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Cruse Rallies To Capture Pro Tourney

By BILL McDONALD

Twenty-two-year-old Bob Cruse of Melville, L. I., who was buried in 23rd place after the qualifying round Saturday night, staged a fantastic, yet practically undetected, comeback yesterday on the Professional Mid-Atlantic Bowlers Staten Island Open tourney.

Cruse, 119 pins off the pace-setter after the qualifying round, began his methodical charge to the top in the six-game semi-final. He averaged 212 for the six games and moved up to fifth place, well in contention with the leaders going into the 12-game finals.

The finals, which was match play with 50 bonus pins going to the winner of a match, proved to be the turning point. While the close to 400 spectators at Bowling on the Green New Dorp, watched the pre-tourney favorites—Sis Montovani, Rich Hornreich and Vin Pantuso—Cruse climbed almost unnoticed into contention and eventually the lead by winning eight of his 11 matches in the finals.

He not only made up a 75-pin deficit but went into the final game—the position match—leading by 74 pins over the previous leader Vin Pantuso, 5780 to 5706.

Pantuso, however, still had a chance to take the tourney. He was bowling well and he could win by beating Cruse in the position match by 25 pins. This would give him the tourney because of the additional 50 bonus pins. So, after 27 games, the outcome of the tourney rested on one head-to-head match.

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THE CRUCIAL match was fought on almost an even footing until Cruse missed an easy spare in the middle of the game. Pantuso immediately seized the opportunity and went 20 pins up. Cruse, however, refused to give up, and remained within hailing distance.

Pantuso needed strikes in the ninth and 10th frames to assure himself of a victory. His ball in the ninth stayed out and left him with the split—the washout.

Cruse was the winner ($750) despite the fact that Pantuso won the last game, 212 to 185. Pantuso placed second ($375), seven pins shy of Cruse's total.

Later Pantuso remarked, "I didn't think I'd make the washout—but I did. Then, I couldn't get that strike, and that was it."

Pantuso, the director of the Professional Mid-Atlantic Bowlers, led the tourney after the qualifying test. In that round, he shot a 265 and 256 in his last block to move ahead.

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IN SECOND PLACE after the qualifying was Rab Wilkinson, one of the Island's top bowlers. He trailed Pantuso by only two pins, 2903 to 2901. Rab, bowling with consistency but without the big games, averaged 200.

The only other Islander to make the semis was John Kish, who subsequently was eliminated in the semifinals. Ben McNevich, Don LaBargo, Vin Truscelli, and Rab Wilkinson all had their troubles.

McNevich couldn't string the strikes together and when he did he had open frames to contend with — he missed several easy spares. LaBargo couldn't score and Truscelli had one of his infrequent poor sessions.

Rab sustained hopes for a winner. He was in sixth place going into the finals. He faltered somewhat in the windup as he won only six matches and dropped to 10th place, good for $100.

Throughout the semis and finals, Rab was continually in the pocket, yet, he couldn't score the big game because of ten-pin raps. If he had one, he had 20

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RICH Hornreich, the early leader, faded badly in the semis and finals. He just couldn't throw the strike ball he is noted for.

Dick DiGulgielmo of Philadelphia took third and Tom Adams of Paterson, N.J., was fourth. Sis Montovani, one of better bowlers on the Mid-Atlantic tour, wound up in fifth place.

Dick' Battista, probably the top lefty bowler in the met area, gave the spectators an unexpected treat in the last game of the finals. Dick, who throws a big ball, started with a strike and just kept throwing them.

He threw 10 consecutive strikes and had the crowd buzzing in anticipation of the big one—aperfect game. By the time he reached his 11th ball, the excitement was at the nail biting stage. His 11th ball caught the headpin and that was it. He ended with a 286, the tourney's high game.

Concerning his 11th ball, Battista remarked kiddingly later, "I bumped. The ball felt like it weighed 300 pounds."

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THIS was the second Mid-Atlantic tourney that Cruse has captured. Earlier this year he took the first Conditional Open ($600) at North Bergen, N.J.

Cruse's forte was his consistency. He was always in the pocket and rarely missed his spares. Although he registered few high games—his best was 248, he was usually around 200. He averaged 199 for 28 games.

Despite the fact that he was way down in the standings—23rd, after the qualifying round, Cruse was confident he'd place. "I was bowling well," he said, "and I figured that I'd make it to the top if I maintained the pace I was setting." He was right. His consistency carried him to the top.

There is, however, one bright spot for his competitors even in defeat. They may not have to face Cruse for quite some time. It seems that Uncle Sam may be soon calling upon his energies.

Personable Rab Wilkinson, right, congratulates Bob Cruse from Melville, L.I., on his come-from-behind victory in the Mid-Atlantic tourney held at Bowling on the Green. Rab had reason to smile also; he placed 10th in the tourney — the best for an Islander.

S.I. Advance Photos by Jim Romano

Fred Droste Registers The 1st Big Score, 279

The bowling pace livened up over the weekend as there were a substantial number of good registered around the Island.

Fred Droste had the distinction of recording the season's first near miss at a perfect game. Fred, bowling in the Coliseum Lanes Mixed League, had his 300 game attempt cut short, however, by a spare in the middle of his game.

He had to settle for 11 strikes and a 279 game. Not bad for his first night. Fred also took series honors with a 648, which was bolstered by his 279.

Bob Modzelewski took second honors for high game with a 268 in the Victory Lanes Sunday AM League. He also had a creditable series, a 612.

Sal DeRespino, bowling in the same loop, was runnerup in the series category, with a 634 set. His series was highlighted by games of 223 and 221.

John Lombardi, bowling in the Saturday Night Mixed League at the Central Lanes, wasn't far behind the series leaders. He tallied a 626 set with a 222 game.

Rounding out the better scores were Bill Negedly's 618 set with a 229 game and Al Keller's 614 set with a 223 game, both logged in different Mixed Leagues at the Sunset Lanes.

In the women's competition, Terry Snock edged Mary Piazza and Betsy Drote for high game honors. Terry notched a 201 game in the Sunday Night Mixed League at Bowling on the Green.

Betsy and Mary shared second honors with 200 games. Betsy had hers in the Coliseum Lanes Mixed League and Mary hit hers in the Victory Lanes Mixed League.

Other noteworthy scores were recorded by Olga Westcott, Nan Meade and Carol Schmidt. Olga turned in a 192 game in the Victory Lanes Mixed League, Nan tallied a 195 game in the Saturday Night Mixed League at the Sunset Lanes and Carol hit a 198 game in the Oak Villa Mixed League at Bowling on the Green.

The results:

Mixed

COLONIAL LANES

COLONIAL BELLES & BEAUS
Team 9 2, Lorsen Dist. 6
Team 27 1, Team 28 0
Nat. Printing Co. 2, Team 24 1
Team 30 2, Rudy's Deli. 1
Team 30 1, Team 29 1
Hicks Painting & Decor. 3, Team 2 1
Team 7 2, Team 8 1
Team 36 1, Team 35 0
Carabon's Elec. 3, Chubby's Tile 0
Team 14 2, Team 13 1
Team 4 2, Team 3 1
Team 31 2, Team 32 1
Team 11 2, Team 12 1
Team 16 2, Team 15 1
Team 5 2, DiSalvo Kitchen Cabinets 1

C. L. SATURDAY NIGHT MIXED
Team 13 3, Murphy & Ross 1
Star Pontiac 2, Team 7 1
Team 10 2, Team 9 1
Snyder's Florist 2, Team 12 1
Team 1 2, White Rock Bev. 1
Team 14 3, Team 15 0
Team 2 3, Team 4 0
Team 3 2, Team 6 0
High scores: Pat O'Neill 224, Hal Griffin 207.

BOWLING ON GREEN

GRINALDI FLORIST MIXED LEAGUE
Team 6 3, Team 2 0
Team 10 3, Team 9 0
Team 13 2, Team 14 1
J.B. Kennedy Plumb. 3, Team 5 0
Staten Island Taxi 2, Team 2 1
Team 16 3, Team 15 1
Team 11 2, Team 12 1
Team 3 2, Team 4 1
High scores: Gerry Torchia 196.

SUNDAY NITE MIXED QUARTETS
Team 9 3, Team 10 0
Towne House 3, Stadion 0
Surf Club 3, Team 14 0
Team 11 2, Team 12 1
Team 15 2, Team 13 1
Team 1 2, Team 3 1
O.H. Process Mold 3, Team 6 0
High scores: Ralph Mascione 221, Fred Prizibisky 221.
High series: Terry Snock 201.

OAK VILLA MIXED
Team 10 3, Team 9 1
Team 4 2, Team 3 1
Marks Chinese 2, South Shore Spt. 1
Team 11 2, Team 12 1
Team 7 3, Team 8 0
Team 5 3, Reliable Rug Cln. 0
High scores: Don Sanzitte 221, Joe Trofia 220, Carol Schmidt 198.

SUNSET LANES

SUNSET MIXED QUARTETS
White Rock Beverages 3, Kallya Farm 1
Island Chevrolet 3, Team 3 0
Team 6 3, No Cal Beverages 0
Nikkos Deli. 3, Plastic Industries 1
Ludlows Tavern 3, Great Kills Marine 1
Team 11 3, Barclay Inn 0
Team 12 3, Staten Island Meat Market 1
Team 13 2, Team 14 1
High scores: Al Keller 223, Arne Lofnstom 220.
High series: Al Keller 614.

SUNSET ANNEX MIXED QUARTETS
Team 5 2, F.B.N. Co. 1
Team 2 2, Sunset Lanes 1
Flora Brothers 3, Annadale Mobil Serv. 0
Smithys Sports 2, Team 13 1
Team 3 2, Team 4 1

SUNDAY NITE MIXED FOURS
Team 9 3, Team 10 0
Team 2 3, Team 1 0
Team 3 2, Team 4 1
Team 8 2, Scaran Oil 1
Team 6 2, Team 5 1
High scores: Bill Megedly 220.
High series: Bill Megedly 618.

SATURDAY NITE MIXED REVERLERS
Dodgers 4, Phillies 1
White Sox 4, Red Sox 1
Yankees 3, Giants 2
Tigers 3, Cardinals 2
Braves & Indians (postponed).
High scores: Nannette Meade 195.

CENTRAL LANES

SATURDAY NITE MIXED QUARTET
Team 1 3, Team 2 0
Team 4 2, Team 3 1
Central Lanes 2, Lucci's TV & Service 1
Team 6 2, Team 7 1
High scores: John Lombardi 222.
High series: John Lombardi 626.

COLISEUM

COLISEUM MIXED LEAGUE
Col. Rec's 3, Mastrianna Top Room 0
Rave Ins. 2, Sipco Oil 1
Service's Five 2, Nedrick's 1
Parisi Beverages 2, Riviera Chateau 1
Gregorio's Florist 2, Team 9 1
High scores: Betty Droste 200, Fred Droste 279, Al Parisi 223, Adam Scarfaglia 227.
High series: Fred Droste 649.

VICTORY LANES

VICTORY MIXED
Flora Bros. 2, Victory Lanes 1
Team 7 1, Team 8 1
Team 1 1, Team 2 0
Team 3 2, Team 4 1
High scores: Mary Piazza 205, 191, Olga Westcott 192.
High series: Carl Leadley 607.

BIG TEN LANES

SUNDAY NIGHT MIXED
Four K's 3, Team 9 0
Team 1 3, Team 2 0
Team 4 3, Team 3 0
Team 7 3, Team 8 0
Team 5 2, Team 6 1

COLUMBIAN LANES

COLUMBIAN MIXED LEAGUE
Silvestris 5.5, 3, Team 8 0
Team 11 2, Team 12 1
Columbian 5 2, Kennedys Men Shop 1
Broadway Liquors 2, Mike's Lunch 1
Smitty's Sport Shop 2, Charles Five 1
Team 3 2, Club Fennell 1
High scores: John Johansen 223.

Men

BIG TEN LANES

SUNDAY A.M.
Bunchers Florist 2, Team 5 1
Engineer's 2, Team 9 1
Team 1 2, Team 2 1
Jo Ann's Florist 2, Petrillo Oils 1
Team 4 3, Keefe Deli. 1
High scores: Art Kelly 222.

VICTORY LANES

VICTORY SUNDAY A.M.
Eddies Four 3, Olsun Paint Co. 0
Concord Cleaners 2, Forest Jewelers 1
Sunny's Gulf S.S. 2, Shea-Terri Acad. 1
National Furniture 2, Jokers 1
Team 6 3, Team 7 0
High scores: Bob Modzelewski 248, Sal DeRespino 221.
High series: Sal DeRespino 634, Bob Modzelewski 612.

CENTRAL LANES

SUNDAY A.M. LEAGUE
Schmitt's Funeral 3, Millie's Lunch. 0
Rotary Club 2, Donaghues S.W. Club 1
Central Lanes 2, Blue Goose Restaurant 1
Willowbrook Fuel 2, Gen. Pure Press 1
High scores: Tom Iommi 223.

ND CAGE RECORD

Notre Dame compiled a 15-13 basketball record last season, the first under coach John Dee. Twenty years ago Dee played for the Irish.

Peg Maguire Duo Slips to 25th Spot

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE
PARKERSBURG, W. Va. — Peggy Maguire, the top woman bowler on Staten Island, and her partner, Jean Karamanos, the met woman bowler of the year, were eliminated here yesterday from the BPA National Doubles competition.

The duo shot a respectable 6055 total—a 189 average per game, yet, was only good enough to place them 25th in a field of 150 teams. The top eight teams reached the finals, to be held this weekend at Nyack, N. Y.

Sunset League Needs Bowlers

The Who's Who in Bowling League at the Sunset Lanes has openings for bowlers. The league bowls every Wednesday night at 8:30. Anyone interested in joining the league should contact the lanes.

The Hylan A.C. League, which begins bowling this Thursday night, will hold its final meeting tomorrow night at 8:30 at the Colonial Lanes.

The members of the Sunshine Girls League (9:30) and the Sunset Men's 860 League (7:10) are reminded that league action starts tonight.

Tennis Tourney Deadline Set

Tournament co-chairmen Stan Terkelsen and Tom Cleary have set this Wednesday as the final day that entries will be accepted for the Staten Island Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament which will begin first-round play on Saturday.

This annual tourney will be held again at Walker Park, Livingston, and will be sponsored this year by the F. & M. Schaefer Brewing Co. in conjunction with the S.I. Tennis League.

Entries may be made by contacting Cleary at 780 Davis Ave., West Brighton, it was announced.

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Top-Seeded Man Gains Semifinal In Tennis Action

By RICHARD BRUSHETT

Top-seeded Ed Farber became the first player to reach the semifinal round in the Staten Island Senior Men's Tennis Tournament by breezing through seventh-seeded Soc Lazaris, 6-1, 6-1, yesterday at the Westerleigh Tennis Club.

Lazaris won the toss and elected to serve first in his quarter-final contest with Farber. Although he was able to hold his serve to gain his only lead of the day, Farber ran nine straight games before Lazaris was able to capture another game.

With Farber leading 3-0 in the second set, Lazaris broke through to hold his serve and temporarily halt his opponent's drive.

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FARBER'S steady service, excellent ground strokes, and his fine net play proved to be too much of an obstacle for Lazaris.

After a closely-fought first set, Merrill's well-placed forehand drives and steadier service paved the way to an easier second set against O'Dea, who is generally seen in the final round of most major tourneys on the Island — atop the referee's stand.

The completion of the quarter and semifinal rounds is scheduled for next weekend in this tourney which is limited to players 45 years of age and older.

The summaries:

First round—Norm Merrill defeated Pat O'Dea, 6-4, 6-0.
Quarter-final round—Ed Farber defeated Soc Lazaris, 6-1, 6-1.

Today's Turf Tips

AT AQUEDUCT
1—Sod Lady, Gallant Baby, Seaslick
2—On Holiday, Bay Breeze, The Jouster
3—Atos, Riddle, Scambio
4—Golden Gala, Six Love, Sentinel Star
5—Sir Ivef, Tolid Funny, Ada From Decoda
6—Bold Tactics, Stands To Reason, Sailors Son
7—Hopdrops, Ark Ark, Bibul
8—Mighty Stroke, Tolpan, Sense Of Rhythm
9—Gay Orchard, Left Hook, Renege
BEST BET—GOLDEN GALA

AT ATLANTIC CITY
1—Roman El, Handkerchief, Redbreak
2—Bagatlin, Ski Dancer, Purse Power
3—Brewolla, Is Bounty, Darryll
4—Set Your Cap, Bev Good, Voice Dandy
5—Bu Bu Roan, Marhaba, Nosa
6—Scalowogs, Scarlet Stone, Starter
7—Queen Alishal, Centerville, Method Actress
8—Tarpon, Silverado 2nd, Bray Head
9—Gorlandeer, Double Dash, Game For Ale
BEST BET—BU BU ROAN

AT FREEHOLD
1—Kelly Boy, Bobby Mac, Canona Will
2—Sweet 'N Sassy, Billy V., Ricci Rita
3—Worthy Victory, Black Lite, Ransom Key
4—Senator Salle, Success Boe, Cherokee Kid
5—Ohio Flash, Grand Blaze, Dorothy Ca Star
6—Scotch Wood, Mercury Mischief, Lola Star
7—Circus Candy, Navy Blue, Shorty Purdue
8—Royal Bill, Bee Girl, Barbados
9—Jowen Discovery, Mary K. Wilson, Import Freight
10—Parker Man, Hill View Pat, Donegal Bay
BEST BET—CIRCUS CANDY

Playoff Games Hold Spotlight

Playoff games continued in Staten Island's many softball leagues yesterday as the loops moved one step closer to determining league champions.

In the Staten Island Slow Pitch League, it was Erh's Strapping defeating Charlie's Texaco 7-2 at Walker Park. Livingston, to take a 1-0 playoff lead in their best-of-three set.

Manager Lou Dimino was the winning pitcher and also had a 2 for 3 day at the plate. John DeLisa was 4 for 4 and Willie Minciell had a home run.

Staten Islanders Whip Maryland

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

BALTIMORE, Md. — the Staten Island Cricket Club defeated the Maryland Cricket Club of Baltimore by 144 runs in a friendly match played here yesterday.

Staten Island batted first and rocked the Baltimore bowlers for 218 runs for six wickets declared. The home team was able to reply for only 74 runs, all out, as the Island bowlers and the fine defense of the visiting club combined for one of the better performances this season.

Clarence Modeste led the attack for the Island 11 as he scored 70 runs. Hugh Goodfrie and Mike Robbie were also outstanding on offense, scoring 63 and 53 runs, respectively.

One Touchdown Cops Grid Tilts

Jack Bylick sprinted 20 yards for a touchdown in the final period yesterday to give the Kiwanis Jets a 7-0 victory over the Pilots in a Staten Island Boys Football League Bantam Division encounter at Augustinian Academy Field.

Until Bylick's heroics in the last quarter, both teams had engaged in a nip and tuck defensive battle. Steve Lopez then recovered a Pilot fumble and the very next play Bylick raced for paydirt. Lopez ran across for the point after the touchdown.

Sunny's Gulf Service came out the victors in a hard fought game against Prudential Savings, 7-0.

For the winners, Kevin Haggerty's 30-yard run was the only difference between a scoreless tie. Haggerty also converted the PAT with a run.

The scores by periods:

Kiwanis Jets	0	0	0	7	=7
Pilots	0	0	0	0	=0

Touchdown—Jack Bylick.
Points after touchdown—Steve Lopez (run).

Sunny's Gul Serv. Sta.	0	0	0	7	=7
Prudential Savings S.& L.	0	0	0	0	=0

Touchdown—Kevin Haggerty.
Points after touchdown—Kevin Haggerty (run).

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By CHARLIE KENNEDY

KENNEDY'S KOMMENTS—Roger Carmody is a hard fellow to beat out there on a tennis court . . . Whenever I watch Bernie Michnevich bowl I wonder just what's the matter with me! . . . Popular fellow: Ralph Nilsen, vice commander of the Kelly-Grennie Post, American Legion . . . no doubt about it, Jack Hurley's parents have a justifiable right to be proud of him for his athletic and scholastic achievements. Jack, in case you didn't know, was the Varsity Club award winner for 1965 . . . Don't you wish you could knock out "207 scores" like bowler Bob Johnson . . . A consistent "high gunner" in Staten Island Sportsmen's Club competition is William Upmade. Frank Valendo is another fellow who also does mighty well in those shooting matches. Willie (Four Corners) Paglia took that long walk down the aisle last week. His wedding reception was enjoyed by all, especially the Jersey Shore crew.

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KENNEDY'S THISA 'N DATA —John A. Carbarino, Republican Party County Chairman, does a great job whenever he serves in a "master of ceremonies" capacity! . . . Did you know that Walter S. Schumann, Jr. is president of the Master Bakers Association of Richmond? . . . Energetic William E. Gesner happily devotes many, many hours to his duties as president of the Richmond Masonic Association.

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