

## **Weekend Update – 1-19-09**

### **Heads Up Matches:**

In the interest of creating more PR and awareness, The Bowl Swami has started a Heads Up Page for closely contested matches scheduled in the upcoming week. If you have a long time rivalry with a specific school wish us to know of about it, send it along with some information. Most of what you see posted on the current page was sent by the coaches involved. Of special interest would be the top teams duking it out for a Conference Championship, but even those fighting for lower placements can oftentimes be just as exciting. So, take a look at those listed and send yours.

### **First Ranking/Polls Came out January 15:**

Thank you to the coaches who sent reports. Several schools that could have been considered for the MHSBCA Ranking were left off, because either the coach or coordinator did not send a report. The Ranking Committee did their best with the Standing Sheets on our site (about 15 are still missing). The next report is due January 27, but you send it earlier!

When sending your data, please include the Wins-Losses, Team Averages (both Regular Games and Baker Games), Invitational Tournament placements and any other pertinent data. Look on [www.mhsibca.com](http://www.mhsibca.com) for the Committee Member handling your Division.

### **Membership:**

Schools must have a MHSIBCA Member coach by February 16, 2009 in order for athletes to be eligible for MHSIBCA scholarships and awards. If you know of a school who is not on the School List for MHSIBCA Members, please talk to that coach about the importance of joining our association. Membership is now \$50.00. The web site list was updated on January 1, 2009, and all former member's names were removed. If you submitted an invoice to your school, and it was not processed in time or your name is not listed on [www.mhsibca.com](http://www.mhsibca.com), but you feel it should be, please Email the Bowl Swami today!

### **Tournaments:**

Schools involved in the **Michigan Junior Varsity Championship** should have mailed their Entry Fee and a roster as of January 15. A list of schools and payments received is posted on [www.mhsibca.com](http://www.mhsibca.com). If payment is not received by January 30, your school's reservation will be dropped. There is currently a waiting list for Boys Singles.

The **Bowl Swami Challenge Tournament** on Saturday February 7 still has openings for Varsity and Junior Varsity Teams. Coaches who have not reserved spots in other Invitational Tournaments may miss out, as several are all ready FULL with waiting lists. Check the Tournament Page, as it is often updated without announcements.

**No** results are posted from the past weekend's tournaments, as there were complications. Brighton Boys and Coloma Girls won the Battle of the Baker, but the Romeo and Macomb JV did not report. The Invitational tournaments scheduled for this weekend are the **Macomb, Oakland and Wayne County Championships and the Grand Rapids Invitational**.

Of course, the Bowl Swami challenges have not been tallied, because the results have not come in, but he should have them up by tomorrow. If team lists are sent for this weekend, BS will have more Challenges in place!

### **Top Guns:**

Top Guns (Top Ten Averages) is divided into the three school Divisions (1, 2, and 3) and there are many blank spots, as coaches are not reporting. Divisions is what is used for the Golden Pin. The difference between Top Guns and the Golden Pin is the addition of scores bowled in Invitational Tournaments and Non-conference matches and incomplete games. The only scores used for Top Guns are the scores visible on a Standing Sheet. It should also be noted that MHSIBCA Awards Committee has not authorized any certificates for Top Guns, but there are certificates for the Golden Pin.

Coaches should be aware that the Golden Pin uses Invitational scores, Non-conference scores and **INCOMPLETE GAMES** rolled during a Conference Match. Coaches should keep a record of their top athletes when they are removed from a match and the game is incomplete. Whatever the score is when

the athlete is removed should be written down along with the number of frames. Coaches who have questions should Email The Bowl Swami.

### **Top Scores:**

Scores that are posted on [www.mhsibca.com](http://www.mhsibca.com) are only scores reported by the MHSIBCA Member Coach or their designated representative or Stats Person. **No scores can be posted if the school does not have a MHSIBCA Member coach.** This includes the area entitled State Records. The State Records are those of MHSIBCA Member Schools, not of all bowling everywhere. A glance at those records would reveal that in the Boys High Series, the top score is 568. Actually, a 600 was rolled during a Regional Event by an athlete, but it has never been reported. This was a year or two before The Bowl Swami started [www.mhsibca.com](http://www.mhsibca.com). He did have authorization to collect data back then, but none of it has been put in place unless a Member Coach has sent the score and given proper documentation.

Last week a 300 was reported missing, and this week a girl bowled 588 for 2 games, and it is missing for the same reason. While no one complained about the 300 that was missing, BS has received several complaints about the 588. When a coach from either school becomes a member of MHSIBCA, those scores will be posted...if they report them! It is not the duty of any other person or The Bowl Swami to scour every Standing Sheet in the State of Michigan and post everything. Those who have questions about this matter can Email their complaints and/or suggestions to the Awards Committee or MHSIBCA Executive Board for consideration.

### **The Bowl Swami:**

The Emails have gotten heavier this week, as Monday found more than 70 requiring action and/or responses. A glutton for punishment, The Bowl Swami has offered to assist the Kensington Lakes Conferences (17 schools with 3 Divisions) in getting their Standing Sheet posted. Please be understanding if your Emails do not get answered as quickly as they might have in the past.

Of course, BS is still involved in rehearsals for his upcoming play, but he rarely has time to look at a poker

tournament let alone play one. He did take a break to view Gran Torino with Clint Eastwood. BS was asked to play the part of the lawyer in the end of the movie, but was in Las Vegas at the time for the World Series of Poker...c'est la vie! A friend of The Bowl Swami from his theatre group took on the role. You can be All Seeing...All Knowing...but you can't be All Everywhere!

BS did receive a nice thank you from Jerry Dunlap for having posted him in the BS Blog. Unfortunately, BS has not had much time for blogging this past week to note that. He will try to write...when he gets caught up with entering all the matches from the KLAA. That might take some time, though!

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