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WORLD IN ACTION!

To say that the 8th. World Tenpin Bowling Championships held at the CHARRINGTON BOWL, TOLWORTH were a resounding success is to understate the fact. All who were lucky enough to be there, either as helpers or spectators agree that it was an event that they would not have missed for anything. To start at the end the final Medal Table was as follows:-

	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	1	3	2
WEST GERMANY	2		1
JAPAN	2		
FINLAND	1	1	1
AUSTRALIA		1	2
GREAT BRITAIN	1		1
NORWAY		1	1
SWEDEN	1		
CANADA		1	
SINGAPORE		1	

No fewer than 8 new World Championship records were set during the eight days of Championship play with two of them going to GREAT BRITAIN. In a magnificent spell of bowling BRIAN MICHAEL made 1360 over his six games of doubles across 12 lanes for a 226.6 average and with BERNIE CATERER backing him well the pair set a new standard of 2553 to win the gold. This event produced a real Wembley F.A. Cup Final atmosphere from the capacity crowd and even included choruses of "You'll Never Walk Alone". The ladies team from AUSTRALIA set new totals in the fives with a 2871 series and 1007 game and Aussie TRISH DATSON upped the ladies series to 643. SWEDEN hit 2334 in ladies pairs, HENRY TAN of SINGAPORE shot a 298 and ANNADORE HAEFKER of WEST GERMANY won the Individual Crown with a new record total of 4615 for 24 games.

Preliminaries

The teams for the biggest Tenpin Bowling Championships in the history of the sport started to arrive during the two weeks prior to the opening and the many players and officials almost took over the massive Penta Hotel in Kensington which was to be the H.Q. of the tournament for nearly two weeks. With bowlers from, literally, Argentina to Yugoslavia and from 30 countries in between the hotel must have been the most cosmopolitan establishment that this country has ever seen with all eight high speed lifts carrying hundreds of different nationalities up and down the 25 floors and coaches leaving for Tolworth almost round the clock, the hotel foyer was, at all times, an absolute hive of activity.

The serious business of the F.I.Q. Congresses took place on the Wednesday and Thursday, October 1st and 2nd with business being conducted in four languages simultaneously through instant translation instruments. Guam, Guernsey, Antilles, Bolivia and Brazil were voted into F.I.Q. and Chile and Uruguay were voted out for non-payment of the required fees. F.I.Q. now boasts 51 member countries.

At the elections Britain's MAURICE GLAZER was voted back for a further two year term of office and FRANK BAKER comes in as Vice President for the same period. It was reported that the Asian Zone Championships were to be held in Jakarta, Indonesia in August 1976, the American Zone event in Panama City in 1977 and the European Zone in Helsinki, Finland in the same year. 1977 is the Silver Anniversary year of F.I.Q. and special events are planned as a celebration. The next world Championships have been bid for by Japan, Thailand and Australia but no vote was taken pending investigation into the possibility of Tenpin Bowling becoming a part of the World Games (GAIF) being held for the first time in Manila in the Phillipines in 1977. Representatives of F.I.Q. were at the time in Toronto, Canada to report upon the advantages or otherwise of membership to GAIF and dependent upon a special meeting at a time in the near future the next World Championships could be in 1977 instead of 1979.

Opening Ceremony

Thursday evening saw all the participants and officials in addition to a large number of spectators descend upon the West Centre Hotel in West London for the official Opening Ceremonies. PAUL LANE officiated superbly at short notice and all 32 competing nations were paraded round the massive banqueting hall and introduced individually. A pipe band played in the countries to the rostrum, Morris dancers, Scottish dancers and Irish dancers all did their thing and with the flags of all the nations paraded and the lighting under expert control everything went very well indeed and was a credit to the main organiser of the event, PHIL BOWRY.

Practice Day

Friday was the day when JEAN & LEN THATCHER and JOYCE PRESLAND, who were in charge of transport arrangements, had to pull out all the stops. Every competitor (271 men and 152 women) plus all the team managers, coaches and officials had to be transported to and from Tolworth on a very tight schedule for practise, ball weighing and registration. The Tournament Directors BRIAN LANGFORD and BRIAN MORRISON somehow managed to allow everyone to bowl for 15 minutes on each of four blocks of eight lanes with an amplified referees whistle being the official language of the day! KEITH HALE of D.B.A. INTERNATIONAL SPORTS was in charge of the bowling balls and MARK BROWN coped very well indeed with the complexities of international registration in many strange languages. After some 11 hours of very hectic activity the scene was set for the first day of the tournament proper on Saturday, 4th October.

Women's Fours

25 Nations entered this event played European Style, six games across six lanes with a complete game being bowled on each lane. The standard was set on the very first squad with FINLAND totalling 4436 but beaten by JAPAN with 4551 - an average of just under 190. In the final squad U.S.A., Australia and Ireland all made a determined effort to overhaul the Japanese girls but without success. The winning scorecard for the tournament's first gold medallists looked like this:-

ONO YASUYO	178	201	182	180	164	228	1136
SAKAI MIYOKO	194	176	166	181	168	202	1034
IWASAKI FUMIKO	211	188	211	193	175	149	1184
MOTOI MIYUKI	213	165	243	182	166	231	1197

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G O L D

2. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
3. AUSTRALIA
4. FINLAND
5. IRELAND
6. VENEZUELA
7. MEXICO
8. WEST GERMANY
9. SWEDEN
10. NORWAY

4486

S I L V E R

4474

B R O N Z E

4436

4408

4380

4343

4320

4308

4263

High individual series for this event was the 1197 from MOTOI MIYUKI who opened with a three game total of 621. Others with an opening 'six' were IWASKI FUMIKO 614 and MARY LOU GRAHAM of the U.S.A. 611. Surprises of the day were the fine performance of the Irish girls in finishing fifth and the below par form from Denmark, Belgium, Great Britain and France who finished 14th, 17th, 19th and 23rd respectively. For the British contingent PAT DEW was the most telling with a high of 193 and a low of 171 for a 1103 total.

Charrington Bowl



Motoi Miyuki firing a 231 in the Fours to clinch the Gold Medal for Japan.

Men's Eights

Many of the 29 countries entered in the 'Eights' were unfamiliar with the European Style format of bowling eight games across eight lanes with one complete game bowled on each lane and the scores overall were a little lower than might have been expected. FINLAND were the early leaders with a 12217 total but, as it turned out, this was to be yet another of their eventual four fourth placings. Squad 2 brought out the West Germans who are brought up on this type of competition and didn't

know it! German beer songs, klaxons, cheers and yells carried their team on the crest of a wave to a total of 12406 - an average of just under 194 - and a nasty wait until the following day to see if the total was good enough to win. It was! CANADA and GREAT BRITAIN had a fine scrap to decide the Silver and Gold medals and after 2 hours of audit and rechecking Canada had won the second place by just 1 single pin, 12266 to 12265! Bowlers who averaged over 200 for their 8 games were ULRICH ROHLOFF and BERND BAULE of West Germany with 1618 and 1610, GLEN WATSON of Canada 1625, MATTI NIEMENEN (Finland) 1618, RENZO MONTI (Italy) 1602, BUD STAUDT (U.S.A.) 1602, ARNE STRØM (Norway) 1605, BERNARD PUJOL (France) 1655, JOHN BASARABA (Puerto Rico) 1658 and the high man of the event BO HOLMBERG from Sweden with 1671. The Golden Scorecard read as follows:-



"I want the longest room in the hotel..."

BERND BAULE	226	191	181	191	195	183	219	224	1610
HANS DREISS	169	213	169	200	204	180	184	202	1521
CLAUS HASE	202	157	201	173	197	269	197	183	1579
DIETER HENRICH	214	193	188	136	162	195	213	192	1493
BERND KORNAK	191	182	222	178	187	166	192	171	1489
FRIEDHELM REMMEL	176	160	211	199	212	170	197	193	1518
FRIEDHOLD RITZ	203	181	213	246	198	183	177	177	1578
ULRICH ROHLOFF	233	226	160	235	126	226	192	220	1618

G O L D 12406

S I L V E R 12266
B R O N Z E 12265

2. CANADA	12217
3. GREAT BRITAIN	12128*
4. FINLAND	12128
5. ITALY	12104
6. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	12020
7. SWEDEN	12003
8. PUERTO RICO	11956
9. JAPAN	
10. FRANCE	

CASS EDWARDS was top man for Great Britain with a good 1588 total, closely followed by CHRIS BUCK with 1586, JON REEVES 1564 and BERNIE CATERER 1546. ERIC BUTCHER made 1517, GERRY BUGDEN 1507, GEOFF BUCK 1485 and BRIAN MICHAEL 1472. This event was a personal tragedy for Michael who was destined to bowl so very well for the remainder of the week.

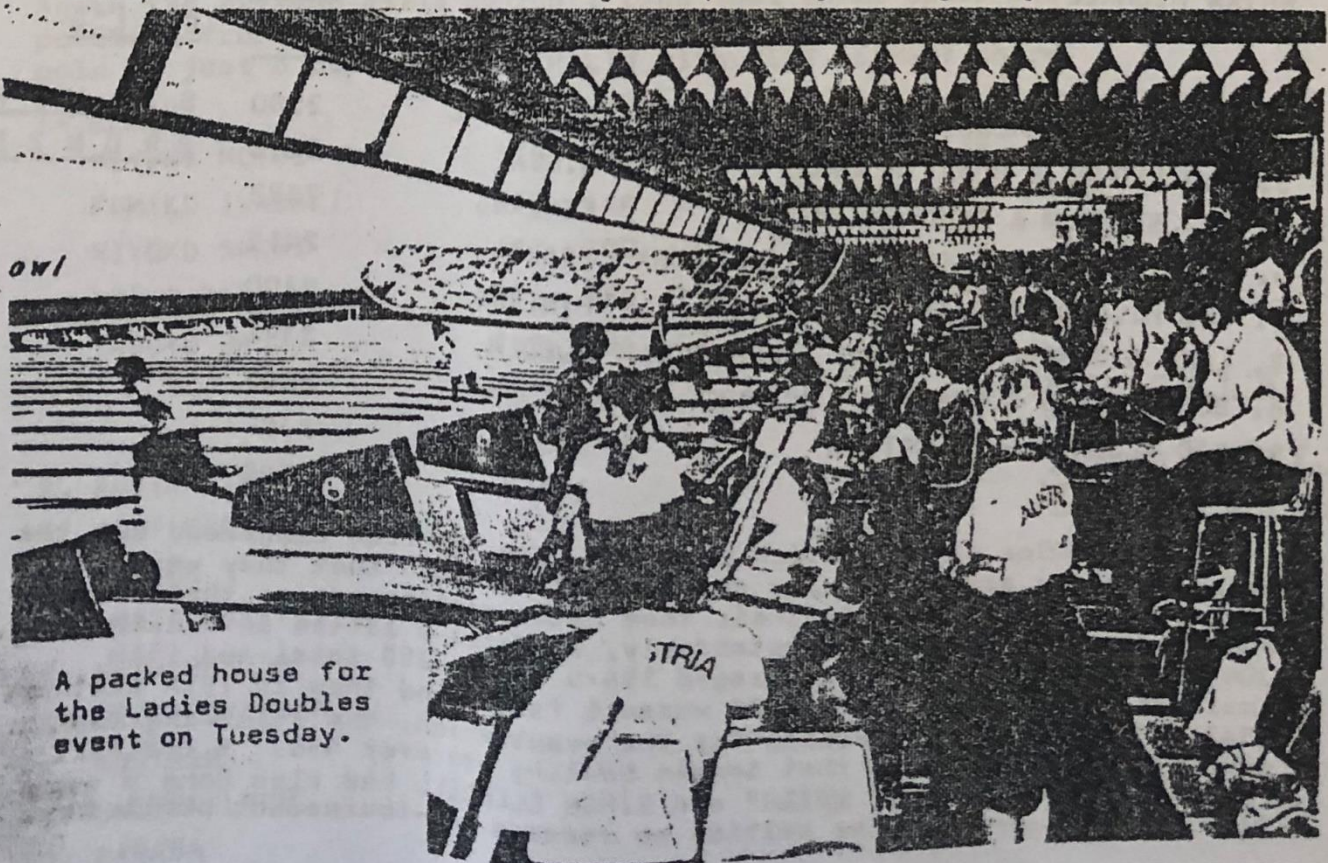
* Italy awarded 5th place on bowling the greater number of strikes.

Women's Doubles

76 teams entered for the Women's Doubles and it took a new World Championship record performance from the Swedes BRITT CEDERBRINK and SVEA LJUNGKVIST to wrest the Gold medal from the American's CAROL GADDIS and CAROL SCHEMERS after the latter had put up a 2305 total to average over 192 on the morning squad. In fact Aussies DALE GRAY and DEL DA-RE nearly lost them the Silver medal as well when, for the second time, the placings were decided by just one pin. The Swedish pair averaged 194.5 and their score card looked as follows:-

BRITT CEDERBRINK	177	193	212	203	180	166	1131	
SVEA LJUNGKVIST	167	196	237	201	233	167	1203	
							<u>2334</u>	<u>G O L D</u>
2. CAROL GADDIS & CAROL SCHEMERS							2305	<u>S I L V E R</u>
3. DALE GRAY & DEL DA-RE							2304	<u>B R O N Z E</u>
4. ANJA IHALAINEN & ULPU KAIKKO							2252	
5. CAROLE CUTHBERT & PAT DEW							2224	
6. PAT MURPHEY & ANTONELLA MURPHY							2205	
7. EIJA KROGERUS & LEA HILOKOSKI							2203	
8. SIEGUNDE HUSER & ANNE DORE HAEFKER							2197	
9. NICOLE CRASSAT & FRANCETTE BORIE							2195	
10. DANIELA GRUBER & MARGOT SIMON							2194	

CAROLE CUTHBERT and PAT DEW for Great Britain rolled very well to average over 185 and had they received just half the support that the British men were to get in winning their doubles the result could have been different. The other British girls didn't really get going with MEG SHAW and ENA PRATTLE finishing 47th and PAULINE BOWRY and KAY METCALFE 63rd. The Japanese girls were surprisingly eclipsed as well with their highest pairing making only 17th spot.



A packed house for the Ladies Doubles event on Tuesday.

Men's Doubles

This event, the fourth to be decided, was the highspot for Great Britain and produced scenes the like of which have never before been seen in our sport. It all started at 8p.m. on Monday evening when the American pair of BUD STOUTD and BOBBY MEADOWS shot a 2440 set that appeared good enough to hold pole position. They were tested all the way by KAJ SVEHOLM and TIMO SUVIRANTA of FINLAND - 2422, PHILIPPE DUBOIS and JEAN PIERRE HORN of FRANCE - 2413 and LEO HILOKOSKI and TAPIO VUORINEN from FINLAND - 2400, all of whom averaged 200



Brian Michael



Bernie Caterer

plus for the 6 games American style across 12 lanes. No further impression was made on Tuesday until the final squad when DENIS TAY and HENRY TAN from SINGAPORE really steamed away and finished with a 2500 total for an average of over 208 and, seemingly, the Gold Medal. BRIAN MICHAEL and BERNIE CATERER, however, had other ideas! At 10a.m. on Wednesday morning a capacity crowd had risen early to watch the challenge and the British boys really rose to the occasion. A 419 opener with Michael on 236 set the scene and a split and chop prone second game total of 345 in no way deterred the enthusiasm. Following with a 440, 455, 471 and closing on 423 they had totalled 2553 to take the Gold and, in the process, had set a new World Championships record for Men's Doubles with Brian Michael setting a new standard for a six game total with 1360 - a marvellous 226.6 average! As the 200 games rolled in the crowd shouted, danced, jumped up and down, cheered, chanted and, as it became clear, that our first Gold of 1975 was in the bag sang as good a rendition of "You'll Never Walk Alone" as has been heard on any football ground. BRIAN MICHAEL had totalled a 758 over his 3rd, 4th and 5th games and BERNIE CATERER had backed him in fine style with a 648 over the closing three. A World performance indeed that, on paper, looked like this:-

BERNIE CATERER	183	189	173	200	235	213	1193
BRIAN MICHAEL	236	156	267	255	236	210	1360

2553 G O L D

2. DENIS TAY & HENRY TAN	SINGAPORE	2500	<u>S I L V E R</u>
3. BUD STOUTD & BOBBY MEADOWS	U.S.A.	2440	<u>B R O N Z E</u>
4. KAJ SVEHOLM & TIMO SUVIRANTA	FINLAND	2422	
5. PHILIPPE DUBOIS & JEAN PIERRE HORN	FRANCE	2413	
6. LEO HILOKOSKI & TAPIO VUORINEN	FINLAND	2400	
7. LARS STRANDBERG & HENRY SUNDSTROM	SWEDEN	2394	
8. BO HOLMBERG & STAFFAN WINLBERG	SWEDEN	2392	
9. SID ALLEN & GLEN WATSON	CANADA	2391	
10. RENZO MONTI	ITALY	2388	

The other British pairings were far from disgraced but the noise going up around Caterer and Michael was such that they were paying as much interest in their team mates performance as their own and their final games, understandably, suffered a little in consequence. JON REEVES & GERRY BUGDEN averaged 196.5 for a 2358 total and 15th position and GEOFF & CHRIS BUCK weren't far behind them in 19th slot on 2343. There were 122 entries for the event which, the following day, produced the best press that tenpin bowling has ever had. B.T.B.A. Press Officer's TERENCE WRIGHT and SIMON CLENNELL had also done a very fine job and answered the critics as regards pre-tournament publicity.