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Acknowledgment

Joliet, Ill.—Another K. S. K. J. Basketball Tourney is now history. Father Hiti and his Waukegan Committee are to be complimented upon the successful conduction of this tourney. We must say that everything was run off smoothly and to the satisfaction of all. The referees, under Mr. Englehardt, are also to be complimented for keeping things moving. A welcome addition to the refereeing staff was Mr. Presto of Barberton, Ohio. The crowds were very large. The Mother of God gym was packed to its utmost capacity in the Sunday afternoon and evening games. The Supreme Officers attending the tourney, Joseph Zalar, Louis Zeleznikar, Matt Slana besides Joe Zore, the Athletic Director, who was always on hand, were pleased with the enthusiasm of the crowds and the spirited competition on the part of the players.

The tourney began with the St. Genevieve Girls of Joliet battling the St. Ann's of Waukegan. This game turned out to be one of the greatest battles ever staged by our girls in our tourneys. This was the only game that went over-time. The score at the end of regulation time was 29 all. We don't recall any other girls' game in which both teams scored as many points as was the case in the opening night. In the three minute overtime period, the Joliet girls scored four baskets for a total of eight points, capuring the game, 37 to 29.

As had been predicted, the winner of this game went forth to win the championship, though it must be said that the St. Stephen Girls played excellent ball in the finals. It was their tight zone defense that held the Joliet girls to 18 points, while they themselves were making 13. The St. Stephen Girls entered the finals with their last minute victory over the St. Florian Girls. The score in this game was 15 to 14.

The Heavyweight Division not only had the largest number of team entries we ever had, but also showed the best brand of basketball to date. The new comers, Sheboygan and Canonsburg made a very good showing. Sheboygan was handicapped by the lightness of their players, but considering that they were eliminated by St. George's of Joliet, the final champs, after a good battle, they may well feel proud of their achievement. It seems to observers that the strenuousness of the Pennsylvania boys trip took out of them that extra punch which they needed in the final quarter. The three teams that stood out as the best of the heavyweight class were the two finalists, the Joliet St. George's, St. Michael's of South Chicago and St. Stephen's of Chicago.

The Joliet St. George's in winning over both, St. Stephens and St. Michaels were deservedly the heavyweight champions. In fact it seems that Joliet is proving to be St. Michael's stumbling block in the tourney finals. The St. Michaels eliminated Joliet when they won the first championship in 1936. The St. Michaels won last year in their final game with St. Stephens. But in three other finals, Joliet took top honors from the Michaels. These were in the tourney of 1937 when Joliet won, 38 to 37; in 1938 when Joliet won, 44 to 37 and this year's finals.

The Lightweight Division is apparently slipping. The St. Joe's of Waukegan, this year champs, were the best of their class, but didn't seem to play as good ball as they did last year. It appears to be getting easier to win the lightweight championship, because the lightweight groups are becoming more or less just makeshift organizations. There is not enough attention being paid to them as team units. We, now more than ever, are convinced that there must be some other arrangement for the younger players who take part in the tourney. And we purposely are using the word *younger* because we think that the best arrangement would be to set an age limit for the Junior Division in future tourneys.

All who took part in this great event are already looking forward to next year's affair. It is to be hoped that since Chicago is the next convention city; that the Chicago K. S. K. J. Boosters will start the ball rolling, beginning 1942 with the Ninth Annual Midwest Basketball Tournament.

Rev. M. J. Butala.

CLEVELAND BOWLERS PILE UP WOOD IN EASTERN PIN MEET PRE-VIEW

Cleveland, O.—It was fairly safe to predict that a lot of wood would be splintered when the St. Josephs No. 169, and the St. Vitus No. 25 (Grdina and Sons) bowling teams would meet. And so it was! The two all-star quints toed the line last Sunday at Pozelnik alleys as a tune-up for the forthcoming Eastern bowling tournament to be held here in May, and the scores were so good that this reporter hesi-

CANONSBURG CAGERS HAVE PRAISE FOR MIDWEST TOURNEY, WAUKEGAN

Strabane, Pa.—The recent trip of the Canonsburg KSKJ basketball team to the midwest tournament, held in Waukegan, Ill., will be remembered for many years to come by the boys who made the trip.

Although being eliminated in the first game played, which was with the St. Joe's of Joliet, the local aggregation sing with high praise the sportsmanship and hard play displayed in the tourney by all participating teams.

The precision with which the arrangements were made shows that a great deal of hard work is incurred by the committee in charge. Any affair, such as was the basketball tournament, should be something about which we can boast without hesitation. It is a true KSKJ affair, displaying every principal that the founders of K. S. K. J. hoped to be practised.

It is with pleasure that the boys speak of the fine hospitality and friendliness shown by the people of Waukegan. There was not a dull moment from the time of arrival until we left. To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Zore the boys extend their heartfelt thanks for the fine way in which they feted us at their home and made arrangements for our stay. To Father Butala, we extend our thanks for making it possible to play our game as the last game of the afternoon on Saturday in order to give our boys a long rest.

Our appreciation is also extended to the committee in charge and Father Hiti for the fine work they accomplished.

The trophy that was presented for the farthest traveling team and the additional cash award was a great help to the

BOWLING FACTS

7th ANNUAL EAST KSKJ BOWLING TOURNEY

May 7, 8, 9, 1941
Cleveland, O.

- Events:
- Singles - Doubles - Teams
- All-Events
- (Men's and Ladies' Division)
- Sponsored by THE OHIO KSKJ BOOSTER CLUB
- Approved by: THE KSKJ ATHLETIC BOARD
- Socials:
- Dance: May 8
SND, E. 80th St., Newburgh
- Dance: May 9
Twilight Ballroom
St. Clair at E. 61st St.

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... tates to announce them for fear that they will throw a scare into other teams. The record: St. Joes, 2833; St. Vitus, 2794. The Grdinas, led by the blasting of F. Kraintz and H. Lausche had a 50-pin edge going into the third game, but the Joes, bolstered by the keen lumber-piling of A. Rudman, forged ahead to gain a 39-pin advantage for the match. A. Rudman and H. Lausche

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team. Added to the collection of trophies in the St. Jerome Home will be the recent award, the first basketball trophy in the group.

Enroute home, the boys stopped in Joliet to visit the new KSKJ headquarters which certainly is a real monument to our organization. And again the courtesy shown by Mr. Zalar and his force was also greatly appreciated.

Thus the trip is one that was enjoyed in a true KSKJ fashion. To the entire midwest KSKJ membership: hats off for your splendid work in promoting such affairs.

John Bevec.

SOVENIC COALS CLIMB IN JOLIET CIRCUIT; EAGLES MAINTAIN LEAD

Joliet, Ill.—The Slovene Coals, with a triple win over the Gorsich Grocers, took over third place in the league standings and are now but three games out of first place. The Eagles maintained their two-game advantage over the St. Josephs as each team took a pair of games from the respective opponents, the Tezak Florists and Peerless Printers.

In the other match of the evening the Schuster Plumbers shot consistently to take the Avsec Printers for a two-game ride. George Karl, the league's leading bowler, paced all the bowlers for the evening with a 581 series, including a 226 game. Others in the expert class were: J. Bluth, 211; S. Wedic, 211; A. Kludovich, 205; R. Ramutta, 209; A. Kuzma, 203.

SPARES: Alleys 13 and 14, the league's bugaboos, again cooled off the boys... don't take our word for it, ask the Peerless Printers... personally, we think it's a mental hazard... like a water hole in golf... but you DO lose a lot of good hits... Joe Laurich decided to try a different ball, without much success... about half way through the session, Mayme Umek, on the adjoining alley, claimed the ball as the one she has been using all season... always a gentleman, Joe got himself another ball and ended up with a string of strikes to win the game for his team by the slim total of seven pins... the moral to that... figure out for yourself... Joe Horvath sporting a brand new ball... says Joe, "Watch the records tumble now..." well we hope he does... the high scores this season are surprisingly low... John Bluth's 611 being the high total, while Frank Petan has the highest single game with 231... get hot, boys, get hot!... isn't it funny how well some teams go against certain teams... take for instance the Diners double win over the Jay Zees, league leaders in the Ladies' division

... Vicki Mutz helped a lot

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JOES ANGLE FOR CAGE GAME WITH STRABANE JAYS

Cleveland, O.—The local St. Joseph No. 169 basketball team is seeking a game with the Strabane (Canonsburg) Boosters, it was disclosed last week.

Manager Frank "Boogey" Dolenc of the locals is anxious for a tilt and reports negotiations are under way.

"We would like to meet our Penny friends either there or on a local floor, and hope arrangements can be made before the suits are tucked away in mothballs," said Manager Dolenc.

The Joes played in the local Interlodge circuit, while the Keystone quint is the team that made its first bid in the recent Midwest tournament.

CHICAGO WAITS TURN AS TOURNEY HOST; PREPS FOR BOWLING MEET

Chicago, Ill.—With the basketball tourney recorded in the books as past history, Chicago now waits its turn to stage the bowling tourney.

As mentioned in previous write-ups, our local committees are doing their best to make this one big event—the 14th Annual Midwest KSKJ Bowling Tournament—the biggest success ever attempted by any city. If for some reason you missed the past few articles about the tourney, here is a brief summary of where the affairs will be held.

All bowling will be held at the Southwest Bowling Alleys, 1659 Blue Island Ave., the same place (as many will remember), where the 1936 tourney was held.

The days of bowling are April 26 and 27, but if the entries will be as large as expected, two days will be added. If two more days are needed, they will be April 24 and 25. Out-of-towners need not bowl on the last two days mentioned, as all Chicago teams will bowl on these two days. Our committee will try to arrange the schedule so there will be no bowling after ten o'clock Saturday night, the one night that

Our committees will meet as often as necessary in order to make all plans work out in the best way. So on Feb. 28, 8 p.m. all lodges are asked to be on hand, as every meeting from here on will be of great importance. The meeting will be held in the church basement.

Tourney Scribe.

LEAGUE TIGHTENS AS STEPHEN PINSTERS NEAR SCHED WINDUP

Chicago, Ill.—The Steve 568, Adolph Anzelc's 521 and Joe Anzelc's 512, John Madich's 592 and Frank Bicek's 568 were high scores for the Dr. Olech team.

Zefran 2, Monarch 1
The Zefran Brothers tallied

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JOLIET CALLS FOR PINSTERS TO ENTER TOURNEY

Joliet, Ill.—Now that the eighth annual KSKJ Basketball tournament has come to a successful conclusion, and the respective champions duly honored, our thoughts turn to the coming Annual Bowling Tournament to be held in Chicago, Ill., April 25, 26 and 27.

With this thought in mind, we urge all who are interested in entering this tournament to

attend our next meeting Sunday, March 2nd. If you cannot attend the meeting, watch this paper for further particulars on organizing your own team. Entry is limited to bona fide KSKJ members.

Frank J. Zabkar.

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