

In The Pocket

By
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With Gerry Ritter, the Southfield all-star, leading the way, the metropolitan Detroit contingent made a shambles of the standings in the Women's State Tournament at Sunset Lanes in Kalamazoo.

Gerry wrote her name indelibly into the record book when she rolled a perfect game—the first ever in the tournament—on the way to a 714 series.

The perfect game was all the more remarkable in that it came in the first session in the team event. In running up the 12 strikes, she was in the pocket in most every frame. While the emotion was at its peak, Gerry came back with games of 190 and 224.

While the Southfield star garnered most of the spotlight, the Farmington team of the Bonanza all-star classic also created havoc in the standings with a 1204 game and an actual count of 3145 to take the lead in the team event.

Gerry's Bonanza team finished second with 2943 and third place went to Marge Kropacek's Livonia Bowling Sales team with 2804.

To complete the shuffling of the

leaders, Lavola Brown and Mary Kilgore took the doubles lead with 1242. Carol Gaddis and Terry Grant landed second with 1172, and Marge Kropacek teamed with Jerry Hansen for 1161 and third place. Terry Grant topped all events with 1972.

WITH ANOTHER big entry, the Detroit Women's Bowling Association opens its annual city tournament Saturday at Strike & Spare Lanes on Maple just east of Telegraph.

The opening ceremonies are scheduled for 1:30 p.m. and three squads will bowl during the rest of the day. The tourney will run weekends for the next month.

SCORING REACHED a new high in the junior house league at Farmington Lanes when two of the sharpshooters broke the 700 barrier.

Bill Stephenson showed the way with games of 268, 235 and 245 for 748. And right behind came Gary Grimes who had mixed emotions as he posted a 725. He missed a perfect game in his last session when a stubborn No. 10 pin didn't fall and held him to a 299 after games of 189 and 227.

Another feature performance on the Farmington Lanes was turned in by Michelle Ingalls, an 11-year-old student at Longacre School, who fashioned a 192 game.

In the Friday ladies classic, Terry Duty rolled a 255 in 627 to beat Jan Vanderwill by eight pins. Jan had a 233 in her 619. Steve Hamlin, the proprietor's youngest son, was high with a 227 in 605.

THE SENIOR CITIZENS had a great time at Plaza Lanes and when the firing subsided, Gil Blomdin was in front with a 572 made possible by a closing game of 216. Gene Brown was in the thick of the race with a middle game of 366 in 632.

TWO MORE 700 series were bowled in the area during the past week. Bob Golke Jr. paced the Little Caesar's Classic at Westland with a 255 opener on his way to a 705. In the senior house league at Woodland Lanes, Mike Smart closed with a 260 game in his barrier-breaking count of 709.

Another feature at Woodland was produced when Keith Bigelow, a 142 bowler, hit a 220.

Hockey race settled

The Southfield Over 30 Hockey League's regular season went down to the final buzzer of the last game before a champion was determined.

And for the second year in a row, the league champion turned out to be Holiday Inn of Southfield.

Holiday Inn finished the regular season on top of the eight-team league with a 12-4-5 record, including a 1-1 tie with Suburban Sports Center last Thursday. Spartan Concrete, which could have won the title by beating Star Lincoln-Mercury in the 10:50 p.m. game last Thursday, suffered a 1-0 upset loss at the hands of Star.

The Holiday Inn-Suburban Sports game was scoreless until late in the second period when Suburban's Bill Boyd scored from John Waterman. During a third-period power play, Holiday Inn's John Thomas scored from Bill Swink and Jerry Kowalski to knot the game at one all.

With the league title still in doubt, the attendance at the 10:50 p.m. game between Spartan and Star was the largest of the season. Star's Greg Van-Cant tallied from Mike Prentice late in the game to provide the 1-0 upset.

The victory gave Star a 9-8-4 final record. The loss dropped Spartan into a third-place tie with Concourse Camera. Both teams finished with 27 points.

In another game Thursday, Concourse Camera defeated Roger Penske Chevrolet, 4-3. Paul Kezele scored a pair of goals for Concourse, and team-

mates Ray Tremblay and Derrick Reynolds each added a tally. Bob Kie-fuk scored two goals for Penske, and Don Brooks scored with one second left to play.

Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home, which finished in second place with a 13-4-2 record, ended its regular season with 32 victory over last-place and winless Northland Heating. Bill Miller and Dave Fay each scored a goal to stake Northland to a 2-0 lead before Sawyer-Fuller came back with goals by Roy Brandon, Frank Goldberg and Don Ellis.

By losing, Northland was assured of a league record — 21 straight losses and an entire regular season without a single point.

The Over 30 League teams enter their four-week playoff series on Thursday, with four games. Holiday Inn plays Penske at 9:40 p.m. Southfield Civic Center Arena.

OVER 30 HOCKEY LEAGUE

FINAL STANDINGS — Holiday Inn of Southfield—12-4-5 won-loss tie record. Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home—13-4-2. Spartan Concrete—12-1-1. Concourse Camera—12-5-2. Star Lincoln-Mercury—8-8-7. Suburban Sports Center—8-9-4. Roger Penske Chevrolet—5-14-1. Northland Heating—2-21-0.

PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

THURSDAY (MARCH 2) — Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home vs. Northland Heating, 7:30 p.m.; Spartan Concrete vs. Star Lincoln-Mercury, 8:30 p.m.; Holiday Inn of Southfield vs. Roger Penske Chevrolet, 9:40 p.m.; Concourse Camera vs. Suburban Sports Center, 10:50 p.m. All games will be played at the Southfield Civic Center Arena, 1600 Evergreen.

Recreation cage standings

Following are the win-loss records of the teams in the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department's Men's Basketball League. Standings reflect games played through Feb. 23.

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