

In The Pocket



By W.W. EDGAR

The Greater Detroit Bowling Association has opened a campaign to remedy the slow bowling that has been hampering leagues in all parts of the area during the past few seasons.

The latest campaign came about because of the complaining of the second shift leagues.

Instead of getting on the lanes at 9 or 10 p.m., many of them didn't start until after that with the result that they finished long after midnight.

Now they are starting to threaten the proprietors with leaving their houses unless the faulty problem is corrected. Tom Mc Kay, executive secretary of the association and an all star bowler himself, has figured out that the five men on a team average about 16 throws per game and 48 throws in a three game series.

"Each man delayed just five

seconds," he says, "this would mean 1,200 seconds or 20 minutes of wasted time."

As a result, the association is now asking the membership to waste not a second and show some appreciation for the fellows on the later leagues.

THERE STILL is a problem concerning breakdowns of the pin-setting machines. Minor stoppages don't bother the bowlers. But when the machines are idled into the next shift this question arises:

Does the first shift have the right to take over the time allotted to the second shift or should the match be resumed at a later date and at the point of interruption?

It may be quite awhile until this one is settled to the satisfaction of all concerned.

FRANK ESSA'S TEAM compiled an unusual record at Westland Bowl in the season just closed. It won the title in the Little Caesar Classic on Friday nights and finished second in both the Junior House league and the regular house league.

The junior house league title went to the K&S team which beat out Ace Bowling Supply.

The new champion won the first two games of the title battle and lost the final by a single-pin margin.

Charlie Parver set the pace in the Wednesday men's loop with games of 214 and 227 in a 633 series. The only other double century series was turned in by Gary Bucher who had a 604 on games of 212, 116 and 196.

THE AMERICAN Bowling Congress made a wise move to cut down ex-

cesses at its recent annual meeting and it concerned the awards program.

Hereafter, when a bowler rolls more than one award-winning total, such as a perfect game, a 299 or 298, he will get the big award only for the first time and certificates for the others.

The delegates voted this action after it was proposed that the bowler could get only one award in each major category during his life time. Now, it will be one per season.

THE WOMEN BOWLERS in the area are mourning the death of Jene Crocker, a long time member of women's league at Merri-Bowl, Westland and Super Bowl. She died last week, a victim of cancer.

The K&S bowling team won the title in the Las Vegas league at Super Bowl on the final night. The team, captained by Hal Winters, outrolled the Two Pair team to gain the championship.

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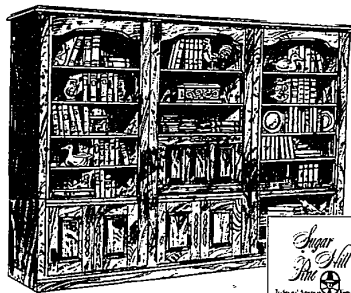
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St. Agatha wins, 1-0

OLSM baseball fortunes fade

By C.J. RISAK

A one-hitter . . . but it just wasn't good enough.

Orchard Lake St. Mary's, the defending Catholic C.D. League West Division champion, has fallen on hard times on the baseball diamond. It really shows when one of the Eagles pitchers turns in a sparkling performance, but still can't come up with the win.

Zecky fielding and poor hitting plagued the OLSM squad in their loss to division rival St. Agatha last Friday. Despite senior righthander Nua Vucinaj's pitching, the Eagles still managed to find a way to lose, as they dropped a 1-0 decision to St. Agatha.

Vucinaj surrendered the lone hit and only two walks, neither of which figured in the scoring, while striking out five, as he battled St. Agatha's Jim Vin-

centin. Vucinaj was just as overpowering, as he allowed only five safeties in the contest and one walk while fanning nine.

But shabby fielding spoiled what should have been a great day for Vucinaj, and robbed the Eagles of a possible victory.

Neither team scored in the first six innings, as the two pitchers exerted their control. OLSM couldn't score in the seventh, either, but Al Jones led off the bottom half of the frame for St. Agatha and was safe on an error by shortstop Don Butcher.

Jones moved from first to third on a sacrifice and a fielder's choice. With two out, Butcher booted another one, allowing Jones to come home with the only run of the contest.

The Eagles had runners as far as third base twice in the game, in the

first and the third innings. But both were stranded as the OLSM batsmen failed to come up with the big hit.

The Eagles committed four errors in the contest. The loss dropped them to 6-6 overall.

WHILE OLSM WAS finding new ways to lose, West Bloomfield was having no problems in keeping its winning streak alive.

The Lakers stretched their skein to seven, as they swept a pair from Greater Oakland Athletic League rival Kettering, taking the first, 4-2, and the second, 12-5.

Junior David Long, a righthander, improved his season record to 3-0 in the opener, as he allowed only six hits and four walks in going the distance. He struck out eight.

It was no easy time, however, for

West Bloomfield. Kettering took a 2-1 lead in the fourth and held it going into the sixth.

But the Lakers tied it on a Jim Arnold single, a steal of second and a sacrifice bunt by Steve Swanson that scored Arnold from second.

In the seventh, it was Long that came through with the big hit to win his own game. Tim Paul led off the inning with a single and John Alexander followed with a walk. Long then lashed a single down the rightfield line, scoring both runners and giving the Lakers the margin of victory.

In the nightcap, it was strictly no-contest, as junior lefthander Arnold cruised to his second win without a loss.

Arnold gave up 12 hits and two walks while striking out three. Four of the Kettering runs were earned.

But the hitting hero for West Bloomfield was Mike Ronan. The senior first baseman had been benched by Coach Jeff Shary earlier in the season because of a slump.

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