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Maybe it's the calm after the storm, but a wave of low scoring has struck all of the bowling lanes in Observerland.

There usually is a falling off after the major league seasons when the sharpshooters engage in what has been termed "the fun season." However, in other years, the scores were in keeping with the area's reputation of having some of the better bowlers in the state.

This year it has been different thus far. The bowlers really have turned from stiff competition to fun in such things as mixed leagues, two-bowling and many other versions of toting the ten pins.

Here and there one of them finds the groove — but it's not consistent. When asked for a reason the answer is always the same — just relaxing.

A familiar face has gone from the bowling scene in the suburban area.

Mac Goldman, manager of Merri-Bowl, from the day the establishment opened, has

departed from active duty and now is enjoying the early stages of retirement — far from the rumble of the tumbling tenpins.

In his place Irv Protech has taken over as manager. Midge Pashol, the voice of Westland Bowl, had a great time of it in the Gold Diggers League, all because of a big middle game.

She opened with a 177, followed with a 212 and closed with 173 for 562 that gave her the day's honors. But it was the big middle game that did it.

In the Coffee and Doughnut League, Shirley Gray took the honors with a 232 in 566 and in the singles Judy Whalen was high with 580. Meanwhile, Dee Engel came up with a 237 for high game of the week.

Edna Duffy showed the way in the Pawns League at Livonia Lanes. She posted a 187, set while Myrna Baade had a 218 for high single.

In the men's trio it was George Korona with a 218 in 585 who set the pace.

Last week it was mentioned here that Vicky Aird won a 632 in the Champions of Champions tournament was a 16-year-old lad.

This was in error for Vicky

is a girl — and a good bowler, too. Sorry for the mistake, and now she can have a good clipping for her scrap book.

Only two bowlers bettered double century figures in the men's trip at Bol-Are Lanes. Mort Friedman was high with 620 and Dave Muth had a 615. Third place went to Al Maidichio with 572 and Dave Killian posted a 560.

The Lost Week-Enders had a lot of fun, but no high scores as Ron Polen showed the way with 233, 245 and 221 for 419 in his second.

Tom Hassa came through with a 232 for high game. George Bashara showed them how it was done in the Wanderland Two Game Match Classic when he posted 689 for his four games. He linked counts of 245 and 212 in his first series and came back with games of 191 and 221 for 418 in his second.

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Penny McClain continued her pace-making role in the Women's Classic Doubles with a 657 series.

Farmington Legion Nips Troy

Farmington's American Legion baseball squad scored one in both the fourth and fifth innings to upend Troy, 2-0, and remain unbeaten in the 18th District standings. Farmington sports a 3-0 record with the Chief Pontiac

crew (the old Waterford team) the only other unbeaten team standing at 2-0. Rich Stringer went the distance for Farmington, giving up three hits, walking three and striking out 15. Taking the defeat for Troy was Ron

Ziegler. The Troy right-hander allowed eight hits, walked one and struck out three.

Farmington opened the scoring in the fourth inning. With one out, Don Hunt singled up the middle, and stole

second. With two out Tim Hammer beat out an infield hit as did Rob Holton to fill the bases. Randy Stringer laced a hit to right to score Hunt to make it 1-0. Sam Pink led off the Farmington fifth with a single and Hunt was hit by a pitch. Dave Washburn was safe on an error by the Troy first baseman to load the bases and with two outs, Hammer was safe on an error by the third baseman to score Pink.

Stevenson JVs Fall To W. Bloomfield, 10-6

West Bloomfield came out with six runs in the seventh inning to upend the Stevenson High School junior varsity baseball crew (D & G Heating) in first round action of Berry League Connie Mack American competition, 10-6.

Bloomfield squad in the final stanza.

Rich Edlen went the route for Bloomfield, giving up 10 hits, walking six and striking out seven.

Steve Gribick went the distance for the losers and gave up 10 hits, walked four and struck out seven.

West Bloomfield jumped to a 2-0 lead in the first when Chris Reynolds and Dave Cass walked, Mark Salisbury was hit by a pitch and Bob Jones singled.

D&G fought back to tie things up in the bottom of the stanza when Bob Minear walked, Paul Schmidt singled, and Jim Brock tripped.

D&G continued its hitting attack in the third. Brock started it off with a single, Gribick tripled, Mike Backley walked, Bob Finn singled and Jim Cox singled. Stevenson's junior team was up, 6-2.

West Bloomfield sliced the margin to two in the fourth when Tom Kickonen was hit by a pitch, Rick Edlen singled and Reynolds singled to make it 6-4.

The Bloomfield explosion in the seventh was started by Reynolds with a lead-off three bagger. Mark Salisbury doubled him home and scored the tying run on a single by Gary Nutnick.

Farmington Softball Open

STANDINGS	W	L	PT
Conn. Commodores	4	0	10
Steen Haus	4	1	10
Poly-Oleum	5	0	10
Assembly	4	2	8
Farmington Lins.	3	3	6
Kell C.	4	3	6
McLaughlin-Zach	1	6	2
Carrage House	0	6	0

SCORES
Assembly 11, Kell C. 7
Poly-Oleum 6, Steen Haus 0
Conn. Commodores 11, Zach 3
Lins vs Carrage House (rain)

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Poly-Oleum vs Lins, 6:30 p.m.
Zach vs Kell C., 7:35 p.m.
Assembly vs Carrage House, 8:45 p.m.
Construction vs Steen Haus, 9:45 p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Lins vs Carrage House, 4:15 p.m.

Livonian Aces Oasis' 9th

James Caruso, 55, of 18386 Ingram in Livonia, scored a hole-in-one on the 185-yard ninth hole at the Oasis Golf Center.

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Redford Topples Dearborn, 5-0

Redford Adray pushed the mark to 3-0 in the Livonia circuit with a 5-0 victory over Dearborn.

Mark Miller was the Redford story with a two-hit attack against Dearborn, both hits coming in the sixth. After two were out, Miller walked six and struck out seven.

Singles by Steve Friedman and Mark Miller, an error and a sacrifice by Broder pushed it to 5-0 in the sixth.

Thurston Golfer Ready For EMU

Bob Proben, top junior golfer in the Detroit area for five straight years, has signed a national letter of intent to enroll at Eastern Michigan University.

Proben, a graduate of Thurston High School who won Detroit junior titles between the ages of 12 and 17, will join his older brother, Tom, on the EMU golf team.

Tom, who will be a senior, transferred to EMU last year from Schoolcraft College.

Early this spring, the younger Proben captured a share of the title in the first of five Michigan Public Golf Association handicap tournaments. He fashioned a six-under-par 66 on a 35-33-68 with his two-stroke handicap.

Dan Rowley and Bob Rowley followed with singles and Vince Vuchard tripped them home. He scored himself on a thrilling error and Bloomfield had come from behind to win its Berry League opener.

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Westland Whips NF Koebel, 13-1

North Farmington fell to Westland for its defeat in Adray baseball competition, 13-1.

Westland banged out 13 hits and pushed its record to 2-1.

Del Malloch went the route for Westland, giving up four hits, walking none and striking out nine, in chalking up his first win.

The same threesome that suffered a 16-4 lashing against Birmingham took the whipping on the North Farmington mound — Greg Babiak, Jerry Doot and Rick Garneau. Starter Babiak was credited with the loss.

Westland scored three times in the first when Kim Herbert walked, Karney Derderian was hit by a pitch, J.P. McBride singled and Art Match doubled.

A double by Malloch and single by Derderian pushed it to 4-0 in the second.

Glen Ambrose led off the Westland third when he was

safe on an error by the third baseman, moved to second on a passed ball and scampered around on a hit by Ken Robinson to make it 5-0.

Westland increased it to 8-0 in the fourth on singles by McBride, Match and Ambrose and a two-bagger by Tony Dattilio.

North Farmington broke into the scoring column in the fifth on singles by Garneau, Ciavella and Doot. But Westland added two more in the bottom of the stanza on a single by Jeff Hodgkins, walk to Derderian and double by McBride.

Westland finished its scoring in the sixth. Ambrose led off with a two-bagger, Bob McSpadden was hit by a pitch, Robinson was safe on a throwby error and Doug Reed singled.

J.P. McBride was the standout for Westland with three hits in four at bats including a double and four runs batted in.

Junior Golf Clinic Tees Off Monday

Youngsters interested in learning fundamental and proper etiquette of golf will get in line Monday morning before 9 o'clock to register for the annual junior clinic conducted by Whispering Willows pro Gary Whitener. Whitener and his staff have

conducted the clinic each year since Livonia's municipal course opened at the corner of Newburgh and Eight Mile Roads.

It extends over a period of four Mondays with instructions in the fundamental golf strokes, proper way to hold a club, proper swing and then a chance to play a hole or two.

At the same time the youngsters, who come from every section of Observerland, will receive special courses in proper etiquette. This is considered necessary when they start playing the course.

"Etiquette to us is an absolute must," said Whitener. "Then, when kids start playing, they won't interfere with the play of others on the course."

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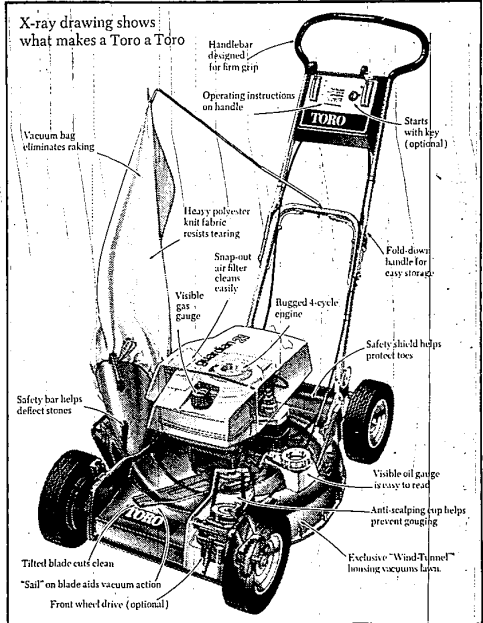
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