

GOETZ LEADS ABC TEAM TO SECOND PLACE

'Doc' Fifth in All Events

In ABC Tourney team action, Ten Pin Coliseum of Alexandria, Va. finished in second place, paced by Greg Goetz with a 718 series on games of 236, 225 and 257. The team had games of 1044, 1051 and 1098 for 3193, 93 pins behind the 3286 by Doug Heim's Niagara Frontier Bowling Supply on the opening squad of the tournament, Feb. 12.

Kevin Tillery was not far behind Goetz with 681, while Paul Nagel bowled 632, Steve Hill 626 and Chuck Fairchild 536.

Tillery almost missed the competition. His car broke down en route from Virginia, and he didn't arrive at the convention center until 25 minutes before his squad took to the lanes.

"I thought it was over, I almost didn't think I was going to make it," Tillery said. "I would have hated to miss this."

Goetz was the leadoff man, but not by his own choice.

"I hate being leadoff because you have to throw the first ball of the tournament," he said. "It's really hard to throw the first ball. In fact, I left a washout on that first throw, but I converted the spare."

Goetz, who bowled his best all events total in six tournaments last year with 1816, stayed strong the following day in doubles and singles with sets of 624 and 680 for 2022 all events total. That left him just 37 pins behind the winner, Tony Cariello of Chicago, Illinois.

"I knew I was close," Goetz said. "If I wouldn't have known what the lead was, I probably would have done better. I got a little nervous and made some bad shots in singles."

Goetz, a regional PBA member, had two open frames in the second game of singles which came back to haunt him. They were both splits. "I just overturned the ball and it went right to the nose," he commented.