

In The Pocket



By
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How does it feel to be writing a new page in bowling history by on the first women's team to bowl in a hitherto all-star men's league?

You can take the word of Mary Molucci, the Livonia teacher, that it was one of the most peculiar feelings she ever had in her many years of looking down the maples.

Mary was a member of the Bonanza team that made its debut in the men's all star last week by winning two of the three games by rolling a 2976 series.

"Words cannot fully express my feelings as we were bowling with the Struh team on one side of us and the Goebel team on the other."

"I was simply awed," she said as

she recalled the experience.

During her career, Mary has experienced more thrills than usually come to a woman bowler!

On two occasions she was named "Queen" of the Detroit bowlers, and she has won state and city titles against the keenest of competition in the ladies league.

She also has had the thrill of representing the United States in the International Federation championship. But, according to her, that opening night against the men was something she never will forget.

WESTLAND BOWL can lay claim to being the capital of women's bowling for the coming season.

On Tuesday mornings, for instance,

there are 216 women on the lanes at the same time. Of this group, 168 are bowling in a league of 42 four-women teams.

At the same time there is another league of 16 three-women teams. There is no other establishment in the area that can come up with such numbers early in the day.

THE AMERICAN BOWLING CONGRESS has reached an all time high in membership.

According to the final figures for the 1971-72 season, released this week, the membership reached 4,383,460. This figure surpasses the glory years of the 60s when the membership hit its previous high with 4,575,000.

Playoffs settle club tournament

Dave Parker and Bob Roth each won a three-hole playoff to capture championship-flight titles recently at the Farmington Country Club Tournament.

Parker and R.B. Johnson were tied after the regulation 54-hole medal-play competition, but Parker went on to win the playoff, 3-0. Roth overcame Bruce Sauer, 3-0, in the playoff to determine the low-net championship.

Ernie Holton won the first flight low net title. Jim Dunkel and Gerald Griffin finished second and third respectively. In the second flight competition, Bill Patterson finished first ahead of Hank Chulurmovich and John Wells.

Charlie Rogers, Rex Smith and Bob Patti finished one-two-three respectively in the third flight play. Doug Winter won the fourth flight. Rob Kunz took second, and Harry Zarvos was third.

Area hockey coach studies Soviet game

"Very impressive," said Cranbrook hockey coach Ted Kelley about the Soviet training of their athletes. "We know it, but they do it."

Kelley found out the Soviet way of training an athlete by taking part in it during three weeks in June. During the 31-day program, he stayed at the Soviet Institute of Sports in Moscow, the headquarters in sports training.

"It was one of the best experiences I ever had educationally, both academically and athletically," said Kelley, who was sponsored by Cranbrook. The trip was part of physical education exchange program between the University of Moscow and Concordia University of Montreal. Kelley was one of five Americans who participated in the program of 75 teachers and coaches.

A typical day during Kelley's stay in Moscow involved four hours of classroom instruction, and then going on the ice for three hours. The classroom dealt with every aspect of the game from coaches, doctors, statisticians, engineers, physiologists and psychologists.

"They go into hockey into enormous depth," said Kelley. "I thought that was the most impressive area that they taught in class."

"Also the physiological motivation of the athlete was much discussed, how much can they take, how much weight they can carry, how many sprints can they do. Each day we went through both aspects."

IN THE AFTERNOON they'd go through skating drills which would implement some of the physiology. The drills would emphasize agility on ice, tumbling, jumping.

"These drills supposed to develop agility, balance and courage. When you're jumping at high speeds, you must perform a skill movement, but it also takes a lot of courage."

The Soviet system implements these skills to a high degree, says Kelley. Each player has a purpose that fits into the Soviet's team play.

Soviet students of athletics begins training at age seven—and stays at a boarding school during that time. There they learn all the drills and the training to make an athlete. Before they get on the ice, they practice Soviet dry land training. This is running, gymnastics stretching—anything to prepare for what must be done on ice.

"It's very impressive and an interesting way to teach, I think," says Kelley. "A lot of American athletes would like to be a part of a system like this I think, but we don't pool our resources to make the best athletes we can."

KELLEY IS VERY IMPRESSED with the Soviet method of training, and he plans on bringing some of the methods that he learned back to Cranbrook.

"There's certain areas I hope to employ, not only to win more games, but for the athlete to reach his full potential both physiologically and psychologically."

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