

"ABSENT" TEAM CAPTAIN PLAYS ROLE IN RECORD SERIES



Rusty Crawford

How would you feel if *your* five-man team established association and state records for a three-game series ... and all you could do was watch it happen? That was the situation in which team captain Rusty Crawford found himself on December 10, 2013, four days after undergoing knee surgery when he witnessed his "Double Platinum" crew—minus one, of course—do exactly that, scoring 3,870 at Crofton Bowling Centre (see page 5). He noted the 1,371 first-game total and ultimate tally could have been perhaps 30 pins higher but that anchorman Don Messinese, who leads the league in average at 235, opened in the final frame. While Crawford, who averages 230, didn't bowl, he can take some of the credit: Steve Scott was his personal choice to take his place that evening. "I'm just glad I got a good sub, that's all I can say," said Crawford. "He shot 761. They bowled very well; it was an awesome experience to watch."