURCHILL (69)			
Player	FG	FT	TP
Skender	4	4/4	12
Damaska	7	3/8	17
Braun	5	6/8	16
Reed	5	1/2	11
Foster	5	1/2	11
Landini	0	0/0	2
Frank	15	17/20	61
Walled Lake	17	15	54
Churchill	22	13	20-69

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