

JIM WOLFE CAPTURES MINI-MASTERS TITLE

The first Annual Mini-Masters Tournament drew 32 entries and was successful in spite of a low entry.

The field of 32 bowlers rolled three games and the cut to 16 was made. Greg Goetz with 713 and Mike Hahn with 709 were the first round leaders. Greg ran into problems starting the second round and never recovered. Larry O'Neill started with a 290 game and never gave up the lead in the second round finishing on top with 1425 for 6 games. Mike Hahn was second with 1328. Mike rolled a 299 game in the first round. The 8 pin just wiggled and remained standing. In third place was Jimmy Robinette with 1325, fourth was Chuck Gannon 1285, fifth was Jim Wolfe 1267, John Sudduth and Sam Poole tied with 1261 and Clinton Fairchild took the last spot for the finals with 1251.

A double elimination rolloff paired Larry O'Neill against Sam Poole, John Sudduth met Clinton Fairchild, Jim Robinette bowled Jim Wolfe and Mike Hahn and Chuck Gannon met.

O'Neill beat Poole 214-156, Sudduth won his game with Fairchild 211-204, Robinette lost to Jim Wolfe 246-198 and Hahn beat Gannon 202-191. In the winners bracket John Sudduth defeated Larry O'Neill 227-172 and Jim Wolfe beat Mike Hahn 246-187. In the losers' bracket, Robinette eliminated Sam Poole 195-189 and Fairchild eliminated Gannon 224-223.

In the second round for winners, Jim Wolfe sent John Sudduth to the losers' bracket 191-175. In the losers' bracket, Robinette eliminated Hahn 268-156 and Clinton Fairchild eliminated Larry O'Neill 206-201. Then Robinette and Fairchild, winners in the losers bracket battled for fourth place with Jimmy winning 211-196. Robinette then had to meet John Sudduth and after a start in which neither bowler was making a move to win, the game turned into a thriller with Sudduth coming back to win 225-215. The final match for the championship was between John Sudduth and John Wolfe. In another exciting game which was decided in the tenth frame, Jim Wolfe became the first Mini-Masters Champion with a 236-232 victory over John Sudduth.