



When Stroh rallied to win the ABC Classic title last week in Syracuse, it marked the end of a long drought in American Bowling Congress competition.

Back in 1934 when Joe Norris organized the original Stroh team, it won the ABC team event — the first Detroit team ever to place the field.

At the time it was felt that Norris and his mates were due for a long reign. But it just wasn't to be... until last week when Harry Campbell paced the club to a surprising victory by the margin of only a few pins.

From 1934 to 1973 is a matter of 39 years. Over that time the Stroh team has traveled up and down the country winning top honors where ever it went.

Through the years the team changed. Captains came and went. Norris, Buzz, Fazio, Johnny Ruggiero and now Bob Crawford. But now the coveted trophy is back in Detroit and Fred Hamlin is an Overland bowler.

ONE OF THE MOST disillusioned bowlers in the area is Ron Merta, a member of the Western Wayne Co. mixed league at Livonia Lanes.

Harrison Upends Western

Farmington Harrison upset Western to score a 7-2 to Western Six teens victory and push its league mark to 3-3 and overall showing to 7-5.

- SHOULDS: NO. 1 - Eric Daves (PH) defeated Jim Mies (WL) 6-2. NO. 2 - John Vasek (PH) defeated Jeff Mengel (WL) 7-6. NO. 3 - David Morrison (PH) defeated Joe Mies (WL) 6-5. NO. 4 - Mark Wolcott (PH) defeated John Bivens (WL) 6-5. NO. 5 - David Daves and John Allen (PH) defeated Bob Vester and Dan Corey (WL) 6-2. NO. 6 - John Vasek and Lewis Corey (PH) defeated Steve Anderson and Dan Brown (WL) 6-2. NO. 7 - Gerry Seger and Thomas Bradley (PH) defeated Paul Yoder and Dave Campbell (WL) 6-1.

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Saturday night he took his regular season on the lanes and it seemed like an ordinary night when he posted an opening game of 175. Not too much happened in the second when he registered a 183.

But the big blow was yet to come. He was advised that the league wasn't sanctioned and that the only reward he would receive, officially, was the score sheet.

Incidentally, it was the first perfect game bowled at Livonia Lanes this year.

FRED HAMLIN, proprietor of Farmington Lanes is all smiles these days... and for a very good reason.

His 16-year-old daughter, Barbara, played one of the star roles in the State YBA team championship last weekend at Skore Lanes.

Marsha Terry paced the team with a 578 series on games of 156, 219 and 221.

Jim Morawa didn't wait long to join the summer league's 700 club. Bowling in the Trio League he put together games of 214, 266 and 242 for a 712.

Plymouth High came up with three runs in the top of the sixth inning to push itself over the 500 mark in the Suburban Eight baseball race.

The Rocks edged Trenton, 9-8, to stand 5-1 in the league and 6-12 overall.

Sophomore Tom Willette and Steve Robb worked the Plymouth mound with the latter picking up the victory in relief.

Willette started, worked 3 1/3 innings, allowed seven runs on seven hits, walked two and struck out three.

Robb took the final 3-2-3 innings, giving up one run on two hits, walking none and striking out one.

For Robb it was his fifth win against three losses in the loop and fifth overall in 11 decisions for the season.

THE LAST CHAMPION of the regular season was crowned at Merri-Bowl Lanes last week when Rita Carvath, with a 696, took the title in the Honor Roll tournament.

While she was walking off with the women's crown George Tabaka still was the man to beat, even though he fired only a 595.

THE SUMMER "fun" league season got underway at Country Lanes with 24 teams and it lived up to its name.

With the emphasis on fun instead of scores, Joe Kin was high with a 622. He linked games of 174, 223 and 223 to pace the field.

DICK BEATTIE is fast learning the odd quirks of the sports fans since rolling a "gutter" ball in the ABC tournament at Syracuse, N.Y.

"I'm getting more publicity out of this poor ball than any of the high scorers I ever rolled on the hills I have won," he chuckled.

There is only one more week to wait to see if the Coor-Bred team or which he bowled, lands in the Top Ten. This is the only Observerland team among the leaders as the event draws to a close.

Rocks Slice Trenton

off first by the Trenton catcher.

But Jeff Stringham singled in Robb, Chiatlas walked, McDonald singled in Jim Willette, who singled in Chiatlas and Szilagyi singled in McDonald.

Trenton came back in the last of the inning to make it a ball game.

The roof all but fell on Plymouth in the fourth.

Mike Maleski singled and Jon Lutz walked. With one out, Fred Brueley singled in Maleski, Crawford walked to fill the sacks and Rock Coach Wayne Sparkman brought in Robb.

Livernis greeted Robb with a two-run single and Merhron singled to push Trenton ahead 3-5 advantage.

Robb then settled down to the fifth, sixth and seventh innings.

Milford Ousts Bentley, 3-1 From State Baseball Tourney

The Bulldog bite took on a little more than it could chew in its opening round of state tournament baseball competition.

Bentley High was quickly eliminated in the state's one-game knock-out tourney by Milford High in a pitcher's battle, 3-1.

Milford's Bruce Grace allowed two hits, walked two and struck out five. Bentley's Brent Boegler allowed just three hits, walked four and struck out five.

The Bulldogs wound up leaving nine men on base, Milford six.

Bentley opened the scoring in the last of the fourth. Mark Newell was safe on an error by Milford shortstop Steve Westemier. Bob Deacon sacrificed him to second.

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pered in when Bob Criss grounded out and Ernie Storm went down swinging to halt the Bulldog's lone threat.

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ing blow with a three-bagger to right center scoring Grace and Molvihill.

The Bulldogs failed to bounce back in their half of the sixth and Milford added another in the seventh.

Westemier drove a walk and was sacrificed to second by Bob Acree. Canton singled and Johnson squeaked in Westemier for run No. 3.

Bentley had visions of a rally in the last of the seventh.

In a pinchhitting role, Tom Schulz was safe on an error, but Bob Criss struck out and Storm grounded out. Dave Waldock kept things alive,

with a walk but Boegler grounded out to end the game.

Scoreboard table with columns for MILFORD and BENTLEY, listing players and scores.

RU Drops 2 League Clashes

The roar of the Redford Union Panther "baseball machine" dwindled to a small meow with two defeats in the Suburban Eight baseball tournament.

The defending champions now have a tough time defending their title.

RU fell to Belleville, 4-2, in the first round, and almost fell out of title contention.

Edsel Ford is leading with an 8-1 mark. Next in a three-way tie are Allen Park, Plymouth and RU, all sporting 5-4 league marks.

The Panthers boast an overall 10-7.

With five games remaining of the eight schedule, the three second place clubs have three games to pick up on Edsel Ford.

RU handed Belleville a league victory. Belleville scored all four runs in the fifth without the benefit of a run.

RU scored first in the top of the opening stanza when Gary Fuiks singled, moved to second on a wild pick-off attempt, and scored when Dave Dapsi threw a stolen base.

The Panthers made it 2-0 in the third. With two out, Fuiks singled, stole second and crossed home on a hit by Mark Yourcheck.

But the tide changed when RU took the field in the fifth.

Tom Miller went the distance for RU, gave up four hits, walked two and struck out six. It was Miller's second setback in seven decisions.

Chalking up the win for Allen Park was Bob Lewandowski who also allowed five hits, walked one and struck out two.

RU rallied once in the fourth when Richmond singled, was sacrificed to second by Steve Friedman and crossed home on a hit by Lupe Bravo.

Allen Park noticed it at one all: in the same stanza when after two outs, Jim

Perry doubled and Jeff Hrdlicka singled him home.

The Panthers again took the lead in the sixth on a walk to Richmond, a stolen base and hit up the middle by Bravo.

Again, Allen Park came back and this time to take the lead. Neil Leouhard walked, stole second and was sacrificed to third. He scored on a hit by Dan Burke who stole second.

Perry singled and Hrdlicka walked to load the bases. With one out, Tim Vencher sacrificed in Burke with what proved to be the deciding run.

Thurston Whips John Glenn, 5-2

The Northwest Suburban baseball scramble has taken on two different leaders as prep action heads into its final showdown week.

Thurston nipped Oak Park, 6-5, and front-runner John Glenn, 5-2, to push its Northwest mark to 8-4 for a tie with Franconia.

Glenn signed to an 8-5 record and Garden City East fell to Oak Park to stand 6-5.

Thurston has title thoughts in mind with a showdown coming up next Tuesday with Franconia.

Coach Emil Mayski used three pitchers against Oak Park.

Ken McLean started and lasted 1 1/2 innings, giving up four hits, Rick Bjiln worked one full inning, giving up two hits, followed by Mark Falvo who blanked the Redskins in the last 1 2/3 innings.

McLean picked up the win and Falvo the save.

Thurston pounded out 11 hits with Oak Park starter Gary Weiss taking the loss.

A single by John Roy and four-bagger by Ray Ivey gave Thurston a 2-0 margin in the first inning.

The Eagles opened up things in the third. Mike Robinson walked, Gary D'Ascenzo singled and Falvo singled to fill the sacks. Roy singled in two runners. Ivey singled in another and John Stein doubled to give Thurston a 5-1 lead.

One run in the top of the first inning was all Farmington High needed to upend Walled Lake Central in an Inter-Lakes Conference baseball battle.

The 1-0 defeat for Central was its first in the league. Farmington stands 5-3 in the loop, 7-5 overall.

Falcon junior Don Hunt picked up his second win working the first four in-

ning, allowing four hits, walking one and striking out one.

Dennis Hagen pitched the third three innings, gave up just one hit, walked none and struck out two.

Andy Holokak went the route for Walled Lake and took the loss, giving up six hits, walking one and striking out three.

The run came in the first with one out. Jeff Herman tripled to left center and Rick Pauline hit a sacrifice to center and in trotted Herman.

Farmington threatened to break things open in the sixth with the bases loaded and no outs. A double-play and strike out canned that rally.

Central had two runners on in the first and the bases loaded in the fourth but failed to score.

Central has all but wrapped up the Inter-Lakes with a 5-1 record. Farmington needs a final league win and Central has to drop its last two to make a tie.

AA St. Thomas Tips St. Agatha

Joe Silivwano drew another base on balls and RU Coach Bob Atkins had seen enough and in came Mark Hillier. He threw wild to second on an attempted pick-off to score Vance.

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