

WILKES-BARRE FATS

Auburn tired of being whipped

by Lee L. Richards

Vero Beach, Fla. - It was great getting away from the cold and ice even if it was only for 12 days...

We visited Dodger Pines and hit several hundred practice golf balls. The Dodgers have two top-notch courses which are both open to the public.

I enjoyed reading various sports pages on the way down. One of the most informative is the Atlanta Constitution, Atlanta, Ga.

One of the topics of interest is Auburn's NCAA probation. At present, Auburn people claim Alabama is protected. That Alabama is guilty of recruiting violations...

Several sources have mentioned some schools are sacred cows. That whether right or wrong the NCAA looks the other way.

Meanwhile, speculation continues over the status of our pal Coach Cholly McClendon of LSU. This is his final season. His old boss, Carl Maddox, is the new Athletic Director at Mississippi State and coach Mac is very interested...

Response has been fantastic for a reunion party for former Ohio St. Coach Woody Hayes. Bash is being tossed by former players and coaches.

Coach Bates Locke, former basketball coach at Army and Clemson, appears to have joined the good-guys again. Now head man at Jacksonville U. he recently hooked several players for smoking pot...

Miami's sports program is hurting. In an attempt to pump funds into its program they're having a roast for Alabama's Bear Bryant. Yep, a bunch of stars and pro sports whips are going to toss wisecracks at Coach Bryant...

Several scribes covering Super Bowl singled out Randy White as one of reasons Cowboys lost Super Bowl? Enjoyed reading Miami papers prior to and after Super Bowl. Many outstanding color action shots.

Len Selner, who accompanied us to Maryland for Notre Dame game, said coming home Terps would lose next outing. Virginia upset them making Selner's prediction good.

Pro golf tour will stop at Arnold Palmer's Bay Hills Course March 1-4. We're looking forward to making brief visit after Disney World. In future we're going to try to work our vacation around that event.

Dodgers' facilities are mighty impressive. We made mention on previous visit.

Eagles' Coach Dick Vermeil recently praised Woody Hayes. "There are people who are commanders and people who are followers. He's a commander. A general. I look up to him. I find myself in awe of these people..."

In all my years around sports, I've never seen a football coach receive as much notoriety as Coach Hayes has for being fired. It's going on two months!

John Reese to play baseball in Miami

Pitcher John Reese, a former standout athlete at St. Petersburg Junior College in Clearwater, Fla. and Dallas High School, has been selected as a member of the baseball team at Florida International University in Miami, Fla.

At St. Petersburg Junior College, Reese was a winner of a varsity baseball letter and average more than one strikeout per inning in 1978 for coach

Ed Davis. The son of Mrs. Mary Reese and the late Lew Reese from Dallas. Reese is an Environmental Studies major at FIU. John has exceptional control and could be a spot starter for us, said FIU Head Coach Tom H. Wonderling.

The Sunblazers open the 1979 campaign when they play host to the University of Tampa on Friday, Feb. 16.



SHOOTING FOR A STAR-A Lake-Lehman Knight shoots for a basket not a star in the Knights contest with Wyoming Seminary at the Kingston gym last week. The Knights edged Seminary 68-63 for their first win in Seminary's gym. (Photo by Mark Moran)

Generics gain in dart league

The 17th week of the Dallas Legion dart action saw the Generics gain one game on the league leading Bootleggers. The Bootleggers now possess first place by a scant three games with 15 games remaining.

This Wednesday will face off the first and second place teams in their last matchup of the season. The distant Rum Runners are still mathematically in the running. The jokers saw their chances disappear by losing three consecutive games to the Generics.

The Bootleggers were aided by the addition of newcomer Bob. Ciravollo. Ciravollo's 44-39-37 (120) was good for high series. His 44 also was high game. J. Bergevin showed continued constancy with a 37-35-31 as did G. Brutko with 30-39-34.

Other high shooters were D. Eddy 32-34; J. Yudiski 33-31; W. Stanton 31-32; J. Brutko 31-30; J. West 34; W. Newberry 33; L. Groboski 32; W. Wesley, L. Wesley, T. Kupstas and L. Coolbaugh 31.

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Bowling News

Bonomo's Girls took two out of three points from Macri's Pharmacy in their recent match in the Women's Independent Traveling League.

The team registered a scratch total of 2643 pins for an 881 team average. Hitting high scores were Rose Radzinski 192-200-180 (572), Arlene Hospodar 182-180-195 (557), Elsie Nulton 209 (511), Janet Lamereaux 192 (509) and Marion Culver 177 (494).

Baltimore Life shut out Irene's Bar in the George Shupp League paced by C. Kazokas' 210 (576) and J. Gesmundo's 518. Fino's Pharmacy took all from

Tamagnini's Market aided by R. Bonomo, Jr.'s 214 (598), J. Strazdus' 592, C. Williams' 215 (560) and K. Youngblood's 223 (549). J. Steele, Sr. hit 565 for the grocer and T. Shalata rolled 211 (541). P. Jordan walloped the pins for 227-215 (635) and N. Stredny scattered them for 237 (598) to lead Dallas Nursery in taking all from Disque Funeral Home. J. Swingle added 576, B. Weaver aided with 566, and F. Adams rolled 546. B. Varner hit high series for the losing five with 563 and L. Yankowski hit the pins for 520. Harris Associates picked up three points from Stanton TV with A. Wendel showing the way with 232 (611). D. Purvin scattered the pins for 225 (553), H. Bennett spilled them for 535 and B. Harris knocked them down for a 526 series. L. Coolbaugh's 552 led the TV team, J. Maculis posted 523 and B. Hislop added 513.

In the Ladies Country League Grotto Pizza shut out Fashion Vending. L. Cyphers hit the pocket for 480, J. Clark hit the strike zone for 186 (485) and J. Lamoreaux toppled pins for 178 (475). M. Fondo's 474 was high for the vending team. R. Radzinski's 192 and J. Blight's 176 paced the Castlettes to three points from G.H. Harris. Daring's Market and David Ertley divided evenly. C. Smith rolled 189 (507) for the car dealer. N. Buss hit for 178 and J. Sidorek tumbled pins for

172. A. Hospodar spilled pins for 489 and B. Cave hit the pocket for 198 (480). K. Scavone aided in the split with 173.

Duke Isaacs girls took three points from the Hoagie Batr sparked by S. Riegel's 177-175 (492), in the Bowlerette League. Checkerboard girls copped three from Tom Reese led by L. Cyphepers' 179 (474). In Our Gang League the Miss Fits shut out the Holy Rollers paced by R. Homiyack's 211 (570). B. Swingle tumbled pins for 194-166 (508) for the losing five. Short Shots blanked the Mudwasps whose Gary Mazer hit the pins for 202. Glen Mazer led the Aw Fudge five to three points from Bad Taste, hitting the pins for 503. D. Katyl knocked down pins for 511 for the Bad Tastes. C. Exarhopoulis' 161 and E. Dingle's 220 (548) showed the Swamp Stompers the way for three points from the Pinheads who had M. J. Kostrzewski's 165. The Slickies and The Sting split 2-2 with no one able to solve the lanes for a high series.

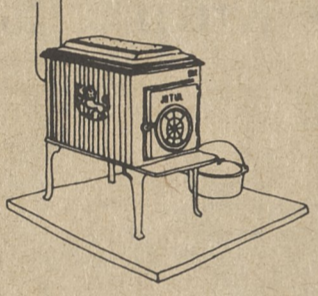
Wesley's Garage took all from Hasay Chevrolet with R. Bonomo's 244 (603) showing the way. T. Nevel aided the win with 569, J. Roan gave 562, and K. Youngblood hit 538. The car dealer's T. Zekas spilled the pins for 535, L. Yankowski toppled them for 222 (531) and J. Ide scattered them for 531. Gebhardt Bowling Supply picked up four points from Steele's Restaurant paced by B. Gosart's 562. B.

Varner knocked down pins for 219 (551), R. Bonomo II rolled 551, and J. Kriel tumbled pins for 225 (541). B. Hislop led the restaurant team with 576. D. Wickard hit pins for 224-210 (562). Army Recruiting blanked Franklin's Restaurant with K. Confer scattering the woods for 219 (577) and F. Tregan assisting with 216 (510). D. Bennett's 532 was high series for the family restaurant. C. Williams' 209-221 (618) opened the way for Dallas Shopping Center's three point win over Shavertown Lumber. F. Seino aided with 516. K. Bicking rolled 535 for the lumbermen.

It's a close race in the Imperialette League with only four games separating the first five teams. Lombardo Bakery leads by two; Dallas Post and Goodman Florist are tied for second; Jean's Shop is one game back in third and Dallas Dairy one behind the Jean's Shop in fourth spot. Lombardo Bakery took three points from Ralph Fitch and Sons, and the Dallas Post picked up three from the Jeans Shop paced by M. Neifert's 183-184 (535). C. Martin hit 181 for the Jeans Shop. Dallas Dairy and Goodman Florist divided evenly. M. Ritts led the dairy team with 482. C. Smith headed the florist five with 190 (522). Country's Best split 2-2 with Gino's Shoe Store. J. Bolinski rolled 174 (489) for Country's Best. M. Fondo's 181 and P. Bicking's 180 were high for Gino's.

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