

# Softballers advance

Southfield Star Lincoln Mercury's men's fast-pitch softball team earned a berth in this weekend's eight-team Michigan Amateur Softball Association state finals in Ludington by winning the regional tourney.

The Waterford Parks and Recreation league squad defeated Owosso Shamrock Inn, 5-4, in the regional finals in Owosso.

In the losers' bracket, Owosso beat Birch Run Krislers Wedding, 7-2, and Sebewaing Lamplighter Inn, 5-1.

Behind the pitching performance of Rick Krueger, Southfield beat Birch Run, 3-2. The squad was able to survive off its opposition despite giving up two runs in the seventh inning.

Star Lincoln Mercury then bested Sebewaing, 6-4, thanks to a single and a home run by Ken Hayward.

In the championship game of the double elimination tournament, Southfield trailed Owosso, 4-1, going into the final inning.

But base hits by Ken Young, Bruce Blaquiere, Jerry Thom, Hayward and Tom Munro produced the comeback victory.

Pitcher Dick McCoy earned the win, with relief help from Krueger.

# Youth bowling is alive, thanks to his support

For several decades, Fred Hamlin, proprietor of Farmington Lanes, has been one of the leading developers of youth bowling in the country.

He was the first to purchase a bus and pick up the school children when their classes were finished, and then saw to it that they got home. He also was the first to stage a youth bowling and donate the proceeds to the schools in the Farmington area.

Now, he has come up with another idea that he hopes other proprietors will be quick to emulate. It is a bowling in which the high-school bowlers will compete for college scholarships at the close of the season.

For the past four years, these bowlnaths have raised an average of \$4,000. But not all the money was spent on the bowlers who made it possible.

Now, Hamlin has organized what he chooses to call the Farmington Continuing Education Foundation.

To make it attractive to all high school bowlers, he plans to offer \$1,000 scholarships to both a boy and a girl based upon performance in a six-game tournament at the close of the season.

Second prizes of \$500 scholarships are planned, and the extra funds — if any — will be placed in the fund for the following year.

"I'm rewarding excellence in bowling," Hamlin said.

This is the first event of its kind in the country. The winners will be decided on three categories: First will be the actual pinfall, then total pinfall with handicap. Third, the bowlers average and his standing in his or her class in school.

The event, in which the young bowlers solicit sponsors as is done in charity walks, will be held at the close of the season though no specific date has been set. It is open to all students in the area, grades 10-12.

The entry forms are now available at Farmington Lanes, 32315 Grand River in Farmington.

ALETA RZEPECKI reached the high point of her young career last week when she placed second in the Ladies Professional event at Addison, Ill. She missed the title by only four pins.

She paced the qualifying round with 3879, but lost out to Donna Adamek, one of the country's leaders, 236 to 199,

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and that cost her the title, 9439-9435.

**THE THURSDAY'S Men's All-Star Classic** got away to a flying start when Bonanza Restaurant's team, the defending champion, rolled a 3329 series that included a 300 game and an 804 series by Mitch Jabczynski. It was the highest scoring start in the history of the league.

**TWO 700 SERIES** were bowled locally to start the season. Both were posted at Merri-Bowl.

Joe Poplars rolled a 704 on games of 246, 235 and 223 in the Senior House League and Al Archie had 710 in the Handicappers.

**KURT SOUKAS**, a 15-year-old, moved to the top of the list in the Youth League at Merri-Bowl with a 639 gained on games of 212, 203, 224.

John Wodarski started the season right in the Mixed Classic at Westland Bowl when he linked games of 245, 240 in a 695 series to set the pace. Bob Science had a 656 and Roger Helle, a 650.

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Fred Hamlin showed the way with 560. Cyndi Edwards had a 656 and Roger Helle, a 650. On the ladies' side, Nancy Mischuk

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