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1 UP AND 3 TO GO

For the past six weeks 32 representative County teams from County Durham in the North to Devonshire in the South have been battling it out for a place in the Grand Finals of the BTBA Inter-Counties Championships. The Counties have been zoned into groups of four and our bowlers from Essex and Kent are doing very well for themselves.

For the men Essex head their zone with just two matches left to play and although only 3 points in the clear must be favourites to make the finals over Middlesex, London and Hertfordshire. The Kent team, despite unluckily losing three vital games by just a few odd pins, are still in with a chance of joining Essex and their final two matches at Tolworth will be decisive.

The Essex Ladies, although in third position, still have a reasonable chance to top their zone as only a few points separate the first places with two matches still to play. The Kent Ladies also have two matches left but have already won their zone over Hampshire, Surrey and Sussex. Dropping only two points out of the 24 played our Counties have one team up and three to go!

Regarding individuals it would be unfair to mention one or two players without the others as these four sides are essentially teams. It would not go amiss to mention the 600 plus series bowled by our players, however, and congratulations go to JOHN WYNDHAM, RAY HOOK, BEL BROUGH and ROBIN GARTON for Essex and to PETE WOODWARD, TOM BALLINGALL and JANET MORRISON for Kent. Janet's set was a mighty 672 including a 279 game - both a personal best.

The final matches before the Grand Finals are being played on 24th. August and Essex visit the Airport Bowl and Kent go to Humber Bowl, Crawley. Play commences around 2p.m. and YOUR support would be very welcome.

GROUP 5 - LADIES

1. KENT	22 points
2. SURREY	13 points
3. HAMPSHIRE	9 points
4. SUSSEX	4 points

GROUP 5 - MEN

1. HAMPSHIRE	27 points
2. KENT	11 points
3. SURREY	11 points
4. SUSSEX	9 points

GROUP 6 - LADIES

1. MIDDLESEX	17 points
2. LONDON	14 points
3. ESSEX	13 points
4. HERTFORDSHIRE	4 points

GROUP 6 - MEN

1. ESSEX	18 points
2. MIDDLESEX	15 points
3. HERTFORDSHIRE	11 points
4. LONDON	4 points

SKIBOLTS WIN KENT LEAGUE

	WON	LOST	PINS	AVGE	HI GAME	HI SERIES	POINTS
1. CHATHAM SKIBOLTS	45	15	39045	867	951	2769	90
2. CHATHAM ROUGHNECKS	38	22	37686	837	937	2624	76
3. BEXLEYHEATH COURIERS	31	25	35008	833	979	2654	62
4. WHITSTABLE NATIVES	29	31	32556	834	924	2588	58
5. BEXLEYHEATH AMBASSADORS	26	30	32692	838	930	2625	52
6. WHITSTABLE OYSTERS	24	36	34562	822	927	2582	48
7. BEXLEYHEATH BRAVES	22½	37½	36525	811	924	2542	45
8. BEXLEYHEATH DEVILS	17	35	31280	802	927	2585	34

HIGH AVERAGES:

JERRY MOLL	CHATHAM	179
ROGER EVANS	CHATHAM	177
TERRY GAIGER	WHITSTABLE	177
BRUCE JENNINGS	WHITSTABLE	176
NIGEL HOLGATE	CHATHAM	176
JIM SOUTHWORTH	CHATHAM	175
MICK COPE	B/HEATH	173
JESS COOPER	CHATHAM	173
TED PINK	B/HEATH	172
ERIC TERRY	WHITSTABLE	172
GRAHAM LENNOX	WHITSTABLE	172

HIGH SERIES:

BRUCE JENNINGS	WHITSTABLE	629
ALAN WILKINSON	B/HEATH	617
JIM SOUTHWORTH	CHATHAM	613

HIGH GAMES:

MICK COPE	B/HEATH	255
BILL COUCHMAN	CHATHAM	255
BRUCE JENNINGS	WHITSTABLE	246

BURRIDGE BONANZA AT SOUTHEND

A series of 680 on games of 224-234 and 222. A composite average in the Pavilion League and Shrimpers League of 194 and £170 the richer having shot 7 selected strikes in the Centre Jackpot and hitting another big set - this time a 672 - at the same time. This is the way that MICK BURRIDGE has commenced the Summer Season! Keep it going Mick - we are still awaiting that sanctioned 300 game!

Other names in the news at the Pavilion Lanes are BILL STREET and GERRY WARD. The former shot a very nice 255 game in assisting

the Apaches to beat the Travellers in the Pavilion League and Gerry fired a great 278 game with 11 strikes and a single 8 spare finishing with a 654 series.



SATURDAY PAIRS



Another month has gone by and the 1200's are back in this popular Saturday tournament held weekly at Bexleyheath.

1. BUZZ MORRISON/VAUGHAN CLARKE	1214	£5. 0.0d.
2. BUZZ MORRISON/VAUGHAN CLARKE	1195	£2.10.0d.
3. BILL BRIDGE/PAT DUGGAN	1147	£1.15.0d.
4. SLUDGE COPE/PAT DUGGAN	1140	
5. DEN KITE/PETER CHAPMAN	1127	
6. BRIAN NEWSON/NEDDY ROBERTS	1108	
7. BUZZ MORRISON/ALAN CHAPMAN	1102	
8. TONY KOICHEVAR/MAC McCARTNEY	1098	

The winning score this month was led by Vaughan Clarke with a 627 backed by Buzz Morrison on 587. The same team two weeks earlier set the score that they, themselves, beat and on that occasion Buzz led the way on 662.

Pool teamwork this. The new tournament runs through August and September.

F.I.Q. & E.S.D.

Writing in the November 1968 edition of BOWLING NEWS, Teddy Tinling referred to the problem of sorting out amateur qualifications in tenpin bowling before any progress could be made in getting tenpin included in any future Olympic Games. This very issue received a great deal of attention at the recent European and World F.I.Q. meetings at Copenhagen, Denmark and in Roumania respectively, when attempts by the German delegates were made to try to outlaw any type of cash payments in leagues or tournaments. Germany had support from the likes of Austria and Switzerland and for the European meeting voting was deadlocked with the same number for the proposal as were against. The matter was referred back for further committee consideration - which would obviously be affected by any decisions reached at the subsequent World meeting. This move to establish amateur standards in a sport that had never had them was considered by both Great Britain and the U.S.A. to be a retrograde step but in Germany in other European countries their respective ruling bodies take a much narrower view than our own BTBA or the American Bowling Congress. For example the very well known German bowler FRITZ BLUM dared to wear his National colours when winning last years Coca Cola International Masters Tournament in Mexico. Affrontery indeed to the German hierarchy of bowling, as the Coca Cola event was not sanctioned and was not therefore recognised as an official event. Fritz Blum has duly been suspended indefinitely by his own Association irrespective of the fact that he is their National champion and as well known in his own country as David Pond is over here! Contrast this to the reception our own Jon Reeves would have got had he won the event. Against this kind of



"The office bowling team appreciates your suggestion, sir, but we feel we'd rather stick to plain white shirts with the name on the back."

background the World meeting took place and to the relief of the majority eventually came up with a sensible solution. If at any time tenpin is recognised for the Olympic Games then individuals must comply with the Olympic requirements then prevailing. With the present revolution among member countries of the Olympic Games Committee anything can happen at the moment and as far as you, the bowler, are concerned you will no doubt carry on as before and take your chances. Other points to come out from the Copenhagen meeting were that the National Bowling Associations of all European Member Countries

must give written premission for their players to compete in another country and that future European Tournaments must provide means of visual scoring. In addition there will be a 9 pin tournament on ashfalt to co-incide with the Munich Olympics and the next European Championships will be in Vienna in 1973. From the World Meeting in Roumania the date for the 1971 world Championships in Milwaukee was fixed as the last week in August. A final note to all Tournament organisers who may hope to attract European bowlers to events in this country - the Germans and allies are sticking to their principles and will not allow any of their bowlers to enter non-sanctioned tournaments or any event at all if direct cash prizes are involved!

OUR THANKS TO GENERAL SECRETARY MORRIS GLAZER AND TO 'THE BOWLER' FOR PROVIDING MOST OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION.

BOBBY MANSFIELD - 298

Following Will Clarke's 299 game in the Dagenham Masters League reported last month BOBBY MANSFIELD bowling in the same league also hit 11 strikes in a row and for the second time in only a few weeks the perfect game was 'on'. Once again the twelfth delivery was the tough one, however, and this time the baby split remained for a 298 game. The high games for this league are now 299, 298, 289 respectively - beat that!!

MASTERS PHENOMENON

The title of American Bowling Congress Masters Champion is probably the most coveted of all the big American tournaments. Invariably won by one of the top professionals, the 1969 event was one with a difference. Not only did an unknown take the crown from the established stars, but took it in such a way that bowlers all over the U.S.A. are still talking about it. The name to remember is left handed JIM CHESTNEY and never has there been a bowling champion quite like him in the history of the game. Apart from the fact that he uses a bowling ball to knock down the pins the similarity to any other bowler anywhere in the World ends right there. Although some 6' 3" tall he takes one of the shortest approaches ever, about $7\frac{1}{2}$ - 8 feet from the foul line, and with four painfully deliberate mini steps releases just about the slowest ball ever seen. Onlookers got the impression they could have walked to the pins faster. Thirdly the ball rolls down the lane on the very first board, balanced so precariously that it looked for all the world as if it would drop in the gutter at any second. But it didn't, it travelled further down the lane in a straight line than anyone had ever seen before - some 45 feet - and then swept into the pocket. The top U.S.A. keglers couldn't believe their eyes. "There is no way" said Dick Weber, "for that ball to leave the 6 pin. It's uncanny - I've never seen a ball go into the pocket at that angle." Weber knew what he was talking about as he had the misfortune to come up against young Chestney, only just 21 years old, in the quarter finals and was duly eliminated on games of 207-238-235-277=957. In the finals Chestney went even bigger with a 962 set on games of 236-236-246-234 and in the re-play, both against Barry Asher, he clinched the 1969 title with a set of 923. His average throughout the complete event was 223 and in compiling this total he pocketed \$4,650. A phenomenon indeed!



Jim Chestney lofts his ABC Masters trophy.

TRY THIS !

Leagues in the U.S.A. are finding a new interest in an expansion of the point system to decide the winners of team games and series. A Cliftonville league are seriously considering the idea and the old Bexleyheath Roundtable League operated a similar system very successfully a few years ago. Basically points are added for a match between players in corresponding positions in the team line-ups and 1 point is given for each individual match with 4 for winning each team game and 3 for the winning team series. This is a total of 30 points for a 3 game team match or 24 for a trios league. The system can operate both for scratch or handicap leagues but in the latter the handicaps must be hung up to date before the match is played. Lineup positions are important and a league operating this system must have a rule to indicate which of the opposing teams enters it's playing order first. The recommendation is for teams on the odd lanes to 'play their hand' first as with the BTBA schedule the positions will be reversed for the following schedule. Once both teams declare their line-up this order must remain throughout the 3 games. The only other problem is blind scores and to get over this one it is suggested that the 'Blind' be ignored on the individual man for man basis, but if the team with the blind wins the game - with the blind score added in - it then wins the game points plus the individual point for the blind. Why not try this system for your new season. It could revitalise your league.

JUNIORS !

Youngsters in the U.S.A. have their own association called the American Junior Bowling Congress which is jointly supported by the American Bowling Congress and the Women's International Bowling Congress. A recent report on their activities received from across the Atlantic makes quite staggering reading. Membership exceeds 450,000 and the scores that some of the children bowl are almost unbelievable. The AJBC high games and series for this season are reproduced below and it should be mentioned that all the scores shown are scratch! The 3 game series of 847 topping the Junior Boys is an alltime World Record and was totalled by 15 year old WAYNE CHESTER on games of 299-279 and 269! The Girls high series of 727 was bowled last month by 13 year old CATHY CERTO on games of 206-235-286 whilst using an 11lb house ball. Cathy was averaging 139 in her Junior League at the time and was in her first year of bowling! No doubt you will also observe in the listing no fewer than ten 300 games!

SENIOR BOYS

TEAM SERIES	
Brunswick-Hildale Travelers, Madison, Wis.	3274
El Rancho Bowl, Sacramento, Calif.	3273
McGuffey Lanes No. 1, Youngstown, Ohio	3269
TEAM GAME	
Annapolis Travelers No. 1, Annapolis, Va.	1200
Pin Point Lanes No. 2, Broward County, Fla.	1188
Ruff & Ruddy, Shreveport, La.	1188
Highland Lanes, Toledo, Ohio	1183
INDIVIDUAL SERIES	
Phil Buchanan, Daly City, Calif.	766
Raymond Ne, Daly City, Calif.	765
Rick Nelson, San Mateo, Calif.	764
INDIVIDUAL GAME	
James Harris, Port Huron, Mich.	300
Terry Smith, San Diego, Calif.	300
Michael Reynolds, Alameda, Calif.	300
Sam Bashans, Saginaw, Mich.	300
Rick Kertson, San Mateo, Calif.	300
Scott Wingate, Beck Hill, S.C.	300
Dave Hahn, San Mateo, Calif.	300

JUNIOR BOYS

TEAM SERIES	
Untouchables, Warren, Ohio	3232
No. 5, Plainfield, Ind.	3140
Betty's Upholstery, Columbus, Ohio	3139
TEAM GAME	
Untouchables, Warren, Ohio	1187
Diek Weber All-Stars, Reynoldsburg, Ohio	1134
No. 5, Plainfield, Ind.	1114
INDIVIDUAL SERIES	
Wayne Chester, Daly City, Calif.	647
Jim O'Connell, Madison, Wis.	771
Clayley Webster, Memphis, Tenn.	782
INDIVIDUAL GAME	
Craig McFeron, Portland, Ore.	300
John Stewart, Toledo, Ohio	300
Claude Maher, New Orleans, La.	300
BANTAM BOYS (Two Games)	
TEAM SERIES	
Brunett Plaza Barber Shop, Springfield, Ohio	2063
Thunderbolt, Uxbridge, Mass.	1632
Pin Busters, Great Falls, Mont.	1604
TEAM GAME	
Brunett Plaza Barber Shop, Springfield, Ohio	1044
Slay Masters, Bronx, N.Y.	892
Pin Busters, Great Falls, Mont.	861
INDIVIDUAL SERIES	
Tom Turner, Barberies, Ohio	531
Joe Rutigliano, Woodridge, N.J.	515
Tony Salasud, Daly City, Calif.	483
Skip Dawson, Annapolis, Va.	463
INDIVIDUAL GAME	
Tom Turner, Barberies, Ohio	289
Scott Davogari, Edmonds, Wash.	288
Skip Dawson, Annapolis, Va.	278

SENIOR GIRLS

TEAM SERIES	
Central Girls, Aurora, Colo.	3133
Century Roseette, Norfolk, Va.	3128
Wardl Grass Junior League, Sacramento, Calif.	3119
TEAM GAME	
Century Roseette, Norfolk, Va.	1191
Pin Point Lanes, Pin Point, Va.	1113
Central Girls, Aurora, Colo.	1106
INDIVIDUAL SERIES	
Cheryl Kaminsky, Los Angeles, Calif.	682
Shelley Levisson, Burbank, Calif.	665
Debbie Stewart, El Segundo, Calif.	659
INDIVIDUAL GAME	
Rosemarie ToTo, Staten Island, N.Y.	263
Cheryl Kaminsky, Los Angeles, Calif.	267
Eleanor Crandall, White Plains, N.Y.	264

JUNIOR GIRLS

TEAM SERIES	
Goodtimers, Texas City, Texas	2966
Federal Marine Yarns, Duluth, Minn.	2855
White Eagle Bakery, Albany, N.Y.	2833
TEAM GAME	
Cassanova, Rhinebeck, N.Y.	1619
Goodtimers, Texas City, Texas	1609
Ithaca Bowl Girls, Ithaca, N.Y.	1606
INDIVIDUAL SERIES	
Catherine Certo, Lewiston, N.Y.	727
Diane Buchanan, Miami, Fla.	639
Karen Gustafson, Paderama City, Calif.	636
INDIVIDUAL GAME	
Catherine Certo, Lewiston, N.Y.	286
Sally Casale, Seaside, Ore.	267
Sherrill Moore, Mendocino, Calif.	267

BANTAM GIRLS

(Two Games)	
TEAM SERIES	
Female Fowlers, Los Angeles, Calif.	4722
Waterlily Rotary No. 2, Watervliet, N.Y.	4237
St. Anne's Lucky Strike, Wausau, Wis.	1681
TEAM GAME	
Optimist Club, Myerstown, Pa.	910
Female Fowlers, Los Angeles, Calif.	883
Waterlily Rotary No. 2, Watervliet, N.Y.	864
INDIVIDUAL SERIES	
Nancy Nielson, Dover, N.J.	428
Pat Holcomb, Mishawaka, Ind.	423
Linda JoFuku, Palo Alto, Calif.	423
INDIVIDUAL GAME	
Barbara Wahnke, Anshing, Calif.	254
Debbie Tronec, Bronx City, Ohio	247

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ALL 200 CLUB MEMBERSHIPS FOR THIS SEASON MUST BE IN BY 1st. SEPTEMBER
A full membership list will be published next month together with details of the annual Club Tournament.

AREA HI'S!

FOR PERIOD ENDING 31st. JULY 1969

5 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	<u>BIG W's</u>	2941*	SOU
		WEMBLEY ALL STARS	2895	HAR
		NOMADS	2883	CLIF
	1 GAME	<u>CHESSMEN</u>	1052*	HAR
		FLYING TEES	1029	SOU
		BIG W's	1028	SOU
4 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	<u>NOMADS</u>	2248	BEX
		ROUGHNECKS	2188	CHAT
		THE COMMITTEE	2168	BEX
	1 GAME	<u>ROUGHNECKS</u>	810	CHAT
		GOLD STRIKERS	808	BEX
		THE BARRACUDAS	801	CLIF
3 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	<u>WEMBLEY ALL STARS</u>	1874*	DAG
		SILVER ROLLERS "A"	1872	DAG
		COMITTEE COMETS	1867	DAG
	1 GAME	NOMADS RED	682*	DAG
		POTMEN	676	BEX
		WEMBLEY ALL STARS	674	DAG
2 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	<u>BILL BRIDGE/PAT DUGGAN</u>	1253*	DAG
		PHIL CAIRNS/TED MURRAY	1230	DAG
		BILL BRIDGE/ERIC BAKER	1222	BEX
	1 GAME	<u>BUZZ MORRISON/VAUGHAN CLARKE</u>	489*	BEX
		BRIAN NEWSON/NEDDY ROBERTS	483	BEX
		BRIAN NEWSON/NEDDY ROBERTS	482	BEX
MIXED/LADIES DOUBLES	3 GAMES	<u>BERYL & FRED SHRIMPTON</u>	1194	BEX
		MYRA KELSEY/ALF ROGERS	1147	BEX
		DOLLY HART/NORMA BRIDGE	1141	DAG
	1 GAME	<u>MYRA KELSEY/ALF ROGERS</u>	446	BEX
		DOROTHY & TED CULLEN	441	WHIT
		BERYL & FRED SHRIMPTON	429	BEX
INDIVIDUAL MEN	3 GAMES	<u>BOBBY MANSFIELD</u>	724	DAG
		BOBBY MANSFIELD	704	DAG
		DAVE READ	695	SOU
	1 GAME	<u>WILL CLARKE</u>	299*	DAG
		BOBBY MANSFIELD	298	DAG
		BOBBY MANSFIELD	289	DAG
INDIVIDUAL LADIES	3 GAMES	<u>JANET MORRISON</u>	669*	BEX
		JOYCE WILSON	649	BEX
		JANET MORRISON	643	BEX
	1 GAME	<u>JOYCE WILSON</u>	266	BEX
		JANET MORRISON	262	BEX
		POPPY HOWIS	256	CHAT
INDIVIDUAL JUNIORS	3 GAMES	<u>ALAN McCARTNEY</u>	624*	BEX
		STEVEN SMITH	552	CHAT
		ROBERT WHITE	536	CHAT
	1 GAME	<u>LES INGRAM & ALAN McCARTNEY</u>	241	BEX
		STEVEN SMITH	222	CHAT
		LESLIE WOOD	220	CHAT

* Area Record

Nine new entries for July and just this month to go before the Plaques are ordered! A fine 1872 from the SILVER ROLLERS in the Dagenham Masters just 2 pins behind the leaders. Two new leaders in the Doubles - a fine 1253 from BILL BRIDGE & PAT DUGGAN and BUZZ MORRISON & VAUGHAN CLARKE with games of 243 and 246 respectively head the list with 489 - both scores are new Area Records. Young ALAN McCARTNEY bowling in the Remington League now leads the Junior Sections with a 241 game and 624 series - another record.