

POCKET SPLITS

By Glen Wellman

Nothing exceeds the perfect 300 game built up by John Tilley last week in the way of important bowling news today. After 23 years of bowling in this community, and one very near miss, it finally happened, and, of course, it couldn't have happened to a nicer guy.

Hubbub, riot and pandemonium broke loose when that final strike fell before a perfect pocket hit. One black eye resulted, but nobody was mad, just exuberant, as everybody tried to be the first to shake the hand that guided a bowling ball into the pocket twelve times in a row.

Funny thing, we asked John when he began to feel the pressure, and he said he didn't! He predicted after the seventh that he would "go all the way." And all the onlookers agreed that he was as relaxed as two pounds of sliced liver.

One other note was that John's 300 was on the same pair of alleys on which a 299 game was compiled a few weeks ago by a Drain kegler. So undoubtedly lanes 11 and 12 will be popular henceforth.

After this, anything we say will be anti-climatic. But we do have a few items that may interest at least a few of our fans. Playoffs for league champions are common nowadays. The Dodgers and Cards settled things last week, with the Dodgers coming out on top in the V.A. wheel. The deciding factor must have been the ten split conversions by the Dodgers. Jackie Barnes did her share, picking the 3-10, 5-10, 4-7-9, and 2-7. Margie Bates picked some toughies, 5-7, 5-10, 6-7, and 3-10, and Clarence Gaines and Bill Bates came through with 3-10 babies.

Next week the Dodgers will play the Red Sox, (V.A. American champs), for the V.A. Hospital "World Series."

A Junior League bowler, David Brower carrying a 103 average, rolled a nifty 218 right after league was over. In the Bantam league, Roseburg Bowl set up a parent-child tournament, refreshments 'n' ever' thing as a league ending shindig. Robin Yundt stole the show, rolling 157 and 165 games for a two-game series of 322. Paul says

he is going to have to practice a lot, if he hopes to keep ahead of this 9-year-old daughter.

Other fine scores by these children include Barry Smith's 172-144—316; John Noel, 119-152—271; Tommy Hill, 135-259; Gary Beville, 129-249; Mike Stewart, 130-241; and Vernon Munion, 111-218. League champions, the all-girl team of Robin Yundt, Linda Piper and Linda Coats.

In a playoff between Knights of Columbus and Barlow Electric John Sanders has not only a triplicate, but a quadruplet, with four entitles him to a triplicate arm-157 lines in a row. (This, of course, patch, provided all league rules were in effect, as they should have been.)

Irv Pugh, bowling a dozen games at Vancouver and half that many in league back home, all in one day, had only four splits. All were the same 5-10 leave, and Irv converted all four!

Hugh St. John had a stepladder 127-128-129; Pat Monour by 20s, 142-164-182; Jean Wheatley by 10s, 116-126-136. Galen Matthews got his first 200 (204). Connie Musgerud picked four 3-10 baby splits in one session. Idle Hour Tavern, perennial winners, again come out on top, taking Ken's Cleaners 3,963 to 3,883. (It was c-l-o-s-e!)

Vern Whitbeck had a pair of 178 lines; Jerry Denny 167s, Tom Goodman and Jim Johnson 162s, Thel Allen 152s, Joyce Benson and Lavonne Chasteen 138s, Vi Goodman 144s and Esther Cooper 118s.

A few high games and series, though we get fewer and fewer reports along that line. As Fran LaBore says in her last report: "That's all till next fall." (Thanks, Fran, for a fine season's reporting. You've been very faithful!)

Sue Borders has 497; Carol Taylor, 197; Meryl Hess, 215 and 200; Eunice Noel, 202; Dot McWilliams, 203; Clara Ruhlman, 231; Alene Galia, 192-528; Lois Mode, 192-504; Helen Brothers, 210-541; Lou Yundt, 201-534; Pat Engle, 209-221-591; Sally Moreno, 205-531; Flo McDonald, 177-177-171-525; Peggy Butler, 209-203-538; Jean DeVore, 225-564; and Ruth Giovannetti closed out with a great 192-224-173-589.

Vern Whitbeck a fine 212-235-640; Bob Shroyer, 257-632; Parley Dilworth, 235-626; Joe Buchko, 605; Duane Nelson, 224-625; and Norm Lewellyn, 242-641, for high series reported. Lee Stading had a big 232 and Johnny Pennington a bigger 234.

Picking the 6-7-10 split, Sadie Lewellyn, Lou Yundt and Tom Lindbloom; 4-7-10, Babe Budd; 3-7, Ella Henry; 6-7, Babe Budd; 2-10, Dot Jacklin; 5-7-9, Ralph Weiss; 4-5-7, Monte Smith; 5-7, Jo Cornutt and Ray Morrison, and the 5-10, Stu Currie, Ralph Land and Lee Redding.

Sports

Tommy Davis Leads In Win Over Giants

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tommy Davis can't break the habit. But then nobody's sending him for a cure.

The 23-year-old Los Angeles outfielder, who has gotten into the habit of gorging himself on San Francisco pitching, belted a delicate two-run homer against the Giants for the second game in succession as the third-place Dodgers knocked off the National League leaders 5-1 Tuesday night.

Davis hit a two-run shot for a 3-0 lead Monday night, driving in the runs that proved to be all the Dodgers needed in an 8-1 triumph. Tuesday night he tagged a two-run blast in the fourth inning that snapped a 1-1 tie and sent the Dodgers out front to stay.

Davis now has eight hits in 16 at-bats against San Francisco this year—a neat .500 average—and 11 runs batted in for the four games with the Giants.

The defeat, fifth in seven games for the Giants, cut their edge over the Dodgers and second-place St. Louis to 2½ games. The Cardinals remained percentage points ahead of Los Angeles, extending their winning streak to six games by whipping Philadelphia 6-2 behind Bob Gibson's four-hitter.

Fourth-place Cincinnati nipped Milwaukee 3-2 in 11 innings, Chicago's Cubs defeated Pittsburgh 3-1 and Houston beat the New York Mets 3-2 in other games.

Yanks In First

In the American League, the New York Yankees moved into first place by edging Los Angeles 2-1 in 12 innings after Whitey Ford and Jim Coates held the Angels hitless for 8½ innings. Minnesota took over second place by edging Washington 6-5. Cleveland dropped to third after losing to Baltimore 4-1 and Kansas City belted Boston 5-1. Detroit and Chicago were not scheduled.

Jim Gilliam's single following a single by Larry Burright and a sacrifice, scored the Dodgers first run in the "hird, but the Giants tied it in the sixth on a double by Willie Mays and Chuck Hiller's single. In the Dodgers sixth Willie Davis singled with one out and Tommy Davis tagged his 10th homer off Jack Sanford.

Stan Williams (3-1), who allowed only three hits for eight innings, got credit for the victory with relief help from Larry Sherry after the first two Giants singled in the ninth.

Gibson (6-2) had a two-hitter going until the ninth when Tony Taylor singled and Johnny Callison homered, snapping a string of 22 scoreless innings by the Cardinals' right-hander.



DON HEIN, defending hardtop champion at the Roseburg Speedway, will be out to continue his winning ways this season when the races start June 2. Trying to take the No. 1 spot away from Hein will be the top drivers from Roseburg, Cottage Grove, Coos Bay, Grants Pass and Medford. (Photo by Chris)

Hardtop Races Delayed To June 2

The initial hardtop race of the season at the Roseburg Speedway has been postponed until June 2 because of wet weather which has prevented work on the track.

Tonight at 8 the Pacific Racing Association will hold a pre-race

meeting at the Labor Temple in Coos Bay and Grants Pass set for Roseburg. All members and interested persons are urged to attend.

Hardtop enthusiasts are planning a bigger and better racing season this year with top drivers from Roseburg, Cottage Grove, Medford,

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