

Ford employees have bowling impact, too

If you own a Ford car or truck it was most certainly built by bowlers.

There are so many Ford legends around our cities, and it's apparent that some of the bowlers from the Livonia Transmission Plant assembled and installed that component.

Ford engineers designed the vehicle inside and out, while Ford Assembly put it all together. And it's likely a bowler from the Ford Truck Plant made your pick-up truck or van.

All this 100th birthday celebration and hoopla that's been going on the past few weeks points to the strong connection between the auto industry and bowling.

The Detroit area has long been regarded as the home of the industry, and coincidentally, the "Bowling Capital of the World."

Ford is 100, but the American Bowling Congress is slightly older, having been formed officially in 1895, about eight years ahead of Ford.

The other automakers also have a lot of leagues, but none can match the Ford numbers when it comes to bowling.

Here is a list of leagues taken from the Greater Detroit Bowling Association yearbook: Ford Tuesday Night Early Men's, Bel Mar II Lanes; Ford General Classic, Bowl One Lanes; Ford Maintenance - Local 600 and Ford Administration, Cherry Hill Lanes; Ford Men's Morning League, Classic Lanes;

Ford's Thursday Night, all at Cloverlans; Ford Division Purchasing, Ford Lanes; Ford Scientific Research, Ford Lanes; Ford Body Structure, Garden Lanes; Ford Tool & Die, Mercury Lanes; Ford Research, all at Oxford Lanes;



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Ford Design - Men's and Ford Truck, Ford Electrical Engineering, Oxford Lanes; Ford Trio League, Shelby Lanes; Ford Metal Stamping, Skore Lanes; Ford General Services, Thunderbowl; Ford Parts Depot, Ford L.T.P. Salsied, Woodland Lanes; Woodhaven Ford Mixed, Woodhaven Center.

Its slogan should read, "Built Ford Tough - by Bowlers."

Happy 100th birthday from all of us to the Ford Motor Co. ■ Fifth place in the National Women's International Bowling Congress tournament, being staged at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nev., is currently held by the Livonia Trophy team from Westland.

Their score of 2,776 was only one pin short of fourth place, two pins out of third, and a scant 20 pins more would have put them on the top of the standings.

Since this event still has a few more weeks to go, it is possible that they could get knocked out of fifth. But for now, they are still in contention.

The team captain is Cheryl Slipek of Westland and her team consists of Diane St. Louis of Allen Park, Krista Snow of New Hudson, Kathy Fox from Taylor and Marcy James of Livonia.

This was a situation of a lucky break or two which did

not happen for them, perhaps one more strike to carry, and that could have been the difference between fifth and first place.

Scott Wilson, owner of Livonia Trophy was especially pleased with the results, as every sponsor loves to see his team come through and win.

■ The Young American Bowling Alliance (YABA) recently held its Michigan State Championship tournament at Royal Scot Lanes in Lansing, and coming through with a great last game was Garden City's Evan Relich, who finished first singles event.

In the finals, Relich realized 10 strikes in a row was enough to lock up the championship, and he followed two more strikes for a 300 game, giving him a 790 average.

Evan's dad, Tom, got him started at age 4, and he has been climbing to new highs ever since.

It so happens that his dad, Tom, is a Silver Level coach, owner of the Strike Force pro shop at Oak Lanes.

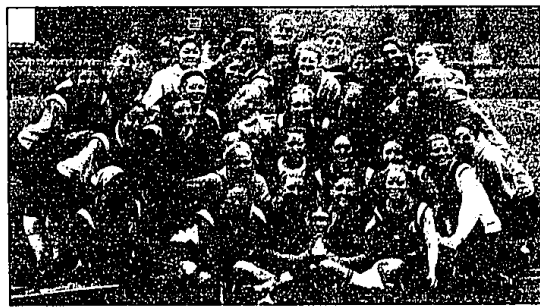
They both plan to attend the YABA National Championships, July 14, at St. Louis, Mo.

Evan also competes in Dan Ottmann's Also Steel Michigan Junior Masters (MJMA).

The championship tournament will be this month at Monroe Sport Center.

Evan will join other local youth star bowlers. Among the 51 qualifiers to compete in Monroe include Pat Barter, Westland; Pat Brown, Canton; Ronnie Sparks, Jr., Wayne.

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State runners-up
The Farmington United girls lacrosse team finished second in the Division B playoffs of the Michigan Women's Scholastic Lacrosse Association May 31 at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook. Coach Mike Mehall's team finished with a 12-1-3 record. It was the best season Farmington United has had in its four years as a varsity program.

SUBURBAN SWIMMING

NORTHWEST SUBURBAN LEAGUE
HEART OF THE HILLS 301

June 19 at Woodbrooke Hills Swim Club
Woodbrooke double winners: Hannah Rose Heebner (11-12 girls), 50 breast, 39:09, 100 IM, 1:19:21; Julie Robinson (13-14 girls), 50 free, 31:62, 50 fly, 23:50; Chelsea Landau (13-14 girls), 100 IM, 1:19:59, 50 breast, 41:53; Cameron

Warko (9-10 boys), 50 fly, 39:34, 50 free, 37:43. Woodbrooke single winners: Jannier Erickson (9-10 boys), 50 back, 44:86; Matt Newman (15-18 boys), 50 breast, 34:00; Gorde Huston (11-12 boys), 25 back, 25:57; Michael Ayres (9-10 boys), 50 breast, 48:52; Owen Gell (11-12 girls), 50 free, 33:90; Alex Sapich (13-14 girls), 50 breast, 41:90; Mary Podlaski (11-12 girls), 50 fly, 34:46; Michael Trickett (11-12 boys), 50 fly, 39:82; Katie Purcell (15-18 girls), 100 IM, 1:18:34; Elaine Huston (9-10 girls), 50 free, 38:42; Michael Sapich (11-12 boys), 50 breast, 45:37.

Woodbrooke relay winners: 52-year girls 200 medley: Lullie Robinson, Chelsea Landau, Hannah Rose Heebner, Mary Podlaski, 2:28.18; 48-year mixed medley: Robert Musicki, Owen Gell, Cameron Warko, Elaine Huston, 2:51:08.

Concealed batters bomb Braves

Mark Pironello allowed one run in 4 1/3 innings of relief on Tuesday at Concealed Security beat the Michigan Braves in a Midwest Super League game, 18-5.

Pironello (Livonia) gave up six hits and struck out one in relief of starter John Ruchow (Farmington Hills). Ruchow went 2-for-2, Evan Sharpley was 3-for-3 with seven RBI, Ryan Shay (Garden City) was 2-for-3 with two runs scored and Digger Tuwe was 3-for-3 with three runs scored and three RBI.

Concealed, which improved to 16-2 overall, rolled past every team but one at the Mayor's Tournament in Battle Creek June 21-22.

That one team, however, was the Ann Arbor Braves, who beat Concealed in pool play and in the finals of the 16-year-old division of the tourney, 17-5.

BASEBALL

Ann Arbor's Zach Putnam held Concealed (14-2) to just four hits - two each from Ryan Shay (Garden City) and Digger Tuwe - in the championship game, with Shay homering and scoring twice. Nick VanDike (3-1) took the loss for Concealed, but Brandon Garner gave up 12 of Ann Arbor's runs.

Concealed opened the tourney with a 9-0 win over the Michigan Indians with Jeff Richard (West Bloomfield) throwing a three-hitter with six strikeouts. Shay and Richard were both 2-for-3 with two runs scored to lead the hitting attack.

In the second game, Concealed rallied for three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to earn the win over the Detroit Eagles. VanDike got the

win in relief of Shay.

Concealed rallied again in the third game as a seven-run seventh gave it a 12-9 win over the Springfield (Ill.) Astros. Tuwe hit a three-run homer to tie the score and later in the inning, Mark Pironello (Livonia) and Matt Walters (Wayne) singled to tie the score. Walters wound up going 3-for-4 with two RBI, and Garner and Tuwe were 3-for-4. Garner got the win in relief of Max Bell.

The Braves took their first win of the weekend against Concealed as Putnam again held Concealed to four hits and struck out nine. Concealed bounced back with a 22-0 win over the Kalamazoo Mets with Walters and Pironello among those getting at least two hits and VanDike homering with three RBI. Walters got the win on a two-hitter.

CMU pitcher leads Rams to league win

Central Michigan University's Mark Lundquist turned in another stellar pitching performance Wednesday as the Rams (10-4) turned back the Panthers (6-8) at Ford Field in Livonia Collegiate Baseball League play, 3-1.

Lundquist scattered seven hits and one walk while striking out six in seven innings. He is now 3-1 overall with two saves with an ERA of 1.31.

Losing pitcher Brad Seddon also went the distance, allowing just three hits. He walked five and struck out six. The Rams scored a run in the fourth when Brian Campbell walked and eventually scored on Brandon Volas' RBI double, but the Panthers tied it in fifth on an RBI single by Ben Jones.

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