

The Sporting Thing

by bf

Down Tenpin Alley

...only four teams are in the single number victory bracket in the three Nisei bowling circuits in town: Oriental Cab in Nisei Commercial, Tad's Gardening in City Merchants, and Takano Studio and Toda's Optometrists in SNGBO.

...some of the readers have clamored vociferously for the return of Shewo Kawyre and his "Headpin's Views"; well they may, for this tripe, "Down Tenpin Alley," is no Pulitzer prize winner by any means. ...oops! Jean Terao, outstanding SNGBO keglar for Frank's Jewelry dropped 7 pins and not 13 last week; 'twas an unpardonable sin but to err is human, Alexander Pope said. ...Sueo Noritake of Nisei Rec is the only regular southpaw anchor man in CML, and Jack Koga of 12th Ave. Service in NCL. ...our N.W. Times Rookies, one of the most successful failures in the CML, are trembling in their boots because they face the high-powered International Realty trundling machine this week. . .

A Sociological Experiment on a Small Scale . . .

With the acceptance of the International squad into Class B family of Nisei teams, the Nisei Veterans Committee, which is sponsoring three basketball leagues in our community this season, has lowered its eligibility bars to Filipino and Negro youngsters. The move, as far as we know, is a precedent in that up to this time only Chinese and Caucasians were the exceptions to the rule.

Indeed, the NVC action is a sociological experiment on a small scale.

How well the Filipinos and the Negroes will mingle with the Chinese and Japanese Americans on the sports front depends very much on the attitude of the players, the fans and the cosmopolitan community. For sure, all players, regardless of their race, should consider themselves equals and abide by the golden rule of fair play.

It would be a great and nice gesture on the part of the Chinese and Japanese Americans if they would accept the Filipino and Negro youths into our leagues by standing pat on the traditional principle of good sportsmanship.

Sideline Topics

...given sufficient "spread" in the two metropolitan dailies here, the all-Oriental national basketball championships on Dec. 26, 27 and 28 at Seattle College should draw many non-Oriental Americans to the games. . . Sugie Hayama, a handsome Japanese "rassler", performed the other week in Seattle, but very few knew about it; we have a sneaking hunch he is from the pines of Oregon. . . pre-season guess has it that the International five, a group consisting of Negroes, Filipinos and Japanese Americans, will be "hot stuff" in Class B competition. . . the Oct. 14 edition of New York City's tabloid PM photoed Wat Misaka, sparkplug of last year's Utah five, with a basketball beside Coach Joe Lapchick as the pro Knickerbockers began training licks at Bear Mountain.

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20 QUINTETS SET FOR PLAY IN NVC LOOPS

At least twenty teams are ready to participate in the Nisei Veterans Committee - sponsored basketball leagues this season, it was disclosed today by Kenny Oyama, league secretary.

Class A, according to Oyama, will include South End Merchants A and B squads, Mercury, Greenhouse, Tokuda Drug, Question Marks and Main Drug. A Chinese quintet also is expected to join the loop.

Six teams to date have signed up for Class B. They are Lotus Lancers, Lotus Mercury, Comets, Monarchs, South End Merchant "Bees" and International.

The girls' circuit will consist of Anna Kay's, High School, Seattle Chicks, WWWG's Lotus Girls, Lotus Starlets and Tacoma YBA.

Su Kashiwagi of the Nisei Veterans Committee will direct the leagues.

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SNGBO's Schedule for Remainder Of Season's Play Announced

Schedule for the remaining Thursday games for the year was announced today by the SNGBO (Seattle Nisei Girls' Bowling Organization) as follows:

OCTOBER 23
Alleys 5 and 6—Takano Studio vs. Martha's Beauty Shop.
Alleys 7 and 8—Toda's Optometrists vs. China Import & Export.
Alleys 9 and 10—Hab's Sporting Goods vs. Frank's Jewelry.
Alleys 11 and 12—Tokuda Drug vs. Mobile Service.

SECOND ROUND OCTOBER 30
Alleys 5 and 6—Mobile Service vs. Toda's Optometrists.
Alley 7 and 8—Martha's Beauty Shop vs. Hab's Sporting Goods.
Alleys 9 and 10—Tokuda Drug vs. Takano Studio.
Alleys 11 and 12—China Import & Export vs. Frank's Jewelry.

NOVEMBER 6
Alleys 5 and 6—Frank's Jewelry vs. Takano Studio.
Alleys 7 and 8—China Import & Export vs. Tokuda Drug.
Alleys 9 and 10—Mobile Service vs. Martha's Beauty Shop.
Alleys 11 and 12—Toda's Optometrists vs. Hab's Sporting Goods.

NOVEMBER 13
Alleys 5 and 6—Martha's Beauty Shop vs. Tokuda Drug.
Alleys 7 and 8—Frank's Jewelry vs. Toda's Optometrists.

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KEGLING MARKS POSTED BY TWO UNBROKEN HERE

Two marks, one set by Tak Asaba, City Merchants league secretary, and the other by Bill Ihashi, Nisei Commercial league secretary, are the only league kegling records which have not been broken in this season's play in Main Bowl, it was learned today.

Asaba hit a 267 high game in a 631 series on April 17, 1947, the last day of play in a Nisei Commercial league match before summer.

Ihashi, pitching for the Alley Cats against Cathay on June 19, 1946, smashed the tenpins for 250, 200 and 200 to post an individual high series of 650.

Recently, Sakahara Insurance cracked Crown Furniture's high team game of 963 by five pins, and Paramount Cafe beat Tad's Cafe's high team series of 2704 by two pins. Sakahara's were composed of Kenny Oyama, Rick Tanagi, Herb Furuta, Shig Okada and Shoichi Sunayama, and Paramount Cafe had Pruney Tsuji, Tak Asaba, Jimmy Kuranishi, Bill Tanaka and Jack Nitta.

If you make people think they're thinking, they'll love you; but if you really make them think, they'll hate you.—Don Marquis.

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Biff Ihashi of Jackson Grocery has the City Merchants Bowling league's season high singles game of 229 and season high individual series of 574, it was revealed today by Tak Asaba, loop secretary.

Following are the team average per bowler in parenthesis, high singles game and high individual series:

INTERNATIONAL REALTY (158)	—Fred Takagi 225, Ossie Tsuchikawa 570.
KARIKOMI INSURANCE (156)	—Isao Nakashima 219 and 541.
MAIN DRUG (154)	—Nobi Suyama 210, Jack Sameshima 531.
JACKSON GROCERY (152)	—Biff Ihashi 229 and 574.
KASHIWAGI KUBES (149)	—Shadow Nakashima 224, Joe Hirabayashi 551.
7TH AVE. SERVICE (149)	—Tokio Mizuki 197, Fred Hirai 509.
NISEI RECREATION (149)	—Joe Tamura 211 and 537.
NORTHWEST TIMES (147)	—Yosh Sakai 214, Suds Nakagawa 539.
MAIN ST. SERVICE (147)	—Tomio Hamasaki 215 and 546.
TAD'S GARDENING (141)	—Shig Sumioka 203 and 542.

The league's average, according to Asaba, is 150 per bowler.

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