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# In The Pocket.

By W.W. EDGAR



Bob Strampe, the slender Detroit bowler who won the national all-star a decade ago, scored the biggest coup of the bowling season last week at Indianapolis when he organized a team of "pick-ups" and won the prestigious ABC Classic title by a single pin.

Because he competes now and then in the pro tour, Bob isn't a regular member of a team in the area. But he never misses any of the big events.

So when time for the Classic rolled around, Bob picked up a few buddies in the same predicament to join in the fun. Here's where he pulled the "coup". All he did was get such stars as Don Carter, Ray Bluth, two of the all-time greats; Johnny Guenther and Jim Godman, two of the top money winners on the pro circuit, to join him.

On their record this possibly was the strongest team that could be recruited. At that, they had to go to the final ball to win. Trailing the Munsingwear team of Minneapolis by 62 pins with less than four frames to go they finished with a 1,061 game for 3,117 to win by a pin.

Few teams ever have finished stronger than Strampe and his mates. They got nine of their 76 strikes in the last three frames, while Munsingwear garnered only five. This made the difference and the victory was worth \$840 a man. Not bad for a pick-up team.

Two more bowlers broke the 700

barrier over the past week in the various classics.

The first of these was Don McLeod who linked games of 245, 214 and 244 for 703 in the Westland Classic. The second was the work of Vic Wilkinson at Farmington Lanes where a big 278 game sent him on his way to a 714.

At Westland, McLeod wasn't seriously challenged for high scoring honors as Bob Benson took second place with a 685 and Rich Clark was two pins further back despite a 289 middle game.

Deris Turner showed the way in the women's division with a 595 that included games of 208 and 212.

Pressure has a way of causing bowlers to choke up a bit as their scores mount. This is what happened to Norma Johnson at Plaza Bowl. After bowling games of 215 and 213 she fell to 175 and had to be content with a 665.

Meanwhile, two of the senior citizens shared the spotlight when Howard Wendt converted the 7-9 split and Bertha Shaw posted a 128 triplicate.

Scores dropped off a bit in the Garden Lanes Classic where Ted Kress needed only 642 to pace the field. Behind him came Gordie Cantwell with 634 and Dennis Gatcher with 628.

Few bowlers can roll closer to their average than Alice McCann did last week at Woodland Lanes.

Carrying a 114 average she turned in games of 113, 112 and 111.

This is the season when the leagues start crowning their champions and the first to do it at Country Lanes was the 7-1 loop where Jerry Healy's

team topped the list of 18 combinations.

High average for the season in the house is now claimed by George Jacoboni with a 188.

They staged a battle royal in the Senior House League at Bel-Aire Lanes before Bill Engstrom landed on top with an even 700 on games of 258, 240 and 202.

In fact he was trailing Joe Duchon going into the final game as Joe had posted a 256 and a 255. Then, with the lead in sight, Joe slumped to 179 and Engstrom passed him. Bob Somers trailed this pair with a 644.

The Classic also had a close race where Larry Reins set the pace and was followed by Bill Rose with 655, Ken Cummings with 653 and Denny Feloni with 651.

In the Businessmen's circuit Walt Voelke lead the parade with a 655 while Ron Ender landed second with 727. Bill Etherington was next in line with 622 and Ron Wolfski was fourth with a 619 that included a 531 game.

Three ladies topped double century figures in the Ladies Classic. Gay Nickle showed the way with a 225 in 625 while Gale Fehrendah took the runnerup spot with a 246 in 616 and Bonnie Dasick was third with a 253 in 599.

Lillian Beattie set the pace in the Livonia Lanes Ladies Classic with one of her best performances of the season.

She won the series with 631-126-657 and that included a high single of 197-42-234. In the other games Madeline Donehue won the first with 206-45-251 and Bee Briggs took the second with 182-36-218.

## Catholic Central jumps by Franklin, 68½-54½

Catholic Central pulled a clean sweep in the field events to pave the way to a 68½-54½ non-league track victory over Franklin.

Franklin did win four individual running events with Dan Quinn capturing the 100 yard dash in 10.4 and the 200 in 23.5.

But CC took the 880 and mile relays to up its mark to 2-1 while the Patriots slipped to a 1-2 showing. Results:

SHOT PUT: (Franklin) CC, 17; 5-Rae (F), 14; 3-McCormick (CC), 12. HIGH JUMP: (Franklin) CC, 57; 5-Lee (F), 54; 3-Owens (CC), 52. LONG JUMP: (Franklin) CC, 18; 5-Lee (F), 17; 3-Kawach (CC), 17.5. RELAY: (Franklin) CC, 1:34; 5-Franklin, 1:32.

50 YARD DASH: (Franklin) F, 11.4; 5-Gentler (F), 11.4; 3-Murphy (CC), 11.4.

100 YARD DASH: (Franklin) CC, 11.8; 5-Bridgely (CC), 11.8; 3-Owens (CC), 11.7.

200 YARD DASH: (Franklin) F, 23.5; 5-Cris (F), 23.5; 3-Gentler (CC), 23.5.

POLE VAULT: (Franklin) CC, 17; 5-Mapes (F), 17; 3-Mapes (F), 17.

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## Western Suburban Open slo - pitch softball loop begins action Sunday

The suburbs answer to the Major Metro Softball League, the Western Suburban Open loop, kicks off its 112 game schedule this Sunday, April 28.

All of the Suburban Open play will consist of Sunday doubleheaders at the Thompson Memorial Field, located on Six Mile Rd. near Beck in Northville.

Starting this Sunday, there will be 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. bills through Aug. 25.

The opening program pits the Plymouth Canton Merchants against

the Jock Shop of Ypsilanti at 4 p.m. Big Three Collision out of Livonia and Plymouth will match talent with Hart Precision of Redford at 6 p.m.

It will pit last year's Farmington Lions squad which is now Berry's against Kerns & Wolverine out of Farmington at 8 p.m.

Plymouth Street and Len's Dry Wall wait a week to open the 74 campaign. The two will go against one another in the 4 p.m. contest on Sunday, May 5. Big Three Collision and Berry's play at 6 p.m. and Hart Precision and Kerns & Wolverine at 8 p.m.

### Holds school marks

With one-third of the 1974 baseball season played, Wayne State University senior outfielder Ken Madeja held school career batting marks for runs, runs batted in, home runs, triples, extra-base hits and total bases.

### Man-of-Year

Fred Snowden, former Wayne State University basketball and baseball captain, was named 1973 Tucson (Ariz.) Man of the Year for his coaching work at the University of Arizona and his civic contributions.

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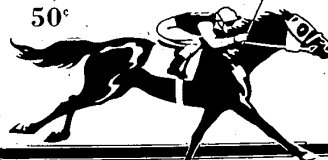
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