

TEN PIN SPIN

Eight schools from four surrounding counties converged on 40 Bowl in Richmond last Saturday, all vying for the title of sectional champs. Spirited teams and fans from New Castle, Shenandoah, Tri High and Blue River, as well as Richmond, Rushville, Centerville and Connersville filled the bowling center, but in the final match of the day, it was two Henry County boys teams that took center stage. While ousting this year's conference champs Richmond, fifth ranked Shenandoah and sixth ranked New Castle were the last two teams standing going into the two game roll-off. According to Raider coach Brent Becker, "It was nice to see the boys finally pull through in the clutch. They bowled like they've been capable all year." In the end, New Castle decisively overpowered Shenandoah 405 to 319.

New Castle team members include Chad Soliday, Owen Brummett, Jeff Guffey, Chris Guffey, A.J. Neal, R.J. Olden, Brad Reno and Pat Smith. Shenandoah's squad includes Cory Hager, Josh Vardaman, Jeremy Vardaman, Kaleb Meredith, Kevin Meredith, and Andrew Baker.

Only the top two teams in the boys and girls Mid-Indiana Sectionals will advance to the Regional level, which will be held for the second year in a row at the Rose Bowl on February 10. Sixteen teams and 69 individuals from up to 32 schools will travel to New Castle to compete for the right to advance to the Semi-State in Richmond February 17.

In the singles competition, New Castle's Chad Soliday won first place honors, finishing third in the qualifying round and then destroying his next three opponents by over 100 pins with a combined 709 series. "Chad has no fear of who he's bowling against," says New Castle's head coach Ron Regan. "He doesn't care who it is or how good they're bowling. I have all the confidence in the world in him."

Rushville and Richmond will be advancing to the Regionals from the girl's division, with the four county schools occupying four out of the last five places.

Only three Henry County youth will compete at the Regionals in the singles division—New Castle's Chad Soliday and Owen Brummett for the boys, and last year's sectional champ Chelsey Jarvis for the Lady Trojans.

Team competition begins at 9 AM, with Singles to follow around 1 PM Saturday at the Rose Bowl. "We'd love to see a big turnout to support our local bowlers" says Gene Neal, New Castle girl's coach and Association Manager for the local USBC. Admission price is \$4 for students, \$6 for adults, and children under 6 are free. All gate proceeds will go to the Indiana High School Bowling Club.