



CHAMPIONS — CFU Supreme President V. I. Mandich, left, hands Conway, Pa., Lodge 540 Sports Director Edward Sabolic team trophy emblematic of Lodge 540 victory in Adult Division of CFU's recent National Basketball Tournament, held in Monessen, Pa. Conway defeated Johnstown, Pa., Lodge 5 for the title in a thriller, 79-73.

Omaha Lodge, Nest Basketball Squads Foresee Better Showings Next Season

Lodge Entry Closes Year On Happy Note By Capturing City CYO Class B Laurels

Omaha, Neb. — Omaha SS. Sacred Heart with Bizar scoring 15 points. St. Bernards stopped the Crusaders, 56-40 with Cupich taking scoring laurels with 9. The team finished regular season play with a 41-38 squeeze past St. Agnes, behind Stan Macaitis who tallied 14 points. Their season record was 8-6.

Nesters Lack Height
The nest team bowed in the opening round of Class B in junior play to St. Philomena, the champion, 37-30. Playing control ball and using a pressing defense, the nesters remained in contention throughout but lacked height to clear the boards. John Kresnik led the team with 9 markers.

In regular season games, the nesters stopped St. Anne, 42-22; bowed to St. Bridget, 50-35, and St. Margaret-Mary, 37-30. Their CYO record was 4-6 and 5-0 in outside competition.

The continued improvement of Joe Hertzog and Russ Swanson plus the returning of Jim Kros, John and Jim Kresnik and Jerry Malolepszy should brighten the picture come next year. The boys played all year against superior height and experience in the CYO but the knowledge gained in this campaign should prove fruitful come next season.

Lady Luck Intervenes
In the first round game, lady luck smiled on the Crusaders as they copped a 43-41 thriller from Cathedral. Behind 37-41 with two minutes left, Macaitis hit from close in and in a wild scramble for a rebound under our basket, the opposition accidentally tipped in the tying goal.

Bizar then stole the ball and scored on a breakaway in the waning seconds to assure the victory.

In pre-tournament games, the crew blew a 26-21 half-time lead and lost 42-40 to

Lodge Quint Gunning For Johnstown Honors
Johnstown, Pa. — With just two weeks of the season remaining, the St. Rochus Lodge 5 team has but to win two of the six to be played to capture the second half crown.

They have yet to meet the Morticians and the St. Rochus Church team, the latter mentioned has been their toughest opposition through the season.

Ed Cominsky and Vic Farkas, Jr. who have been the mainsprings along with Andy Kindja, reeled off scores of 204-565, 194-470 and 171-503 for the league leaders. For the defeated Clark Powell Restaurants, Vic Farkas, Sr. at the March 29th rolling sported a 192-503 series.

The second place Churchmen made it eight wins in the past four weeks as they took a 3-0 victory over the last place Baretinice Morticians. Steve Petrusic was the top man with a 191-527 series, of its kind on earth.

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Detroit Tigers Slump As Race Nears Windup

Detroit, Mich. — The Pet Tigers lost 3 more points. This time the victors were the Onyx.

Incidentally this makes 12 points that the Tigers have given away in the past four sessions of the Detroit Mixed League, yet they have been able to retain 4th place in this ten berthed circuit.

Ginny Koss, her best series of the 4 weeks stretch being 213-571, has been the top kegger for the hapless Tigers. Any credit among the Onyx should go to Frank Korach and John Magiera, their most recent best scores being 518 and 213-542, respectively.

The Slow Pokes defeated the Terrors in their very first winning session in a month and again took over second position, moving the Terrors down to third and 4 points out of first. Carl Trontl who often bulwarks the Terrors rolled 209-541 and received 192 assistance from Paul Bunjevack in one game.

By taking 4 points from the Yo Yo's, the last place Stars have become the 7th place club and the Yo Yo's dropped to the cellar. Victory was due to 206-498 by James Dernay, 175-469 by Sue Krainz and a 186-473 set by Caroline Kuzulis. The Yo Yo's also bowled well — Pete Retich, 203-507 and Phil Hodak, 189-530, but they lost by 172 pins.

In spite of Fred Gregorich's 234-556, the Loafers lost 4 points to the Five Bums. Fred could not compete with Andy Kovac's 210-553 and Helen Hecimovich's 211-473. By the way Helen's 211 game is the second highest bowled by the girls this season, being second only to her sister Dorothy and Ginny Koss, both of whom have rolled 222 games.

The league leading Rock-Heds strengthened their hold by taking 4 points from the Hot Shots to run their winning skein to 11 out of 12 points in three weeks. The victory places them 3 points ahead of the second place Slow Pokes.

They were able to sweep the series due to games of 182-485 by Dorothy Hecimovich, 190-457 by Lillian Sveticki and 192-513 by Steve Devich. Bill Grgurich of the Hot Shots tallied 526 and his mother, Little Barbara rolled 423, 72 pins over her average.

Neva Ruzich, Vice-Pres.

Farrell Leaders Find Lambs Far From Docile
Farrell, Pa. — The first place Panthers were hard pressed at the March 21st get-together of the Lodge 705 League as the on-coming Lambs lost two games by slim margins. The league leaders have now won 11 of their last 15 games and it is a question if they can make it to the finish of the second half.

Recovering from a week ago, the second place Leopards held on by winning two in their series with the Tigers. Meanwhile the last place Lions took 2 from their closest cousins the Rams to win rest one game behind their victims.

Steve Kapsa set the male pace at this session with 191-488, being pushed for the honors by Steve Novosel with 468 and Jack Zajac with 467. Victoria Zajac led the field among the feminine keglers another week, being contended this time with a card of 169-444. Fran Robich came closest with 169-433.

John Robich, Sec'y.

Buffalo Tournament Hosts In Appeal For Support Of May 6 Victory Banquet

Bowlers Of Lodge 557 Have Never Failed To Attend Tournaments In Years Gone By

Pittsburgh, Pa. — Our C. F. U. colony in Buffalo is a relatively small one — Lodge 557 numbering some 260 members. That, however, accounts for just about every Croat in the city. Numerical size does not, in this case, serve as a yardstick of fraternal consciousness nor accomplishments. Our members in the "City of Good Neighbors" take second place to none in any criteria of true fraternalism.

This small unit has had a ten-team bowling league functioning since back in 1940 and has been represented at all tournaments since then by at least 3 teams and as many as 8. They traveled thousands of miles to St. Louis with 3 teams, almost as far to Milwaukee with 6 teams.

It is to be regretted that some of these hosts of the past are this year totally absent or in evidence by only a token representation. Are there no bowlers in our second largest Lodge with its membership of over 1,100?

As we all know Buffalo's Lodge 557 is this year's host to the 22nd National C.F.U. Ten Pin Tournament.

The voluntary assumption of this monumental responsibility is but another proof of their devotion to organization and for this reason they deserve every measure of co-operation from every bowler or spectator who is coming to Buffalo.

Because of their numerical handicap they had to engage a caterer for the Bowlers' Victory Banquet. That caterer however has laid down some very stringent conditions, the chief of which is a 75% cost guarantee a full 7 days in advance of the meal.

Realizing that a good number of people usually buy their banquet tickets a mere few hours before the affair, and that a repetition of this under the aforementioned conditions could prove disastrous, the hosts are making a special appeal to one and all for early banquet reservations.

The Reservation form appears on this page. Will you please fill it out and send it to Buffalo immediately? Surely our hosts deserve this little bit of consideration!

Michael Grasha
Member Lodge 557

Canton Loop Nearing End Of Hectic Season

Canton, Ohio — At the March 17th session of the Canton Lodge 514 Mixed League, the Lodge team went down for three points to the Stalhebers who in the past six weeks garnered themselves 18 points and moved from the cellar to 5th place, one point out of the first division.

It all started when Hal Cockrell rolled 216-607 his first 600-series in eight years. The feminine best over the six weeks was Betty Cockrell's 191-468.

The Lodgemen still lead the pack with 64 points, 6 better than J and W squad in second place. The husband and wife team, John and Florence Comsia have figured regularly for the league leaders, their best efforts over the stretch being 232-615 and 152-414, respectively.

The Jacobs-Waltner team slid into second place with a 3-1 win over the T and A Cafe squad which has been on the losing end at this rate for the fourth straight week. Lou Marich, Joe Bozurich and John Zuzich have carried the ball for J and W's. Steve Bozurich saw a 259-661 go for naught.

Dumont in second place for the past five weeks dropped 3 points to the C and M Oilers who posted a new team high in 901 as V. Brown shot 190-506 and Joe Munger 147-428.

The Croats who moved into the first division several weeks ago have lost their fire, it seems as they dropped 3 points for the third straight session, their nemesis the last trip being the Nest 196 keglers, Andy Tomic unorking a 242-546 for the winners.

Stephen R. Bozurich, Jr.

Lyons Loop Sets April 14th Dance

Lyons, Ill. — The C. F. U. Lodge 228 Bowling League is holding its annual dance at the Sokol Hall, 41st and Gage Avenue, on Saturday, April 14th. We are extending our many friends and past patrons an invitation to attend this social affair and enjoy a pleasant evening meeting among old friends. For those who care otherwise, there will be melodies strummed by the Jadran Tamburitza Orchestra.

The committee has set its self the goal of affording you an evening of relaxation and entertainment. Therefore set aside this date, this coming weekend, and find yourself among the Lyons C.F.U. bowling crowd. Bowling need not be your hobby for we believe that as the kegling season draws nearer to a close that the sports crowd will welcome a subject for variety that evening.

Once again, make April 14 a date at the Sokol Hall as the C.F.U. Bowling League assumes the role of a host, and this to the tune of 50 strong.

Stanley Kauzlarich, Sec'y.

VERSAILLES, PA. Lodge 146 Ladies League

| March 28, 1956 | W | L |
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| Tulips | 30 | 9 |
| Irises | 21 | 16 |
| Orchids | 18 | 21 |
| Violets | 18 | 21 |
| Roses | 16 | 23 |
| Lilacs | 14 | 25 |

| Individual Highs | |
|------------------|---------|
| Mary Roper | 190-462 |
| Helen Buzek | 194-450 |
| Ann Bernick | 445 |
| Kate Pavlic | 426 |
| Ann Scrip | 376 |
| Christine Zibrat | 370 |

| Team Highs | |
|------------|----------|
| Irises | 608-1696 |
| Tulips | 591-1676 |

Margaret Wukoson, Sec'y.



CONGRATS — Al Vlasic, right, accepts trophy he won as a member of the Conway, Pa., Lodge 540 quint which captured the Adult Division Championship during the CFU's National Basketball Tournament, staged in Monessen, Pa. Doing the honors here is V. I. Mandich, Supreme President of the Croatian Fraternal Union and an ardent sports fan.

Mares Pontiacs Clinch Lodge 32 Flag During Windup Night Of Rugged Season

Pace Setting Slamers Have Misfortune Of Colliding With Champs On Last Lap

Chicago, Ill. — The Hrvatska Sloboda Lodge 32 League closed March 25 in a thrilling manner.

Going into the final night the Slamar Lounge team had been leading by a scant half game. As schedules sometimes pair teams, the second place Mares Pontiacs were pitted with the Slamers and it took the final game of the season to give the 1956 championship to the Mares Pontiacs and this by a half game.

The champs were aided by Joe Jerbich's 532 while tops in the Slamar camp was Greg Krajacic with 488.

Bankers Take Third

In the battle for third place the two teams which had alternately been in the spot over the past five weeks, settled it on the final night when the Skala Bankers took three from the Balkan Musicians to move from fourth place. The Bankers were led by Renee Janik, 434 and Jack Pazul with 456. Ray Bliskov's 441 stood out among the Balkans.

Fifth place was held by the Pavlak and Son Mortuary team, where Mary Biskupic, 410 and John Maycan, 441 predominated. The Pardus Barbers one notch below their adversaries joined the Pavlaks in this match with Frank Pardus himself leading the charge with 201-202-554.

Bogetich Drive Fails

The Bogetich Florals made a valiant stand to get out of the league cellar which they have occupied the past two weeks but the Vana Beverages were stubborn to the point of not yielding in two games. That season high game of 243 by Frank Jerbich for the Bogetichs in a 564 series was too much to surmount.

Other season highs for the year were Gregory Krajacic's 603 with other male highs being Frank Jerbich, 581, Jack Pazul, 576 and the single high of 236 by Emil Lackovic which fell the final session.

Feminine highs for the campaign closed among the women went to Carrie Gall, 175-481 and in the single game field to Dolores Jukich and Renee Janik with 178. Runners-up were Mary Ella Kamzic, 471 and Mary Biskupic, 465.

Gall, Krajacic Tops

Individual averages list the top five female keglers as follows: Carrie Gall, 137; Mildred Kovacic, 136; Renee Janik, 134; Mary Ella Kamzic, 132 and Patricia Kamzic, 130. Leading the men were Gregory Krajacic, 165; Frank Jerbich, 162; Frank Pardus, 162; Jerry Senkerik, 159 and Jack Pazul, 157.

The six week old team-highs and second place scores withstood the bombardment to finish the season with Mares Pontiacs with 874 and the Skala National Bankers 2497 taking top honors leaving second place in both cases to the Slamar Sokol Lounge team with 864-2457.

Jack Pazul, Sec'y.

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