

Wiseman captures Columbus Day Singles

During the Columbus Day Scratch Singles at University last month, the stars of the area came out and a small piece of bowling history was made.

The gruelling first-round format—five games across 10 pair skipping eight pair—ensured that all bowlers crossed the entire 48-lane center.

Yet one bowler, Baltimore's Danny Wiseman, lined up on a shot that dreams are made of. His first game, 300, gave him a 56-pin lead, and he never looked back, completing the block with games of 208, 216, 290, and 263 to pad his lead to 194 pins. Series of 763 and 708 in the next two blocks gave him an insurmountable lead.

For the final six round-robin, match-play games, Wiseman shot 1,406 and won four matches. He averaged 244.35 for 17 games and outdistanced his nearest contender by 470 pins. For his winning effort, Wiseman pocketed \$1,200.

As exciting as Wiseman was to watch, however, there was another show to see. Gary "Guru" Parsons of Suitland arose from the grave to finish second. Parsons qualified 28th out of 28 places after totalling 920 for his first five games.

After a trip to the house pro shop, where he purchased some Shur-Slide to aid him on the urethane approaches, Parsons changed balls and reverted to a stronger outside line. He then proceeded to dazzle the crowd with his next three games of 267, 249, and 220, which moved him into a tie with Tony Walton for sixth place, going into the third round.

In Game 9, Parsons shot his first sanctioned 300. He followed that with games of 236 and 203, pulling him up through the pack and into second place by 78 pins over Frank Gallo Jr.

Parsons then shot 1,259 for the final six games, losing but once. He averaged 214.94 during the event and won \$625.

Prize list: 1, *Danny Wiseman, Baltimore (4154, 4-2, 4274), \$1200*; 2, *Gary Parsons, Suitland (3654, 5-1, 3804)*; 3, *Scott Poe, Glen Burnie (3616, 4-2, 3736), \$315*; 4, *Frank Gallo Jr., Beltsville (3579, 2-4, 3639), \$210*; 5, *Aaron Thompson, D.C., (3445, 2-4, 3505), \$180*; 6, *Michael Limekiller, Yonkers, N.Y. (3369, 0-6, 3369), \$160*; 7, *Rich Wolfe, Arlington (2,265), \$100*; 8, *Tony Walton, D.C., (2,247), \$90*; 9, *William O'Neal, Hyattsville (2,219), \$85*; 10, *Chuck Gannon, Silver Spring (2,200), \$80*; 11, *David Reed, Clinton (2,146), \$75*.

Highest-finishing woman: *Denielle Johnson, D.C., \$100.* — *Pie Snelson*