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BARRY WILKENS = 761 IN EURO RECORD 1406

Of all the records that have been bowled in the Area of late including two 3200 plus five man team series and two 2000 plus trios a 1400 set for doubles was probably the most unlikely. It was the Saturday afternoon event, the Dagenham Doubles, at the Princess Bowl that did the trick and brought to the fore a new name that is destined to be with us in the bowling world for a long time to come - BARRY WILKENS. His opening game was 259 perfectly backed by CHRIS LEAVY with 245 to give them an Area Record opening game of 504. Barry continued with games of 246 and 256 to total 761, the second highest series ever bowled in Europe and only ten pins behind Dave Pond's all time record of 771. Chris more than held his end up to finish with a 645 set and together they made an astounding 1406, beating the old standard set up at the same centre three years ago by DEL BROUGH and ERIC BAKER when they hit 1346. Frame by frame scores went as follows:-

BARRY

X	7	X	X	X	X	X	X	9	X	X	X	259
20	40	70	100	130	160	189	209	229	259			
X	X	X	X	9	9	X	X	8	X	X	X	505
30	60	89	109	128	148	176	196	216	246			
X	X	X	X	X	9	X	X	X	9	8		761
30	60	90	119	139	159	189	218	238	256			

WILKENS

CHRIS

8	8	X	X	X	X	X	X	9	X	8	1	245
18	38	68	98	128	158	186	206	226	245			
9	9	7	X	X	7	X	7	7	2	8	X	434
19	36	56	83	103	123	143	160	169	189			
X	9	X	6	X	X	6	X	X	8	7		645
20	40	60	80	106	126	146	174	194	211			

LEAVY



A Happy Christmas



THE FRIENDLY A.G.M.

The atmosphere among all those present at this year's A.G.M. of the B.T.B.A. was warm and friendly. No cross words of any kind and every vote won unanimously.

Chairman ERIC TERRY opened the proceedings with his report stating that the year past had been a particularly productive one and that co-operation between all parties of the bowling industry was now excellent. He congratulated the B.T.B.A. Liason Committee of STAN PLANT, RON MILES and our own BRIAN LANGFORD for the fine work accomplished, thanked MORRIS GLAZER and TEDDY TINLING for all the effort they had put in over a number of years to obtain official government recognition for our sport and also thanked AMF for turning the £2500 loan made in 1961 into a grant.

On the playing front Mr. Terry commented upon the very successful tour of the U.S.A. by our girls earlier this year and on the fact that international competition of this type was very valuable. He congratulated the English team on retaining the Triple Crown and BOBBY MANSFIELD on captaining the British men to runners-up position in the Emilio de Miguel Nations Cup in Breda. Apart from Bob's task in the forthcoming World Championships in Milwaukee there was also a new three nation event to be held in 1971 between England, Belgium and this year's Emilio de Miguel winners, France.

HAROLD KING followed with the Treasurer's report, indicated a position of financial security and commented that the General Secretary was still unpaid. More money was obviously needed and this could only come from an increased membership. It was the duty of everyone to obtain new members as basically nobody was better equipped to sell the sport than bowlers themselves.

TEDDY TINLING as Honary Press Officer and Chairman of the Selection Committee spoke to the assembly on the difficulties of obtaining good press coverage for the sport, stated that an International Tournament Calendar was at last

in being and reiterated that selection for one's country was not all milk and honey as the grant from the Sports Council covered only 1/3rds of the transportation costs and everything else had to be found by the individual - with a number of players being faced with two trips to the U.S.A. in 1971 their personal expenditure would be very considerable. He asked that every encouragement be given to both DAVE POND and JES MORLEY in their quest to retain their World titles gained in Sweden in 1967 and he hoped that they would both find their top form in time for Milwaukee. MORRIS GLAZER, in his Secretary's Report, commented that 22 bowling centres had closed in 1968/69 but that despite this membership had taken an upward trend. The present indication for 1970/71 was that the rise would continue and that it could become quite dramatic. League and Tournament sanctions were now flooding in. It was agreed by the delegates that the B.T.B.A. Award Programme be looked into, that scores bowled in official Y.B.C. Leagues be recognised by the Association and that an offer made by a bowling company to house B.T.B.A. Head Office when the present premises are demolished could be accepted if necessary. Mr. Glazer spoke at length upon the intricacies of F.I.Q. and detailed the charter flight to the World Championships which we print on another page. He commented that any open tournament in Europe to which British bowlers wished to travel would, in fact, not be open to them unless they were B.T.B.A. members in good standing and carried a letter from B.T.B.A. to this effect. This was an F.I.Q. ruling.

GEORGE LORD was invited by the Chairman to say a few words on behalf of the Proprietors and spoke very optimistically about the future stating that now the troubles that had beset the industry for so long were now over that he could visualise new centres opening in 2/3 years time. He stressed the need to forget the past (but not it's lessons) and look to a bright future. He sat down to a well deserved ovation. ON to 1971.



"The team captain gave me some homework to do—"

ESSEX SHIELD 70

The indefinible atmosphere of a big tournament was always present when the original 'Essex Shield' Tournaments were held at the old Regal Bowl at Grays. Nothing was lost during the intervening years and the seriousness with which teams were taking the event was apparent when a number of top sides came into Dagenham to practise during the preceeding week. Other than Harry Stiller's Racers and the Brunswick Jets who were both committed to a tournament in Belgium every top team in the country was present and some great bowling was witnessed plus a few shocks. Only the top 12 teams over the preliminary rounds qualified for the final on the second Sunday and among those ousted were the SCEPTRES, MALLORY CHARGERS, APACHES, MILLETTS CHEETAHS, WINDSOR ROYALS, AMOCO, TINY'S RADIO TAXIS, FRONTLINERS, CHESSMEN, WETHERSFIELD RAIDERS and NEMISES. The minimum qualifying score was 2705!

QUALIFIERS

1. WEMBLEY ALL STARS	1114	1032	837	2983	DAGENHAM
2. GREYHOUNDS	974	965	1019	2958	WEMBLEY
3. NOMADS	991	867	1005	2863	DAGENHAM
4. SILVER ROLLERS	954	966	939	2859	DAGENHAM
5. THE COMMITTEE	955	908	945	2808	BEXLEYHEATH
6. CHESSMEN	862	955	954	2771	BRISTOL
7. DOUBLE T's	860	998	898	2756	TOLWORTH
8. SKI-BOLTS	860	945	950	2755	CHATHAM
9. INCON TRAVEL UNKNOWNNS	904	857	970	2731	WHITSTABLE
10. WINKRACE INTERNATIONALS	877	904	947	2728	SLOUGH
11. WARLORDS	908	897	922	2727	BRISTOL
12. EAGLES	863	884	958	2705	BASILDON

Reserves

13. MALLORY CHARGERS	922	903	856	2681	CRAWLEY
14. APACHES	859	920	890	2669	HODDESDON

High individual series of the day went to BILL CUMMINGS of the RAPIERS with a fine 666 with the high game, a 267, resting with DEL BROUGH of the All Stars. Other 600 men over the first Sunday were COLIN PRESLAND, BOBBY MANSFIELD and DEL BROUGH of the All Stars with 623, 642 and 622 respectively, BRIAN MICHAEL, ERIC BUTCHER and TONY SAMUELS from the Greyhounds with 645, 632 and 603, WILL CLARKE and MICK COPE for the Nomads on 626 and 603, TERRY SAUNDERS of the Silver Rollers with 603, COLIN CROWTHER and BRIAN NEWSON of The Committee with 615 and 608, S. LEVER from the Bristol Chessmen with 621, JERRY MOLL of the Ski-Bolts on 606, JOHN WELLS of Mallory Chargers 607, TOM OWEN of the Apaches 647, AL DAVIS of the Cheetahs 610, ROGER BRIGHT of SIX NO TRUMPS 602, BRIAN BARNARD of SILVERLINE 621, BARRY WRIGHT of the DYNAMOS 637, JIM INGRAM of SUEMARK HELMSMEN 609 and DEREK COLLIS of the SCORPIONS 603.

All the finalists bowled free of charge for the six game finals and the final positions after some fine play was as follows:

1. WEMBLEY ALL STARS	972	986	1017	<u>2975</u>	1031	980	947	<u>2958</u>	<u>5933</u>
2. GREYHOUNDS	925	935	1067	<u>2927</u>	877	951	1015	<u>2843</u>	<u>5770</u>
3. NOMADS	833	857	922	<u>2612</u>	950	1028	900	<u>2878</u>	<u>5490</u>
4. BRISTOL CHESSMEN	826	897	938	<u>2661</u>	891	959	967	<u>2817</u>	<u>5478</u>
5. WARLORDS	952	910	977	<u>2839</u>	821	922	881	<u>2624</u>	<u>5463</u>
6. THE COMMITTEE	893	836	881	<u>2610</u>	968	939	905	<u>2812</u>	<u>5422</u>
7. SILVER ROLLERS	1051	896	945	<u>2892</u>	869	810	819	<u>2498</u>	<u>5390</u>
8. SKI-BOLTS	866	907	852	<u>2625</u>	921	931	912	<u>2764</u>	<u>5389</u>
9. DOUBLE T'S	938	876	928	<u>2742</u>	847	847	878	<u>2572</u>	<u>5364</u>
10. INCON TRAVEL	927	892	941	<u>2760</u>	780	895	882	<u>2557</u>	<u>5317</u>
11. EAGLES	816	856	909	<u>2581</u>	848	775	841	<u>2464</u>	<u>5045</u>
12. WINKRACE INTERNATIONALS	- Scratched								

The big series continued to roll on the second week and this time BERNIE WHITE of the Greyhounds made top spot with 675 and his team mates ERIC BUTCHER and TONY SAMUELS also cracked the 600 barrier with 607 and 611. For the All Stars COLIN PRESLAND had a pair with 646 and 601 and BOBBY MANSFIELD hit 615, PHIL RUSSELL 643 and DEL BROUGH 643. PAT DUGGAN and LES GEORGE for the Nomads made 620 and 613 and S. LEVER of