

# In The Pocket



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When accolades are passed out at the conclusion of the league season, a special award should be given to Tom McKay and his Gobel team for its part in one of the most heart warming charities in the area—providing leader dogs for the blind.

Early in the season when the charity plan was conceived, it was felt that, properly presented, the program would provide two dogs, each of which would cost approximately \$4,000.

Now, with only two more exhibitions to go, the leader dog fund has reached \$11,201, and chances are favorable that it will exceed \$12,000 when the team appears in Niles May 6-7, with shows in two different houses.

The fund was almost assured of going over the top last Sunday when

\$2,356 was raised at Luxury Lanes, where a capacity gathering watched the bowlers perform.

The program is a joint venture with the Leader Dogs for the Blind school in Rochester. The dogs are highly trained to help sightless persons.

The program calls not only for the purchase of the dog, but also training for the recipient. That's what raises the cost to \$4,000 per dog.

So successful has been the program that it is certain to be continued next bowling season. It is the most unique in the country.

A RECORD TURNOUT greeted the bowlers as they opened the metro Detroit city tournament over the past

weekend at Satellite Bowl.

When the final pin had fallen, Howard Britton's team from the Dearborn Elks was out in front with a handicap score of 3,284. This was just nine pins better than Carle Scoral's ABC Trophies rolled.

The Elks team had an actual pin count of 2,528 and the Redford combination fashioned an even 2,900.

SOMETHING AGING TO A RECORD was set at Woodland Lanes during the past week when Roger Wolfram rolled a 705 series. The series was not unusual, but it was one of the few registered this season by a member of a senior citizens league.

To crash the 700 barrier, he linked

games of 235, 242 and 228.

BOB ROSE, who has been bowling at a great rate in the past few weeks, survived a real close battle to win the pace-making role in the Little Caesar's Classic at Westland Bowl.

He put together games of 226, 210 and 225 for 661 and a four-pin margin over Bob Schode, who posted a 658 on counts of 210, 254 and 193. Jerry Cole Sr. wound up in third place with a 648 that came with a closing game of 233.

ON THE LADIES' side, Jeri Beattie showed the way with games of 224 and 247 in 630. Trailing her were Mary Mahasi with 617 and Pat Rizzo with 594.

In the ladies' classic, Pam Campbell was high with 597. Kay Wickline followed with 577 and Toni Smith had a 227 in 561.

CONSISTENT BOWLING paid off for Delores Dowhan in the final session of the ladies classic at Livonia Lanes when she won the series with 542-550 without taking a game. In the first game, Dorothy Goryea landed in front with 196-21-217. Shirley Appicelli took the second with 191-44-235, while Theresa Bensus captured the third with 214-26-242.

ONLY ONE PIN separated the leaders in the Moose League at Garden Lanes when Bill Turnow turned in a 610 and Mike Debus followed with 209.

Dick Longwish landed third with 606. IN THE MONDAY men's league at Plaza Lanes, Dennis Seeman had an odd experience. He opened with a 270, then seemingly fell apart as he dropped to a 205 in the second game and then to 181 in the final for a 656.

It was much the same with Lou Cordos at Plymouth Bowl. He started with a 223, fell to 166 and closed with 222 for 601.

Earlier last week, Whitmore Lake downed Christian, 5-2. Robbie Vosler had a double and a single and knocked in a run for the losers.

Christian plays next on Friday (April 21) at home against Detroit Temple. Game time is 4:15 p.m.

## Timely triple saves Lathrup

Southfield-Lathrup seemed headed for an opening-day baseball loss at Farmdale High last Monday—until designated hitter Paul Pyles came along to save the day with a timely hit.

Lathrup was down, 4-2, in the sixth inning when Pyles clouted a bases-loaded triple with two out to put the Chargers up by a run. Lathrup finally won the game, 9-4.

Lathrup, which had eight hits, had two other batting stars in Jim Wissing and Steve Margigan. Wissing had two doubles and a single in four trips and knocked in three runs. Margigan had a triple and a single and scored three runs.

Winning pitcher Hugh Bayer, a senior right-hander, worked the whole game and had a no-hitter going for 5 1/2 innings. Bayer, who suffered a bit from wildness, ended up allowing three hits, striking out nine and walking eight.

Lathrup coach Bob Marten praised sophomore catcher Ron Curcio. "Hugh was kind of all over the place, but Ron did an excellent job of keeping the ball in front of him," Marten said.

Lathrup plays next on Thursday (April 20) at Dearborn Edsel Ford. On Friday, Lathrup entertains Troy Athens in the Metro Suburban Association opener. Both games have 4 p.m. starting times.

SOUTHFIELD — OAK PARK

dropped the opener (6-1), but came back to win the second game (10-9).

Mike McCann paced Southfield's 13-hit attack, smacking two doubles and three singles in the second game. Teammate Eric Schwartz also collected five hits, and Mark Steinberg hit a solo home run in the second inning. Winning pitcher Tony Slatin worked the first five innings, and Don Brady pitched in relief.

Oak Park's opening victory overshadowed a good pitching performance by Southfield rightshander Dave Smith, who went all the way, giving up four hits, striking out eight and walking six. Oak Park's John Stewart belted a pair of three-run homers.

Southfield had nine hits, but stranded 10 runners.

Southfield plays next on Friday (April 21) at Birmingham Seabeal. The Southeastern Michigan Association game begins at 4:15 p.m. On Saturday, Southfield has a doubleheader at Bloomfield Hills Andover with the first game beginning at noon.

ROSEVILLE — CHRISTIAN

Roseville Baptist, with John Kalsner providing the pitching and Tom Stefan the hitting, defeated Southfield Christian, 15-8, last week.

Kalsner went the distance, giving up nine hits, fanning 11 and walking two. Stefan knocked in four runs with two doubles and a single. Christian batters

Rick Lewis and Kevin Edwards each had two hits in four trips. Losing pitcher Garrett Maerlock worked 3 1/2

innings of relief, allowing six runs on four hits, striking out four and walking one.

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