

This is the 16th year of the All-City match between the Grand Rapids All-City Youth team and the Lansing All-City Youth team. The teams are chosen based on their record for the last season. That includes participation in the City Tournament, the State Tournament, league participation, their season average along with their highest game and series for the year. The competition is conducted at a center each day in each city and the conditions they bowl on is not the same conditions they use in league or HS competition.

The GR All-City Boys team : Austin Schneider, Tyler Ladwig, Zachery Brandt, McKenzie Eaton, Aaron Groendyk

The GR All-City Girls Team: Chelsea Naylor, Taisheena Phillips, Katie Harms, Chelsey Purdum, Samantha Johnson

The Lansing All-City Boys Team: Austin Landry, Travis Valentine, Jordan Foster, Jalen White, Zack Ammerman

The Lansing All-City Girls Team: Ciaraa Landry, Nicole Rogers, Raychel Wolever, Alexis Mollitor, Shae Hughes

This year on Monday the competition began at Lowell Lanes in Lowell. The Lansing girls set the pace with a 2687 team series led by Nicole Rogers with a 579 series and Alexis Mollitor with 550. The Lansing boys had a 2721 series and were led by Jalen White with 616 and Austin Landry with 583. Grand Rapids fell behind on the first night as the girls had a 2431 series led by Tasheena Phillips with a 552. On the boys side they finished with a 2711 series and were led by Aaron Groendyk with a 615 series and Tyler ladwig with a 577. So after the first day Lansing led by 266 pins.

On Tuesday we moved to Royal Scot in Lansing. The Lansing Girls rolled a 2719 Series and were led by Nicole Rogers again with a 639 series. The Lansing boys finished with a 2690 series and were led by Jordan Foster with a 637 series. Grand Rapids could not close the gap as the Grand Rapids girls rolled a 2719 series and were led by Chelsea Naylor with a 629 series. The Grand Rapids boys rolled a 2747 series and were led by Aaron Groendyk with a 602 series.

With the two days scores tabulated Lansing's score of 10817 and Grand Rapids score of 10606 makes the Lansing teams the winner by 209 pins. They now can keep the plaque with their name on it for another year in their city. This event will take place again next year with the first match in the Lansing area and the second day in Grand Rapids. This year Lansing provided the Pizza and pop for the participants and their parents. Next year it will be Grand Rapids to provide the Pizza. A special thank you to Lowell Lanes and Royal Scot Lanes for contributing the lineage and their center for this yearly competition.

A few statistics of note: Hi game for the Lansing Girls was Nicole Rogers with a 259 and she also had the high series with a 639. For the Lansing boys, Jordan Foster had a 275 game and he also had the high series of 639. For the Grand Rapids girls the high game was bowled by Chelsea Naylor with a 220 and she also had the high series of 629. For the Grand Rapids Boys, the high game was rolled by Aaron Groendyk with a 225 and he also had the high series of 615. The overall final averages for the teams were Lansing girls 180.0, Lansing boys 179.33, Grand Rapids girls 171.67 and the Grand Rapids boys 181.93.

On a special note, Aaron Groendyk represented Grand Rapids Youth Bowling very well finishing 7th in the Junior Gold National tournament that was held in Indianapolis this year. That's over 1500 competitors from all over the US and several days of competition .

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