



As The Basketball Season Opened

First official act opening the 1947-48 basketball season for our two Ecusta teams was the customary pre-game discussion with officials at the Ecusta-Hendersonville girls' game Thursday night, December 11. Shown above are Sarah Avery, our captain; Referees Lyday and Bricklemeyer; and Ruth Baldwin, Hendersonville captain.

Even though the girls dropped their opening contest, they came back strong the next night to topple over Champion girls by a 20-12 margin. With a little more polishing up on their passing and shooting game, our team should again be among the outstanding teams in the state. Friday night Martel Mills will offer the opposition for our teams in a doubleheader to be played on the Martel Court.

More Bowling Captains!

Last month's Echo carried pictures of six of the bowling captains and here are the remaining ones. Upper left is Elmer Baker of the Pulp Mill; in the center is Tom Conley of Maintenance "A"; and upper right is Howard Schmidt of the Office "B" team. Lower left is Bob Collier of the improving Champagne Dodgers and center is Charles Norlander of Research. Lower right is "Margie" Bevaque of Control. As pointed out in the last Echo, much of the success of our departmental bowling league can be attributed to the work of the captains.



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Cagers Look Promising Despite Defeats; Travel To Martel Mills Friday Night

Boys Drop Two Opening Games By Close Margins; Girls Win One, Lose One

Our basketball teams inaugurated another season last week end, and even though the results did not favor us all the way, it was apparent that our teams will give opponents plenty of trouble before the season is very old. On Friday night of this week, the Ecusta squad travels to Martel Mills for a doubleheader.

In the opening doubleheader Thursday night, the Hendersonville girls put on a last minute scoring spree to beat our girls, 18-14. On Friday night, however, it was a different story as the Champion girls felt the sting of defeat 20-12. Jean Whitesides paced the local lassies to victory.

After playing Brevard college on even terms for three quarters Thursday night, the boys were not able to cope with numerous fresh reserves Coach Bob Andrews kept sending into the game, and the collegians stacked up their margin of the victory in the last period. The score was 64-46. Mitch Taylor was the game's individual star with 22 points.

The 37-34 loss to the Champion boys was a heart-breaker. Going into the last quarter, our team was behind only one point, 29-28 but one or two costly passes allowed the Champion team to dash ahead to stay. Taylor was again outstanding with 12 points, followed by Pete Dockens' 8 and Speedy Merrel's 6.

W. N. C. Bowlers Win 6th Straight

Only four games out of first place, the Ecusta WNC bowlers racked up their sixth straight triumph Tuesday night with a 3-0 win over Reed and Abee in Asheville.

Captain Walter Straus had a fine 583 set to pace the locals. Other scores: Knuck Morris, 493; Clyde Galloway, 550; Joe Lavell, 539; Chris Rogers, 533.

The averages for the year and the number of games rolled: Knuck Morris, 185-24; Walter Straus, 175-48; Clyde Galloway, 173-48; Christ Rogers, 170-48; Charlie Colwell, 170-39; Joe Lavell, 167-21; Ray Rigdon, 163-12.

Buck Albert, Champagne Card bowler, rolling for the Transylvania Times team, broke his own record on the Brevard alleys with a great 667 set Tuesday night. He previously held the local alley record with a 666. This was the highest set rolled in the league here this season.

The "waste-less" food drive coincides with fashion's no "less waist" decree.

Cardinals Still Leading League

Even though the Cubs gave them a stiff battle, the Champagne Cards came through with a 2-1 win Monday night to maintain their leadership of the departmental bowling race. The Cardinals have won 34 and lost 11 for the season.

Other results Monday night saw Maintenance "B" rise up to beat Research 2-1 and Control blank Power 3-0.

Pacing the Cards was Walter Straus with a 548 set and Buck Albert with a hot 199 game. Goode Loftis was only one pin behind Buck to roll high game for the cubs while Frank Israel with 480 had high set.

Ed Vassey turned in a 148 game and 412 set to pace the Maintenance "B" team while Bill Long was the bright star for Research with 179 and 480.

Harold Garren of Control was the only man to go over 200 Monday night, rolling 205. Joe Lavell had a steady 564 set, while Sam Kent was Power's best with a 192 game and a 436 set.

Wednesday night, two underdogs—Office "B" and the Dodgers—came through with wins over top-ranking teams. Office "B" scored a well-earned 2-1 triumph over their rival "A" bowlers while the Dodgers took Maintenance "A" by the same score. Gaynard Morgan had 170 for the "B" team's best game, while John Emory had a 465 set. N. L. Potter's 211 game and Harvey Souter's 472 set paced the losers.

Harold Misenheimer's 187 game and 473 set sparked the Dodgers to their third straight win while Tom Conley's 201 and Bruce Reynolds' 551 topped Maintenance. In the third match of the night, Pulp Mill maintained its hold on second place, whipping Refining 2-1, with Elmer Baker (190) and Clyde Galloway (493) leading the way. L. E. Callendar with a 199 game and Jim Poteet with a 495 set were best for the Pulp Mill.

Father Of Jack And Lewis Alexander Dies

The father of Jack and Lewis Alexander, Mr. John W. Alexander, 71, died last Sunday, December 14, in Jacksonville, Fla. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at the Acton Methodist church.

The sympathy of their many friends at Ecusta is extended to Jack and Lewis on the loss of their father.

Most girls have a skin they love to retouch.

Family ties are stronger at Christmas—louder, too!