

FRED JAMES

Men's Veteran Skill - 1982



Born in Hastings, Nebraska, Fred has been in the Oklahoma City area for 44 years and was a sanctioned bowler for 22 years until he developed back problems and had to retire from bowling in 1965-66. In the 1950's, Fred was one of the best bowlers in Oklahoma City always in the Top 10 for averages of 194, 192, 193, 192, 192. In 1953 his 7-Up Team finished 18th Place of 5,000 teams in ABC National Tournament. His High game is 279 and high series 711. He was a member of Mersfelder 700 Club and ABC 700 Club. He was runner-up at Harpman Round Robin Tournament 3 times (1952, 1953, 1955). Fred attended 7 ABC Tournaments during his bowling career. He garnered Bowler of the Month for December 1949 with a 190 average. In 1953 his high average of 192.25 was tops in OKC. On several occasions he was Bowler of the Week from 1949 thru 1957. He was described as having a mild personality, strong leadership qualities, very honest straight forward in his conduct, thought and speech. He is said to have been dedicated to the right way of life working long hours and was a self made man. The Oklahoma City Bowling Council is happy to induct "Fireballin" Frederick D. James into its Oklahoma City Bowling Hall of Fame.