



When the doors to the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame open this Saturday afternoon at the Detroit Historical Museum, Ann Sellock, star of the Thunderbird Inn team and the capable instructor at Garden Lanes, will achieve one of her life ambitions.

She will be one of four to be honored with places in the hallowed hall. Her likeness, in bronze, will be hung on the wall for posterity.

The other three to be honored will be James Tropica, veteran proprietor of Mt. Elliott Recreation; Bob Strampe, 10-year leader in ABC averages and the late Tom Haley, Detroit's first ABC champion will be honored posthumously.

For Miss Sellock, the induction ceremony will be the highlight of one of her best years in bowling. For years she has been forced to walk in the shadow of others, even though she held the state singles record.

OVER A STRETCH of four years she finished in the runnerup spot in the race for the honor of being named Detroit's bowling queen. She was looked upon as the "bridesmaid of women's bowling."

Then, two years ago the tide turned. First, she posted a 300 game, one of the few ever registered by a woman in metropolitan Detroit. Following that she broke the "jinx" and topped the averages a year ago to earn the right to the Queen's role. But she never was crowned officially.

It so happened the format for choosing the queen was changed. As a result she had all the credentials — but nothing to show for them.

That will end when she is officially placed in the Hall of Fame.

Following the induction the Hall of Fame Committee of the Bowling Proprietors Association the honorees will be feted at the annual banquet at the Statler Hilton.

MENTION OF Tom Haley brings to mind the fact that he won the singles and all events titles in the ABC when it was held in the old Wayne Gardens in downtown Detroit under the most peculiar circumstances. So interested did the spectators become that they flooded out on the approaches and Tom had to wait until they were cleared and order restored before throwing the final ball.

LYLE GIBBS, one of the real oldtimers of bowling who was an official in the Detroit Post Office League for years, is still at it.

He is setting the pace in the Senior Citizens League at Plymouth Bowl with a grand average of 172.

He had to stand by last week, however, to let Frank Schultz win a share of the honors. Frank produced a single game of 289 and a three game total of 637 — both of which are high marks for the league.

PAUL DESHAW, who does most of his bowling in the Ford Service League at Garden Lanes, set the pace for all of Observerland last week. He linked games of 258, 278 and 225 for 761 and no one even came close to him for scoring honors.

IN THE GARDEN Classic Ted Kress was high man with 695. Others in double century figures included Lou Haydu

669, R. C. Nunery 661, Hank Baskin 659, Bob Cassar 641 and Dick Preston 641.

ANOTHER WHO BROKE the 700 barrier was Denny Feloni who paced the Westland Classic with games of 217, 279 and 216 for 712.

Behind him, in second place, came Butch Lashbrook with 649 and John Wodarski landed third with 640.

Shirley Gray held up the women's end of high scoring at Westland with a 650 series that included games of 206, 198 and 246.

FOR THE SECOND week in a row Marge Bashor took top honors in the ladies singles at Livonia Lanes.

Aided by a "spot" of 57 pins she rolled a 637 series to set the pace, her big count included a high single of 193-19-212.

Other single game winners were Dot Fulton with 193-36-229 and Doris Mac Corkindale with 193-39-232.

SCOT HORTON was the lone bowler to break into the charmed circle in the Teen Classic at Farmington Lanes. He did it with a 269 in 518.

THE MOST consistent bowling of the week was the handiwork of Jack Eldred in the Bel-Aire Classic.

He opened with a 233, followed with 243 and closed with 222 for 698. At this figure he beat out Art Somerch by three pins. And one pin further back came Dick Brandenburg with another consistent performance in posting a 694.

Among the ladies at Bel-Aire, Mary Ruffenburg paced Our Lady of Sorrows with a 602 and Susan Antalich had a 214 for high single.

This Could Be The Year For Aggie Baseball Title

This could be the year for baseball at St. Agatha.

Aggie Coach Lou Blackmore sports eight returning lettermen and is highly optimistic on improving his overall 14-5 mark from last season.

St. Agatha placed second in its league with a 9-3 record behind Mt. Carmel at 10-2 in the Second Division West.

Blackmore has coming back a key sparkplug in senior Mark Miron. This will be Miron's fourth year of varsity ball and he is returning with a 5-2 pitching mark. He is the team captain and also performs at shortstop.

Ralph Yackley is also back for the fourth year at first base. Phil Hickey and Mike Borden round out the returning senior lineup with Hickey earning the title of handyman with experience at first base, outfield and catcher.

Borden is in his second year at second base position.

THE JUNIOR ATTACK is sparked by third year man John Ciako. He is called the "glove man" in the Aggie defense and is the top batter. Ciako hit .383 in his freshman year and blasted .372 last year as a junior.

"Ciako is the key to our producing runs," added Blackmore.

Pat Brown, Bob Kleinfeld, and Tom Nemes join Ciako in the junior countdown from last year with all having two years of varsity experience.

Brown moves from third to first base on defense and is expected to carry a heavy bat in the Aggie march to the title.

Kleinfeld is the man behind the plate on defense and is the cleanup hitter. Nemes completes the returning roster with outstanding duties in the outfield.

Other juniors who are expected to hit their way into the St. Agatha lineup are Rich Kayfer and Bob Parent. Both are infielders with fine speed.

The sophomore breakdown consists of Steve Williams (OF), Marty Thompson (SS), and Larry Thompson (1B). Making their way into the varsity role in the freshman way are hurler Ron Jess and infielder Paul Wenzel.

THE AGGIES open league play at Mt. Carmel on April 18 and could fast become one of the powerhouses in the Catholic league.

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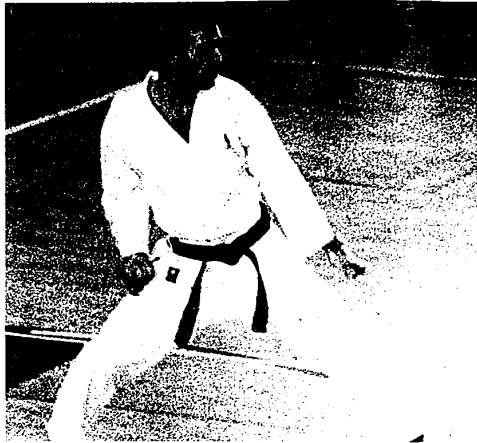
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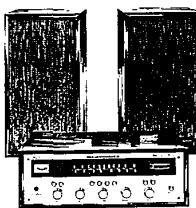
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