

Golden Eagles grab crown

The Birmingham Golden Eagles, coached by Stephen Crane, won the prestigious four-team Grosse Pointe Women's Fast-Pitch Softball Invitational last weekend.

The Eagles, one of the strongest women's summer softball teams in the metropolitan area, took five of six games in the round-robin event to finish in first place.

Daly's Drive-In of Livonia and Kane's Truck Parts of Walled Lake each finished with 3-3 records, while Gardellas of Livonia was 1-5.

In the six games, Birmingham outscored its opponents by a combined total of 39-8.

Eagle pitchers allowing a total of only 15 hits in six games, hurling three shutouts in the five victories.

In the first game, the Eagles defeated Kane's, 5-2. Kane's scored all its runs in the fourth inning on two hits and three Birmingham errors.

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1980 graduate of Southfield-Lathrup and currently the starting shortstop at U-M, and Diane Kluka, a Birmingham Marian graduate currently attending St. Mary's College in South Bend, each had two hits for the Eagles.

BIRMINGHAM WHIPPED Gardellas, again, in the fourth game, 10-0, behind a 16-hit attack and the three-hit pitching of Taylor. Mary Pike of Royal Oak Kimball, Kluka and Pat Corfield, a 1980 graduate of Lathrup and currently at Michigan State University, paced the Eagles' offense.

Birmingham's only loss of the tourney came in game five — a 4-0 defeat to Kane's. McGovern took the loss, but threw a three-hitter.

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Local bowlers geared for tourney

Cora Feibig, who took up bowling several years ago to combat a health problem and rolled her way to the top in the Detroit area, reached the high point of her career last week when she earned the right to represent America in the annual Federation Internationale des Quilles to be held in Winnipeg in July.

She not only won the right to represent her country, but paced the field with a 205 average for her 18-game qualifying round.

Mary Mohacsi, the former Livonia school teacher who also won a place on the team, by finishing fifth, will accompany Feibig. It is the first time that the Detroit area has ever been represented in the world series.

Six men and six women will make up the American team in the world championships.

Kathy Haislip, one of the younger stars, was well on her way to placing on the team before she ran into 4-7-10 splits in the eighth and 10th frames of her final game. That stroke of bad luck forced her to finish in eighth place.

Feibig won her place with a garrison finish. She was trailing until the eighth frame of the final game. She took the lead and held on to become the winner and captain of the team.

She averaged 218 in the qualifying round, and her 205 average in the final matched the figure she posted to top the averages in the Bowlerettes League here at home.

Area golfers score holes-in-one

As the song says — "you've gotta have an ace in the hole."

Well, a few local folks have enjoyed exactly that this summer — holes in one at area golf courses.

Ed Sampson, 71, used a five-iron to ace No. 13 on Oakland Hills' south course May 31. Sampson is a resident of Franklin.

David Ukrop, 21, clubbed an eight-iron 154 yards for a hole in one on the 14th hole at Forest Akers Golf Course at Michigan State University in East Lansing on May 2. The 1978 Southfield-Lathrup graduate shot 69 for the 18-hole round.

Jim Puffer of West Bloomfield aced No. 3 on the south course at Oakland Hills with a seven-wood for an eagle on the 180-yard par-three.

Al Charleston of Sterling Heights found some good luck on No. 13 on Oakland Hills' north course, aching the 145-yard par three with a seven-iron on May 23.

Lee Juett also overcame superstition on No. 13 on Oakland Hills' south course. The Birmingham resident used a five-iron to ace the 150-yard hole.

THERE IS AN unusual experiment going on at Merri-Bowl Lanes. It is a one-night singles event that is rolled every Monday night.

Under the rules, the bowlers can score for prizes with both actual and handicap scores. It has cash entry, and the prizes are paid each night.

Gail Wright topped the field on Monday with a 509 actual-pin count and 638 with handicap.

The bowling starts at 8:30 p.m. each Monday.

THE MIXED DOUBLES at Garden Lanes is proving more popular than ever.

This week, Linda Maybrier led the way with a 624 count. Pat Rizzo was next in line with 608, and Carri Van Oldland landed third among the women with a 601.

Dennis Brown was high on the men's side when he joined the double-century shooters with a 603.

ANSWERING THE MAIL: The first automatic pinsetters were installed at the Bowl-O-Drome in Mt. Clemens in 1950. They were the product of the American Machine and Foundry Company and came out a few years before Brunswick came out with its machine. The AMF machine was shown for the first time at the ABC Convention at Buffalo, N.Y., in 1946.

18th DISTRICT AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL STANDINGS (As of June 29)

Team	W	L	GB
Bloomfield Hills	9	1	0
Ferris	7	2	1 1/2
Troy-Claughton	7	2	1 1/2
Berkley	6	2	2
Royal Oak	7	3	2
Ake Orion	6	3	2 1/2
Wagon	5	3	4
Pontiac	4	5	4 1/2
In Heights	4	6	5
Rosed	3	7	6
Jer	2	7	6 1/2

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