

In The Pocket.



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Maybe it was the cold wintry blasts which helped bowlers always claim seasons have much to do with scoring, but the top sharpshooters in the classic leagues around the area had a field day on the heels of the storm last week.

Snow can't stop tankers

Most athletic events were cancelled last weekend because of the snow storm.

However, the Bulldog Aquatic Club's Class A Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) swimming meet was held as scheduled last Saturday at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. And Scott Christie of the Michigan Stingrays is glad it was.

Christie, swimming in the boys' 9-10 year-old group, finished first in four individual events and swam on a winning relay to pace the Stingrays' efforts in the 4-club meet. He was the high-point winner in his age group.

Christie won the 200-yard freestyle

The greatest jump came at Westland Bowl where the 700 barrier was broken twice and scores in general were higher than usual.

In the Little Caesar's league at Westland, Bob Golke Jr. and Bob Javor staged a spirited struggle for

the pace-making role with the result that both broke the magic barrier.

Javor put together games of 257, 217 and 238 for 712, while Golke was two pins back with counts of 238, 226 and 246 for 710.

Others with high scores included Ken Hoplein with 257 and 224 in 658 and Randy Ortwin with 256 and 212 in 650.

On the women's side, Sherry Neikro had 211 and 221 in 610 and Ev Hubble had a 235 in 695.

One of the best showings outside of the classics was that of Carol Sopola. Bowling in the coffee and donuts league, she posted a 255 in 619.

MARION HEATH had one of her best days in the Livonia Ladies Classic. She won the middle game of the three-game series with 234-265 and the series with 558-93-648.

In the other games, Dorothy Goryca won the opener with 225-22-248 and Ethel Meisner took the final with 179-35-214.

ED BATOR went on a scoring spree in the St. Norbert league at Garden Lanes. He strung games of 207, 209 and 226 for 662 to go 142 pins over his aver-

age. His closest rivals were Ken Young with 618, and Frank Ostowski with 601. Others with double-century figures in the Moose league were John Hockett with 654, Jess Melendret with 619 and Bud Patton with 611.

In the St. Linus league, Ken Urbanczyk showed the way with 646. Dave Bailey was next in line with 623 and Don Duernie landed third with 621.

TOM MARRA, a member of the junior high school league at Farmington Lanes, turned in an unusual performance in his regular league session last week. He converted the 6-7 and the 6-7-10 splits in consecutive frames.

Another junior who hit a peak was Don Rail, a 12-year-old lad, who rolled a 221 in 540 while bowling in the Parent-Youth league.

In the mixed classic, the Vandervills were at it again. Gary showed the way with a 246 in 613, and Jan paced the women with a 232 in 586. The high game was a 248 by Frank Urban, who had a 248 in 632.

THE BURROUGHS LEAGUE at Plymouth Bowl furnished one of the best feats during the week. It came when Frederick Mailer, a 160 bowler, found the pocket for a 250 game.

OU to play Taiwan team

East will meet mid-west when the Oakland University women's basketball team hosts the National Women's basketball squad from Taiwan at 7 p.m. on Feb. 21 in Oakland University's Sports and Recreation Building.

The Taiwan team will be making its first appearance in the Midwest for this basketball game.

General admission tickets for the event are \$3. A special rate of \$2 per ticket is available for groups of 10 or more. The deadline for buying group tickets is Feb. 10.

The game is the result of the work of Oakland women's coach Rose Swidzinski. Two players from the Oakland University women's team participated in an international tournament in Taiwan last summer.

The game is sanctioned by the Amateur Basketball Association of the U.S.

University women will represent China Airlines. Additional information may be obtained by calling the OU athletic department at 377-3190, or the Pontiac special events office at 857-7788.

Area girl helps NMU team

Northern Michigan University's women's gymnastics team won two dual meets recently — and an area girl played a big part in the victories. Sophomore Gail Strom, a graduate of North Farmington High School, posted a four-event all-around total of 25.92 scores as Northern Michigan defeated North Dakota (22.54-47.80) and North Dakota Mayville State (22.55-50.45). Her all-around total was good for a first place against Mayville

and a second place against North Dakota.

Strom's strongest showing came in the floor exercise, where she logged 7.80 points.

Host North Dakota led Northern entering the meet's final event, the floor exercise. However, the Wildcat women won the meet with a one-two victory over the event. Coach Lowell Meier's NMU team has a 5-1 dual-meet record with the victories.

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College queen
candidate
plays flute

Freshman Lou Ann Sweczyk, of Farmington, is a candidate for Winter Carnival Queen at Michigan Technological University, Houghton. She is a chemical engineering major and will perform a flute solo in the talent portion of the competition. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sweczyk. Her entrance in the competition is sponsored by a floor in Coed Hall, a campus dormitory.



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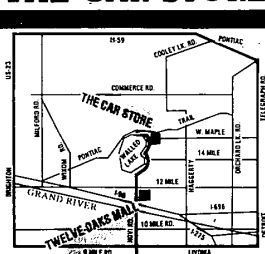
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