

# CHURCH BASKETBALL STARTS TWELFTH SEASON

## Three Teams Strong For Opener Alderson Looms As Favorite

Saturday, December 6, will mark the start of the twelfth consecutive season of competition in Back Mountain Church Basketball League.

As predicted at the outset of last season, the league provided plenty of thrills and provided a battle right to the end for laurels.

Alderson once again battled to the end and was forced into a play-off game against St. Therese's before being crowned league champs.

The previous season Alderson and Huntsville finished with 7-3 records only to have Huntsville cop the play-off.

Most of the teams have added new men to strengthen last season's squads. Some players will be missing this season because of military service or out-of-town work. There are also some service returnees who will be welcomed back in uniform.

**Prince of Peace**  
Prince of Peace, one of the weaker teams last season, finished the season with a 1-11 record. It should improve this season as it has added the Richardson boys, Tom and Bob, both former Westmoreland stars. Tom was noted for his offensive ability while Bob was a play-maker for the team.

Also on the team is Glen Ide, a product of Lehman High School, who was one of the fine players to come out of the North League.

Prince of Peace has also added Keith Yeisley who saw limited action with Huntsville last season. Yeisley is a husky six-footer and should help in the rebounding. Back from last season are George Major, Don Shaffer and Ken Shaffer.

**Alderson**  
Last season's champs finished with a 10-3 record losing to Shavertown in the finals of the play-offs.

Alderson is an early favorite to repeat since most of the players return for another campaign.

Returnees include Hinkle, Searfoss, Shales, Harris, and Derhammer. Hinkle was one of the top scorers last season and also was a top-notch rebounder for Alderson. He received plenty of support in re-

bouncing from the six foot, nine inch Shales who proved mighty tough in his first year in the loop. He also averaged better than 13 points per game.

Harris, probably the smallest in the league, was also a consistent scorer. Derhammer had a mediocre season, proving that he is better than the records show when he had a hot-hand in the scoring department in a few games.

Searfoss is the play-maker for the team. Larry Crispell returns from service shortly and will be a valuable addition. Ell has also been added to the roster. He averaged ten points a game for St. Therese's last season. Jerry Boone is the last addition.

**East Dallas**  
East Dallas finished with a 2-10 record but showed promise late in the season and gave most of the other teams their share of headaches before losing out.

Look for East Dallas to play some outstanding ball this season as it has signed a few Dallas High School players from last season.

Slated to see action are Bloomer, Hawke, Fowler, Sherin, Rome, Eyet, Race and Rudick. Rome and Eyet played some good ball for Dallas High School and should prove a big help both offensively and defensively. Rudick is a newcomer.

**Huntsville**  
Huntsville ended the season with a 6-6 record. It will put the same team on the floor again this season along with one new addition.

Once again it's Harold, Charlie, Clint and Gene rBobst.

Bob Grose is also set for another tough season. Bob Bolton, always a good scorer for St. Therese's over the past three seasons, has been added to the Huntsville roster and should prove a capable replacement.

**Shavertown**  
Shavertown finished the season with a 9-4 record by downing Alderson 65-59 in the play-off finals.

Shavertown has lost Bellas and Eckert since both are attending college. Bellas was one of the key factors in Shavertown's attack. He

was always a fine scorer and play-maker.

Returning will be Oney, Widmann, Newman and Hontz. Stan Davis returns from the service and should be a help. The only newcomer at present is Connelly, a former Pringle High School star and now a resident of the Back Mountain. Shavertown is expected to add a few new faces by Saturday.

**St. Therese's**  
After finishing a fine season with a 9-4 record, it looks as though the Saints will be out of contention this season.

Last year they lost to Alderson 63-59 in a play-off for top spot. Missing from last season is Kozick, in the service; Baur, teaching in New Jersey; Ell with Alderson, and Bolton with Huntsville.

The Saints have two men returning, Balut and Lohman. New men include Brunges, Hons and C. Dymond. Greener returns from the service in January. Cusick former Saints player, returns after missing last season.

**Reminder to Coaches**  
All coaches are reminded that the entry fee of \$25.00 must be in by game time tomorrow night. All rosters must be completed and in by the third game, December 20. Player limit is ten men.

Officers for the league are: President, Dick Searfoss; vice president, Don Hinkle; secretary and publicity, Jim Lohman; treasurer, Clint Brobst.

There is no admission for the games, but donations are accepted at the door to help defray expenses. Two Booster Nights are set for January 10 and February 21.

**This Week's Schedule**  
Dallas Township Gymnasium.  
7:00—Prince of Peace vs. Alderson.  
8:00—East Dallas vs. Huntsville.  
9:00—Shavertown vs. St. Therese's.

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## Bowling News

By DORE MALLIN

Stormy weather and icy roads didn't slow things up at Crown Imperial Bowling Lanes. Very few absences were noted among the leagues and many families were seen bowling together over the holidays.

Competition is keen as the first half of the 1958-59 season nears an end. Top teams are fighting to stay in the lead with not too many more games to play.

The Pandas are still in first place in the IDETOWN BEARS League with 31 points. They gave 4 points to the Cubs last week and lost 3 to the Polars this week.

The Cubs were high last week with 789-2079. D Ide had 200-537 and B. Casterline led the women with 192-438. The Cubs had 720 and the Polars had 2013 this week. J. Kriel had 209-543 and W. Weidner with 163 and B. Casterline with 417 topped the women's scores.

Shavertown C stopped the leading Shavertown B team in the BACK MOUNTAIN CHURCH League week before last on a 3 to 1 score and took third place with 24 points. This helped the Lutheran team narrow the lead of Shavertown B to only 1/2 point as the Lutherans had a 4 point victory.

Lehman was high with 965-2738 and A. Shekler had 232-637.

The race continued during the holiday week. Shavertown B, Lutheran, and Shavertown C took 3 point victories and pulled away from the other teams. Shavertown B remains in first place, a slim 1/2 point edge over Lutheran; Shavertown C is 5 points behind.

The next eight teams are grouped together with only 1/2 point separating most—running from 24 1/2 points in fourth place to 20 points in 11th place. Dallas B had 938-2684; L. Reese with 235 and H. Gebhart with 583 were high.

Orchard Farm moved into first place taking all 4 points from last place Boyd White. Pat Pryor was the big scorer for the victors with 233. Bob Maturi chipped in with 229 and Joe Sekera hit 233-558 for Boyd White.

Besecker's Real Estate and Dallas 5 and 10 remained second and third respectively as they split their series. C. Henderson had a 222 for the Real Estate team while T. Gauntlett with 580 led the 5 and 10. Guyette's TV tied with Dallas 5 and 10. LaBar's Sporting Goods is in fifth place. For the second week, B. Guyette led his team with a 500 series.

Last week, T. Gauntlett was high man with 256-617. LaBar's team had 902 and Besecker's had 2534 total pins.

Casterline Hauling leads the GEORGE SHUPP League with 37 points, 5 ahead of Kemmerer's Garage, the Wreckers, and Crusaders with 32 points each.

The Raiders had 2785 pins and N. Tomasek with 233 and J. Shemanski with 593 were high individuals last week. This week Chet Malloy had 589 and L. Yankoski had 216.

The Ramblers pulled ahead with 32 points in ST. PAUL'S BROTHERHOOD League. The Fords and DeSotos were bumper to bumper in second place last week, but the Fords dropped back to fifth place. The DeSotos remain in second with 30 points and the Chevrolts have 27 in third.

Guyler had 252 and Hoover had a 585 series. Hoover with 237 and Wilson with 221 had good games during the holiday week. The Ramblers had 855 and DeSotos took total pins of 2461 last Friday and B. Ashman scored high with 222 and Fritzingler with a 554 series. Hoover had 215 and Fritzingler had 205.

The Loafers took 3 points from the Bums and have 26 points in second place, but the Bums still

have a 2 point lead in the COMMONWEALTH TELEPHONE League. The Loafers were high with 2384 pins. R. Bolton was high with a 564 series and J. Bestwick was tops with 209.

West Side Building was high with 2195 total pins Tuesday night and is tied in second place with Stall Brothers. Bocar lost 3 points to Circle Inn but still leads the COUNTRY League with 34 points. Dallas Dairy lost 4 points to Stall Brothers and is in third place with 27 points. Wilson Lumber lost all 4 to West Side.

Flossy Lewis rolled a beautiful 227 game and added a 154 and 171 for high series of 552. West Side had a 794 game and beat the record set by Circle Inn last week when they bowled 783.

Ruth Stair was high last week with a 476 series and Mary Dimmick and Tess Rodriguez had 181 each.

The Country girls have improved greatly this season and are bowling higher every week. Bowling over 160 the last two games were M. Bellas, 186-180-165-173; M. Morris, 165; J. Wilson, 171; R. Stair, 163-164-172; A. Hanson, 181; M. Funke, 182; A. Selingo, 187-172; B. Zimmerman, 164; T. Rodriguez, 165; G. Bachman, 170; M. Weale, 167; A. Ide, 170; M. Shook, 167-187; D. Hughey, 178; F. Allabaugh, 176; F. Lewis, 165-161.

Bowling in the 150's were M. Morris, J. Wilson, A. Hanson, L. Bittenbender, B. Zimmerman, G. Sicker, T. Rodriguez, G. Bachman, M. Weale, W. Boyson, D. Mallin, L. Scheckler, M. Ciccaralle.

The NATONA GIRLS are sporting brand new shirts, white with bright blue lettering. They look very nice, girls.

The Modernettes are in the lead with 31 points followed by the Natonettes with 22. The Natonettes are high this week with 1854 pins and one game of 673.

P. Klug was high last week with 171-167 and a 449 series. L. Crispell hit 156 and M. Harvey had 152-150. This week G. Fielding had a 173 and a 437 series. L. Walk had 154 and P. Klug, 155.

The Mops lead the FREE LANCERS League by only 2 points, the Dusters 21. The Dusters were high last week with 552-1630 pins.

B. Otto scored high with a 212 game and a 539 series.

The Misses were high in LUTHERAN WOMEN'S League last week. They bowled a 747 game and had 2031 total pins. Donna Kaye rolled a 178-478 series and Della Belles had a good game of 171.

The Spares lead the league with 25 points but the Misses are only 1/2 point away and the Splits 1 1/2 from the top. The Strikes could be on top next, they are in the cellar by only 2 points.

The HARVEYS LAKE WOMEN'S League is featuring the Pines with 22 points this week. They switched places with the Poplars who were in first place last week and now lead with 1 point. The Oaks are still in third place and are tied with the Spruces, 20 points each.

The Oaks had high game of 728 and the Maples had 2013 total pins. M. Whitesell rolled a 182 and J. Elgaway had 180. M. Ritts had a 475 series. Last week, G. Gosart was high with 186-516.

The Bluebirds were high in the DALLAS WOMEN'S CLUB League with 628-1662 and are in first place with 33 1/2 points. E. Roberts was high with 178-502.

Bermudiana Amusement led the BACK MOUNTAIN NEIGHBORHOOD League last week with 939-2678. Disque Funeral Home is in the lead with 36 points. B. Owen was high with 222-611.

Circle Inn with 804-2412 and

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Stegmaier Lassies with 804-2345 were high for the LAKERS League. Edwards Cafe is on top with 33 points. M. Ritts and B. Hoblak with 179 and 202 respectively had high games and P. Petrikunis with 531 and E. Edwards with 482 had high series.

Lehman A, led by Vanderhoff, continued to break the BACK MOUNTAIN FIREMEN'S League records. This week, they set new highs in three game series with 2670 and single high of 952. Jackson C and Trucksville B snapped losing streaks by taking one game each. Jackson A was halted by Shavertown A led by Carey's 200-558. Dallas A took 4 points from Jackson B; D. Richards was high with 202-543. Lehman C had an easy time with Trucksville A, taking them for a clean sweep.

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