

Ladd, Pinkston Win Metro BPA Invitational

Mike Ladd and Sheila Pinkston, two of this area's top tenpinners, walked off with the honors at this year's Invitational Singles classic conducted by the Metro Washington Proprietors Association.

Ladd, close in the running for the top-ranked bowler of the 1974-75 season, went into the final round of match play with a 213 average over the ten games of qualifying play. He met Elmer Breeden in the final match. Breeden, who had been seeded third for the finals, beat Mel Hartung, 198 - 194 in the second match and moved on to defeat Chuck Gannon, the second seed, 207 - 192. In the Ladd-Breeden match it went right down to the wire with Ladd needing only a 4-pin conversion in the last frame. He made it and took the win with a 204 - 201 tally.

Pinkston came all the way from a 4th place finals seed to defeat Gracie Freeman, Lucy Hoopingarner, and, finally Mary Kearns for the title.

Ladd took home \$685.50 and Pinkston pocketed \$226.25 for the wins.