

# IN THE POCKET

By W.W. EDGAR

The American Bowling Congress is losing no time in combatting the current fad of soaking bowling balls in chemicals to soften the outer shell to gain high scores.

When the danger of the practice came to light, the Congress, admitting it had no rule at the moment to ban the use of the chemicals, chose another route.

It ordered a nationwide investigation through its city associations and then ruled that special attention would be paid to the ABC standards for circumference and weight of the balls in sanctioned play.

Soaking the ball in chemicals has a tendency to cause a swelling of the ball and softening of the shell. These actions now can be spotted and the balls ruled out of play-- until the rules committee has a chance to come up with new regulations.

Two young fellows who used to work as pinsetters at Farmington Lanes returned to their old haunts last week to steal the show in league competition in the role of substitutes.

Competing in the Men's Junior House League, Dick Davis had a 248 in 726 and Ken Hibbs, bowling in the American Legion League, had a 254 in 661.

Not bad for subs, eh?

To add to the outstanding performances of the week at Farmington Lanes, Gloria Mertz paced the women's noon classic with a 221 in 571 and Joan Wenson, a 14-year-old, set a new mark for the Junior High girls with a 221 in 603.

Gary Wynn, a 164 average bowler, will remember his appearance this week in the Guys and Dolls League at Garden Lanes with mixed emotions.

He strung together 11 strikes in a row--the best he ever has done--and then was denied a perfect game when a balky No. 10 pin stood on the final ball.

Although he missed double century figures in his final game, Hal Jolley paced the Westland Classic and broke the 700 barrier. He opened with a 254 and followed with 266 before falling to 197 for a 717.

Close behind him came Don McLeod with 683 and Dick Beattie with a 679.

Shirley Gray, bowling in the Westlanders, showed the way to the women with a 223 middle game in 623, while Shirley Jose paced the Ladies Classic with a 234 in 617.

Only five bowlers beat double century figures in the Garden Classic where Al Masseur showed the way with a 658. The others were Earl Rosebury 637, Fred

McLain 634, Herb Warner 622 and Dick Preston 621.

Al Freberger won a place on the Honor Roll at Country Lanes when he converted the 7-10 split. He carries a 166 average.

Gary Wilson took top honors in the Ivonla Lanes Ladies Classic for the second week in a row when she posted a 495-102-597 that included a high single game of 169-34-203. Other high single winners were Lois Merriman with 194-22-216 and Lillian Beatty with 166-49-215.

Tom Gualdoni took the lead role in the Teen Classic at Merri-Bowl with a 626 on games of 212, 181 and 233.

At Mayflower Lanes, Dorothy Paluch, a 138 average bowler, walked off with top honors by posting a high series of 539 while Myrtle Ringe won high single with a 202.

An opening game of 269 enabled Joe Poplars to pace the Bel-Aire Classic with a 687 and gain a 20 pin edge over Dick Witty, his closest rival.

Joe Ducher was top man in the Senior House loop with 643, while Ed Fetter had a 639 and Harry Kelch a 631 that included a 259 game.

In the Businessmen's League it was Cliff George with 650 who took high honors with Erwin Lipshy taking second with a 637.

John Lennon showed the way in the Thursday Mixed League by shooting a 668, but high game honors went to Guido Tenaglia who had a 256 in 615. Chris Stevenson outrolled the women with a 525 and Dot Bashara was runnerup with a 506.

The oddest series of the week was rolled in the Odd Couples League when Don Amato ran up eight strikes in a row and 264 game, yet had to settle for a 610 series.



JOHN COVACH of Plymouth is starting guard and linebacker for Northwestern University's football squad. The 180-pound senior's parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Covach.

## Ocelots Win 4th, 5-1

Schoolcraft College scored its fourth straight soccer victory in defeating Kalamazoo Valley, 5-1.

George Kala netted two goals for Schoolcraft with Kamrin Asdighall, Arthur Wyszynski and Russ Thomas coming up with one each.

## Farmington Golfers Clip Hawks, 201-219

Farmington High golfers made amends for two losses to Harrison last season in a match at Godwin Glenn with a 201-219 triumph.

It was Harrison's third setback in seven outings.

Farmington was paced by medalist Jeff Herman with a par 36, followed by Scott

Meili at 40, Keith Clemence at 41, Don Hunt and Bill Lapham with 42s and Chuck Wagner at 48.

John VanVleck headed Harrison with a four-over-par 40. Mike Majeski and Gary Hawthorne were next in line with 42s, followed by Jim Smith and Tom Bradley with 48s and Dan Decreane at 49.

## Bulldog 3-Milers Win Double Dual

The Bentley Bulldogs swept the first six of seven places to win two meets in one.

It was a double duel for Bentley against Suburban Eight foe Trenton and Ypsilanti, with the Bulldogs blanking Ypsilanti, 15-49, and running past Trenton, 18-44.

Bentley's Jay Kirksey and Tom Hosey ran one-two, Kirksey clocking the three miles in 16:10 followed by Hosey in 16:12. Trenton's John Minnihan placed third in 16:29.

The next three finishers

were all wearing the Bentley green in Alex Charns, fourth (16:35); Chuck Kovach, fifth (16:42); Paul Bien, sixth (16:46); and Steve Spreitzer, seventh (16:58).

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