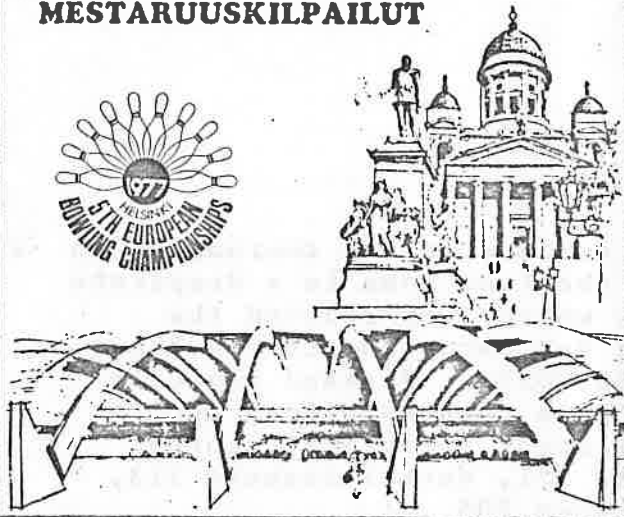


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Alphabetical order was the name of the game in the opening of part-2 of the men's fives. AUSTRIA shot a sizzling 1033 with Ernst Berndt 246 and Walter Irzl 234 providing the wings for flying high. BELGIUM had the second best result in the fourth game overall with 994 with portsider lucky- Louis Wildemmersch finding his game again with 214. Three other Belgians shot 200: Imielski, Briffoz and Zonneberg. Switzerland's ray of light was Silvio D'Ambrosi with 232 and Farid Idefar of Iran had a commendable 220. While Göran Bergendorff with 244 ensured that Sweden is in the thick of the medals race that read as follows: Denmark 3990, France 3957, Sweden 3928, Belgium 3913 and Austria 3907

A NEW RECORD AT A CRUCIAL TIME. Beautiful bowling by Sweden upped the single game record to 1096, the names for the statistics books are Nordberg 205, Jonasson 201, Bergendorff 238, Johnson 215 and Lönngren 237. Needless to say this rocketed the 'Three Crown' boys to the top where they parted with the 5024 total. The following positions in order were France 4978, Denmark 4936, Belgium 4864, Austria 4806, Finland 4774 and Spain 4773. The French who are in with a good chance to take it all had swell game too, 1021. The result was engineered on two pillars, Gournay 245 and Pujol 246. Close to par were Netherlands 996 with Rudy van Schilde on 223, Germany 995 with Rimmel on 221, Great Britain 988 with Reid on 222 and Finland 985 with Vuorinen on 227. Denmark's revival to stay in the race was ignited by Damstoft's 223. Iran bowling well but not in the immediate top of the standings had great help from the 230 shot by Hoosang Adib. Iran is leading the battle between Europe's only two oil producing nations. That is Iran and Norway.

The Finnish stars with little success in the tournament so far put on a dramatic show in the last game in a desperate chase for a medal in the event where they started the proceedings here as both World and European title holders. THE SPECTATORS HAD THEIR MONIES WORTH. Finland had only one open frame, a split. The home country heroes shot a great 1087 finale with the following individual scores: Leo Hilokoski 214, Niilo Olonen 221, Martti Koskela 213, Tauno Ranta 237 and Tapio Vuorinen 205.

The real hot stuff in a FANTASTIC CLIMAX was provided by France who won the title in the LAST FRAME!!!!!!! with anchorman Philippe Dubois connecting for a fantastic 247 with five in-a-row. He kept his cool in the 10th frame to shoot 9 spare 9 for the one pin victory margin. (This result is still unofficial at press time). Bernard Pujol also had a crucial 211 last game effort and lots of thanks go to him from his gold medal buddies for a great 670 series with the following lines 213-246-211. Sweden had an acceptable 925 last game but it was not good enough in this company to-day. Bergendorff with 662 to-day had the best silver medal shine on the team.

Great Britain shot a 1017 in the last with anchor Dunky Buck on 225. Italy the European Cup title holders had fantastic 1059 to show their class in 5-man competition but a poor start yesterday spoilt a top placing. Meo Caffarati on 255 was their last game king.

France's 5950 is of course a new FIQ ZONE RECORD for this event. WELL DONE.....

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