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# In The Pocket

By W.W. EDGAR

Now that the American Bowling Congress has initiated a study on lane conditions throughout the country more and more bowlers are using this as an excuse when their scores take a drop. They immediately blame it on lane conditions—either too much oil or not enough.

Nary a word is said about the pins. Yet, it isn't very long ago that the complaints all centered on the pins. They were too short in some cases and in others they were claimed to be "dead"—that is, there was no life in them.

For a long time two of the older houses in Detroit produced high scores—the old Garden on Woodward Avenue and Wurm's on Gratiot Avenue. No one could understand why.

At the Garden it was claimed that the skylight brought more sunshine on the lanes and the pins acted differently. Irvy Gies, the proprietor, just laughed. Later he explained that he buffed the lanes to a line about six feet in front of the head pin, "so a complaint ball had a chance to work." That was accepted.

At Wurm's it was a different story. After listening to the complaints one night, Chuck Woods, the manager, laughingly asked, "Did you look to see where we keep our pins?" Then he pointed out that they were stored next to the boiler room and always kept warm. "They always have life in them," he explained, and the bowlers understood.

A FROWN from Lady Luck spoiled a great night for William Batterton in the Waterford Men's League at Plaza Bowl.

After bowling 10 strikes in a row and apparently headed for a perfect game he left up the No. 10 pin on his eleventh ball and had to settle for a 268. At that, he finished with an even 600.

JULIUS BRODY went on a scoring spree in the senior citizens league at Livonia Lanes. When he finished he was 154 pins over his average and the owner of a new mark for the league.

He rolled games of 225, 195 and 215 for 635. It was the first 600 bowled in the league this season.

THE TEAM junior house league at Westland had something to shout about this week when Gil Goss paced the circuit with a 267 game in a 685 series. Both counts were high for the year while the Kirk Studio team moved out in front with a record of 44 victories and 12 defeats.

On the ladies side Linda Johnson rolled a 231 game to beat Judd Whalen's former mark by a single pin. While she gained this slight margin Marcie Blashor took high series with a 226 in 583.

CHUCK MOORE now knows what it is like to bowl under pressure. Taking his regular turn in the University Men's League at Country Lanes he opened with games of 212 and 258. Then, with a great series in sight the roof caved in, and he slumped to a 145 for a 615.

Not only did he miss a big series but he had to yield scoring honors for the night to Herb Mussen, a 170 average bowler, who linked games of 220, 178 and 225 for a 623.

Profiting by a big opening game of 244 Bob Boss took top honors in the Bel-Aire Classic. Following his big count he added games of 217 and 211 for 672.

At that figure he had a four-pin edge on Bob Maynard who had a 244 in 688, while Dave Kalsowksi landed in third place with 660.

Behind this trio came Ed Murr with 654, Terrell Smith with 648 and Danny Feloni with 646 to round a night of good scoring.

Hal Jolley, one of the area's all stars, was embarrassed beyond words at Westland Bowl when one bad roll cost him the pace-making role in the senior house league.

It wasn't the ordinary bad pitch where you just miss the headpin. This was a gutter ball and forced him to accept the runner-up role with a 666, one pin back of Bob Garrett who linked 241, 225 and 201 for 667.

KAY HARMON who carries only a 129 average, did the unusual in the Livonia Ladies Classic when she won two games and series with a grand total of 656-147-643.

After Dee Briggs won the opener with 195-37-232, Kay won the second with 170-49-219 and the third with 153-49-212.

TOM BRICELAND landed in the winners' circle at Garden Lanes with a 663 count that came on games of 242, 222 and 219. Four others bettered double-century figures. Bill Montgomery fashioned a 558, Larry Brandt a 628, Harold Vioian, a 619, and Roger Throton trailed with a 612.

Darlene Varley, who carries a 150 overall, topped the Wednesday league with 540, and Marge Van Ness was high in the Tuesday circuit with a 583.

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