

It's USA vs. The World in GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VIII Team Finale Sunday at 1 p.m. ET on ESPN

In the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VIII presented by Silver Legacy Resort and Casino finale, the five best U.S. performers and five best international players based on overall PBA World Championship qualifying totals earned spots in the USA vs. The World team finale which will air Sunday at 1 p.m. ET on ESPN from the National Bowling Stadium.

Each player earned his way onto his respective team after a combined 32 games of qualifying in the four animal pattern championships (Cheetah, Chameleon, Scorpion and Shark) that led into the PBA World Championship. The top five U.S. players advanced to the U.S. Team and the top five international players from the 169-player field earned berths on the World team.

For a video preview of the USA vs. The World finals visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CrRWJuP1VgI>

Making up the U.S. team, coached by PBA Scorpion Championship winner presented by Reno Tahoe USA and 18-time Tour winner Tommy Jones, will be Dick Allen (7th in qualifying with 224.66 average), BJ Moore III (2nd with 229.38 average), Matt O'Grady (5th with 225.97 average), Chameleon Championship presented by HotelPlanner.com winner Mitch Beasley (4th with 226.5 average) and PBA World Championship winner EJ Tackett (1st with 229.59 average).

Making up the international squad, coached by five-time Tour winner Osku Palermaa, will be Australia's Sam Cooley (3rd in qualifying with a 226.53 average), England's Dom Barrett (6th with 225.53 average), PBA Shark Championship winner Francois Lavoie of Canada (8th with 223.47 average), Mexico's Arturo Quintero (10th with 222.09 average) and Sweden's Martin Larsen (11th with 221.16 average).

The non-title special event will involve two five-player Baker format team matches. In order to win the match outright, a team needs to win both matches. If the teams split the two games, the winner will be decided based on a one-ball sudden-death roll-off. The winning team will earn \$40,000; the losing team members will earn shares of a \$20,000 consolation prize.

The World teams hold a 2-0 lead in the series having won previous events in 2013 and 2011.

The USA vs. The World finals will also be simulcast on the ESPN3 online streaming service and via computers and mobile devices through the WatchESPN app.

PBA Spare Shots

LIVE COVERAGE OF DHC PBA JAPAN INVITATIONAL SET FOR JAN. 11-13

PBA's exclusive live coverage of the DHC PBA Japan Invitational is set for Wednesday-Friday, Jan. 11-13, on Xtra Frame from Bentencho Grandbowl in Osaka, Japan, where a \$40,000 first prize and a PBA Tour title will be up for grabs.

The field of 16 international players will include **Sean Rash, Jason Belmonte, E.J. Tackett, Tom Daugherty, Wes Malott, Jesper Svensson, Josh Blanchard, Rhino Page** and **Kristopher Prather** (who qualified during the PBA Fall Swing in Detroit) and **Jason Sterner**, replacing **Francois Lavoie** who is unable to participate. Likewise, **Danielle McEwan** will replace top women's qualifier **Rocio Restrepo**, who has a scheduling conflict.

PBA Hall of Famer **Amleto Monacelli** will return as defending champion and title sponsor DHC has selected **Dom Barrett, Tommy Jones** and **Chris Barnes** as its special invitees. Jones won the inaugural DHC Japan tournament in 2013 and Barnes won the 2015 title. Six-time Korea PBA titlist **Choi Won Young** will represent Korea. The international field will be joined by 16 Japanese players in a 32-player, round-robin tournament leading to the stepladder finals on Friday, Jan. 13 (in the U.S.)

PBA's Xtra Frame live coverage by **Phil Brylow** and **Jef Goodger** will include match play rounds one and two at 9 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on Wednesday, Jan. 11, and 2 a.m. Thursday; match play rounds three and four at 9 p.m. EST on Thursday and 2 a.m. Friday; and the five-player stepladder finals at 10:20 p.m. Friday.

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ENTRIES OPEN FOR FIRELAKE PBA TOC, BARBASOL PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Entries are now being accepted for the 2017 Barbasol PBA Players Championship, Feb. 6-12 at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl in Columbus, Ohio, and the 2017 FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions, Feb. 13-19 at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla.

To enter the PBA Players Championship, use the online system at pba.com. The entry fee is \$500. The tournament is limited to a field of 138 PBA members.

The TOC will include a field of 96 players of which 72 are reserved for PBA Tour title holders. An additional 24 PBA Regional, PBA50, PWBA-PBA Women's Regional and/or PBA Women's Series champions will qualify during a special TOC Regional event that will precede the TOC. Non-PBA Tour title-holders who cash in the Barbasol PBA Players Championship also are exempt from having to qualify through the TOC Regional qualifying event.

PBA members planning to compete in the TOC must have a confirmed reservation at the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort at the time of entry; please be sure to include your reservation number with your entry. The rate of \$109 for a single or double occupancy is available by calling [\(405\) 964-7777](tel:4059647777) and using the code 1702102107 or by visiting www.GrandShawnee.com (enter the code under "Group Code").

To enter the TOC, contact PBA Tournament Entries Coordinator Mary von Krueger (email: maryvk@pba.com; phone: [\(206\) 332-9688](tel:2063329688)), or download the entry form available on pba.com.

Eligible PBA Tour champions who want to participate must submit their entries by no later than Friday, Jan. 13 at 5 p.m. ET. Spots reserved for PBA Tour title holders that are not filled will be added to the spots coming out of the Regional Qualifier.

QUBICA AMF PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: COMPETITION RESUMES JAN. 20-22

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QUICK NOTES:

- Long-time Indianapolis Star News bowling and sports writer **George R. "Dick" Denny** died peacefully in Indianapolis on Dec. 29. He was 86. Denny, a Duke University journalism graduate, covered the PBA extensively prior to his retirement. He is survived by three sons, a daughter and 10 grandchildren.

- **Michael Cimba** of Monroeville, Pa., is the December winner of the \$200 HotelPlanner.com certificate, good for future lodging expenses, compliments of PBA’s official travel partner. The monthly sweepstakes is open to anyone who books a hotel through the HotelPlanner.com link on pba.com.

- **Michael Murphy** of Gulfport, Miss., is the owner of a new high-performance MOTIV ball; **Joey Valko** of Herndon, Va., won a new Brunswick ball, and **Malik Wade** of Jamaica, N.Y., won a new DV8 ball thanks to the December sweepstakes sponsored by the respective PBA Product Registered partners. Winners in the monthly sweepstakes are selected from among new Xtra Frame subscribers, who are automatically entered when they enroll as a new monthly or Xtra Frame Season Ticket (full year) subscriber.

USA Beats “The World” in GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VIII Team Finale

In a five-player team showdown involving top U.S. performers vs. a team of the best international performers during the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VIII presented by Silver Legacy Resort and Casino, the American players claimed bragging rights by beating a talented international squad in the USA vs. The World challenge match to conclude WSOB VIII at the National Bowling Stadium. The team finale aired Sunday on ESPN.

In the non-title special event which concluded the eighth annual World Series, all 10 players earned their way onto their respective teams after a combined 32 games of qualifying in the four animal pattern championships (Cheetah, Chameleon, Scorpion and Shark) that led into the PBA World Championship. The top five U.S. qualifiers represented the USA while the top five international players from the 169-player field earned berths on The World team.

Competing on the 41-foot PBA World Championship lane condition pattern in a best-of-two-game Baker format team match, the USA team of Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C.; Matt O’Grady, South Amboy, N.J.; 2016 Chameleon Championship presented by HotelPlanner.com winner Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn.; BJ Moore III, Greensburg, Pa., and 2016 PBA World Championship winner EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., took the early lead by defeating The World team, 253-224, in game one.

Undaunted, The World team, with Australia’s Sam Cooley, England’s Dom Barrett, 2016 PBA Shark Championship winner Francois Lavoie of Canada, Mexico’s Arturo Quintero and Sweden’s Martin Larsen came back to win the second game, 223-210, which set up a one-ball sudden-death roll-off to decide the outcome.

The team managers, 18-time PBA champion Tommy Jones for the USA and five-time tour winner Osku Palermaa for the World team, were tasked with choosing the representatives for the roll-off, selecting Allen for the U.S. and Barrett for the World team to go first. The U.S. ended the suspense quickly,

however, when Allen struck on the first ball and Barrett countered with a seven-count, leaving the 3-6-10.

“This was basically a team that runs itself,” said Jones. “You have to consider yourself fortunate to have a group of guys like this who have the good chemistry right out of the box. You couldn’t really handpick a better team.”

As leadoff bowler bowling the first and sixth frames of each game in addition to the first sudden-death attempt, Allen struck in every frame he bowled.

“That’s the name of the game, right?,” said Allen, a four-time PBA Tour champion. “I like the team concept because it’s up to you to make the best of every frame you’re called on to bowl in the Baker format. Fortunately, I made the right decisions with my equipment and that enabled me to maximize my contribution to the team effort.”

The USA team shared in a \$40,000 first prize while the World team earned \$20,000.

The USA team notched its first win in the series after losing to World teams in two previous contests in 2013 and 2011.

USA VS. THE WORLD TEAM CHALLENGE

National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Sunday

Best-of-Two-Game Baker Team Format

Match One:

USA (Dick Allen, Matt O’Grady, Mitch Beasley, BJ Moore III, EJ Tackett) def. The World (Sam Cooley, Dom Barrett, Francois Lavoie, Arturo Quintero, Martin Larsen), 253-224.

Match Two:

The World def. USA, 223-210.

One-Ball Sudden-Death Roll-Off:

Dick Allen (USA) def. Dom Barrett (The World), 10-7.

Doubles Teams Set for State Farm CP3 Family Foundation PBA Celebrity Invitational

Music executive, producer, DJ and radio personality, DJ Khaled and 2016 Professional Bowlers Association World Championship winner EJ Tackett have been announced as doubles partners, filling the field for the State Farm CP3 Family Foundation PBA Celebrity Invitational that will be taped by ESPN Tuesday, Jan. 17 at Lucky Strike LA Live in downtown Los Angeles.

The eighth edition of the event will be aired in prime time Friday, Feb. 17 at 9 p.m. ET.

The Khaled/Tackett team will join four other doubles teams that will feature a celebrity paired with a PBA Tour star. The other teams competing will be:

*** 18-time Tour winner Chris Barnes, who will team up with tournament host and two-time champion Chris Paul**

***Chris Paul Family Invitational defending champions former NFL star Terrell Owens and PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber**

*** Boston Red Sox star outfielder Mookie Betts and 18-time PBA Tour winner Tommy Jones**

*** Denver Broncos running back CJ Anderson and 11-time Tour winner Sean Rash**

Also, participating in the celebrity shootout portion of the event, will be Miles Brown, star of ABC's hit series Black-ish.

VIP and Premium Seat ticket packages for the ESPN taping of the event are available by visiting bit.ly/chrispaul17

- **\$350 VIP package - Includes meet & greet, dinner, open bar, premium seat and signed pin.**
- **\$150 Premium Seat ticket - Includes premium seat, two drink tickets and autographed t-shirt.**
- **\$25 general admission ticket.**

The Celebrity Invitational begins with a red carpet ceremony at 6 p.m. PT at Lucky Strike LA Live (800 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles) with the competition beginning at 7 p.m on Jan. 17.

Celebrity bowlers who have participated in previous events include NBA stars LeBron James, Dwyane Wade, Blake Griffin, Rudy Gay and Kevin Durant; National Football League stars Michael Strahan, Hines Ward, LaMarr Woodley, Reggie Bush, C.J. Anderson and hip-hop stars Chris "Ludacris" Bridges, Lil Wayne and Nelly, television personality Chris Hardwick, comedian/motion picture star Kevin Hart and television star Jesse Williams.

CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational past winners:

2016 – Pete Weber/Terrell Owens

2015 – Ronnie Russell/French Montana

2013 – Chris Barnes/Chris Hardwick

2012 – Pete Weber/Jerry Ferrara/Blake Griffin

2011 – Jason Belmonte/Chris Paul

2010 – Jason Belmonte/Chris Paul

2009 – Jason Couch/LeBron James

Japan's Shota Kawazoe Leads E.J. Tackett After Two Rounds of DHC PBA Japan Invitational
OSAKA, Japan – Shota Kawazoe, a 28-year-old Japan Professional Bowlers Association veteran, averaged 247 while winning 12 of his first 16 matches, to take a 58-pin lead over 2016 PBA World Champion E.J. Tackett of Huntington, Ind., after two rounds of the DHC PBA Japan Invitational Thursday at Bentencho Grandbowl in Osaka.

Kawazoe, who is bowling in his 17th PBA Tour event, finished fifth in the 2016 DHC event for his highest finish in PBA competition. He completed the second round of the 32-game round robin match play preliminaries with 4,316 pins, including match play bonus pins, to take the lead over Tackett, who rolled a pair of 300 games on his way to an 11-5 match play record and 4,258 total pins.

Heading into Friday's final two eight-game match play rounds, Jason Sterner of Cocoa, Fla., was in third place with 4,241 pins followed by Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., at 4,175 and Korean PBA member Choi Won Young with 4,100 pins. The top five players after Friday's final two rounds will advance to Saturday's stepladder finals to compete for the \$40,000 first prize.

The PBA is providing live coverage of the DHC PBA Japan Invitational on its video streaming service, Xtra Frame. Match play rounds three and four will air at 9 p.m. EST on Thursday and 2 a.m. Friday; followed by the five-player stepladder finals at 10:20 p.m. Friday.

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Bentencho Grandbowl, Osaka, Japan, Thursday

Second Round Standings (after 16 games, including match play bonus pins. Top five after 32 games advance to stepladder finals):

- 1, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 12-4, 4,316.
- 2, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 11-5, 4,258.
- 3, Jason Sterner, Cocoa, Fla., 12-4, 4,241.
- 4, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 11-5, 4,175.
- 5, Choi Won Young, Korea, 9-6-1, 4,100.
- 6, Takahiro Sato, Japan, 13-3, 4,008.
- 7, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 9-7, 3,984.
- 8, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 9-7, 3,981.
- 9, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 9-6-1, 3,975.
- 10, Dom Barrett, England, 9-7, 3,971.
- 11, Yuki Mizumoto, Japan, 9-6-1, 3,968.
- 12, Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 8-8, 3,957.
- 13, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 8-8, 3,942.
- 14, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 8-8, 3,939.
- 15, Tom Daugherty, Tampa, Fla., 7-9, 3,938.
- 16, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 7-8-1, 3,911.

- 17, Kristopher Prather, Milton, Fla., 9-6-1, 3,909.
- 18, Makoto Endo, Japan, 10-6, 3,907.
- 19, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 9-7, 3,854.
- 20, w-Hiromi Matsunaga, Japan, 8-8, 3,840.
- 21, w-Urara Himeji, Japan, 8-8, 3,787.
- 22, w-Hiroko Shimizu, Japan, 7-9, 3,779.
- 23, Masaki Noda, Japan, 6-9-1, 3,775.
- 24, Shuichi Heki, Japan, 6-10, 3,765.
- 25, Ryogo Tsurumi, Japan, 8-8, 3,750.
- 26, w-Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 6-10, 3,710.
- 27, Isao Yamamoto, Japan, 4-12, 3,540.
- 28, Masato Sakakibara, Japan, 5-11, 3,537.
- 29, w-Mari Kimura, Japan, 6-10, 3,534.
- 30, w-Yuki Akiyoshi, Japan, 4-12, 3,455.
- 31, w-Manae Kameshima, Japan, 5-11, 3,407.
- 32, Junichi Uesaka, Japan, 1-15, 3,073.

300 Games: E.J. Tackett 2, Choi Won Young.

PBA Spare Shots: Voting Begins Friday for 2016 PBA Player, Rookie of the Year

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Voting will begin Friday among PBA members and veteran bowling writers to select the 2016 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year and the Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year. Voting will be open until midnight PST, Friday, Jan. 20.

Player of the Year candidates who finished among the top 10 in 2016 earnings, in alphabetical order, are: Dom Barrett, England; Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn.; Jason Belmonte, Australia; Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C.; Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash.; Francois Lavoie, Quebec City, Quebec; Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill.; Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas; Jesper Svensson, Sweden, and EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind..

The top five players in the rookie class, also listed alphabetically, are: Graham Fach, Guelph, Ontario; Francois Lavoie, Quebec City, Quebec; Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y.; Anggie Ramirez, Austin, Texas, and Darren Tang, San Francisco.

The winners of the 2016 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year Award, Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year, Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award (selected by PBA players) and the Tony Reyes Community Service Award (selected by a special PBA panel) will be announced during PBA's live Main Event PBA Super Classic on Sunday, Feb. 5, at 2 p.m ET. Winners will receive their awards during a live Xtra Frame videocast as part of the PBA Hall of Fame induction ceremonies at the Grand Casino Resort & Hotel in Shawnee, Okla., on Monday, Feb. 13. Hall of Fame coverage will begin at 8 p.m. ET.

ALMOST PRIME-TIME: DHC PBA JAPAN INVITATIONAL FINALS AIR LIVE FRIDAY NIGHT

PBA's 2017 season gets underway with an almost prime-time special Friday when the five-player stepladder finals of the DHC PBA Japan Invitational air live on Xtra Frame from Osaka, Japan. The five-player finals are set to begin at 10:10 p.m. Eastern (9:10 in the Midwest, prime-time at 7:10 p.m. on the West Coast).

Leading into the stepladder finals, four eight-game round-robin match play rounds aired live on XF in overnight hours Wednesday/Thursday and Thursday/Friday. Each match play round will be available on demand in Xtra Frame "What's New" section approximately an hour after the live streaming coverage, and shortly thereafter, the segments will be available in the XF archives for fans who prefer a more convenient time to watch.

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USA VS. THE WORLD TEAM EVENT TO RE-AIR SUNDAY ON ESPN2

Because PBA's USA vs. The World team event last Sunday was changed at the last minute due to the weather in North Carolina postponing the UNC vs. NC State basketball game, ESPN will provide a bonus re-air of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VIII final event on ESPN2 at noon 12pm ET this Sunday. The re-air will retain all of the advertising from the original show again, too.

JAKOB BUTTURFF WINS USA TEAM TRIALS; PBA STARS EARN BERTHS ON TEAM USA 2017

Adding an exclamation point to a breakout season of PBA competition, 22-year-old lefthander Jakob Butturff of Chandler, Ariz., won the USBC Team USA Trials Sunday at Sunset Station's Strike Zone Bowling Center in Las Vegas to lead a contingent of PBA members who earned berths on Team USA 2017.

Butturff, who won two PBA Tour titles and a record nine PBA Regional titles during his second year of PBA competition, as the top overall performer across 30 games bowled on five different lane conditions. In the Team USA trials, players are awarded points in reverse order of how they finished in each round (example, first place was worth one point, second place worth two points, etc.) and the lower the points earned, the better. Butturff "led" the field of 169 male bowlers with 59 combined points, well in front of fellow PBA member Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash. Andrew Cain of Phoenix also earned an automatic Team USA berth by finishing fifth on the overall points list. Other PBA members added to Team USA 2017 by the National Selection Committee, either based on their performances during the trials or based on submitted resumes, were AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill.; Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas; Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind.; Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., and Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill.

Women's Team USA 2017 members who are current PBA members or have won PBA titles (PBA Tour, PBA Regional or PBA Women's Tour) will include: Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio; Shannon O'Keefe, O'Fallon, Ill.; Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J.; Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif.; Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., and Stefanie Johnson, Grand Prairie, Texas.

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QUICK NOTES:

- New “Earl Anthony Signature” products are the second line of products in the PBA Signature Series available through the PBA Store, joining the “Dick Weber Signature” products. To order products in time for Valentine’s Day delivery, visit: <http://pba.firelakedesigns.com/categories/apparel/signature-series/>

Japan’s Shota Kawazoe Earns Top Berth for DHC PBA Japan Invitational Stepladder Finals

OSAKA, Japan – Shota Kawazoe, a 28-year-old Japan Professional Bowlers Association veteran, maintained his blistering 247 scoring average while winning 24 of his 32 matches to claim the top berth in the DHC PBA Japan Invitational stepladder finals Friday at Bentencho Grandbowl in Osaka.

Kawazoe finished fifth in the 2016 DHC event for his best finish in PBA competition. He will bowl for the \$40,000 first prize and a PBA Tour title against the survivor of three preliminary matches involving American PBA Tour champions – Jason Sterner of Cocoa, Fla.; Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill.; Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, and E.J. Tackett of Huntington, Ind. The PBA will provide live streaming coverage of the DHC finals on Xtra Frame starting at roughly 10:20 p.m. EST (9:20 p.m. CST, 7:20 p.m. PST) on Friday.

Kawazoe has dominated the PBA Tour’s first tournament of 2017, winning the top berth in the stepladder finals by 401 pins over Sterner. Rash and Barnes – the 2015 DHC PBA Japan Invitational winner - made big moves in the final round to claim the third and fourth spots in the finals. Barnes will meet Tackett, who rolled his third 300 game of the tournament Friday to claim the fifth spot in the finals by 10 pins over Sweden’s Jesper Svensson.

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Bentencho Grandbowl, Osaka, Japan, Friday

Final Match Play Standings (after 32 games, including match play bonus pins. Top five after 32 games advance to stepladder finals):

- 1, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 24-8, 8,642.
- 2, Jason Sterner, Cocoa, Fla., 22-10, 8,241, \$100.
- 3, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 22-10, 8,234.
- 4, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 18-12-2, 8,155.
- 5, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 17-14-1, 8,138, \$300.

Failed to advance:

- 6, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 20-11-1, 8,128, \$5,220.
- 7, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 16-16, 8,085, \$4,885.
- 8, Dom Barrett, England, 17-14-1, 8,021, \$4,350.
- 9, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 21-11, 8,012, \$3,915.
- 10, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 19-12-1, 7,979, \$3,655.
- 11, Tom Daugherty, Tampa, Fla., 14-15-3, 7,954, \$3,305.
- 12, Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 18-14, 7,890, \$3,130.
- 13, Takahiro Sato, Japan, 20-11-1, 7,865, \$2,960.
- 14, w-Hiromi Matsunaga, Japan, 17-15, 7,845, \$2,785.
- 15, Choi Won Young, Korea, 18-13-1, 7,833, \$2,710.
- 16, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 15-17, 7,800, \$2,435.
- 17, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 16-14-2, 7,780, \$2,390.
- 18, Makoto Endo, Japan, 16-15-1, 7,776, \$2,350.
- 19, Kristopher Prather, Milton, Fla., 19-12-1, 7,751, \$2,305.
- 20, Isao Yamamoto, Japan, 15-17, 7,746, \$2,260.
- 21, Masaki Noda, Japan, 16-15-1, 7,642, \$2,220.
- 22, w-Urara Himeji, Japan, 17-14-1, 7,552, \$2,175.
- 23, Shuichi Heki, Japan, 12-19-1, 7,505, \$2,130.

24, w-Hiroko Shimizu, Japan, 14-18, 7,458, \$2,090.
25, Yuki Mizumoto, Japan, 12-18-2, 7,448, \$2,045.
26, w-Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 12-20, 7,429, \$2,000.
27, w-Yuki Akiyoshi, Japan, 12-20, 7,387, \$1,960.
28, Ryogo Tsurumi, Japan, 14-18, 7,257, \$1,915.
29, w-Mari Kimura, Japan, 12-20, 7,223, \$1,870.
30, Masato Sakakibara, Japan, 8-24, 6,933, \$1,830.
31, w-Manae Kameshima, Japan, 5-27, 6,459, \$1,785.
32, Junichi Uesaka, Japan, 4-28, 6,333, \$1,740.

300 Games: E.J. Tackett 3, Choi Won Young, Jason Sterner.

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Indiana's E.J. Tackett Wins DHC PBA Japan Invitational Title to Kick Off 2017 Season
No. 5 qualifier climbs stepladder, topples Japan's Shota Kawazoe for sixth career title

OSAKA, Japan (Jan. 14, 2017) – E.J. Tackett of Huntington, Ind., went on a strike binge early Saturday at Bentencho Grandbowl, sweeping his four stepladder matches including a 259-216 victory over top qualifier Shota Kawazoe of Japan, to win his sixth career Professional Bowlers Association Tour title in the DHC PBA Japan Invitational.

Tackett, who is currently a leading contender for 2016 GEICO Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year, entered the finals as the no. 5 qualifier and defeated Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, 257-205; Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., 259-256, and Jason Sterner of Cocoa, Fla., 235-191, to advance to the title match.

The entire tournament was covered live on PBA's video streaming service, Xtra Frame.

Tackett, who won four titles in 2016 including his first major in the end-of-season PBA World Championship, bowled his third 300 game of the tournament on Friday to sneak into the stepladder finals by 10 pins. He began his march to the title on Saturday by throwing a string of six strikes in eliminating Barnes, the 2015 DHC PBA Japan Invitational winner.

In the second match, Rash started with six strikes before converting three consecutive single-pin spares. Tackett, after converting two 10 pins early in the match, reeled off seven consecutive strikes to overtake Rash. His seventh strike on his first shot in the 10th frame locked up the win.

A pair of three-strike strings were enough to dispatch Sterner, who didn't throw back-to-back strikes until the 10th frame, and a string of seven strikes against Kawazoe was more than enough to hold off the Japan PBA star who led the field by 401 pins heading into the championship round.

Along with his title in the PBA's first tournament of 2017, Tackett earned \$43,800.

Next up for the PBA is the State Farm Chris Paul PBA Celebrity Invitational at Lucky Strike LA Live in Los Angeles Tuesday, where Tackett, Barnes, Rash, Tommy Jones and Pete Weber will join the host and Los Angeles Clippers and Boston Red Sox star Mookie Betts among others in a special event to benefit the Chris Paul Family Foundation. The show will air on ESPN on Friday, Feb. 17 at 9 p.m. ET as part of the NBA All-Star weekend, followed by the PBA Super Clash presented by Main Event in Katy, Texas, live on ESPN on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 5, at 2 p.m. ET.

PBA Tour competition resumes with a "Super February" lineup of back-to-back-to-back major championships, all of which will air live on ESPN. The series includes the Barbasol PBA Players Championship from Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl, Feb. 7-12; the FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions from FireLake Bowling Center and FireLake Arena, Feb. 14-19, and the United States Bowling Congress Masters from The Orleans Bowling Center, Feb. 21-26. All three finals air on Sundays at 1 p.m. ET, and preliminary rounds of all three will be live streamed on Xtra Frame.

Xtra Frame subscriptions are available in a variety of packages: three-day (\$3.99), 30-day (\$7.99) and Xtra Frame Season Ticket (a full-year's coverage at an average cost of \$1.25 per week). Subscriptions are available by visiting xtraframe.tv and clicking on the "subscribe now" link.

DHC PBA JAPAN INVITATIONAL

Bentencho Grandbowl, Osaka, Japan, Saturday

Final Standings

- 1, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., \$43,800.
- 2, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, \$21,750.
- 3, Jason Sterner, Cocoa, Fla., \$11,410.
- 4, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., \$8,700.
- 5, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, \$7,830.

Stepladder Results

Match One – Tackett def. Barnes, 257-205.

Match Two – Tackett def. Rash, 259-256.

Semifinal Match – Tackett def. Sterner, 235-191.

Championship – Tackett def. Kawazoe, 259-216.

PBA Spare Shots: Jesper Svensson Named Sweden's "Rookie Sportsman of the Year"

A year after earning PBA Rookie of the Year honors, Sweden's Jesper Svensson received one of his home country's most prestigious awards when he was recognized as Sweden's Rookie Sportsman of the Year at the annual Swedish Sports Gala.

Sharing the stage with Olympic gold medal winners from other sports, the 21-year-old two-handed player took center stage during a live nationally-televised black-tie gala to accept the award in front of millions of television viewers. After winning three of his five career PBA titles in 2016, including the 51st PBA FireLake Tournament of Champions, Svensson was chosen by a jury from the Swedish newspaper Svenska Dagbladet over football (soccer) player Victor Nilsson Lindelöf, world champion Thai-boxer Patricia Axling and talented skier Ebba Andersson.

The award is presented to a young and upcoming athlete. According to Swedish Bowling Federation reporter Markus Hegnelius, it marked the first time a bowler has received an award at the biggest stage of Swedish sports, bringing tenpin bowling onto the front pages of the newspapers.

FORMER PBA PLAYER OF THE YEAR DAVID OZIO ELECTED TO USBC HALL OF FAME

Ozio.David_2009Eleven-time PBA Tour champion and 1991 PBA Player of the Year David Ozio of Beaumont, Texas, has been elected to the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame in the Superior Performance category. He will be inducted, along with one-time PBA Tour titlist Mike Shady of Fairview, Pa., during the USBC Convention on April 26 in Las Vegas.

Ozio, 62, was a 1995 inductee into the PBA Hall of Fame. Among his titles was the 1991 Firestone PBA Tournament of Champions. Throughout his career, Ozio was considered the prototype stylist based on his technically-flawless delivery. He also had a brief but successful career on the PBA50 Tour, winning two titles including the 2004 Senior U.S. Open and PBA50 Rookie of the Year honors that same year. In 2009, Ozio was recognized as the 34th best player on the list of the 50 greatest players in PBA history.

"When you spend your whole life practicing, bowling 200 games a week and living in bowling centers, recognition like this means a lot," Ozio said. "After all these years, I wondered if it was going to happen, and if it did, it would be great. It was a welcomed phone call and a sigh of relief."

Other PBA stars on USBC's performance ballot who fell short of the 70 percent majority required for election were Dave Ferraro of Kingston, N.Y.; Mark Williams of Beaumont, Texas; Randy Pedersen of Clermont, Fla.; Mike Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas; and Danny Wiseman of Baltimore.

CLEMMER, ZIMMERMAN TO FACE OFF IN TEEN MASTERS GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP

Zimmerman.Adam_Cremmer.Brianna_WS_2016 Teen Masters (1)Two of the countries standout youth bowlers will experience the thrill of competing on one of bowling's grandest stages when Breanna Clemmer of Clover, S.C., and Adam Zimmerman of Deer Park, N.Y., compete for the Teen Masters Grand Championship presented by Ebonite Sunday on ESPNU at 5 p.m. ET.

Both players earned their trips to the Grand Championship by winning the Teen Masters boys and girls championships last summer in Tamarac, Fla., which were live-streamed on Xtra Frame. The Grand Championship finals, involving a best-of-two-game match between the boys' and girls' champions, were

held during GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VIII in Reno. If necessary, a one-ball sudden death roll-off will decide the outcome.

QUBICA AMF PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: RHINO PAGE TO HOST CCFA SOUTH OPEN

For eight years, four-time PBA Tour titlist Rhino Page has worked with the Thomas Cacioppo family in New York, staging fund-raising bowling events that have raised more than \$225,000 to help fight Crohns and Colitis. In March, Page is expanding the effort by hosting the PBA Strike Out Crohns and Colitis South Open at Boardwalk Bowl in his adopted hometown, Orlando, Fla. The PBA South Region tournament will take place over the March 24-26 weekend.

- QubicaAMF PBA Regional competition in 2017 gets underway over the Jan. 20-22 weekend at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas with the South Point West Challenge for non-champions, and the South Point member/non-member doubles, both presented by Track. The PBA Central Region also returns to action with the PBA/PBA50 Don Vay Memorial Central Doubles Classic at Legend Lanes in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.
- The Jan. 27-29 weekend includes the PBA and PBA50 Sands Regency West/Northwest Winter Classic doubleheader presented by Storm at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nev. The weekend also will include a Sands Regency West/Northwest Winter Challenge event for non-champions.
- For complete QubicaAMF PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information heading into the new year, visit pba.com, open the “schedules” tab and click on QubicaAMF Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area. For more information about QubicaAMF, visit www.qubicaamf.com or, for social media posts, visit <http://bit.ly/QAMFSponsorship1>.

CHICAGO – Peggy Elias, the wife of the Professional Bowlers Association founder Eddie Elias, died day in Akron, Ohio. She was 72.

Elias.Peggy_2009Eddie and the former Margaret (Peggy) Emerson both were Akron natives. She was not only renowned for her beauty, but had a wonderful singing voice that attracted a talent scout after she represented Ohio in the 1964 Miss America pageant. She eventually landed a spot with the singing group, the Pennsylvanians.

In a 2008 article, the late hall of fame bowling writer Dick Evans wrote that Peggy called Eddie, who had already established a reputation as one of the nation’s leading personal representation agents and career managers for several well-known athletes and show business personalities, to see if he could help her jump start her career in New York.

Eddie arranged a meeting with the William Morris Agency which led Peggy to a successful career in modeling and commercials. What started as a professional relationship soon turned into a romance and the couple soon began dating. They were married on Nov. 21, 1968, in New York City, and they reigned as one of Akron’s most celebrated couples for nearly 30 years until Eddie’s death in November 1998, six months after he suffered a major stroke.

After returning to her hometown, Peggy started her second career as a devoted mother of the couple's two daughters, Rainy Margaret (born in 1971) and Annie Marlo (born in 1974), and as a community volunteer.

Peggy was a tireless supporter of The University of Akron, which named her an honorary alumna in 1997 in recognition of her outstanding service and dedication. She served UA as president of the Buchtelles, raising money for student scholarships, and was featured as a guest soloist on the University's 1979 Christmas album, considered to be one of the best albums of the season. She also served as a member of the Stewardship Committee of The University of Akron Foundation, was a generous donor to the College of Business Administration, and was instrumental in creating the Edward G. Elias Bowling Center in the Student Union, which houses important memorabilia from Eddie's years with the PBA and Peggy's career as a spokeswoman and model. Most recently, she was deeply committed to helping UA students through the annual Edward G. Elias Bowling Tournament.

She also served as a longtime member of Witan (Women in Touch with Akron's Needs), volunteered with the Surgery Department at Akron Children's Hospital, Mobile Meals, the Tuesday Musical Association and she taught Sunday school.

She is survived by her daughters, Rainy (Chris Staniszewski) of West Palm Beach, Fla., and Annie (Adrian Garcia) of Columbus, Ohio; grandchildren Edie Staniszewski, and Emerson and Alec Garcia; aunt Mary Lou Conn and sister Linda Williams, both of Terra Alta, W.Va.; and numerous other relatives and friends.

In Eddie's absence, Peggy made occasional appearances at important PBA events, including the organization's 50th Gala celebration in Las Vegas and the 2013 PBA League Elias Cup finals in Indianapolis where she presented the trophy named in her husband's honor to Billie Jean King and her GEICO New York City WTT KingPins team.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Edward G. Elias Bowling Tournament or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Gifts to the tournament can be made at www.uakron.edu/donate or mail a check (payable to the UA Foundation) to The University of Akron, Department of Development, Akron, OH 44325-2603. Gifts to St. Jude can be made at www.stjude.org/give or mail a check to 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Final funeral arrangements are pending. Additional information may be obtained at the Catavolos Funeral Home website (<http://www.dignitymemorial.com/catavolos-funeral-home/en-us/index.page>) or by calling (330) 666-3089.

PBA Spare Shots: Sweden's Jesper Svensson Wins 2016 George Young PBA High Average Honors

Sweden's Jesper Svensson continued to add to his portfolio of accomplishments after being confirmed as PBA's George Young Memorial High Average award winner for the 2016 season after scoring at a 226.07 pace for 324 games.

Svensson, a 21-year-old two-handed left-hander, won the high average race by a fairly impressive 1.32-pin margin over fellow two-handed player Jason Belmonte of Australia, who averaged 225.75 for 364 games. Belmonte won high-average honors in 2013, when he set the PBA record with a 228.81 average, and in 2014 when he scored at a 226.71 pace.

Behind Svensson and Belmonte were E.J. Tackett of Huntington, Ind. (224.49 for 490 games); England's Dom Barrett (222.80 for 372 games) and Canada's Francois Lavoie (222.79 for 330 games).

The PBA also confirmed that Tackett was the organization's overall 2016 earnings leader with \$168,290, followed by Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas, at \$143,278; Svensson at \$138,380; Barrett at \$116,890 and PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., at \$105,130.

ADAM ZIMMERMAN WINS TEEN MASTERS GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP

In a hard-fought best-of-two-game match that required a sudden-death roll-off, Adam Zimmerman of Deer Park, N.Y. defeated three-time Junior Team USA member Breanna Clemmer of Clover, S.C., to win the 2016 Teen Masters Grand Championship presented by Ebonite. The finals, conducted during the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VIII in Reno, aired Sunday on ESPNU.

Zimmerman, a two-hander who will be attending Webber International University as a freshman this fall defeated Clemmer, who will be attending McKendree University, in the opening match at the National Bowling Stadium, 184-173, in the first match but Clemmer came back to win match two, 179-176, setting up the roll-off. Zimmerman then won with a strike while Clemmer knocked down six pins on her first shot.

Both players earned their trip to the Grand Championship after winning their respective divisions in the Teen Masters National Championships in July in Tamarac, Fla., where each won a \$6,000 scholarship.

The unique Teen Masters competition requires that players use only two PBA Skill balls (one plastic and one urethane) designed to place the focus on player execution rather than equipment selection.

"Even though the lanes were tough I was confident I could get the ball close to the pocket," Zimmerman said. "It was awesome. I've bowled in the Teen Masters all four years and to end my last year with a win was just a great experience."

JUNIOR BOWLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, PBA AGREE ON PROMOTIONAL PACKAGE

The Junior Bowling World Championships, a two-week long event that will be conducted at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nev., June 16-July 3, and the PBA have reached agreement on a promotional package that will provide the JBWC with advertising and social media exposure through PBA's media outlets.

The event will consist of doubles and singles formats in two divisions – the Under 20 Ladies division (June 16-23) and the Under 20 Men's division (June 24-July 3). Both the singles and doubles winners will earn scholarship prizes. For additional entry information visit the <http://thejbwc.com/> website.

PBA ENTERS INTO PROMOTIONAL PARTNERSHIP WITH BOWL4LIFE FOUNDATION

The PBA has announced a promotional partnership with the Bowl4Life Foundation, a non-profit organization established to promote the sport of bowling and youth development through quality coaching at all levels and to provide scholarship assistance to youth bowlers.

Established in 2013 by Brunswick Pro Staff Tour Representative Chuck Gardner, Bowl4Life has already awarded \$16,000 in scholarships through youth tournament and other fundraising efforts.

High school bowlers are now eligible to apply for a \$1,000 scholarship. For additional scholarship information and guidelines visit <https://bowl4life.com/pages/scholarship-application>. The deadline for the scholarship application is May 1.

The Bowl4Life mission is to not only improve a youth bowler's ability but to promote education coupled with a strong focus on integrity, honesty, professionalism and respect that will create a healthy competitive environment.

QUBICA AMF PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: ZAFFINO, WHITE WIN CENTRAL DOUBLES TITLE

Jeff Zaffino of Warren, Pa. and partner Matt White of Warren, Pa., defeated defending champs Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J. and Patrick Allen of South Salem, N.Y., 2-0, in a best-of-three-game match to win the PBA/PBA50 Don Vay Memorial Central Doubles Classic presented by Columbia 300 at Legend Lanes in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, Sunday.

The title was Zaffino's 27th in QubicaAMF PBA Regional competition and White's first. They also split a \$4,000 first prize.

Zaffino and White blanked Tom Baker of King, N.C., and Chris Loschetter of Avon, Ohio, 2-0, while Bohn and Allen topped Richie Brown and Kelly Jordon of Marion, Ohio, 2-1, in the best-of-three semifinal round. The tournament drew a full field of 48 teams.

- After new member Kyle King of Glendale, Ariz., kicked off the QubicaAMF PBA Regional weekend at South Point Bowling Plaza with his first PBA victory on Friday, non-member Brett Wolfe and Stuart Williams teamed up to win Sunday's South Point Member/Non-Member Doubles to complete the PBA West Region's opening events of the 2017 season.

On Friday, King, who joined the PBA prior to the weekend, defeated Jason Tehee of Clovis, Calif., 232-225, to win the South Point West Challenge for a \$2,000 prize and his first PBA title. The former Robert Morris-Illinois collegiate star defeated Scott LaRiviere of Murrieta, Calif., 258-212, while Tehee defeated non-member Eric Hatchett of Henderson, Nev., 264-230, in the semifinal round. The tournament was open to non-champions only.

On Sunday, Wolfe and Williams, both living in the Phoenix area, defeated non-member Alex Hoskins of Pocatello, Idaho, and Darren Tang of San Francisco, 476-441, to claim the \$4,000 doubles first prize.

Wolfe, who won the 2002 USBC Masters as an amateur, and Williams defeated Kyle Duster of LaHabra, Calif., and Mark Myers of Phoenix, 521-484, while Hoskins and Tang eliminated Russ Oviatt of Tempe, Ariz., and Jakob Butturff of Chandler, Ariz. 511-460, in the semifinal matches.

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Graham Fach's 2016 Barbasol PBA Players Championship Win Was Start of Milestone Season for Canadian Bowlers

Graham Fach of Guelph, Ontario, placed his name in Professional Bowlers Association history by becoming the first Canadian to win a PBA Tour title when he won the 2016 Barbasol PBA Players Championship. But little did he know that he would be just the opening act in bringing Canada into the international bowling spotlight for the first time in nearly 60 years.

Fach will return to defend his title against a field of approximately 100 PBA Tour stars when the Players Championship returns to Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl Feb. 6-12.

Bowling in only his second PBA Tour event, the 24-year-old Fach was nearly perfect in winning his first PBA Tour title, and a PBA major championship, when he defeated top qualifier Ryan Ciminelli, 279-244, in front of a capacity crowd after advancing to the title match with a 247-244 win over Australia's Sam Cooley in the semifinal match.

"It's a great feeling to win against players of this caliber," Fach said after his win. "They want to win, but obviously I want to win, too. I wasn't sure I would be able to compete out here, but the only way to find out is to come out and try."

After going 57 years without a PBA Tour title, in a matter of a few months Canada would have two titlists. Also bowling in his second PBA Tour event in Columbus, 23-year-old Francois Lavoie placed his name in the record books as the second Canadian to win a PBA Tour title – and a major as well – when he won the U.S. Open in November in Las Vegas. Lavoie, a Quebec City native, also bowled the first nationally-televised 300 game in U.S. Open history en route to the win, becoming the first international player and only the 26th player to bowl a televised perfect game.

With their historic victories, Fach and Lavoie set up the first-ever race between two Canadians for PBA Rookie of the Year honors. The only Canadian who has ever won a PBA national award was George Lambert IV who was selected as the 2009-10 Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award winner.

In December, Lavoie improved his Rookie of the Year chances by winning his second Tour title, beating PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr., 204-196, to win the PBA Shark Championship.

Both players honed their skills in the American collegiate ranks. Fach, a left-hander, starred for Urbana University in Ohio. Lavoie, a right-hander, starred with perennial powerhouse Wichita State University in Kansas. Both players are members of Team Canada and both are members of a group of PBA players ages 25 or younger who have won the last six consecutive major championships.

The 2017 Barbasol PBA Players Championship will be contested over a demanding new 40-game format that will include five eight-game, total pinfall qualifying rounds leading into the five-player stepladder final with a \$40,000 first prize at stake. All of the preliminary rounds will be video-streamed live for PBA fans around the world who subscribe to PBA's exclusive Xtra Frame online video-streaming service.

The Players Championship will get underway on Monday, Feb. 6, with practice and a celebrity pro-am at Columbus Bowl, which is co-owned by PBA Hall of Famer Wayne Webb. Additional pro-am squads that provide an opportunity for grassroots adult, youth and senior league bowlers to bowl alongside the pros will be conducted on Saturday, leading up to Sunday's live ESPN finals.

In addition to ESPN's live coverage of the stepladder finals on Feb. 12 at 1 p.m. ET, the finals will be simulcast on ESPN3 and the WatchESPN mobile app for those who would like to watch online or on mobile devices.

To purchase tickets for the live ESPN finals visit <http://www.pba.com/Tickets>. For qualifying round admission and pro-am entry information fans should contact Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl at (614) 491-7155 or visit www.bowlcolumbus.com.

The tournament is open exclusively to PBA members, and has served as a stepping stone toward induction into the PBA Hall of Fame for a number of players, including past winners Williams (1994), Pete Weber (1992), Amleto Monacelli (1989) and Parker Bohn III (2015) who are still active and among the players already entered.

2017 BARBASOL PBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl, Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 6-12 (all times are Eastern)

Monday, Feb. 6

1 p.m. – Official practice session

7 p.m. – Celebrity pro-am

Tuesday, Feb. 7

10 a.m. – Squad A, 8 qualifying games

4 p.m. – Squad B, 8 qualifying games

Wednesday, Feb. 8

10 a.m. – Squad A, 8 qualifying games

4 p.m. – Squad B, 8 qualifying games

Thursday, Feb. 9

10 a.m. – Squad A, 8 qualifying games

4 p.m. – Squad B, 8 qualifying games

Top 24 players advance to fourth qualifying round

Friday, Feb. 10

10 a.m. – Top 24, 8 qualifying games

Top 16 advance to fifth qualifying round

5 p.m. – Top 16, 8 qualifying games

Top 5 after 40 games advance to ESPN stepladder finals

Saturday, Feb. 11

1-3:30 p.m. – pro-am squad

4 – 6:30 p.m. – pro-am squad

Sunday, Feb. 12

1 p.m. – Top 5 ESPN stepladder finals

HISTORY OF PBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

2016 – Graham Fach

2015 – Parker Bohn III

2013 – Scott Norton

2011 – Jason Belmonte

2000 – Dennis Horan Jr.

1999 – Steve Hoskins

1998 – Dennis Horan Jr.

1997 – Steve Hoskins

1996 – Mike Aulby

1995 – Ernie Schlegel

1994 – Walter Ray Williams Jr.

1993 – Jason Couch

1992 – Pete Weber

1991 – Dave Ferraro

PBA Kicks Off “Big February” on ESPN with Live Main Event Terrell Owens PBA Super Clash on February 5

HOUSTON – The Professional Bowlers Association kicks off its Big February series with the Main Event Terrell Owens PBA Super Clash on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 5, at 2 p.m. ET (1 p.m. CT) from the Main Event Entertainment Center in the Houston suburb of Katy, Texas.

In addition to Owens, NFL stars Chad “Ochocinco” Johnson and Devin Hester along with actor Quinton Aaron, who portrayed NFL star Michael Oher in the hit movie “Blind Side,” will headline an all-star lineup that also will include three-time PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte, Hall of Famers Norm Duke and Parker Bohn III, along with eight-time PBA Tour winner Bill O’Neil and 2016 PBA World Championship winner EJ Tackett.

Owens is an accomplished bowler who has competed in the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling and teamed with PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber to win the 2016 CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational. It could be a big weekend for Owens, who as a Pro Football Hall of Fame finalist, hopes to be among the hall’s class of 2017 that will be announced during Super Bowl weekend.

The Super Clash will offer PBA fans an entertaining lead-in to the Super Bowl where the New England Patriots will battle the Atlanta Falcons at Houston’s NRG Stadium.

“We are excited that sports fans will have this great entertainment alternative as a warm-up to the Super Bowl,” said PBA CEO & Commissioner Tom Clark. “Being live on ESPN from one of the most cutting-edge entertainment centers in the country with an exciting bowling show will be fun for the whole family. Like watching the Super Bowl, bowling is one of America’s favorite pastimes. When the best bowlers in the world mix it up on the lanes with NFL greats on Feb. 5 from the Main Event in Katy, Texas, it is sure to be a memorable show.”

The show will also feature the announcement of the 2016 GEICO Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year, Harry Golden Rookie of the Year, Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award winner and the winner of the Tony Reyes Memorial Service Award. The event also will include a pre-telecast trick shot exhibition by the pros, starting at 11 a.m. local time, and other surprises.

General admission into the facility is free, but seating located on the TV set is \$49.95. Tickets are available by contacting the Main Event Katy sales office at (281) 394-4800. Main Event Katy is located at 24401 Katy Freeway.

“We’re thrilled to host the Main Event Terrell Owens PBA Super Clash at our Katy center, and to showcase our ‘Eat. Bowl. Play.’ experience to ESPN viewers around the country,” said Amy Phillips, Director of Promotions & Programming at Main Event Entertainment. “The PBA has been an awesome partner on this event and we’re excited to have so many big names from sports and entertainment joining us on Super Sunday. It’s going to be a lot of fun and a great show!”

In addition, other NFL players will be hosting “Super Bowling” events at the Shenandoah, Webster and Stafford Main Events, during the same time period on Super Sunday. Details will be announced soon.

PBA’s Big February on ESPN continues with live telecasts of three majors on consecutive Sundays at 1 p.m. ET. The Barbasol PBA Players Championship will air Sunday, Feb. 12; the FireLake PBA Tournament

of Champions on Feb. 19, and back-to-back telecasts of the USBC Masters finals and World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals presented by the PBA on Feb. 26.

In addition to the lineup of live telecasts, the State Farm CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational which was taped on Jan. 17 at Lucky Strike L.A. Live in Los Angeles will air on Friday, Feb. 17, at 9 p.m. ET as part of the NBA All-Star weekend.

In addition to ESPN's coverage, all telecasts will be simulcast on ESPN3 and the WatchESPN mobile app for those who would like to watch on-line or on mobile devices, and all preliminary rounds of the upcoming PBA major championships will be live-streamed on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame (for subscription details and enrollment, visit xtraframe.tv).

About Main Event Entertainment

Founded in 1998, Dallas-based Main Event Entertainment is rapidly growing, with 31 restaurant and entertainment centers across the United States. Main Event features a unique "Eat. Bowl. Play." experience for groups to let their fun out together. Serving over 20 million guests annually, Main Event offers state-of-the-art bowling, over 100 virtual and interactive games, multi-level laser tag, chef-inspired dining and a high-energy, full-service bar, making it the perfect place for families, young adults and groups of all ages to Head for Fun. Learn more and see our photo gallery at mainevent.com.

PBA Shows Significant Viewership Gains for GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VIII Telecasts on ESPN

PBA Shows Significant Viewership Gains for GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VIII Telecasts on ESPN CHICAGO – The Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) is riding the wave of momentum from significant viewership gains on GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling telecasts as its 'Big February' shows are set to begin on ESPN this Sunday.

Boosted by a Christmas Day audience of more than 1 million viewers for the PBA Scorpion Championship presented by Reno Tahoe USA, the six-telecast GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VIII presented by Silver Legacy enjoyed a 15 percent increase in viewership year-over-year to close out the 2016 PBA season on ESPN. The Christmas Day audience was the highest for a PBA event on ESPN in two years.

The WSOB, held for the second straight year at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, has the greatest audience reach and is the most lucrative event in professional bowling. WSOB VIII, which had competition dates Nov. 27-Dec 11, featured multiple PBA title tournaments, a purse of more than \$700,000 and PBA bowlers from 23 different countries.

In addition to the viewership gains on ESPN, WSOB VIII also had strong reach and increases across the rest of the multifaceted PBA Network:

- The PBA's digital streaming service Xtra Frame, which webcast more than 100 hours of live coverage of WSOB VIII, had a 15 percent subscription increase over 2015 and a 49 percent increase in 3-day subscription passes.
- The PBA's web site, pba.com, had 142,000 unique visitors making 2.3 million page views, many following live scoring during the duration of WSOB VIII.

● The PBA's official YouTube Channel (PBABowling), had more than 1.3 million views (and growing) of WSOB VIII content from a combination of highlight and full archived ESPN shows.

● The PBA's social media WSOB VIII coverage and repurposed video highlights reached 6.3 million people. There were nearly 1 million WSOB-related video views on PBA Facebook alone.

The WSOB VIII's main event, the PBA World Championship, which aired live Dec. 11 and was replayed on ESPN on New Year's Day, was won by 2016 PBA Player of the Year candidate EJ Tackett.

The other title events, which all aired live on ESPN3 and WatchESPN for the first time and on delay on ESPN, were won by Mike Wolfe (Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge mobile game), Mitch Beasley (Chameleon Championship presented by HotelPlanner.com), Tommy Jones (Scorpion) and 2016 PBA Rookie of the Year candidate Francois Lavoie (Shark Championship).

The 2017 PBA on ESPN season begins this Sunday with the Main Event Terrell Owens PBA Super Clash live from Katy, Texas, from 2-4 pm EST.

The special event telecast kicks off 'Big February' for the PBA, with major championships airing live on ESPN at 1 pm EST for the following three consecutive weeks:

- Feb. 12 (Barbasol PBA Players Championship)
- Feb. 19 (FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions)
- Feb. 26 (USBC Masters)

Additionally, the CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational (Friday, Feb. 17) and the live World Bowling Tour Finals (Feb. 26 following the Masters), fill out ESPN's PBA coverage in February.

All PBA programming on ESPN is simulcast on ESPN3.com and WatchESPN. PBA Xtra Frame will cover all of the major championship action from qualifying to the finals live for subscribers. Go to pba.com or xtraframe.TV for information.

PBA Spare Shots: "New" Bayside Bowl Getting Ready for PBA League, Roth/Holman Doubles in April

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While the PBA is moving into the "Big February" portion of its 2017 season, construction is progressing on the "new" Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, in anticipation of the arrival of the PBA League and Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship in April.

new bayside bowl exterior
Construction of "West Bayside Bowl," the new eight-lane addition to the facility, will complement "East Bayside Bowl," the existing 12-lane side. The new addition is expected to be completed by the end of February. Proprietor Charlie Mitchell said a special "grand opening" will take place in mid-March. East Bayside will remain as-is with its original bar-restaurant retaining the historic feel of the facility.

The Roth/Holman Doubles will use all 20 lanes in East Bayside and West Bayside for preliminary rounds, with the live ESPN finals (on Sunday, April 16 at 1 p.m. ET) and all four televised rounds of PBA League competition (airing on consecutive Sundays April 23-May 14, all at 1 p.m. ET) originating from the new West Bayside lanes.

"BIG FEBRUARY" MEANS A SUPER MONTH OF XTRA FRAME COVERAGE

PBA's "Big February" schedule of major championships means a big month of exclusive live streaming coverage on Xtra Frame, beginning with the qualifying rounds of the Barbasol PBA Players Championship Feb. 7-10 from Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl in Columbus, Ohio.

Following the live ESPN finals of the Players Championship on Sunday, Feb. 12, at 1 p.m. ET, the PBA and Xtra Frame head to Shawnee, Okla., for live coverage of the PBA Hall of Fame induction ceremonies and 2016 PBA Awards presentations on Monday, Feb. 13, at 8 p.m. ET from the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort.

Xtra Frame coverage then moves to FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee for the preliminary rounds of the FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions, Feb. 14-17. That week is concluded by the live ESPN finals of the TOC from FireLake Arena on Sunday, Feb. 19, at 1 p.m. ET.

Big February continues with qualifying and double-elimination match play coverage of the USBC Masters from The Orleans Bowling Center in Las Vegas, Feb. 21-25. The USBC Masters finals, followed by the World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals presented by the PBA will air live, back-to-back, on ESPN on Sunday, Feb. 26, beginning at 1 p.m. ET.

For a preview of the Big February majors, check out this video clip on PBA's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qtDwgqKvgHc>

In addition to the major championships, Big February will include Sunday's Terrell Owens Main Event PBA Super Clash at 2 p.m. ET and the eighth annual State Farm Chris Paul PBA Celebrity Invitational on Friday, Feb. 17 at 9 p.m. ET as part of the NBA All-Star weekend, both airing on ESPN.

The finals for all PBA ESPN telecasts are simulcast on ESPN3 and the WatchESPN mobile app for those who would like to watch online or on mobile devices.

PBA's all-star month is a perfect time for PBA fans to sign up for Xtra Frame's full month subscription for only \$7.99. Three-day (\$3.99) and full year Xtra Frame Season Ticket (less than \$1.25 a week) options also are available. Visit xtraframe.tv to enroll.

TEEN MASTERS U14 WINNERS TO PARTICIPATE IN SUPER CLASH

Two rising stars in youth bowling, 2016 Teen Masters U14 Boys' and Girls' Division champions Kirk Mowl of Ormond Beach, Fla., and Mabel Cummins of Elburn, Ill., will participate in a special exhibition as part of Sunday's Terrell Owens Main Event PBA Super Clash at Main Event Entertainment Center in Katy, Texas. The live ESPN special event, airing at 2 p.m. ET, will feature an all-star lineup of celebrities and PBA champions including Owens, Chad (Ochocinco) Johnson, Devin Hester, "Blind Side" lead actor Quinton Aaron, Jason Belmonte, Parker Bohn III, Norm Duke, Bill O'Neill and EJ Tackett.

Mowl, 13, and Cummins, 14, won their respective Junior Varsity divisions during the Teen Masters Championships in Tamarac, Fla., last July. Cummins went on to win the USBC Junior Gold U15 Girls' Championship and a berth on Junior Team USA 2017. During Sunday's telecast, they will team up with PBA partners in a unique Patriots vs. Falcons-themed match.

QUBICA AMF PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: HAYNES, HAUGEN, TEHEE WIN IN RENO

David Haynes of Las Vegas posted a 6-2 match play record and a 16-game total of 3,769 pins Sunday to win his 11th career PBA Regional title in the PBA Sands Regency West/Northwest Winter Classic tripleheader presented by Storm at Reno's National Bowling Stadium while Michael Haugen Jr. won his first event as a PBA50 player and Jason Tehee earned his first PBA title.

Haynes, who earned \$2,000, defeated Jakob Butturff of Chandler, Ariz., by 19 pins. Butturff, coming off a record nine PBA Regional titles performance in 2016, had a 6-2 match play record and 3,750 pins for his 16 games.

In the companion PBA50 Open, Haugen went 6-2 in match play and knocked down 3,901 total pins in his PBA50 debut to defeat Ron Mohr of Las Vegas by 116 pins. In addition to his first PBA50 title, the Phoenix resident earned \$1,500.

Leading off the weekend, Tehee, from Modesto, Calif., defeated Toby Sambueno of Henderson, Nev., 299-202, to win Friday's Sands Regency Winter Challenge presented by Storm. The Challenge was open to players who had never won a PBA title.

Tehee, who also earned \$1,500, defeated Will Smith of Spokane, Wash., 267-164, and Sambueno defeated Matthew Anderson of Mineral Point, Wis., 186-182, to set up the championship match. With his win, Tehee became eligible to compete for a berth in February's FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions in Shawnee, Okla.

- A limited schedule of QubicaAMF PBA Regional competition is on tap during PBA's "Big February" schedule of major championships, but two events include the PBA and PBA50 BreakPoint Alley Challenge events for non-champions in Tavares, Fla., over the Feb. 3-5 weekend.
- Leading into the FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions, FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla., will host the PBA Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Southwest Winter Open Feb. 10-12. The tournament, in addition to serving as a standard PBA Regional event, is also a qualifying event for the TOC, with at least 24 eligible PBA title-holders advancing to the TOC.
- The PBA South Region will host the PBA50 Dave Edwards Toyota Spartanburg Open, presented by 900 Global, over the Feb. 17-19 weekend at Paradise Lanes in Spartanburg, S.C.
- For complete QubicaAMF PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information heading into the new year, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on QubicaAMF Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area. For more information about QubicaAMF, visit www.qubicaamf.com or, for social media posts, visit <http://bit.ly/QAMFSponsorship1>.

QUICK NOTES

- Mark Benvenuto of Stamford, Conn, won a new high-performance Brunswick ball, Pat Brown of Flint, Mich., will get a new high-performance MOTIV ball; and Mary Weir of Livermore, Calif., will receive a new DV8 ball – all as bonus prizes for subscribing to Xtra Frame. The January sweepstakes, sponsored by the respective PBA Product Registered partners, includes winners every month, selected from among new Xtra Frame subscribers, who are automatically entered when they enroll as a monthly or Xtra Frame Season Ticket (full year) subscriber.
- Russell Lopes of Carmichael, Calif., is the January winner of the \$200 HotelPlanner.com certificate, good for future lodging expenses, compliments of PBA's official travel partner. The monthly sweepstakes, which is open to anyone who books a hotel through the HotelPlanner.com link on pba.com.

Tackett Wins GEICO Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year Award; Canada's Lavoie Named Rookie of the Year

KATY, Texas – Thanks in part to a commanding performance in the end-of-season GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling in Reno, which included his first major title in the PBA World Championship,

24-year-old E.J. Tackett of Huntington, Ind., was the overwhelming choice as the 2016 GEICO Chris Schenkel Professional Bowlers Association Player of the Year.

The results of voting by his fellow PBA members and international bowling news media representatives was announced by PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark during Sunday's Main Event Terrell Owens PBA Super Clash which aired live on ESPN.

Clark also announced that 23-year-old Quebec City native Francois Lavoie was selected as the 2016 Harry Golden Rookie of the Year, becoming the first Canadian ever to win that award. The 2016 Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award, selected by PBA Tour players, went to Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., and the 2016 Tony Reyes Community Service Award winner for exceptional community or charitable activities was Rhino Page of Orlando, Fla.

Tackett, PBA's only four-time title winner in 2016, was involved in a highly-competitive Player of the Year race coming into the World Series where he not only won the PBA World Championship for his fourth title of the year and he was one of three players to qualify for the match play finals in all four PBA animal pattern championships (Cheetah, Chameleon, Scorpion and Shark) that are part of the WSOB. He ended the year as the PBA's earnings leader (\$154,900) and finished third in scoring average (224.49 for 490 games).

In addition to the PBA World Championship, Tackett won titles in the 2016 Xtra Frame Storm Open, Xtra Frame PBA Team Challenge and the Bear Open during the PBA Fall Swing.

At age 24, he became the second-youngest player to win PBA's top annual individual honor. Only the late Billy Hardwick was younger when he was selected as PBA's first Player of the Year in 1963 at age 22.

"It's absolutely amazing," Tackett said. "I switched to 16 pounds at the end of the 2015 season, had some success and just kept doing what I do. I got the ball rolling the right way and kept it going all year. Winning on television gave me a boost in confidence. I always knew I could do that, but to actually win on TV was something else.

"One thing I've always noted about the (Player of the Year) award is it's named for Chris Schenkel (the PBA Hall of Fame announced for years on ABC-TV). Most people don't know he was from my home town."

Tackett also is off to a great start in 2017, winning the PBA Tour's first event, the DHC PBA Japan Invitational in Osaka, Japan.

"I'm going to stay in the same mindset and try to make TV shows and win," he said. "That's why I do what I do – try to win."

Lavoie, who joined the PBA following a successful collegiate bowling career at Wichita State University, made four television finals during his first year, but none was more impressive than the U.S. Open where he not only won his first title – and a major at that – but also bowled the first nationally-televised 300 game in the prestigious tournament's colorful history. The sport's oldest major championship began as the BPAA All Star in 1942.

Lavoie was involved in a Canadian-dominated Rookie of the Year race with Ontario's Graham Fach, his Team Canada teammate, who drew first blood when he won the Barbasol PBA Players Championship early in the year to become the first Canadian to win a PBA Tour title (also a major). After winning the U.S. Open, Lavoie broke open the race in the World Series, winning his second title in the PBA Shark Championship and finishing the season fifth among the PBA's average leaders (222.79 for 330 games) and seventh in earnings (\$79,920).

"Usually there aren't multiple rookies who win titles, but I was fortunate to have a strong finish and that's kind of what sealed the deal," Lavoie said. "I'm sure Graham had the same goal, but only one of us can win. To finally have it official is great.

“(Winning Rookie of the Year) was a goal,” Lavoie said. “Every year on Team Canada our coach tries to help us set goals and that’s one of the goals I set for myself. You try to aim high, but also set a goal that’s feasible. It just justifies all of the hard work I’ve put in.

“It’s been a great year for Canadian bowling.”

Smallwood, 39, has been a popular competitor since joining the PBA Tour in 2009. After losing his job with General Motors during the economic downturn, Smallwood decided to pursue his childhood dream of competing on the PBA Tour. He entered the former PBA “exempt tour” qualifier in Allen Park, Mich., and won an exemption to bowl full-time the following season. But he then pulled off a dream victory, winning the PBA World Championship for \$50,000 and his first Tour title, resulting in enormous national media attention that included a feature in Sports Illustrated, network television exposure and major national newspaper features.

Smallwood won a second title in the 2013 PBA Scorpion Championship and he has made 11 additional championship round appearances, including runner-up finishes in the 2011 PBA Tournament of Champions and the 2016 PBA World Championship.

“It’s a really a good deal,” Smallwood said, adding with a grin, “When you don’t say much, people think you’re nice, but it’s nice to be thought of as a good guy. I spend a lot of time with (three-time Nagy award winner) Parker Bohn, and I know what kind of guy he is. To be in the group with him, and the other winners, is pretty cool.”

Other nominees for the Nagy award included 2015 winner Josh Blanchard of Mesa, Ariz.; Lavoie; Brad Miller of Raytown, Mo., and Jon Van Hees of Charlestown, R.I.

Page is the fourth recipient of the Tony Reyes Community Service Award, honoring the popular PBA Tour champion who lost his life following a traffic accident in 2012.

Joining previous recipients Parker Bohn III, Missy Parkin and Ed Godbout, Page was nominated for his involvement over the past eight years with the Thomas Cacioppo family in New York in raising money to combat Crohns and Colitis. The Rhino Page Strike Out Crohns and Colitis fund-raisers have generated more than \$225,000 to help combat the debilitating digestive tract disorders.

In March, Page will expand his involvement by hosting the PBA Strike Out Crohns and Colitis South Open at Boardwalk Bowl in his adopted hometown, Orlando, Fla.

The 2016 PBA award winners will receive their awards during the PBA Hall of Fame and Awards ceremonies at the Grand Casino in Shawnee, Okla., on Monday, Feb. 13. The hall of fame ceremonies will be live streamed on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel, beginning at 8 p.m. EST.

The public is invited to attend the dinner. Tickets are \$100 plus tax, and can be purchased in advance online (visit pba.com/tickets).

Perfect Game Helps Ronnie Russell Take Barbasol PBA Players Championship First Round Lead

With the help of a 300 game, four-time Professional Bowlers Association Tour winner Ronnie Russell of Marion, Ind., averaged 247.8 to lead the 115-player field Tuesday after the first round of the Barbasol PBA Players Championship at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl.

The 37-year-old Russell, who is trying for his first major title, fired a 1,983 eight-game pinfall total with games of 278, 300, 217, 245, 245, 240, 213 and 245.

"I made an equipment change recently so I did a lot of practice and felt really good coming in here," Russell said. "I was in a place where all I had to do was make simple moves and when that's all you have to do it makes it easy."

Russell's last individual PBA Tour title came in the 2015 Badger Open. His fourth PBA title came in the PBA Team Challenge last October in Las Vegas.

"It wasn't long ago that I was making shows on a regular basis but then the last few months I've kind of flat-lined," Russell added. "I've made some changes to come in fresh and really clear-headed and so far it's paying off."

Russell held a commanding lead over Wichita State standout and fellow Team USA member AJ Chapman who finished the first round in second with a 1,877 pinfall.

The 23-year-old Chapman bowled games of 247, 258, 209, 235, 278, 216, 219 and 215.

"It's great to be in this position but I have confidence in my ability," Chapman said. "I need to learn a lot out here but I expect to bowl well, too."

Chapman was a member of the Wichita State team that won the 2015 Intercollegiate Team Championships.

"I've gained a lot of experience bowling in college but going from the team format to individual competition takes some re-programming," Chapman added. "You're learning in a whole new environment so there's definitely an adjustment that needs to be made in your mental game."

Graham Fach, who became the first Canadian to win a PBA Tour title when he won last year's Players Championship, finished the round in 10th with a 1,824 pinfall.

Rounding out the top five were Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 1,870; Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 1,859 and Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo., 1,851.

Competition continues with eight-game qualifying rounds Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. After Thursday's round the field will be cut to 24 players who will bowl another eight-game round Friday morning that will determine the top 16 players who will advance to the final eight-game round Friday afternoon. After Friday's final round, the top five players will advance to the live stepladder finals Sunday on ESPN at 1 p.m. ET.

All qualifying rounds are covered live on PBA's Xtra Frame online video streaming service. For subscription information, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

BARBASOL PBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl, Columbus, Ohio, Tuesday

First Round Standings (after 8 games)

- 1, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,983.
- 2, AJ Chapman, Wichita, Kan., 1,877.
- 3, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 1,870.
- 4, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 1,859.
- 5, Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo., 1,851.
- 6, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 1,847.
- 7, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,840.
- 8, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,836.
- 9, Joe Bailey, Wooster, Ohio, 1,833.
- 10, Graham Fach, Canada, 1,824.
- 11, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,812.
- 12 (tie), Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., and DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 1,808.
- 14, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 1,805.
- 15, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,802.
- 16, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,801.
- 17, (tie), Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, and Patrick Allen, Elmwood Park, N.J., 1,793.
- 19, JR Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 1,791.
- 20, Cristian Azcona, Lake Wales, Fla., 1,790.
- 21, Zachary Wilkins, Canada, 1,786.
- 22, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 1,785.
- 23, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 1,784.
- 24, (tie) EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., and Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,777.
- 26, Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., 1,774.
- 27, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 1,771.
- 28, (tie) Wayne Webb, Columbus, Ohio, and Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,770.
- 30, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,768.
- 31, Matthew O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 1,766.
- 32, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,763.
- 33, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 1,760.
- 34, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 1,759.
- 35, (tie) Dom Barrett, England, and Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 1,752.
- 37, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 1,751.
- 38, John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 1,743.
- 39, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,741.
- 40, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 1,740.
- 41, Ronnie Sparks Jr., Redford, Mich., 1,738.
- 42, BJ Moore III, Greensburg, Pa., 1,737.
- 43, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,736.
- 44, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 1,731.
- 45, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,729.
- 46, Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., 1,728.
- 47, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 1,726.
- 48, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 1,724.
- 49, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 1,723.
- 50, Chris Polizzi, Spring Hill, Fla., 1,722.
- 51, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 1,721.
- 52, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,720.
- 53, Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 1,717.
- 54, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,715.
- 55, (tie) David Krol, Nixa, Mo., and John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 1,714.
- 57, (tie) Stuart Williams, England, and Josh Conner, Columbus, Ohio, 1,712.
- 59, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 1,709.

- 60, Rocio Restrepo, Colombia, 1,704.
- 61, Sam Cooley, Australia, 1,701.
- 62, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 1,697.
- 63, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 1,694.
- 64, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,692.
- 65, Andrew Graff, Las Vegas, 1,689.
- 66, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,682.
- 67, (tie) Matthew Sanders, Evansville, Ind., and Kyle Bigelow, Troy, Ohio, 1,678.
- 69, Tristan Butler, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1,676.
- 70, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,665.
- 71, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 1,664.
- 72, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 1,663.
- 73, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 1,662.
- 74, Aaron Lorincz, Belleville, Mich., 1,660.
- 75 (tie), Jesper Svensson, Sweden, and Richie Teece, England, 1,658.
- 77, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 1,655.
- 78, Daniel Hochstein, Farmington Hills, Mich., 1,651.
- 79, Kristopher Prather, Milton, Fla., 1,650.
- 80, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 1,648.
- 81, Carleton Chambers, Detroit, 1,638.
- 82, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,635.
- 83, (tie) Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., and Kelly Jordon, Marion, Ohio, 1,634.
- 85, Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 1,632.
- 86, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,628.
- 87, Dave Wodka, Beavercreek, Ohio, 1,624.
- 88, Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C., 1,623.
- 89, Kristian Rogers, Salisbury, N.C., 1,622.
- 90, (tie) Francois Louw, South Africa, and Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,618.
- 92, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,612.
- 93, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,604.
- 94, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 1,597.
- 95, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,596.
- 96, Kyle Mayberry, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, 1,588.
- 97, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,584.
- 98, Jason Lundquist, Columbus, Ohio, 1,579.
- 99, Matthew Rubright, Pittsburg, Pa., 1,577.
- 100, Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio, 1,576.
- 101, (tie) Christopher Barger, Dry Ridge, Ky., and Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,556.
- 103, Anggie Ramirez, Colombia, 1,538.
- 104, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 1,526.
- 105, Warren Burr, Wilmington, Del., 1,511.
- 106, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,510.
- 107, Joshua Weiner, Hilliard, Ohio, 1,502.
- 108, Zachery Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,491.
- 109, Jeremiah Bryant, Taylor, Mich., 1,483.
- 110, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 1,471.
- 111, Matthew Wozney, Clayton, Del., 1,469.
- 112, David Adcox Jr., Shawnee, Kan., 1,467.
- 113, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1,449.
- 114, CL Smith, Rynoldsburg, Ohio, 1,397.
- 115, Chad Cygnarowicz, Robinson Township, Pa., 1,393.

World's Best Bowlers Set to Return to Shawnee for FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions

SHAWNEE, Okla. – The most accomplished bowlers from around the world will return to FireLake Bowling Center, FireLake Arena and the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort in Shawnee Feb. 11-19 for the 52nd FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions and the Professional Bowlers Association’s Hall of Fame induction ceremonies.

The TOC is the second of three consecutive PBA major championships that will air live on ESPN in February. The TOC finals will be the only finals in 2017 held in an arena setting. The telecast begins at noon on Sunday, Feb. 19.

The nine-day TOC tournament program begins Saturday and Sunday with the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Winter Open, a PBA Southwest Regional tournament, which also is a qualifying event for PBA Regional, PBA Women’s Series and PBA50 Tour title winners who will try to earn berths in the 96-player Tournament of Champions field.

Monday night, the PBA will induct former PBA Commissioner Mark Gerberich and three highly-successful PBA players – Bryan Goebel of Shawnee, Kan.; Steve Hoskins of Tarpon Springs, Fla., and Mike Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas – into the PBA Hall of Fame during ceremonies at the Grand Casino, starting at 7 p.m. EST. The program also will include presentations to the PBA’s 2016 award winners: GEICO Chris Schenkel Player of the Year EJ Tackett, Harry Golden Rookie of the Year Francois Lavoie, Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award winner Tom Smallwood and Tony Reyes Community Service Award winner Rhino Page.

TOC competition gets underway on Valentine’s Day when half of the field bowls its first eight-game qualifying round at 9 a.m. with the other half of the field bowling their opening round at 5 p.m. All players will bowl two more eight-game qualifying rounds Wednesday and Thursday before the field is trimmed to the top 24 qualifiers. After a fourth eight-game round Friday morning, the top 16 will bowl a final eight-game round to determine the five stepladder finalists for Sunday’s ESPN telecast.

Among the players in the star-studded field will be past TOC winners Jason Belmonte (2014 and ‘14), Pete Weber (1987 and 2013), Sean Rash (2012), Kelly Kulick (2010), Patrick Allen (2009), Tommy Jones (2007), Chris Barnes (2006), Bryan Goebel (1998), Norm Duke (1994) and defending champion Jesper Svensson of Sweden (2016). Kulick is the only woman ever to win a PBA Tour title.

PBA Hall of Famers in the field will be Weber, Duke, Goebel, Scroggins, Parker Bohn III and 57-year-old Walter Ray Williams Jr., who needs a TOC title to complete the PBA Triple Crown and Grand Slam.

The TOC also will feature the Tour’s rising young stars who will try to extend a streak six consecutive major championships won by players age 25 and younger (2015 PBA World Championship by Gary Faulkner Jr., 25); 2016 TOC (Svensson, 20); 2016 United States Bowling Congress Masters (Anthony Simonson, 19); 2016 Barbasol PBA Players Championship (Graham Fach, 24); 2016 U.S. Open (Francois Lavoie, 23) and 2016 PBA World Championship (EJ Tackett, 24).

All qualifying rounds of the TOC, plus the PBA Hall of Fame and Award ceremonies, will be covered on PBA’s live streaming service, Xtra Frame (visit xtraframe.tv for subscription information). The live ESPN stepladder finals also will be live streamed on ESPN3 and the WatchESPN mobile app.

FIRELAKE PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS SCHEDULE

FireLake Bowling Center and FireLake Arena, Shawnee, Okla., Feb. 11-19

GRAND CASINO HOTEL & RESORT WINTER OPEN AND TOC QUALIFIER

Friday, Feb. 10

3 and 5 p.m. – A Squad and B Squad practice sessions.

Saturday, Feb. 11

8 a.m. - A Squad, 8 qualifying games.

2:30 p.m. – B Squad: 8 qualifying games.

Top 1/3 of qualifying field advances to cashers round; minimum of 24 eligible PBA title-holders earn the right to enter the FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions.

Sunday, Feb. 12

8:30 a.m. - Cashers Round, 5 games.

Top 16 based on 13 games advance to single-elimination match play.

Noon – Single-Elimination Match Play finals begin.
Round 1: Qualifiers 9-16, best-of-three games matches.
Round 2: Round 1 Winners and Qualifiers 5-8, best-of-three games matches.
Round 3: Round 2 Winners and Qualifiers 1-4, best-of-three games matches.
Round 4: Round of 8 Winners, one game matches.
Round 5: Semifinal Round winners, one game matches.
Winners advance to championship match, one game.

FIRELAKE PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

Monday, Feb. 13

1 p.m. – Official practice session
6 p.m. – PBA Hall of Fame and Awards dinner, Grand Casino

Tuesday, Feb. 14

10 a.m. – A Squad, 8 qualifying games.
4 p.m. – B squad, 8 qualifying games.

Wednesday, Feb. 15

10 a.m. – A Squad, 8 qualifying games.
4 p.m. – B Squad, 8 qualifying games.

Thursday, Feb. 16

10 a.m. – A squad (bottom half of field after 16 games), 8 qualifying games.
4 p.m. – B squad (top half of field after 16 games), 8 qualifying games.
Top 24 after 24 games advance to Round of 24

Friday, Feb. 17

10 a.m. – Top 24, 8 qualifying games
Top 16 based on 32 games advance to Round of 16
5 p.m. – Top 16, 8 qualifying games
Top five after 40 games advance to ESPN stepladder finals

Saturday, Feb. 18

3 p.m. - PBA TOC Experience Pro-Am

Sunday, Feb. 19, FireLake Arena

Noon (1 p.m. EST) – Live ESPN stepladder finals.

Solid Second Round Good Enough to Boost Belmonte Into Barbasol PBA Players Championship Lead

Trying to end a two-year drought without a Professional Bowlers Association Tour title, three-time PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia put together a solid second round to move into the Barbasol PBA Players Championship lead Wednesday at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl.

Playing an extreme inside line, Belmonte finished the day with a 3,739 16-game overall pinfall total (233.6 average) bowling games of 245, 259, 248, 202, 220, 268, 200 and 257 in Wednesday's second round.

“I was kind of on autopilot today,” said Belmonte. “I was able to migrate pretty far inside, which is where I like to play. Because not that many players play that far left on the lane, for me, it’s kind of like bowling on a fresh condition every time we move to another pair.

“I really wanted to get off to a good start because when you bowl the longer format tournaments you can’t always rely on the big game,” the 12-time Tour titlist added. “It was a good consistent round and I avoided the real bad game.”

Belmonte’s last title came when he won his second consecutive Tournament of Champions in February 2015. He is trying for his seventh major title having won three consecutive USBC Masters (2013, 2014, 2015) in addition to his 2011 Players Championship title.

“I had a lot of expectations last year and because of that I took my focus off the prize,” said Belmonte who earned three consecutive Player of the Year crowns which came in 2013, 2014 and 2015. “I admit I put pressure on myself and I let it get to me. The goal shouldn’t be the award at the end of the season but winning the tournament you’re bowling in.”

Former Wichita State standout and Team USA member AJ Chapman retained his position in second just six pins behind Belmonte finishing with a 3,733 pinfall. Four-time Tour winner Ronnie Russell of Marion, Ind., who led after the first round dropped to third with a 3,709 pinfall after finishing with games of 189 and 169 in the second round.

Defending champion Graham Fach moved from 10th to seventh after the second round finishing with a 3,623 pinfall with the help of a 300 game in his second round. Fach became the first Canadian to win a PBA Tour title when he won last year’s Players Championship.

Competition continues with another eight-game qualifying round Thursday. After Thursday’s round the field will be cut to 24 players who will bowl another eight-game round Friday morning that will determine the top 16 players who will advance to the final eight-game round Friday afternoon. After Friday’s final round, the top five players will advance to the live stepladder finals Sunday on ESPN at 1 p.m. ET.

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BARBASOL PBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Wayne Webb’s Columbus Bowl, Columbus, Ohio, Wednesday

Second Round Standings (after 16 games)

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3,739.
- 2, AJ Chapman, Wichita, Kan., 3,733.
- 3, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 3,709.

- 4, Brad Miller, Maryland Heights,, Mo., 3,698.
- 5, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 3,672.
- 6, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 3,666.
- 7, Graham Fach, Canada, 3,623.
- 8, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 3,616.
- 9, Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 3,605.
- 10, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 3,597.
- 11, Anthony Lavery-Spah, Pasadena, Texas, 3,593.
- 12, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3,580.
- 13, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 3,577.
- 14, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 3,573.
- 15, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,566.
- 16, Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., 3,555.
- 17, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 3,554.
- 18, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,550.
- 19, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 3,544.
- 20, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 3,543.
- 21, (tie) Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., and Darren Tang, San Francisco, 3,529.
- 23, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 3,523.
- 24, Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., 3,522.
- 25, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 3,521.
- 26, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 3,513.
- 27, Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 3,512.
- 28, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 3,508.
- 29, (tie) BJ Moore III, Greensburg, Pa., and Patrick Allen, Elmwood Park, N.J., 3,505.
- 31, Ronnie Sparks Jr., Redford, Mich., 3,495.
- 32, Richie Teece, England, 3,493.
- 33, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 3,488.
- 34, Zacharary Wilkins, Canada, 3,483.

- 35, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 3,479.
- 36, JR Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 3,478.
- 37, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 3,477.
- 38, Francois Louw, South Africa, 3,473.
- 39, Dave Wodka, Beavercreek, Ohio, 3,469.
- 40, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 3,468.
- 41, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 3,461.
- 42, John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 3,460.
- 43, Joe Bailey, Wooster, Ohio, 3,458.
- 44, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 3,451.
- 45, Kyle Bigelow, Troy, Ohio, 3,450.
- 46, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,439.
- 47, (tie) Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., and Aaron Lorincz, Belleville, Mich., 3,431.
- 49, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 3,425.
- 50, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,424.
- 51, Wayne Webb, Columbus, Ohio, 3,412.
- 52, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 3,410.
- 53, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 3,408.
- 54, (tie) Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., and Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 3,406.
- 57, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 3,401.
- 58, (tie) Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., and Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 3,398.
- 60, Matthew O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 3,394.
- 61, (tie) Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., and John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 3,387.
- 63, Cristian Azcona, Lake Wales, Fla., 3,382.
- 64, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 3,373.
- 65, Stuart Williams, England, 3,372.
- 66, (tie) Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., and Josh Conner, Columbus, Ohio, 3,370.
- 68, Sam Cooley, Australia, 3,369.

- 69, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 3,368.
- 70, Dom Barrett, England, 3,366.
- 71, Kristopher Prather, Milton, Fla., 3,364.
- 72, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 3,329.
- 73, (tie) Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, and Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 3,327.
- 75, Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 3,325.
- 76, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 3,324.
- 77, Daniel Hochstein, Farmington Hills, Mich., 3,323.
- 78, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 3,322.
- 79, David Krol, Nixa, Mo., 3,318.
- 80, Kristian Rogers, Salisbury, N.C., 3,297.
- 81, Matthew Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 3,294.
- 82, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 3,289.
- 83, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,288.
- 84, Carleton Chambers, Detroit, 3,285.
- 85, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 3,280.
- 86, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 3,275.
- 87, Andrew Graff, Las Vegas, 3,269.
- 88, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 3,246.
- 89, Rocio Restrepo, Colombia, 3,239.
- 90, (tie) Jesper Svensson, Sweden, and Chris Polizzi, Spring Hill, Fla., 3,223.
- 92, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,213.
- 93, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 3,211.
- 94, Tristan Butler, Fort Wayne, Ind., 3,194.
- 95, Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio, 3,193.
- 96, Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C., 3,178.
- 97, Kyle Mayberry, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, 3,175.
- 98, Matthew Rubright, Pittsburg, Pa., 3,162.
- 99, (tie) Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., and Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 3,160.

- 101, Jason Lundquist, Columbus, Ohio, 3,157.
- 102, Kelly Jordon, Marion, Ohio, 3,132.
- 103, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 3,109.
- 104, Anggie Ramirez, Colombia, 3,104.
- 105, Joshua Weiner, Hilliard, Ohio, 3,080.
- 106, Matthew Wozney, Clayton, Del., 3,069.
- 107, Christopher Barger, Dry Ridge, Ky., 3,065.
- 108, Zachery Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 3,063.
- 109, Warren Burr, Wilmington, Del., 3,049.
- 110, Jeremiah Bryant, Taylor, Mich., 3,048.
- 111, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 3,043.
- 112, David Adcox Jr., Shawnee, Kan., 2,905.
- 113, Chad Cygnarowicz, Robinson Township, Pa., 2,848.
- 114, CL Smith, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, 2,748.
- 115, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,510.
- 300 games (2) – Graham Fach, Marshall Kent

Belmonte Averages 235 in Third Round to Retain Lead In Barbasol PBA Players Championship

Three-time Professional Bowlers Association Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia averaged 235.6 Thursday to retain his lead after the third round of the Barbasol PBA Players Championship leading a field of 24 players who advanced to Friday's fourth round.

Belmonte, who is trying to end a two-year drought without a Tour win, bowled games of 263, 244, 237, 193, 248, 201, 234 and 265 at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl to bring his combined three-round 24-game pinfall total to 5,624 (234.3) average.

"I'm bowling well but at this point in the tournament I'm not concerned with the score," the 12-time Tour winner said. "I have a strategy to do what I want to do and let the scores fall where they may.

"I just need to keep the foot down and get as many pins as possible. I look at the guys who are around me in the standings as giving me that extra mental push to help me do that."

Belmonte, the 2011 Players Championship winner, is trying for his seventh major title. He won a record three consecutive USBC Masters (2013, 2014 and 2015) and won back-to-back PBA Tournament of Champions titles in 2014 and 2015. His 2015 Tournament of Champions victory was his last Tour title.

Belmonte holds a 104-pin lead over two-time Tour winner DJ Archer of Friendswood, Texas, in second who finished with a 5,520 pinfall followed by two-time Tour winner Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., in third with 5,487.

Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas rocketed to fourth after the third round with a 5,453 pinfall after starting the tournament in 72nd after the first round. Simonsen, who bowled a 300 game in the round, became the youngest player to win a PBA major when he won the 2016 USBC Masters at age 19.

PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., who battled through pain caused by arthritis in his back in the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VIII in December but still managed to finish sixth in the PBA World Championship, finished the day in 12th with a 5,373 pinfall.

The 37-time PBA Tour winner is trying for a record 11th major title. He is currently tied with the late Hall of Famer Earl Anthony with 10 majors.

Defending champion Graham Fach of Canada advanced to the fourth round by finishing 14th with a 5,328 pinfall.

The top 24 players will bowl another eight-game round Friday morning that will determine the top 16 players who will advance to the final eight-game round Friday afternoon. After Friday's final round, the top five players will advance to the live stepladder finals Sunday on ESPN at 1 p.m. ET.

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BARBASOL PBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl, Columbus, Ohio, Thursday

Third Round Standings (after 24 games. Top 24 advanced to Friday's fourth round)

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 5,624.
- 2, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 5,520.
- 3, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 5,487.
- 4, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 5,453.
- 5, AJ Chapman, Wichita, Kan., 5,435.
- 6, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 5,409.
- 7, Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 5,398.

- 8, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 5,383.
- 9, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 5,378.
- 10, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 5,377.
- 11, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 5,375.
- 12, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 5,373.
- 13, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 5,334.
- 14, Graham Fach, Canada, 5,328.
- 15, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 5,304.
- 16, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 5,303.
- 17, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 5,291.
- 18, Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., 5,289.
- 19, Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., 5,288.
- 20, (tie) Francois Lavoie, Canada, and Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 5,286.
- 22, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 5,284.
- 23, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 5,271.
- 24, Anthony Lavery-Spah, Pasadena, Texas, 5,265.

Did not advance:

- 25, (tie) Darren Tang, San Francisco, 5,259, and Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo., 5,259, \$1,725.
- 27, Richie Teece, England, 5,255, \$1,650.
- 28, John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 5,241, \$1,600.
- 29, JR Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 5,239.
- 30, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 5,233.
- 31, Zachary Wilkins, Canada, 5,228.
- 32, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 5,224.
- 33, (tie) Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., and Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 5,221.
- 35, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 5,220.
- 36, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 5,217.
- 37, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 5,209.

- 38, Cristian Azcona, Lake Wales, Fla., 5,198.
- 39, Ronnie Sparks Jr., Redford, Mich., 5,195.
- 40, Patrick Allen, Elmwood Park, N.J., 5,186.
- 41, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 5,183.
- 42, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 5,182.
- 43, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 5,167.
- 44, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 5,166.
- 45, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 5,163.
- 46, (tie) Thomas Larsen, Denmark, and Kyle Bigelow, Troy, Ohio, 5,161.
- 48, Dom Barrett, England, 5,159.
- 49, (tie) Kristopher Prather, Milton, Fla., Sam Cooley, Australia and Josh Conner, Columbus, Ohio, 5,150.
- 52, Aaron Lorincz, Belleville, Mich., 5,147.
- 53, BJ Moore III, Greensburg, Pa., 5,146.
- 54, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 5,145.
- 55, Stuart Williams, England, 5,121.
- 56, Dave Wodka, Beavercreek, Ohio, 5,120.
- 57, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 5,116.
- 58, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 5,107.
- 59, Joe Bailey, Wooster, Ohio, 5,103.
- 60, Matthew Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 5,102.
- 61, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 5,098.
- 62, (tie) Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, and Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 5,095.
- 64, Francois Louw, South Africa, 5,084.
- 65, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 5,063.
- 66, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 5,061.
- 67, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 5,048.
- 68, Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 5,046.
- 69, David Krol, Nixa, Mo., 5,041.
- 70, Matthew O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 5,025.

- 71, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 5,018.
- 72, Wayne Webb, Columbus, Ohio, 5,004.
- 73, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 5,001.
- 74, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 4,991.
- 75, Chris Polizzi, Spring Hill, Fla., 4,988.
- 76, John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 4,983.
- 77, Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 4,957.
- 78, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 4,955.
- 79, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 4,951.
- 80, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 4,942.
- 81, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 4,940.
- 82, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 4,927.
- 83, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 4,925.
- 84, Kristian Rogers, Salisbury, N.C., 4,892.
- 85, Andrew Graff, Las Vegas, 4,891.
- 86, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 4,880.
- 87, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 4,864.
- 88, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 4,859.
- 89, Matthew Rubright, Pittsburgh, Pa., 4,853.
- 90, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 4,851.
- 91, Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio, 4,838.
- 92, Kyle Mayberry, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, 4,837.
- 93, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 4,821.
- 94, Jason Lundquist, Columbus, Ohio, 4,806.
- 95, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 4,800.
- 96, Kelly Jordon, Marion, Ohio, 4,787.
- 97, Daniel Hochstein, Farmington Hills, Mich., 4,742.
- 98, Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C., 4,737.
- 99, Carleton Chambers, Detroit, 4,719.

- 100, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 4,717.
- 101, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 4,697.
- 102, Rocio Restrepo, Colombia, 4,695.
- 103, Joshua Weiner, Hilliard, Ohio, 4,691.
- 104, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 4,678.
- 105, Tristan Butler, Fort Wayne, Ind., 4,621.
- 106, Anggie Ramirez, Colombia, 4,618.
- 107, Christopher Barger, Dry Ridge, Ky., 4,592.
- 108, Jeremiah Bryant, Taylor, Mich., 4,558.
- 109, Zachery Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 4,551.
- 110, Matthew Wozney, Clayton, Del., 4,499.
- 111, Warren Burr, Wilmington, Del., 4,447.
- 112, David Adcox Jr., Shawnee, Kan., 4,363.
- 113, Chad Cygnarowicz, Robinson Township, Pa., 4,136.
- 300 games (4) – Martin Larsen, Sam Cooley, Anthony Simonsen, Aaron Lorincz

2017 XF PBA Tour Storm Cup to Provide Added Incentives for PBA Players

CHICAGO – The Professional Bowlers Association’s third full season of Xtra Frame PBA Tour competition, featuring a series of high-profile tournaments covered exclusively on PBA’s live streaming online bowling channel, Xtra Frame, will include enhanced cash incentives, including a season-long \$50,000 XF PBA Tour Storm Cup competition points bonus program.

The eight-tournament series, which will include stops in Florida, North Carolina, Arkansas, Texas, Tennessee, Virginia, Delaware and Michigan, will offer PBA Tour titles and enhanced prize funds. It gets underway March 17-19 with the PBA Xtra Frame Reality Check Classic at Sawgrass Lanes in Tamarac, Fla., a tournament that was postponed from 2016 due to Hurricane Matthew.

“The Xtra Frame Tour was created for the PBA’s fans,” said PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark. “The Xtra Frame Tour gets the PBA into more markets all around the country, offering more fans a chance to watch the PBA in person and bowl in pro-ams. The XF Tour also means more live coverage, start-to-finish including stepladder finals, of all the events on XtraFrame.TV, for all our subscribers.

“Also, the Xtra Frame Tour is for the best players in the PBA and for regional players to test themselves against the best with PBA national titles on the line. More great bowling centers and hosts, different conditions.

"We thank Storm for recognizing the value of the Xtra Frame Tour and for initiating and funding the Storm Cup, which will make for an exciting points race throughout the series. It will mean a competition within a competition throughout the series, and ensure the best possible fields as top players chase for the rewards of the Cup."

The new XF PBA Tour Storm Cup series will offer a \$20,000 first prize to the competition points leader for the 2017 tournament series, plus additional cash prizes of \$10,000 for second place, \$8,000 for third, \$7,000 for fourth and \$5,000 for fifth place.

Points will be awarded to the top 20 players in each Xtra Frame event, with the winner earning 25 points, second place 19, third place 18, etc., with points declining by one through 20th place. The points system will insure intense competition throughout the season. In 2016, the points race wasn't decided until the final event when Tommy Jones won by five points over EJ Tackett and six points over Ryan Ciminelli.

In addition to the new Storm Cup, Storm's support will enhance the prize funds of every XF Tour event and the live coverage quality on Xtra Frame.

"Storm is proud to present the best players in the world the opportunity to compete for more prize money and the prestigious Storm Cup perpetual trophy in 2017," said Storm Vice President of Business Development Gary Hulsenberg. "We are excited to see how the new Storm Cup points race will shape up in its inaugural year and encourage all bowling fans to subscribe to PBA Xtra Frame so they can take in all the action from any device. Enjoy the show!"

All XF PBA Tour Storm Cup events will offer a minimum \$10,000 first prize, with first prizes ranging to \$20,000. In 2016, players bowled for more than \$392,000 in prize money paid out for seven Xtra Frame PBA Tour points events. Including the DHC PBA Japan Invitational and the PBA-PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles – tournaments that return to the 2017 Xtra Frame schedule but are not part of the points competition – PBA events covered exclusively by Xtra Frame allowed players in 2016 to compete for nearly \$650,000 in prize money in addition to PBA's nationally-televised events.

2017 XF PBA TOUR STORM CUP SCHEDULE

March 17-19 – PBA XF Reality Check Classic, Sawgrass Lanes, Tamarac, Fla.

May 26-29 – PBA XF Wilmington Open, Ten Pin Alley, Wilmington, N.C.

June 2-4 – PBA XF Jonesboro Open, Jonesboro Bowling Center, Jonesboro, Ark.

June 9-11 – PBA XF Lubbock Sports Open, South Plains Lanes, Lubbock, Texas.

June 23-25 – PBA XF Billy Hardwick Memorial Open, Billy Hardwick's All Star Lanes, Memphis, Tenn.

Aug. 11-13 - PBA XF Chesapeake Open, AMF Western Branch, Chesapeake, Va.

Aug. 18-10 – PBA XF Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic, Mid-County Bowling & Entertainment, Middletown, Del.

Aug. 25-27 – PBA XF Lefeld Implement Central Classic, Pla-Mor Lanes, Coldwater, Mich.

Seventh Major Title in Sight for Belmonte as Top Qualifier for Barbasol PBA Players Championship Finals

After earning top qualifier honors for the Barbasol PBA Players Championship finals Friday, three-time PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte will need to win only one match to capture his seventh major title and first Tour win in two years.

After Friday's fifth round, the Australian two-hander finished with a 9,249 40-game pinfall total (231.2 average) to clinch the top berth for Sunday's Players Championship finals at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl.

After nearly three years of dominance, in 2013, 2014 and 2015, when he won his Player of the Year crowns, Belmonte's dry spell started after he won the USBC Masters and Tournament of Champions back-to-back in February of 2015. Since then he has finished in the top five in 16 PBA Tour tournaments without a win finishing second in five of those events.

"I feel as good as I've ever felt bowling in a tournament," said the 12-time Tour titlist. "I just need to focus on what I need to do and eliminate the distractions. I've always had 100 percent belief in myself so whatever happens in the championship match I'll walk away with my head held high.

"After last year the weight is off my shoulders," Belmonte added. "I didn't get the wins last year but I was bowling well. "It's a new season and now I just need to focus on what I need to do in each tournament and let the season unfold."

In addition to winning the 2011 Players Championship for his first major, Belmonte won a record three consecutive USBC Masters (2013, 2014 and 2015) and won back-to-back PBA Tournament of Champions titles in 2014 and 2015.

Qualifying second for the finals was another two-hander, Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas, just 20 pins behind Belmonte with a 9,229 pinfall total. The 20-year-old two-time Tour winner, who became the youngest to win a major when he won the 2016 USBC Masters at 19, will be trying to become the youngest player to win two majors.

Trying for his first PBA Tour title, Martin Larsen of Sweden qualified third with a 9,083 pinfall. He owns four career runnerup Tour finishes and with a win in the Players Championship would become eligible for next week's FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions in Shawnee, Okla.

Sunday's opening stepladder match will feature No. 4 qualifier, former Wichita State standout and current Team USA member AJ Chapman bowling against No. 5 qualifier one-time Tour winner Connor Pickford of Plano, Texas. Chapman finished with an 8,958 pinfall while Pickford finished with 8,946.

Chapman will be trying to become only the third player in Tour history to win a title in his first tournament as a PBA member. The two others were Brian Davis, who won the 1993 Harrisburg (Pa.) Open and Mike McGrath who won the 1965 Portland (Ore.) Open.

In addition to ESPN's coverage, the Players Championship will be simulcast on ESPN3 and the WatchESPN mobile app for those who would like to watch on-line or on mobile devices.

BARBASOL PBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl, Columbus, Ohio, Friday

Fifth Round Standings (after 40 games. Top five advanced to Sunday's live ESPN finals at 1 p.m. EST)

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 9,249.
- 2, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 9,229.
- 3, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 9,083.
- 4, AJ Chapman, Wichita, Kan., 8,958.
- 5, Connor Pickford, Plano Texas, 8,946.

Did not advance:

- 6, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 8,942, \$8,000.
- 7, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 8,940, \$7,000.
- 8, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 8,924, \$6,100.
- 9, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 8,896, \$5,500.
- 10, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 8,879, \$5,000.
- 11, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 8,846, \$4,500.
- 12, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 8,839, \$4,200.
- 13, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 8,826, \$3,900.
- 14, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 8,785, \$3,600.
- 15, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 8,776, \$3,400.
- 16, Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 8,725, \$3,300.

Fourth Round Standings (after 32 games. Top 16 players advanced to fifth round)

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 7,489.

- 2, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 7,305. /8
- 3, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 7,266.
- 4, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 7,219.
- 5, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 7,170.
- 6, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 7,159.
- 7, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 7,126.
- 8, AJ Chapman, Wichita, Kan., 7,124.
- 9, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 7,121.
- 10, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 7,114.
- 11, Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 7,098.
- 12, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 7,079.
- 13, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 7,075.
- 14, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 7,065.
- 15, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 7,051.

Did not advance:

- 16, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 7,048.
- 17, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 7,026, \$2,900.
- 18, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 7,011, \$2,700.
- 19, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 6,981, \$2,600.
- 20, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 6,920, \$2,500.
- 21, Graham Fach, Canada, 6,892, \$2,500.
- 22, Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., 6,871, \$2,300.
- 23, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 6,857, \$2,200.
- 24, Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., 6,834, \$2,100.

On April 1, 1967, the PBA's post-tournament news release reported, "Jack Biondolillo socked the biggest 300 in the history of the game. His came before the American Broadcasting Company's national colored television cameras for which he collected a cool ten thou (\$10,000)..."

The first nationally-televised 300 game in PBA history – witnessed by a television audience of 25 million viewers according to PBA's release – occurred during the Firestone PBA Tournament of Champions at Riviera Lanes in Akron, Ohio, during a first-game 300-216 win over Les Schissler. Biondolillo then defeated Mike Durbin, 188-181, before losing in the semifinal match to Don Johnson, 228-172. Jim Stefanich then won the TOC, defeating Johnson, 43-36, in a two-frame roll-off after they tied at 227.

As the 50th anniversary of his historic feat closes in, Biondolillo, a Houston native, attended the Main Event Terrell Owens PBA Super Clash on Super Bowl Sunday in Katy, Texas, where he posed with four other PBA members who also bowled nationally-televised 300 games. Pete McCordic bowled televised 300 no. 4 in Torrance, Calif., on Jan. 31, 1987. Parker Bohn III bowled no. 13 in the USBC Masters in Reno, Nev., on May 9, 1998. Norm Duke bowled no. 16 in Tacoma, Wash., on Jan. 5, 2003. Jason Belmonte recorded no. 21 in Las Vegas on Nov. 19, 2011.

(In the featured photo, from left are Pete McCordic, Parker Bohn III, Jack Biondolillo, Jason Belmonte and Norm Duke)

Including Biondolillo's historic 300, there have been a total of 26 nationally-televised perfect games in PBA competition.

WORLD BOWLING ANNOUNCES 2017 PBA INTERNATIONAL-WBT SCHEDULE

World Bowling, the international governing body for tenpin bowling, and the PBA have announced a schedule of PBA International-World Bowling Tour tournaments that will award PBA Tour titles to winners (if they are PBA members) and points to players toward the 2018 WBT Finals presented by the PBA. Points also will be awarded to women bowlers. Women are eligible for PBA Tour titles if they bowl against the men and don't accept handicap pins.

Tournaments included on the 2017 PBA International-WBT schedule include:

- Brunswick Euro Challenge, Munich, German, March 18-26;
- Oklahoma Open, Shawnee, Okla., June 26-July 2;
- Sweden WBT, Malmo, Sweden, Aug. 14-28;
- WBT Thailand, Bangkok, Thailand, Sept. 30-Oct. 6;
- PBA World Championship, tba;
- Kingdom of Saudi Open, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Nov. 16-22;
- Kingdom of Bahrain Open, Manama, Bahrain, Nov 23-28;
- Kuwait Open, Kuwait City, Kuwait, Nov. 29-Dec. 3.

The World Bowling World Championships, set for Dec. 4-18 in Kuwait City, also is a WBT points event, but will not award a PBA title. For more information about World Bowling, visit Worldbowling.org.

The 2017 WBT Men's and Women's Finals presented by the PBA will be televised live on ESPN on Sunday, Feb. 26 following the finals of the USBC Masters. The men's finalists, based on 2016 WBT points, will include top qualifier Martin Larsen of Sweden, Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas, and Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash. The women's finalists will be Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, N.Y.; Colombia's Anggie Ramirez, and Liz Johnson of Cheektowaga, N.Y.

TOC, HOF NEXT AS XTRA FRAME CONTINUES "BIG FEBRUARY" COVERAGE

Following the live ESPN finals of the Players Championship on Sunday, Feb. 12, at 1 p.m. ET, the PBA and Xtra Frame head to Shawnee, Okla., for live coverage of the PBA Hall of Fame induction ceremonies and 2016 PBA Awards presentations on Monday, Feb. 13, at 8 p.m. ET from the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort.

Xtra Frame coverage then moves to FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee for the preliminary rounds of the FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions, Feb. 14-17. That week is concluded by the live ESPN finals of the TOC from FireLake Arena on Sunday, Feb. 19, at 1 p.m. ET.

Xtra Frame's Big February coverage continues with qualifying and double-elimination match play coverage of the USBC Masters from The Orleans Bowling Center in Las Vegas, Feb. 21-25. The USBC Masters finals, followed by the World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals presented by the PBA will air live, back-to-back, on ESPN on Sunday, Feb. 26, beginning at 1 p.m. ET.

PBA fans also are reminded that Xtra Frame coverage features two channels which means viewers can watch more players in action. The primary XF channel includes commentary; the secondary channel includes video coverage only. And PBA's ESPN coverage also will include the Chris Paul PBA Celebrity Invitational, benefitting the Chris Paul Family Foundation, on Friday, Sept. 17, at 9 p.m.

PBA's all-star month is a perfect time for PBA fans to sign up for Xtra Frame's full month subscription for only \$7.99. Three-day (\$3.99) and full year Xtra Frame Season Ticket (less than \$1.25 a week) options also are available. Visit xtraframe.tv to enroll.

QUBICA AMF PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: CLIFFORD, BYERS WIN SOUTH CHALLENGE EVENTS

Amateur Charles Clifford Jr. of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., defeated Carlos Tobon of Hollywood, Fla., 230-225, to win the PBA BreakPoint Alley Challenge presented by DV8 Sunday and, in the PBA50 portion of the QubicaAMF PBA South Region doubleheader weekend, Mike Byers of Charleston, S.C., defeated Ralph Brunt of Jensen Beach, Fla., 236-190 for his first PBA title.

Clifford Jr. earned \$2,300 for his win, but he doesn't earn credit for a PBA title because he isn't a PBA member. Byers pocketed \$1,600 and became eligible to compete for a berth in the FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions Feb. 10-11 if he decides to do so.

Both Challenge events were open to players who have not won PBA titles.

- Leading into the FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions, FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla., will host the PBA Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Southwest Winter Open Feb. 10-12. The tournament, in addition to serving as a standard PBA Regional event, is also a qualifying event for the TOC, with at least 24 eligible PBA title-holders advancing to the TOC.
- The PBA South Region will host the PBA50 Dave Edwards Toyota Spartanburg Open, presented by 900 Global, over the Feb. 17-19 weekend at Paradie Lanes in Spartanburg, S.C.
- For complete QubicaAMF PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information heading into the new year, visit pba.com, open the “schedules” tab and click on QubicaAMF Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area. For more information about QubicaAMF, visit www.qubicaamf.com or, for social media posts, visit <http://bit.ly/QAMFSponsorship1>.

QUICK NOTES

- Just in time for the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship in Portland, Maine, the PBA Store (pba.com/store) is offering a new line of Mark Roth signature t-shirts and polos. The Roth/Holman doubles event will include a pro-am and qualifying rounds April 9-12, concluding with live ESPN stepladder finals on Sunday, April 16, at 1 p.m. ET.

Belmonte Wins Barbasol PBA Players Championship for Seventh Major Title

Three-time Professional Bowlers Association Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia captured his seventh major title and ended a two-year streak without a Tour win by winning the Barbasol PBA Players Championship Sunday at Wayne Webb’s Columbus Bowl.

In a championship match between two players who use the unique two-handed delivery, the top seeded Belmonte defeated Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas, 221-204, to notch his second Players Championship win and 13th PBA Tour title overall.

The win broke a dry spell that started after he won the USBC Masters and Tournament of Champions back-to-back in February of 2015. Going into the Players Championship he had a string of 16 tournaments in which he made the top five but failed to win. He finished second in five of those events.

“It’s a brand new start,” Belmonte said of the new season. “I was successful staying focused the whole tournament from start to finish. I’ve learned that if you look ahead or behind you’re not staying in the moment.”

In the title match, Belmonte held a commanding 37-pin lead in the fifth frame that was too much for Simonsen to overcome.

“It feels fantastic,” said the 33-year-old Belmonte, who won his first major in the 2011 Players Championship. “Two years is a long time to wait (for a win), especially considering all the times I had made TV.

“I’ve always believed in myself but I’ll admit there’s a lot of weight off of my shoulders now after all that time because believe me, people will remind you,” he added.

The 20-year-old Simonsen, who qualified second for the finals, was trying to become the youngest player to win two PBA Tour major titles. He won the 2016 USBC Masters at 19 to become the youngest to win a PBA major.

“I didn’t make my best shots in that match,” said Simonsen. “There were probably a couple of shots where I should have reset myself. I’ll just use it as a learning experience.”

In the semifinal match, Simonsen beat Connor Pickford of Plano, Texas, 204-191, to advance to the title match.

Pickford, who was trying for his first Tour singles title teamed with Simonsen to win the 2016 Roth/Holman PBA Doubles for his first title.

In the opening stepladder match, Pickford defeated Team USA member and former Wichita State bowling star AJ Chapman, 243-154. Chapman was trying to become only the third player to win a Tour title in his first tournament as a PBA member.

In the second match, Pickford defeated Martin Larsen of Sweden 266-182 to advance to the semifinal. With four career runner-up finishes, Larsen was trying for his first Tour win.

The PBA Tour moves to Shawnee, Okla., for the FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions Feb. 13-19, the second major of the season.

PBA’s Big February on ESPN continues with live finals telecasts of the Tournament of Champions on Feb. 19 at 1 p.m. ET and back-to-back telecasts of the USBC Masters finals and World Bowling Tour Men’s and Women’s Finals presented by the PBA Feb. 26 beginning at 1 p.m.

In addition to the lineup of live telecasts, the State Farm CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational, which was taped on Jan. 17 at Lucky Strike L.A. Live in Los Angeles, will air on Friday, Feb. 17, at 9 p.m. ET as part of the NBA All-Star weekend.

BARBASOL PBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Wayne Webb’s Columbus Bowl, Columbus, Ohio, Sunday

Final Standings

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$40,000.
- 2, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, \$20,000.
- 3, Connor Pickford, Plano, Texas, \$12,000.
- 4, Martin Larsen, Sweden, \$11,000.
- 5, AJ Chapman, Wichita, Kan., \$10,000.

Stepladder Results

Match One – Pickford def. Chapman, 243-154.

Match Two – Pickford def. Larsen, 266-182.

Semifinal Match – Simonsen def. Pickford, 204-191.

Championship Match – Belmonte def. Simonsen, 221-204.

Logistical Problem Forces Revision of FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions Schedule

SHAWNEE, Okla. – The Professional Bowlers Association has revised its FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions schedule this week due to a logistical problem which delayed the arrival of one of the PBA's semi-trailers transporting bowling ball inventory and equipment of many TOC players from last week's Barbasol PBA Players Championship in Columbus, Ohio, to Shawnee.

The official practice session will be moved to Tuesday and the FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions will officially get underway Wednesday, a day later than planned. The TOC will be completed as planned, with only a minor adjustment in the format in order to complete the event in time for the live ESPN-televvised finals Sunday at 1 p.m. ET.

Originally planned for 40 qualifying games, the schedule will be revised by reducing the third qualifying round from eight to seven games on Friday to accommodate an earlier start time, and the Round of 24 will take place Friday evening. The final eight games of qualifying to determine the five stepladder finalists will begin at 9 a.m. CST Saturday.

“The FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions is the PBA's signature championship,” said PBA Deputy Commissioner Kirk von Krueger. “In order to provide our players, and our fans, with an event that meets the expectations of a major championship, we have made necessary adjustments in order to retain the integrity of the event.”

PBA's Xtra Frame live streaming coverage of the preliminary rounds will begin Wednesday and continue through Saturday's final qualifying round. For subscription information and the adjusted schedule of live streaming broadcast times, visit [pba.com](http://www.pba.com) (<http://www.pba.com/Live>) and xtraframe.tv.

FIRELAKE PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS SCHEDULE

FireLake Bowling Center and FireLake Arena, Shawnee, Okla. (all times are Central)

Monday, Feb. 13

6 p.m. – PBA Hall of Fame and Awards dinner, Grand Casino Hotel & Resort

Tuesday, Feb. 14

4 p.m. – Official practice session

Wednesday, Feb. 15

10 a.m. – A Squad, 8 qualifying games.

4 p.m. – B squad, 8 qualifying games.

Thursday, Feb. 16

10 a.m. – A Squad, 8 qualifying games.

4 p.m. – B Squad, 8 qualifying games.

Friday, Feb. 17

8 a.m. – A squad (bottom half of field after 16 games), 7 qualifying games.

1 p.m. – B squad (top half of field after 16 games), 7 qualifying games.

Top 24 after 23 games advance to Round of 24

6 p.m. – Top 24, 8 qualifying games

Top 16 based on 31 games advance to Round of 16

Saturday, Feb. 18

9 a.m. – Top 16, 8 qualifying games

Top five after 39 games advance to ESPN stepladder finals

3 p.m. - PBA TOC Experience Pro-Am

Sunday, Feb. 19, FireLake Arena

Noon (1 p.m. EST) – Live ESPN stepladder finals.

Mark Gerberich, Three Former PBA Stars Inducted into PBA Hall of Fame

SHAWNEE, Okla. – The Professional Bowlers Association’s FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions week got off to a memorable start Monday when a ballroom filled with players and special guests welcomed former PBA Commissioner Mark Gerberich and standout players Bryan Goebel, Steve Hoskins and Mike Scroggins into the PBA Hall of Fame.

Also recognized during the dinner were 2016 GEICO Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind.; Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year Francois Lavoie of Quebec City, Quebec; Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award winner Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., and Tony Reyes Community Service Award winner Rhino Page of Orlando, Fla.

PBA Hall of Famer and long-time ABC-TV color analyst Nelson Burton Jr., who emceed the event, noted millions of people have bowled, trying to be good enough just to qualify for PBA competition, and among the thousands who have joined the PBA, only a handful have ever bowled well enough to earn admission to the hall of fame.

“This group dwells in rarified air,” Burton said.

Gerberich, who served as commissioner from 1995-2000 when the organization was sold to ex-Microsoft executives Chris Peters, Mike Slade and Rob Glaser, rose from an entry-level job as PBA membership services director in 1983 to Commissioner 13 years later, was introduced by his long-time friend and former Deputy Commissioner Kevin Shippy.

“This is a long, long overdue induction,” Shippy said. “It was Mark’s commitment to working with the new owners that kept the organization alive.”

Shippy noted that Gerberich was at the helm when ABC-TV dramatically reduced its rights fees payments to the PBA, and eventually dropped the PBA from its network lineup, but he kept the organization operating despite the hardships.

“Throughout his tenure, no one accomplished more with less than Mark did,” Shippy said.

Gerberich, in his response, deflected a lot of credit to the groundwork Shippy did and he noted PBA founder Eddie Elias “was one of the greatest innovators ever.”

Speaking of himself, he said, “It’s really, really cool to even be considered.”

“I’m proud of what we accomplished,” he added. “In 1991, we got \$200,000 a show which went into the prize funds. A year later, we got \$50,000. In 1997, we were paying \$150,000 to stay on TV, so I understand exactly the difficulties the PBA faces.”

The intervention of Peters and his partners, Gerberich said, “was a godsend. Without them there wouldn’t be a PBA today.”

Goebel, a 10-time PBA Tour winner with the 1998 Brunswick World Tournament of Champions included in his résumé, had his best season in 1994 when he won three titles.

“In 1988, I had been a pro bowler for eight years and I didn’t have a title,” Goebel said. “I quit my job and decided if I was ever going to be a pro, I had to do it now. I missed a cut and came home whining. My wife Kelly said, ‘well, you quit your job; you’d better go out and bowl better.’”

And he did. He jokingly thanked fellow inductee Hoskins for “letting” him win his Tournament of Champions title, and he thanked fellow hall of famer Danny Wiseman for letting him win his 10th title, which made him hall of fame-eligible.

“I’m up here by myself, but it took a lot of people to help me get here,” Goebel added. “I have the greatest circle of family and friends a person could possibly have.

“I thank the PBA for providing the stage, the playground for me to go out and live out my dream,” Goebel said. “I honestly don’t know if I’m deserving when I think about the great players who are in the hall, but I thank you for putting me in with them.”

Hoskins was a colorful, high-backswing power player who rolled onto the scene in 1989, winning PBA Rookie of the Year honors which led into a 12-year, 10-title career that included a pair of major championships in the 1997 and 1999 Bayer/Brunswick Touring Players Championships. He also was the 11th player in PBA history to bowl a nationally-televised 300 game (in the 1997 Ebonite Challenge).

“This is a day I’ve looked forward to for quite some time,” Hoskins said. “It’s the greatest honor I ever could have expected.

“Most people who are asked if they expect to get into the hall of fame give the politically correct answer. Not me,” Hoskins said. “I had dreams and, damn it, I was going to fulfill them. I tell my kids, if you have dreams, follow them because you might get there.

“No one gets here without a great support system and I certainly had one,” he added. “I owe the people who helped me a debt I can never repay.”

Scroggins, who has bowled extensively at every level of PBA competition and won at all of them as well, earned his hall of fame nod after winning eight PBA Tour titles including a pair of majors in the 2005 USBC Masters and 2009 U.S. Open.

“It’s a dream come true. When I got the phone call from (PBA CEO and Commissioner) Tom Clark, a wave of emotions came over me,” Scroggins said. “I just sat there and cried for about an hour, thinking about my whole career. I went to the website and looked at the list of hall of famers, and it was just amazing to realize the group I’m joining.

“I wondered if those guys had a defining moment in my career,” he continued. “I had one in 1992. I had just filled out an application for a job at the post office. I needed a real job to get on with my life, but the post office wasn’t hiring for another month. So my father told me to go bowl another month. I didn’t cash the first week, and the second week in Las Vegas I wasn’t bowling well. I called my dad and told him I was going to quit and come home. He told me to not quit for the wrong reason, to go ahead and bowl the last two weeks.

“I was in Vegas so I decided to play black jack. I was dealt a black jack...and I beat the dealer, who had 20. I thought ‘this is fate,’ so I went to the next PBA event and won, and the rest is history. So I can thank one hand of black jack for my career.”

Scroggins also thanked his travelling roommates for their roles in his career.

“You know the saying, ‘If it doesn’t kill you, it’ll make you stronger?’ That applied to my first group of roommates,” Scroggins said.

“I’m so proud to be a PBA Hall of Famer,” he concluded. “I never thought I’d be standing up here.”

The FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions will get underway Wednesday. The live ESPN-televised finals will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. ET.

Xtra Frame, which provided live streaming coverage of the PBA Hall of Fame ceremonies Monday, will continue its Tournament of Champions preliminary-round coverage Wednesday and continue through

Saturday's final qualifying round. For subscription information and the current schedule of broadcast times, visit pba.com and xtraframe.tv

FRIDAY IN PRIMETIME ON ESPN: Eighth State Farm CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational at 9 p.m. ET

For the first time, the State Farm CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational moves to a primetime time slot this Friday on ESPN at 9 p.m. EST from Lucky Strike LA Live as part of ESPN's NBA All-Star weekend coverage.

Tournament host, L.A. Clippers 9-time All-Star guard Chris Paul, defending champion and former NFL All-Pro receiver Terrell Owens, Boston Red Sox All-Star outfielder Mookie Betts, Denver Broncos running back CJ Anderson and Grammy nominated music producer DJ Khaled headline the list of celebrities who will team up with PBA Tour stars in the eighth fundraiser benefiting the Chris Paul Family Foundation which is dedicated to promoting education, health, sports and social responsibility.

The alternate frame doubles format competition will feature the following teams:

- Khaled and 2016 Player of the Year and PBA World Championship winner EJ Tackett.
- Celebrity Invitational defending champions Owens and Hall of Famer Pete Weber.
- Paul and former Player of the Year 18-time Tour winner Chris Barnes.
- Betts and former Player of the Year 18-time Tour winner Tommy Jones.
- Anderson and former Player of the Year 11-time Tour winner Sean Rash.

In addition to the doubles competition the celebrities will compete in the All-Star Celebrity Shootout that will also include L.A. Clippers guard Austin Rivers, Clippers forward Luc Mbah a Moute, Black-ish TV star Miles Brown and actor JT Jackson.

CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational Past Winners:

2016 – Pete Weber/Terrell Owens

2015 – Ronnie Russell/French Montana

2013 – Chris Barnes/Chris Hardwick

2012 – Pete Weber/Jerry Ferrara/Blake Griffin

2011 – Jason Belmonte/Chris Paul

2010 – Jason Belmonte/Chris Paul

2009 – Jason Couch/LeBron James

L.L. Bean to Sponsor 2017 PBA League and Elias Cup at Expanded Bayside Bowl in Portland April 9-16

PORTLAND, Maine - Bayside Bowl and the Professional Bowlers Association announced Wednesday that Bayside Bowl will host the 2017 L.L. Bean PBA League, including the Elias Cup finals, under the sponsorship of one Maine's best-known brands, plus the MaineQuarterly.com Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship in April.

bayside bowl logo "Bayside Bowl is excited to welcome L.L. Bean as the title sponsor of this year's PBA League Elias Cup. L.L. Bean is Maine's iconic brand," said Justin Alfond, co-owner of Bayside Bowl. "We are also thrilled to continue our partnership with the Maine Office of Tourism. We couldn't have picked better partners to showcase the best of Maine to the country."

"Bayside Bowl and the Portland community can't wait for the Professional Bowlers Association to come back to town," said Charlie Mitchell, managing partner. "The Elias Cup and the Roth/Holman Doubles Championship showcase the world's best bowlers, most passionate fans and incredible sponsors that realize what a big deal this event is for our state."

"We're super excited to be partnering with two great organizations, the PBA and Bayside Bowl, on this fun, unique event," said Chuck Gannon, L.L. Bean's corporate advertising manager. "This is a rare opportunity right in our own backyard, so we're really happy to be involved. Plus, bowling is a great activity for folks of all ages, especially families."

An expansion of Bayside Bowl from its original 12 lanes to 20 lanes, plus the installation of a mezzanine and bar overlooking the new construction that is currently nearing completion provide the PBA and Bayside Bowl with an opportunity to also bring the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship to Maine as part of the 2017 program, which will give more PBA players a chance to bowl in Maine.

"The PBA is fired up to bring the Elias Cup back and to showcase for the first time the Roth/Holman Doubles Championship as part of our program at Bayside Bowl," said PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark. "Bayside Bowl has the best audience in bowling and our players love Portland."

The entire event will take place from April 9-16. The MaineQuarterly.com Roth/Holman Doubles Championship will be aired live on ESPN on April 16 at 1 p.m. ET. The L.L. Bean PBA League Elias Cup will air on ESPN on four consecutive Sundays at 1 p.m. following the doubles telecast: April 23 and 30, and May 7 and May 14. ESPN telecasts also live stream on ESPN3 and the WatchESPN app.

In addition to the ESPN telecasts, PBA's live streaming service, Xtra Frame, will cover a new qualifying round for PBA League teams as well as qualifying rounds for the Roth/Holman Doubles Championship. For Xtra Frame subscription information and broadcast times, visit pba.com or xtraframe.tv.

For supporting materials, please visit: <http://bit.ly/2koMDYz>

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Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine, April 9-16

Sunday, April 9

Noon and 3 p.m. – Roth/Holman Doubles practice sessions

6 p.m. – Bayside Bowl pro-am

Monday, April 10

10 a.m. – Roth/Holman Doubles A Squad, 6 individual (12 team) qualifying games

4 p.m. – Roth/Holman Doubles B Squad, 6 individual (12 team) qualifying games

Tuesday, April 11

10 a.m. – Roth/Holman Doubles A Squad, 6 individual (12 team) qualifying games

4 p.m. – Roth/Holman Doubles B Squad, 6 individual (12 team) qualifying games

Top 8 teams based on combined 24-game team totals advance

Wednesday, April 12

10 a.m. – Top 8 teams, 8 Baker format (alternate frame) games

3 p.m. – Top 8 teams, 8 Baker format (alternate frame) games

Top 4 teams after 24 team and 16 Baker format games advance to live ESPN stepladder finals on Sunday, April 16, at 1 p.m.

L.L. BEAN PBA LEAGUE QUALIFYING

Thursday, April 13

Noon – 8 games Baker format qualifying (to determine seeding positions for television)

6 p.m. - Pro-Am program

Friday, April 14

Day off for TV setup

Saturday, April 15 (ESPN PBA League Quarterfinals)

Noon – L.L. Bean PBA League Quarterfinals 1 & 2 (to air on ESPN on Sunday, April 23 at 1 p.m. ET)

Team #1 vs. Team #8; Team #5 vs. Team #4

3:30 p.m. – L.L. Bean PBA League Quarterfinals 3 & 4 (to air on ESPN on Sunday, April 30 at 1 p.m. ET)

Team #2 vs. Team #7; Team #6 versus Team #3

Sunday, April 16

1 p.m. –MaineQuarterly.com Roth/Holman Doubles stepladder finals, live on ESPN

4:30 p.m. – L.L. Bean PBA League Semifinals #1 and #2 (to air on ESPN on Sunday, May 7 at 1 p.m. ET)

7:30 p.m. – L.L. Bean PBA League Elias Cup finals (to air on ESPN on Sunday, May 14 at 1 p.m. ET)

PBA Founding Member, Long-Time Tournament Host Proprietor Darrell Ducat Dies

The PBA has learned of the death Tuesday of long-time PBA National Championship host Darrell Ducat, the former proprietor of Imperial Lanes in Toledo, Ohio. The 91-year-old patriarch of the well-known Ducat family (at left in photo) was living in Florida where he and son Larry were operators of Spanish Springs Lanes in The Villages, the host center for the upcoming PBA50 UnitedHealthCare Sun Bowl in the Villages, presented by Radical, April 22-25.

Darrell Ducat, a PBA founding member, became the oldest player ever to bowl in a PBA tournament when he competed in the 2013 PBA50 Sun Bowl at Spanish Springs Lanes at age 87.

Additional information will be posted on pba.com when it becomes available.

Late-Bloomer Mitch Beasley Takes First Round Lead in FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions

SHAWNEE, Okla. – Mitch Beasley, who didn't begin chasing his Professional Bowlers Association dreams seriously until after a 20-year career in the U.S. Air Force, rolled into the first round lead in the 52nd FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions at FireLake Bowling Center Wednesday, averaging 243 to take an early nine-pin lead over 18-time PBA Tour titlist Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C.

Beasley, who came within a game of winning the Tournament of Champions a year ago, rolled games of 215, 222, 278, 279, 260, 260, 213, 211 and 268 for a 1,946 pinfall total, taking the lead with a strike in the 10th frame of his final game.

“I like it here. I’m always comfortable here,” the 48-year-old Clarksville, Tenn., resident said. “I have a lot of friends around, and I got lucky today. I started with a couple small games and then I switched to the ball I used last year and shot back to back 270 games. I’m a little slow sometimes.”

Last year, Beasley came into the Tournament of Champions with a résumé of 18 PBA Regional titles over two decades of bowling part-time while in the military, and he dominated at FireLake Bowling Center, racing away to the top berth for the stepladder finals only to lose to Sweden’s 20-year-old Jesper Svensson in the title match, 226-177.

Beasley finally won his first PBA Tour title in the Chameleon Championship presented by HotelPlanner.com during the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VIII in Reno in December, but he hasn’t forgotten the 2016 TOC finale, held on a special pair of lanes installed in FireLake Arena, that was watched by a live ESPN audience of one million viewers.

“I definitely have some unfinished business here,” he said. “I just hope to make the show. It wasn’t fun watching the train wreck last year. I think guys who bowled before me threw a total of one strike in three games on left lane. I just couldn’t figure out what to do. To have that kind of performance last year after setting the TOC match play record, it was tough.

“It’s not like it’s only happened to me,” he added. “That kind of thing has happened to a lot of guys over the years. I just hope to shore up a couple of the bad shots I made early today and if I can improve just a bit each day, I’ll have a chance to make the TV finals and take care of unfinished business.”

Jones sat in second place with 1,937 pins, 17 ahead of Jason Sterner of Rockledge, Fla. PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., was fourth with 1,894 pins and Sean Lavery-Spahr of Pasadena, Texas, was fifth, 10 pins behind Bohn.

The entire field of PBA tournament winners will bowl its second eight-game qualifying round Thursday. After a seven-game qualifying round early Friday, the top 24 after 23 games will advance to a fourth eight-game qualifying round Friday night, with the top 16 then bowling their final eight qualifying games Saturday morning to determine the top five for Sunday’s live ESPN finals at 1 p.m. ET.

FIRELAKE PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla., Wednesday

First Round Standings (after 8 games)

- 1, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 1,946.
- 2, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,937.
- 3, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 1,920.
- 4, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,894.

- 5, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,874.
- 6, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,859.
- 7, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 1,852.
- 8, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,850.
- 9, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,849.
- 10, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,845.
- 11, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,844.
- 12, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,842.
- 13 (tie), Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, and Dom Barrett, England, 1,839.
- 15, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,838.
- 16, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 1,824.
- 17, Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., 1,816.
- 18, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,815.
- 19, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 1,813.
- 20, Stuart Williams, England, 1,810.
- 21, Matthew O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 1,809, \$100.
- 22, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,804.
- 23, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,792.
- 24, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz, 1,790.
- 25, Connor Pickford, Plano, Texas, 1,787.
- 26, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,786.
- 27 (tie), Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., and Dave Wodka, Beavercreek, Ohio, 1,784.
- 29, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,779.
- 30, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,774.
- 31, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 1,773.
- 32, w-Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 1,767.
- 33, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,762.
- 34, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 1,761.
- 35, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 1,759.

36 (tie), Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., and Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,756.

38, Graham Fach, Canada, 1,754.

39, Brad Miller, Maryland Heights,, Mo., 1,752.

40, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,749.

41, Mike Bailey, Irving, Texas, 1,745.

42, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 1,734.

43, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 1,733.

44, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,730.

45, Aaron Lorincz, Belleville, Mich., 1,728.

46, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 1,725.

47, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 1,722.

48 (tie), BJ Moore III, Greensburg, Pa., and Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,718.

50, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,717.

51, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,716.

52, w-Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 1,713.

53, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 1,701.

54, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,698.

55, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 1,681.

56, Ronnie Sparks Jr., Redford, Mich., 1,676.

57, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 1,659.

58, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 1,652.

59, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 1,633.

60, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,620.

61, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 1,608.

62, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,596.

63, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 1,591.

64, Blake Demore, Springfield, Mo., 1,586.

65, Paul Brewbaker II, Midwest City, Okla., 1,553.

66, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 1,547.

300 Game: Matt O'Grady.

w-denotes woman

Tommy Jones Hopes to End 10-Year "Majors" Dry Spell as FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions Leader

SHAWNEE, Okla. – Ten years after winning his second Professional Bowlers Association major title in the 2007 Tournament of Champions, Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., was in position to end his "majors" dry spell in the 52nd FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions.

Jones, a 38-year-old 18-time PBA Tour title winner, averaged 240 for the first 16 qualifying games at FireLake Bowling Center to take the second round lead Thursday by 19 pins over PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., who is trying for a PBA-record 11th major title.

Weber missed an opportunity a week ago when he fell four pins short of making the stepladder finals in the Barbasol PBA Players Championship in Columbus, Ohio.

Jones, who also won the 2006 U.S. Open, rolled games of 279, 196, 279, 243, 191, 232, 244 and 247 in Thursday's eight-game round to finish with 3,848 pins. With 23 more qualifying games on tap Friday and Saturday, Jones was in a good position to reach Sunday's live ESPN stepladder finals, but he wasn't taking anything for granted.

"Scores are pretty high, so early in the round you can play the right side of the lane and depending on which players you follow (as you move across the 24-lane bowling center), you have to change equipment to match up with the conditions as they change," Jones said. "I had to change balls six times to stay ahead of the moves, but because there are only 12 pairs of lanes at FireLake, you kinda know what to expect because year after year, the characteristics of each pair of lanes don't change that much.

"I threw a lot of strikes, but I had quite a few open frames, too," he added. "You can't afford opens when scores are like this, so that's something I need to work on.

"We're not halfway done yet, so the goal is to stay ahead of the moves and keep striking. At this point, you have to think game to game, pair to pair and not worry about anything else."

After two rounds, the leader board also included 37-time PBA Tour titlist and Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., in third place with 3,824 pins; last year's qualifying leader Mitch Beasley of Clarksville, Tenn., in fourth with 3,804 pins and 2016 GEICO PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., in fifth place with 3,799 pins. England's Dom Barrett was 17 pins behind Tackett, but defending champion Jesper Svensson of Sweden was in danger of missing Friday's cut, sitting in 60th place.

Friday's schedule includes a seven-game qualifying round for all players, after which the top 24 based on 23-game pinfall totals will advance to a fourth eight-game qualifying round Friday night. The top 16 after

31 games will bowl a final eight-game qualifying round Saturday morning to determine the top five for Sunday's live ESPN finals at 1 p.m. ET.

Fans can follow scoring as it happens on pba.com's Live Scoring feature. All qualifying rounds also are covered live on PBA's Xtra Frame online video streaming service. To subscribe, visit xtraframe.tv. The live stepladder finals will air on ESPN Sunday at 1 p.m. ET, and will be live streamed simultaneously on ESPN3 and the WatchESPN app.

FIRELAKE PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla., Thursday

Second Round Standings (after 16 games)

- 1, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,848.
- 2, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,829.
- 3, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,824.
- 4, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 3,804.
- 5, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 3,799.
- 6, Dom Barrett, England, 3,772.
- 7, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 3,750.
- 8, Brad Miller, Maryland Heights,, Mo., 3,748.
- 9 (tie), Matthew O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., and Stuart Williams, England, 3,745.
- 11, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3,726.
- 12, Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., 3,719.
- 13, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 3,710.
- 14, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 3,708.
- 15 (tie), Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, and Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 3,686.
- 17, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 3,679.
- 18 (tie), DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, and Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 3,675.
- 20, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 3,659.
- 21, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 3,658.

22 (tie), BJ Moore III, Greensburg, Pa., and Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 3,648.

24, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 3,634.

25, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 3,626.

26, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,613.

27, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 3,612.

28, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3,598.

29, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 3,591.

30, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 3,585.

31, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 3,582.

32, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 3,581.

33, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3,575.

34, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 3,573.

35, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 3,571.

36, Aaron Lorincz, Belleville, Mich., 3,568.

37, Ronnie Sparks Jr., Redford, Mich., 3,566.

38, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 3,565.

39, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 3,563.

40, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 3,551.

41, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 3,539.

42 (tie), Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., and Francois Lavoie, Canada, 3,538.

44, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz, 3,512.

45, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3,509.

46, Connor Pickford, Plano, Texas, 3,504.

47, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,475.

48, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 3,468.

49, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 3,459.

50, w-Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 3,451.

51, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 3,443.

52 (tie), Darren Tang, San Francisco, and Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 3,439.

- 54, Mike Bailey, Irving, Texas, 3,413.
- 55, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 3,409.
- 56, Graham Fach, Canada, 3,397.
- 57, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 3,393.
- 58 (tie), Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., and Dave Wodka, Beavercreek, Ohio, 3,385.
- 60, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 3,375.
- 61, w-Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 3,369.
- 62, Paul Brewbaker II, Midwest City, Okla., 3,360.
- 63, Blake Demore, Springfield, Mo., 3,353.
- 64, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 3,308.
- 65, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 3,292.
- 66, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 3,265.

300 Games: Pete Weber, Kyle Troup, Sean Rash, Matt O'Grady, Jakob Butturff, Dom Barrett.

w-denotes woman

Come From Behind Finish Gives Chris Paul and Chris Barnes State Farm CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational Win

In a championship match that was decided in the 10th frame, the doubles team of nine-time Los Angeles Clippers All-Star guard Chris Paul and 18-time PBA Tour champion Chris Barnes won the State Farm CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational at Lucky Strike LA Live in downtown Los Angeles.

Barnes and Paul beat the team of Boston Red Sox All-Star outfielder Mookie Betts and 18-time Tour winner Tommy Jones, 187-179, in the eighth edition of the event which benefits the Chris Paul Family Foundation. The pro/celebrity competition aired Friday night on ESPN.

In a back and forth alternate-frame match, Barnes converted a crucial 2-4-10 split in the eighth frame to maintain a four-pin lead. In the ninth, the Paul/Barnes team lost the lead when Paul left the 3-9 and failed to make the spare. That left the door open for Betts who converted a spare in the ninth to regain a five-pin lead heading into the 10th.

"That made me nervous," Paul said about the championship match. "When I missed that spare in the ninth frame I knew that was big; it gave the momentum back to them. I thought that might have ended it right there but when Chris (Barnes) said we still had a chance, I had confidence he could do it."

Jones made a spare and finished with a seven-count on his final ball in his team's 10th frame, giving Barnes an opportunity to win the match with a double. Barnes took advantage by striking out in his 10th frame to seal the victory.

“That match had everything you could imagine,” Barnes said. “Ups and downs, strikes, spares, opens, splits, you name it. Whenever you bowl in a doubles or team format you don’t want to let the other players down. I felt like we had an opportunity. Just like every situation where I need to strike, I just had to tell myself to breathe.”

For Paul it was his third win after winning in 2010 and 2011 with Jason Belmonte as his partner. It was Barnes’ second title after winning with television personality Chris Hardwick in 2013.

Betts and Jones earned their berth in the final with a 177-153 win over the defending champion team of PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber and former NFL All-Pro receiver Terrell Owens.

“I’ve wanted to bowl in this for a long time and it was everything I expected it to be,” said Betts. “It was a lot of fun. I’m a little disappointed, but you have to hand it to them. They (Paul and Barnes) did what they needed to do to win.”

The finals began with Jones and Betts beating the team of Grammy-nominated DJ Khaled and 2016 PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett, 172-147. The Betts/Jones team then beat the team of Denver Broncos running back CJ Anderson and 11-time Tour winner Sean Rash, 201-183, setting up the semifinal match with Weber and Owens.

Preceding the semifinal match was the Celebrity All-Star Clash that also included Paul’s Clippers teammates Austin Rivers and Luc Mbah a Moute as well as Black-ish star Miles Brown and actor JT Jackson. Betts dominated the best-ball competition, where the lowest count on a single shot was eliminated by throwing six consecutive strikes. He outlasted the nine-player field by beating Jackson who left a seven count in the final frame.

State Farm CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational

Lucky Strike LA Live, Los Angeles

Results from Friday’s ESPN telecast

Alternate Frame Doubles Format Stepladder Finals:

Match One: Tommy Jones/Mookie Betts def. EJ Tackett/DJ Khaled, 172-147.

Match Two: Jones/Betts def. Sean Rash/CJ Anderson, 201-183.

Semifinal: Jones/Betts def. Pete Weber/Terrell Owens, 177-153.

Championship: Chris Barnes/Chris Paul def. Jones/Betts, 187-179.

CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational Past Winners:

2017 – Chris Barnes/Chris Paul

2016 – Pete Weber/Terrell Owens

2015 – Ronnie Russell/French Montana

2013 – Chris Barnes/Chris Hardwick

2012 – Pete Weber/Jerry Ferrara/Blake Griffin

2011 – Jason Belmonte/Chris Paul

2010 – Jason Belmonte/Chris Paul

2009 – Jason Couch/LeBron James

EJ Tackett Leads Field of Five into Sunday's FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions Finals
SHAWNEE, Okla. – Professional Bowlers Association Player of the Year EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., will lead the field of five finalists into the 52nd FireLake Professional Bowlers Association Tournament of Champions stepladder finals live on ESPN Sunday at 1 p.m. ET after an intense final qualifying round Saturday that saw 10 players within reach of the TV show going into the final game.

The only thing that was decided going into the final qualifying game was that Tackett, a 24-year-old rising star, had locked up the top berth in Sunday's finals, and 18-time PBA Tour winner Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., had safely clinched second place. Tackett averaged 238 for the 39-game qualifying portion of the tournament, finishing with a total of 9,294 pins and a 49-pin lead over Jones.

Behind those two, the leader board re-shuffled throughout the round before England's Dom Barrett locked up the third spot; Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., rolled a 258 final game to knock Australia's Jason Belmonte out of the show; and PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., held on by the tips of his fingernails for the fifth berth in the finals, finishing six pins ahead of fellow hall of famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla.

Tackett, who won the PBA World Championship in December to crown his Player of the Year performance, came into the Tournament of Champions after a disappointing 58th-place finish in last week's Barbasol PBA Players Championship.

"It was one of those weeks," Tackett said. "I thought I bowled pretty well, but I didn't match up. It was just a case of bad ball reaction."

He righted his ship in Shawnee after a modest start.

"My score the first day wasn't a lot but the second day I got the right ball in my hand and started striking," he said. "I didn't feel like I did anything different than last week, but I threw a lot of strikes. That's how this week went."

Tackett made the TOC finals in 2016, but lost in the opening match to Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Fla., 231-221.

"I bowled a good game, but I got out-bowled. Not much you can do about that," Tackett said. "Hopefully it'll work out better this year. I've been able to get on some shows lately, and performed well. I know I can win, so that does a lot for my confidence. Hopefully I can apply that tomorrow and come out with a win."

Sunday's first match will pit Smallwood, the 2010 PBA World Champion and 2011 TOC runner-up, against Weber, who will be trying for a PBA-record 11th career major title. Weber, the only player ever to complete the PBA Triple Crown twice, won his first TOC in 1987 and became the oldest player ever to win the event when he won again in Indianapolis in 2012 at age 50 years, 222 days. He is tied with the

late Earl Anthony for the most PBA major titles, and will become the oldest player to win any PBA major if he wins the TOC.

Barrett, a four-time PBA Tour winner, won his only major in the 2013 PBA World Championship.

In addition to the live telecast on ESPN Sunday at 1 p.m. ET, the finals also will be live streamed simultaneously on ESPN3 and the WatchESPN app.

PBA players now head west to The Orleans in Las Vegas for the United States Bowling Congress Masters, the third consecutive major championship on PBA's "Big February" schedule. Masters gets underway with qualifying rounds Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to determine the 63 players who will join defending champion Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas, in the three-game, double-elimination match play rounds Friday and Saturday. The stepladder finals will air live on ESPN on Sunday, Feb. 26, at 1 p.m. ET.

All qualifying and match play rounds of the Masters will be live streamed on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel. Visit xtraframe.tv for subscription information. Sunday's finals also will be live streamed on ESPN3 and the WatchESPN app.

FIRELAKE PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla., Saturday

Final Qualifying Standings (after 39 games)

1, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 9,294.

2, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 9,245.

3, Dom Barrett, England, 9,156.

4, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 9,131.

5, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 9,115.

Other Cashers (after 39 games):

6, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 9,109, \$7,000.

7, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 9,090, \$5,500.

8, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 9,078, \$5,000.

9 (tie), Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 9,071, and Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 9,071, \$4,300.

11, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 9,047, \$3,800.

12, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 9,038, \$3,600.

13, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 9,031, \$3,400.

14, BJ Moore III, Greensburg, Pa., 8,977, \$3,300.

15, Stuart Williams, England, 8,972, \$3,200.

16, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 8,959, \$3,100.

Unexpected Error Helps Indiana's EJ Tackett Win FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions

SHAWNEE, Okla. – EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., had four chances to throw doubles to take the lead, but in the end, he won his second Professional Bowlers Association major title in the 52nd FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions Sunday at FireLake Arena thanks in part to an unexpected error by his opponent.

Tackett.EJ_WS_2017 PBA TOC (4)Tackett, at age 24, defeated 18-time PBA Tour champion Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., 208-203, when Jones left and failed to convert the 1-2-4-10 “washout” in the 10th frame.

Tackett, who won the 2016 PBA World Championship in December for his first major, was certain he had lost the TOC title after he failed to double in the 10th frame.

“I knew if I doubled in the 10th, I’d force Tommy to strike on the right lane,” Tackett said. “But I never in a million years expected that. Tommy has been so good in situations like that his entire career, I didn’t think I had a chance. I was in total shock.”

After winning the DHC PBA Japan Invitational to start the year, the TOC victory gives Tackett a very early edge in defending his 2016 PBA Player of the Year title. But, he said, “it’s not even something to think about. It’s way too early and we have way too many tournaments to go.

With seven titles already in his young career, Tackett has demonstrated he has the skill and the confidence to stay at the top of the PBA’s elite.

Tackett.EJ_WS_2017 PBA TOC w PBA CEO & Commiss Tom Clark_FireLake Dir of Bowling Chris Skillings“I do belong out here,” he said. “I feel like I’m going to do it every time I need to make a shot, and you’re going to have to beat me. It’s not arrogance, it’s just a level of confidence I’ve never had.”

In the opening match, Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., ended Pete Weber’s bid for a PBA-record 11th major championship, 223-203. Tied at 163 after eight frames, Smallwood finished the match first, throwing four strikes and forcing Weber to do the same to tie and force a roll-off. But the 54-year-old Weber, from St. Ann, Mo., left the 1-2-4-10 on his opening shot of the 10th frame to end the match.

England’s Dom Barrett then eliminated Smallwood, 235-202, striking on seven of his first eight shots to build an insurmountable lead after Smallwood left splits he couldn’t convert in the first and fourth frames.

Jones advanced to the title match, defeating Barrett in the semifinal match, 248-216, rolling a late string of six strikes to overcome Barrett’s early eight-pin lead.

PBA players begin competition in the United States Bowling Congress Masters, PBA’s third consecutive major championship in February, on Tuesday at The Orleans Bowling Center in Las Vegas. The Masters qualifying rounds will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to determine the 63 players who will join defending champion Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas, in the three-game, double-elimination

match play rounds Friday and Saturday. The stepladder finals will air live on ESPN on Sunday, Feb. 26, at 1 p.m. ET.

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FIRELAKE PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla., Sunday

Final Standings

- 1, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., \$50,000.
- 2, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., \$25,000.
- 3, Dom Barrett, England, \$13,000.
- 4, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., \$11,000.
- 5, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., \$10,000.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Smallwood def. Weber, 223-203.

Match Two – Barrett def. Smallwood, 235-202.

Semifinal Match – Jones def. Barrett, 248-216.

Championship – Tackett def. Jones, 208-203.

One Year After Milestone Win, Simonsen is Ready to Defend USBC Masters Title

Leaving the youth bowling ranks at age 17 to embark on a career on the Professional Bowlers Association Tour was a tough decision for Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas, but his continued success against the best bowlers in the world has shown him he chose the right career path.

Simonsen, who recently turned 20, is enjoying some major momentum entering the upcoming United States Bowling Congress Masters, where he is the defending champion.

The 2017 USBC Masters will take place Feb. 21-26 at The Orleans Bowling Center in Las Vegas.

Though he is guaranteed a spot in the event's 64-player double-elimination match-play bracket, Simonsen will bowl the 15 qualifying games with the same mentality he has for any tournament and work to improve his seeding in the bracket.

"It's going to be the same process as before or at any other event, but minus a little bit of pressure, since I've already got a spot in the bracket," said Simonsen, whose first PBA Tour title came at the 2016

Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship presented by Storm, where he teamed with Connor Pickford. "Treating qualifying like I normally would also will help me get into tournament mode from the start, rather than waiting until match play begins."

Simonsen became the youngest bowler to win a major title on the PBA Tour when he claimed the 2016 Masters title, defeating Canada's Dan MacLelland, 245-207. Simonsen was 19 years and 39 days old at the time.

The victory was the start of an incredible streak, and Simonsen now has made the championship round in four of the PBA's last five majors. He has finished in the top 11 in seven of his 10 major appearances.

"I really enjoy the longer formats, and I know I'm capable of playing just about anywhere on the lane, which those events sometimes require you to do," Simonsen said. "I started slow last week (at the 2017 Barbasol PBA Players Championship), but the format gave me a chance to figure things out and get something going."

Simonsen went on to finish second at last week's event, losing to three-time PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte, the only other bowler to win the Masters since Mike Fagan claimed the title in 2012.

Belmonte's unprecedented run of Masters domination came to an end last year in Indianapolis just before a potential winners bracket meeting with Simonsen.

Instead, Simonsen met Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, and defeated the 10-time PBA Tour champion to lock up a spot on the TV show. He then topped MacLelland in the match that determined the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds for the stepladder finals.

Three years ago, Simonsen felt capable and hopeful for that kind of success, but there was uncertainty, too. That didn't even include the logistics, like the fact that at 17, he wouldn't be able to rent a car or get a hotel room in the many cities to which he'd be traveling.

With the support of friends, family and some PBA Tour veterans, he made a seamless transition and found immediate success.

Now, when he feels off his game, he has endless support.

When he felt he needed a tuneup in January after the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VIII in Reno, his ball rep and coach, USBC and PBA Hall of Famer Del Ballard Jr., was there to work with him.

Simonsen also can depend on his girlfriend, Anggie Ramirez Perea, a top competitor in her own right, who serves as a travel partner, confidant and cheerleader.

"We were able to work out a lot of the kinks, and then making the TV show really helped with my confidence," Simonsen said. "Having Anggie to travel with also is great, especially with her being a bowler. While I'm more of a ball rep and caddy when she bowls, I just enjoy knowing she's back there watching me bowl anytime she's not bowling, too."

Simonsen will battle a Masters field expected to be a sellout with more than 390 of the best bowlers in the world looking to capture the coveted trophy and \$30,000 top prize in 2017.

All competitors at The Orleans will bowl 15 games of qualifying over three days to determine the match-play field. The top 63 players will join Simonsen in the double-elimination bracket, where he knows anything can happen during the three-game matches.

As the defending champion, Simonsen is guaranteed the No. 64 spot in the bracket, but bowling qualifying will give him a chance to improve his seeding, as well as get a feel for the bowling center and oil pattern.

The official practice day for the Masters is Feb. 20, which will be followed by three days of qualifying. Match play will take place Feb. 24 and 25 to determine the five players for the championship round.

Those five bowlers will compete in the stepladder finals, live on ESPN at 1 p.m. Eastern on Sunday, Feb. 26 which will be followed immediately by the live WBT finals.

The 2017 Masters will feature a total prize fund of nearly \$300,000 and again is a major event on the PBA Tour.

All qualifying and match play rounds of the Masters will be covered live on Xtra Frame, the PBA's online bowling channel. For subscription information, visit PBA.com.

PBA Announces 2016 QubicaAMF PBA Regional Awards

The PBA announced its 2016 QubicaAMF PBA Regional Award winners Tuesday recognizing Players of the Year, Rookies of the Year, PBA50 Players of the Year and Pat Patterson Award winners in each of its eight regions.

Highlights of the season included Jakob Butturff's record nine PBA Regional titles, which resulted in Northwest and West Player of the Year honors, and PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr., who was a member of the winning Decker Appraisal Services Baker Trios team in Harrisonburg, Va., to earn his 100th overall title in PBA competition.

The PBA's regional program, founded in 1970, provides bowlers with a proving ground to develop their skills in high-level competition against some of the sport's established stars.

Award winners were announced by the PBA's regional managers: Russ Mills, East Region; Sam Zurich, South Region; Bob Jakel, Central Region; Rich Weber, Midwest Region; Pete McCordic, Southwest Region; Gary Mage, West and Northwest Regions, and Junia Yoshida, Japan Region.

Here's a summary of 2016 PBA Regional award winners:

East – Matt O'Grady of Rahway, N.J., took Player of the Year honors with three top three finishes including one win and two thirds. Rookie of the Year went to Cody Shoemaker of Hanover, Pa., who cashed in five of seven events and had one match play appearance. PBA50 Player of the Year honors went to Ray Edwards of Middle Island, N.Y., who had four top five finishes including one win. The Pat Patterson recipient in the East was PBA50 Tour player Warren Burr of Wilmington, Del.

South – Two-time PBA Tour winner Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Fla., took Player of the Year thanks to five top-five finishes including two wins. Rookie of the Year went to Trevor Roberts of Crystal River, Fla., who made match play in six of seven events and had a best finish of third. PBA50 Player of the Year Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla. with four top three finishes including two wins, a second and third-place finish. The Pat Patterson Award winner was Todd Wilson of Summerville, N.C.

Central – Eugene McCune of Munster, Ind. earned Player of the Year honors with seven top-five finishes including one win and four second-place finishes. Graham Fach, who made history as the first Canadian to win a PBA Tour title when he won the 2016 Barbasol PBA Players Championship, earned Rookie of the Year honors with three wins and a fifth-place finish. Brian Kretzer of Kettering, Ohio earned PBA50 Player

of the Year with five top-three finishes including two wins. The Pat Patterson Award went to Dick Gran of Hartville, Ohio.

Midwest – 2011 USBC Masters champion Tom Hess of Urbandale, Iowa, earned Midwest Player of the Year honors for the third time with five top-three finishes including one win, three runner-up and one third-place finish. Winning PBA50 Player of the Year honors was Dave Williams Jr. of Omaha with four top-five finishes including one win, one runner-up, one fourth and one fifth-place finish. No Rookie of the Year award was voted on in the Midwest. Gerald Marrs of Huntley, Ill. was the Pat Patterson award recipient.

Southwest – Player of the Year honors went to Chris Hibbitts of Keller, Texas with five top-finishes including two wins. Rookie of the Year went to 2016 Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year and U.S. Open winner Francois Lavoie of Wichita, Kan. The Canadian native had four top-five finishes including one win and one runner-up finish. No PBA50 Player of the Year or Pat Patterson Award was awarded in the Southwest.

Northwest – If there was an overall award for Regional Player of the Year it would have to go to Jakob Butturff of Chandler, Ariz., who earned Regional Player of the Year in both the Northwest and West regions by winning a record nine PBA regional titles during the 2016 season, breaking the previous record of eight held by Mike Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas. Other award winners in the Northwest were Darren Tang of San Francisco who earned Rookie of the Year honors with two third-place and one fifth-place finish. Northwest PBA50 Player of the Year went to Rob Rice of Sunnyside, Calif., who won two PBA50 Regionals and also had a third and fifth-place finish. No Pat Patterson award was awarded in the Northwest region.

West – Darren Tang also claimed Rookie of the Year honors in the West with one win, a second and fourth-place finish. PBA50 Tour standout Ron Mohr of Las Vegas earned PBA50 Player of the Year thanks to three wins, a second and fourth-place finishes. Jim Gordin, proprietor of Yosemite Lanes in Modesto, Calif., and a PBA50 competitor, won the Pat Patterson award winner in the West.

Japan – Bowler of the Year is Takahiro Sato, Rookie of the Year is Masaki Noda, and Japan's Pat Patterson Award recipient is the Sekiyu Co., Ltd.

The PBA conducted approximately 150 regional events during the 2016 season, including standard events, PBA50 and PBA60 events for players 50 and/or 60 years and older, "challenge" events for players who had not previously won PBA titles, and PWBA-PBA Women's Regional events. The leading players in competition points in standard and PWBA-PBA Women's events from each region were awarded paid entries into GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VIII in Reno, Nev., in December, and were invited to compete for berths in the PBA Regional and PWBA-PBA Women's Regional Challenge finals.

Tom Smallwood Averages 252 to Take First Round Lead in USBC Masters

When Jalen Mosley of Indianapolis finished schooling some of the best bowlers in the world during the first round of qualifying at the 2017 United States Bowling Congress Masters, his demeanor was calm and he remained focused - not on bowling, but on heading off to work on his language arts homework.

The 16-year-old high school sophomore is taking the week off of school to see where he ranks among the best around, but staying current on his school work is as important as staying above the cutline at one of the premier events for USBC members.

After the first of the week's three qualifying blocks at The Orleans Bowling Center, Mosley is in 74th place with a 1,080 total, and his eyes are on a spot in the event's 64-player double-elimination match-play bracket. His five-game effort Tuesday included a high game of 246 and a clutch finish in the fifth game of the day, in which he struck on five of his final six shots.

"This is a really cool experience, and I'm still amazed I bowled as well as I did," said Mosley, who finished tied for third place in the U15 division at the 2015 Junior Gold Championships and was 36th in the same event in 2016. "My entry to the Masters was a birthday gift, now that I feel like I can compete with these guys this week."

Mosley is one of three 16-year-olds in the USBC Masters field, and the youngest by about a month. The others are Tristan Butler of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Cerell Cardines of Las Vegas.

Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Michigan, holds the lead after five games at the 2017 Masters with a 1,263 total, a 252.6 average. He rolled games of 274, 268, 245, 244 and 232 to pace the 395-player field on this week's 40-foot oil pattern.

Momentum seems to be in Smallwood's favor after a fourth-place finish in last week's FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions. He also had a runner-up performance at the 2016 PBA World Championship. Prior to the recent run, his last TV appearance came at the 2014 Masters, where he finished fourth.

"As kids, all of us dreamed of bowling on Sundays, and it's been nice to make two shows in such a short time, especially with both being majors," said Smallwood, a two-time PBA Tour champion. "I'm definitely confident coming into this week. With three majors in a row recently, your body gets a little beat up, but you get sharper bowling this much. Now, I just need to keep it simple and grind for the next two days, hopefully get to match play and have that work out how I want."

Smallwood is followed by England's Stuart Williams (1,261), Nick Kruml of Downers Grove, Illinois (1,260), reigning PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett of Huntington, Indiana (1,223), and collegiate standout Michael Tang of San Francisco (1,218).

There is a three-way tie at 1,093 for 61st place, making that the cutline after five games.

Defending Masters champion Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas, who is guaranteed a spot in the match-play bracket, finished the first round of qualifying tied for 110th place with a 1,063 total. He struggled early but averaged 232 his last three games to make up some ground.

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As the defending champion, Simonsen is guaranteed the No. 64 spot in the bracket, but bowling qualifying gives him a chance to improve his seeding, as well as get a feel for the bowling center and oil pattern.

Qualifying continues through Thursday, and match play will take place Friday and Saturday to determine the five players for the championship round. Those five bowlers will compete in the stepladder finals, live on ESPN at 1 p.m. Eastern on Sunday, Feb. 26.

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PBA Spare Shots: PBA's ESPN Telecasts Continue to Post Impressive Viewership Gains

With the final championship events of "Big February" scheduled to air live Sunday, the PBA on ESPN continues to have strong viewership gains year-over-year. Through the first 10 telecasts of the 2016-17 ESPN season including the WSOB, viewership is up 13%, averaging 650,000.

BelmoBig February's four shows so far include the Main Event Terrell Owens PBA Super Clash (averaging 712,000 viewers), the Barbasol PBA Players Championship (averaging 664,000 viewers), the State Farm CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational (averaging 834,000 viewers) and FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions (averaging 704,000 viewers). Each of the shows has been among the highest rated sports program on cable on its respective air date.

Of note, the State Farm CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational had a strong rating among coveted 18-49 year-olds, with 482,000 of the 834,000 average number of viewers in that category (58 percent).

Tackett.EJ_2017 TOC (42)Big February concludes Sunday with another TV first for the PBA on ESPN: back-to-back live telecasts. First the USBC Masters title will be decided with a stepladder final at 1 p.m. EST (10 a.m. PST), followed by the Men's and Women's World Bowling Tour Finals at 3 p.m. EST (noon PST), both live from The Orleans in Las Vegas.

In addition to ESPN's live coverage, the Masters and WBT Finals will be live streamed on ESPN3 and the WatchESPN app.

WORLD BOWLING TOUR FINALS TO FEATURE EXPERIMENTAL SCORING SYSTEM

The 2016 World Bowling Tour season officially concludes Sunday when the PBA presents the World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals, live on ESPN at 3 p.m. EST from The Orleans Bowling Center in Las Vegas.

Sunday's WBT finals will include men's top qualifier Martin Larsen of Sweden, Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas, and Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash. The women's finalists will be defending champion Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, N.Y.; Colombia's Anggie Ramirez, and Liz Johnson of Cheektowaga, N.Y. Players in both divisions will compete for \$20,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000 prizes.

Competition will again be conducted using the experimental "World Bowling scoring system" introduced last year whereby players will bowl 10 frames with a strike counting as 30 points, a spare counting for 10 points plus the number of pins converted (example: a 10 pin spare will be worth 10 plus 9 = 19), and an open frame will count as the actual pinfall (example: if a player leaves the 4-6-7-10 split and converts the 4-7, the score for the frame will be 8).

The maximum score under the World Bowling system is still 300 – based on 10 consecutive strikes - and there is no extra shot or bonus pins in the 10th frame. In last year's final, England's Dom Barrett shot the first "World Bowling 300 game" in winning the men's title over American qualifier Mike Fagan, 300-256.

XTRA FRAME CONTINUES "BIG FEBRUARY" COVERAGE AT THE MASTERS

Xtra Frame's "Big February" coverage continues with qualifying and double-elimination match play coverage of the USBC Masters today through Saturday from The Orleans Bowling Center in Las Vegas.

The Masters finals, followed by the World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals presented by the PBA will air live, back-to-back, on ESPN on Sunday, Feb. 26, beginning at 1 p.m. EST.

Xtra Frame subscriptions are available for \$3.99 (three days), \$7.99 (a full month) or the full year Xtra Frame Season Ticket (at about \$5 a month). Visit xtraframe.tv to enroll.

QUBICA AMF PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: BARNES WINS 27TH REGIONAL TITLE IN SHAWNEE

PBA Southwest Region Hall of Famer and 18-time PBA Tour champion Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, defeated Greg Ostrander of Freehold, N.J., 243-200, to win his 27th QubicaAMF PBA Regional title and the \$2,500 first prize in the second annual PBA FireLake Grand Casino Resort Southwest Winter Open at FireLake Bowling Center preceding the FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions.

Barnes, one of several PBA Tour champions who used the event as a warmup for the TOC, qualified in sixth place for the best-of-two-game match play elimination rounds in the regional event, and he began his march to the title with a 2-0 victory over PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla. He then disposed of BJ Moore III of Greensburg, Pa., 2-0 in the Round of 8 and won his semifinal round match against defending champion Anthony Pepe of Elmhurst, N.Y., 213-210.

● Greg McMahan of Dandridge, Tenn., defeated Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio, 213-205, 216-212, in the best-of-three-game title match to win his fourth QubicaAMF PBA Regional title in the PBA50 Dave Edwards Toyota Spartanburg Southern Open presented by Global 900 at Paradise Lanes in Spartanburg, S.C., Sunday.

McMahan, who was in control throughout both games of the title match, won the \$2,400 first prize while Kretzer pocketed \$1,400 as the runner-up. In the best-of-three semifinal round, McMahan swept Dave Sill of Titusville, Fla., 237-212, 208-203, while Kretzer rallied to eliminate Dale Csuhata of Wadsworth, Ohio, 208-205, 199-181.

● For complete QubicaAMF PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information heading into the new year, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on QubicaAMF Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area. For more information about QubicaAMF, visit www.qubicaamf.com or, for social media posts, visit <http://bit.ly/QAMFSponsorship1>.

QUICK NOTES

● PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber has learned he'll be inducted into the St. Louis Sports Hall of Fame in September, along with standout St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Chris Carpenter. Additional details will be announced later.

● Just in time for the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship in Portland, Maine, the PBA Store (pba.com/store) is offering a new line of Mark Roth signature t-shirts and polos. The Roth/Holman doubles event will include a pro-am and qualifying rounds April 9-12, concluding with live ESPN stepladder finals on Sunday, April 16, at 1 p.m. ET.

Kruml, Belmonte Top 64 Players Advancing to USBC Masters Match Play

Saying Australian two-hander Jason Belmonte has been dominant at the United States Bowling Congress Masters would be an understatement, and he is on a tear again this week at The Orleans Bowling Center. The 33-year-old has been around the top of the leaderboard all week, leaving the lanes with the lead in two of the three qualifying rounds, but he'll enter the double-elimination match-play bracket as the No. 2 seed behind Nick Kruml of Downers Grove, Illinois, who ended qualifying Thursday with games of 288 and 266 to secure the top seed.

The two are among the 64 bowlers who advanced to match play, which includes defending champion Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas, who qualified 59th.

Kruml, a 23-year-old right-hander, finished the 15 games of qualifying with a 3,594 total, a 239.6 average, and now has made match play in all three of his USBC Masters appearances. He exited with 1-2 records in both 2015 and 2016, and he has been focused on using those experiences to improve in 2017. Belmonte posted a 3,578 total and was followed by fellow Australian Sam Cooley (3,540), Michael Tang of San Francisco (3,517) and Jesse Buss of Belvidere, Illinois (3,470).

Belmonte's career at the Masters has been beyond remarkable. In 10 previous visits, he has finished in the top 10 six times, including three consecutive wins in 2013, 2014 and 2015. He now has advanced to match play for the 10th time in his 11 appearances, and he's looking to become the event's first four-time winner.

"Now, it's a new tournament, and it becomes a lot more strategic," Belmonte said. "We'll be following our own transition, so there will be some discussion about how I want to play the lanes and how my opponent is thinking about playing them. I just need to be smart, watch the lanes and bowl the best match I can. If I get beat, I'll know my opponent bowled better and earned it."

The final two spots in the bracket were decided by a roll-off after Chad Kloss of Cudahy, Wisconsin, Brandon Novak of Chillicothe, Ohio, and Vernon Peterson of Las Vegas tied for 63rd place at 3,223, a 214.87 average.

The three bowled one game to determine which two would advance and who would go home.

Peterson led the way with a 201 game and was followed by Novak (200) and Kloss (188). Peterson will enter the bracket at No. 63, while Novak goes in at No. 64, earning him an opening-round match with Kruml.

All competitors at The Orleans this week bowled 15 games of qualifying over three days to determine the match-play field. Three-game total pinfall will determine who advances in the bracket.

Match play gets underway Friday at noon Eastern and will continue throughout the day Friday and Saturday to determine the five players for the championship round. Those five bowlers will compete in the stepladder finals, live on ESPN at 1 p.m. Eastern on Sunday, Feb. 26.

For complete results after the third round visit

<http://scores.bowl.com/2017Masters/2017MastersRound3.pdf>

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Weber, Belmonte Among Undefeated After First Day of USBC Masters Match Play

USBC and PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber said that on a scale of one to 10, the pain he was feeling in his hip Friday at the USBC Masters was closer to a 12, but nothing is going to slow his momentum at the one major that has eluded him.

The 54-year-old right-hander aggravated a nagging hip injury during the second round of match play at The Orleans Bowling Center but was able win that match and one more to remain undefeated. He is one of eight players left in the winners bracket at the 2017 Masters.

The event features a total prize fund of nearly \$300,000 and is a major event on the PBA Tour. The finals will be broadcast live on ESPN on Sunday at 1 p.m. Eastern.

On the way to a 3-0 record Friday, Weber topped Greg Ostrander of Freehold, New Jersey, Chris Loschetter of Avon, Ohio, and Cotie Holbek of Burlington, Wisconsin.

"As of right now, I don't care about the pain," said Weber, who has 37 PBA Tour titles, including a record-tying 10 majors. "I am here to win. Period."

Weber will face off against Alex Hoskins of Brigham City, Utah, when match play resumes Saturday morning at noon Eastern.

Other winners bracket matches scheduled for Saturday are Sweden's Martin Larsen against Craig Nidiffer of Trenton, Michigan, Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania, against Darren Tang of San Francisco and England's Dom Barrett taking on three-time Masters winner Jason Belmonte of Australia.

Belmonte is looking for his unprecedented fourth Masters title, having won the event three consecutive times in 2013, 2014 and 2015.

The 33-year-old closed Friday with an exciting win against Mike Machuga of Erie, Pennsylvania, who has been publicly outspoken against two-handed bowling.

The match came down to the final frame after a missed 7 pin from Belmonte in the sixth frame helped Machuga close a 51-pin gap. A strike on the first shot of his final frame would've given Machuga the win, but he left a 10 pin on his first offering, eventually falling 729-722.

"I feel like Mike has a gleam in his eye when he has to bowl me, but that makes me step things up, too," said Belmonte, who joins USBC and PBA Hall of Famer Mike Aulby as the only bowlers to win three Masters titles. "He's one of the most versatile players around, so there's really no way to shut him out. Instead, I just tried to bowl my own game and do what I could to help myself score. I did make a careless mistake on that spare, and I have to work on composing myself better in those moments." Eight bowlers remain in the elimination bracket as well, and they also will return to the lanes at The Orleans on Saturday at noon Eastern.

The list of competitors in the elimination bracket includes Ronnie Sparks of Redford, Michigan, Mike Dole of Loves Park, Illinois, Holbek, Argentina's Lucas Legnani, Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Michigan, EJ Tackett of Huntington, Indiana, 16-year-old Jalen Mosley of Indianapolis, and Michael Tang of San Francisco.

Defending champion Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas, fell to Dole in the final set of matches in the elimination bracket Friday to end his reign as Masters champion.

All competitors this week bowled 15 games of qualifying, before a cut was made to the top 63, who joined Simonsen in the double-elimination match-play bracket.

All rounds of the Masters are being covered live on Xtra Frame, the PBA's online bowling channel. For subscription information, visit pba.com.

For complete match play results click on <http://scores.bowl.com/2017Masters/2017MastersBrackets.pdf>
Australia's Jason Belmonte Dominates USBC Masters, Wins Record Fourth Title, Eighth Career PBA Major
LAS VEGAS - Australia's Jason Belmonte has been a trailblazer in the sport of bowling his entire career, and he added another milestone to his growing list of accomplishments by becoming the first bowler to win the United States Bowling Congress Masters four times.

The 33-year-old entered the event's stepladder finals Sunday as the No. 1 seed and started the championship match at The Orleans Bowling Center with seven consecutive strikes, before a 7 pin ended his run at the first perfect game in a USBC Masters final.

The 279-212 win over amateur Michael Tang of San Francisco gave Belmonte his eighth major title, and second in three events, tying him with USBC and Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famers Mike Aulby and Walter Ray Williams Jr. for second all-time behind fellow hall of famers Earl Anthony and Pete Weber, who have 10 apiece.

"Honestly, it hasn't sunken in yet, and I'm really speechless," Belmonte said. "I love this tournament and think it really brings out the best in me. To have my name etched on this trophy four times and be the only person to do that is unbelievable. It doesn't seem real."

Belmonte, who won the recent Barbasol PBA Players Championship, now has 14 PBA Tour titles in nine seasons. He won the Masters three-consecutive times in 2013, 2014 and 2015.

Heading into Sunday, Belmonte knew his game plan would be dependent on who else made the show and how they attacked the lanes in the games leading up to the final. Even as practice ended before the title match, Belmonte was uncertain about his look and made an educated guess.

"I struck once in practice and nothing looked like I was going to have that kind of game," said Belmonte, a three-time PBA Player of the Year. "With two shots left, Tim Mack hit the surface with 1,000 grit, and it looked OK. I hadn't thrown it on the other lane, so I had to make a guess on that lane. I told myself just to hit that spot. With urethane, the game Michael bowled easily could have been the game I had. He bowled a great game and didn't give anything away. He's an amazing talent."

Tang, the No. 4 seed for Sunday's championship round, was looking to become the first amateur since 2002 to win the Masters. He also would've been the first bowler to win from the fourth spot. Only two times since the Masters went to a stepladder format in 1980 has anyone lower than the second seed won the event.

Tang's ticket to the final came with a 227-217 win over amateur Alex Hoskins of Brigham City, Utah. The two were even through five frames, with neither player throwing a double, but both rallying with late strings of three strikes.

Tang finished first, giving Hoskins the opportunity to win the game with a strike and nine-spares in his final frame, but Hoskins went light and left a 2 pin on his first offering. Hoskins, who made his first appearance at the Masters, finished third.

"The right lane got a little tight downlane," said Tang, the 2015 Intercollegiate Singles champion. "In the match against Hoskins, I rang a couple of 10s, which were worrisome, but I thought I had something figured out. The lanes kind of transitioned differently than through the week, so I had to make some different moves. Belmo is Belmo. It's hard to beat him when he has that kind of look. I feel like I bowled well, so there's nothing to be mad about."

In two wins on the way to the semifinal matchup with Hoskins, Tang tossed 18 strikes to get past his brother, Darren, and Sweden's Martin Larsen.

Tang's nine-strike performance against Darren ended in a 248-212 victory. The two were separated by just two pins after four frames, but four consecutive strikes from Michael in frames five through eight allowed him to pull away for good. Darren Tang finished fourth.

It was the first TV meeting between brothers since the 1994 PBA National Championship, when David Traber defeated his brother Dale in the title match. The last time two brothers met in the stepladder at the Masters was 1980 when Neil Burton defeated his brother, Nelson (Bo), in the semifinal, before topping hall of famer Mark Roth for the title.

"It was fun," Michael Tang said. "I think he was trying to keep things a little looser, while I tried to stay in my zone and treat it like any other match. But it will be fun to watch back home."

In the opening match Sunday, Michael Tang also struck nine times, including the first five frames, to defeat Larsen, 264-229. Larsen, who's still searching for his first PBA Tour title, finished fifth.

Competitors in the 395-player field this week bowled 15 games of qualifying, before a cut was made to the top 63, who joined defending champion Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas, in the double-elimination match-play bracket.

2017 USBC MASTERS

At The Orleans Bowling Center, Las Vegas

Sunday's Results

Final standings

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 279 (one game), \$30,000
- 2, Michael Tang (a), San Francisco, 951 (four games), \$22,500
- 3, Alex Hoskins (a), Brigham City, Utah, 217 (one game), \$15,000
- 4, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 212 (one game), \$11,500
- 5, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 229 (one game), \$9,000

Stepladder results

Match One - M. Tang def. Larsen, 264-229

Match Two - M. Tang def. D. Tang, 248-212

Semifinal - M. Tang def. Hoskins, 227-217

Championship - Belmonte def. M. Tang, 279-212

Shafer Wins PBA50 Strike Zone Lanes Central Classic

Canton, Ohio (Mar. 5, 2017) – Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y. defeated Harry Sullins of Chesterfield Twp., Mich. by 125 pins to win the PBA50 Strike Zone Lanes Central Classic presented by Brunswick at Strike Zone Lanes Sunday.

Shafer finished with a 11-1 match play record and a total of 4,827 pins for 20 games, including match play bonus pins. The title was Shafer's first of the year in the PBA Central Region and his second PBA50 Regional title. He also earned \$1,500.

The PBA50 Strike Zone Lanes Central Classic presented by was part of the QubicaAMF PBA Regional Tour. For more information about QubicaAMF, visit www.qubicaamf.com or, for social media posts, visit <http://bit.ly/QAMFSponsorship1>.

The next PBA Central Region event will be in Hubbard, Ohio, Mar. 17-19.

PBA50 STRIKE ZONE LANES CENTRAL CLASSIC PRESENTED BY BRUNSWICK Strike Zone Lanes, Canton, Ohio, Sunday

Final Match Play Standings (after 20 games, including match play bonus pins):

1, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 11-1, 4,827, \$1,500. 2, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 7-5, 4,702, \$1,000. 3, Larry Verble, Mason, Mich., 9-3, 4,648, \$800. 4, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 8-4, 4,578, \$750.

5, Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 7-5, 4,558, \$725. 6, Dave Johnson, Ashtabula, Ohio, 6-6, 4,467, \$700. 7, Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio, 6-6, 4,452, \$675. 8, Bobby Sense, Massillon, Ohio, 4-8, 4,311 \$650.

9, Dean Billings, Rootstown, Ohio, 7-5, 4,304, \$625. 10, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 6-6, 4,273, \$600.

11, Charlie Toney, Oak Hill, W. Va., 6-6, 4,201, \$575. 12, R.J. Alman, Murrysville, Ohio, 5-7, 4,166, \$560.

13, Steve Easterday, Strasburg, Ohio, 7-5, 4,126, \$545. 14, n-Michael Craig, Columbus, Ohio, 4-8, 4,053, \$530. 15, Tony Majcher, Rolling Meadows, Ill., 2-10, 3,981, \$515. 16, Anthony Moses, Southfield, Mich., 1-11, 3,948, \$500.

ss-denotes PBA60 player

n-denotes non-member

PBA Spare Shots

PBA BOWLING CHALLENGE GAME MAINTAINS HIGH POPULARITY

Concrete Software's PBA Bowling Challenge Game continues to rank as one of the world's most popular games among mobile device users. Current statistics pertaining to PBA Bowling Challenge show:

- The game has been downloaded 18,265,778 times;
- There are more than 100,000 active daily players;
- The total number of balls rolled in the game is now over 14.6 billion (with a "b"...);
- Players now have the option of 13 bonus venues like Zero-G, Jurassic Classic, and Route 66.

ENTRIES OPEN FOR PBA MEMBERS FOR PBA50 TOUR EVENTS

Entries are now open for PBA members for PBA50 Tour events as players get ready for the start of the 2017 season April 15-17 and 17-20 with the PBA60 Killer 'B' Open (for players 60 and older) followed by the PBA50 Pasco County Florida Open, both at Lane Glo Bowl in New Port Richey, Fla. Entries will be available to non-members 30 days prior to the start of each PBA50 event, if space is available.

Bowlers can enter online (click here to select the event: <http://www.pba.com/Tournaments/Season/106>) or by contacting Mary von Krueger at maryvk@pba.com (fax: [850-564-1717](tel:850-564-1717)).

Following the season openers in New Port Richey, the PBA50 Tour heads to Spanish Springs Lanes in The Villages for the PBA50 UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl In The Villages, presented by Radical, April 22-25; to Mooresville, N.C., for the PBA50 Miller High Life Classic presented by Columbia 300 at George Pappas' Victory Lanes, April 30-May 3, and to Farmingdale, N.Y., for the PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open presented by Brunswick at Farmingdale Lanes, May 6-9.

PBA's "senior players" then travel to Indianapolis for the season's first major, the PBA50 Tour Players Championship, May 13-16, at Woodland Bowl.

For a complete PBA50 Tour schedule, visit pba.com and click on the schedules' tab. All PBA50 Tour events will be covered live, from start to finish, on Xtra Frame, PBA's exclusive live streaming service. For subscription information and a detailed schedule of air times, visit xtraframe.tv. Xtra Frame subscriptions are available for \$3.99 (three days), \$7.99 (a full month) or the full year Xtra Frame Season Ticket (at about \$5 a month).

PBA TOUR PLAYERS RETURN TO ACTION IN FIRST XTRA FRAME STORM CUP EVENT

After a brief respite following PBA's intense "Big February" schedule, Tour players will return to action in the first in a series of PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup events March 17-19 when Sawgrass Lanes in Tamarac, Fla., hosts the Xtra Frame Reality Check Classic.

Originally scheduled for early October 2016, the XF Reality Check Classic was forced to postpone due to the arrival of Hurricane Matthew. The re-scheduled event will feature a minimum \$10,000 first prize and will award the first points in the new XF Storm Cup series that will pay a \$20,000 first prize at the conclusion of the 2017 series plus additional cash prizes of \$10,000 for second place, \$8,000 for third, \$7,000 for fourth and \$5,000 for fifth place.

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2017 U.S. OPEN TO FEATURE LIMITED FIELD, MODIFIED FORMAT

The United States Bowling Congress and Bowling Proprietors' Association of America, joint sponsors of the U.S. Open, have announced several changes for the 2017 event that will be held Oct. 25-Nov. 1 at 40-lane Flamingo Bowl in Liverpool, N.Y.

The U.S. Open, the fourth major championship on the PBA Tour's 2017 schedule, will feature:

- 24 qualifying games, including eight-game rounds on "fresh, burn" and "double-burn" lane conditions;
- A limited field of 144 bowlers, including PBA earnings leaders and others who will be invited based on 2016 performances in international, collegiate and Junior Gold events, among others. For the list of invited players, click

here: <http://usbcongress.http.internapcdn.net/usbcongress/bowl/tournaments/pdfs/usopen/2017/2017USOpenInvitees.pdf>

- To fill vacancies, a pre-tournament qualifying event will be held at Flamingo Bowl prior to the event;
- Invited players will have until June 1 to accept invitations, after which invitations will be extended to the next player on the eligibility list. Any vacancies will be added to the pre-event qualifier;
- A projected \$175,000 prize fund with \$30,000 to the winner.

"Returning to a select field where an athlete has to qualify brings a higher level of prestige to the event, and the potential to use smaller centers means we can take this great tournament to more places," USBC Director Chad Murphy said. "Additional changes, featuring a limit to the total number of lanes being used and the introduction of separate practice pairs, will further reduce outside factors from influencing the event, which should also be a good thing."

QUBICA AMF PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: REGIONALS RETURN TO ACTION IN MARCH

March may be known for "madness" of another kind, but in PBA competition, it also means a return to a full schedule of QubicaAMF PBA Regional competition, getting underway over the March 3-5 weekend with the PBA50 Strike Zone Lanes Central Classic presented by Brunswick, in Canton, Ohio, and the Lakewood Southwest Super Regional, presented by Denver Broncos' running back CJ Anderson and Storm Products, at Holiday Lanes in Lakewood, Colo.

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QUICK NOTES

- **Robert Fancher** of Springville, N.Y., has won a new high-performance MOTIV ball; **Tony Badger** of Furlong, Pa., wins a new DV8 ball and **Kelvin Peters** of Byram, Miss., will receive a new high-performance Brunswick ball as February sweepstakes prizes for subscribing to Xtra Frame. The monthly sweepstakes is sponsored by the respective PBA Product Registered partners. Monthly winners are selected from among new Xtra Frame subscribers, who are automatically entered when they enroll as a monthly or Xtra Frame Season Ticket (full year) subscriber.

- **Brett Krimminger** of Kannapolis, N.C., is the February winner of a \$200 HotelPlanner.com certificate, redeemable for future lodging expenses, compliments of PBA’s official travel partner. The monthly sweepstakes is open to anyone who books a hotel through the HotelPlanner.com link on pba.com. Those who book through HotelPlanner.com are automatically entered.

PBA Spare Shots: Matt O’Grady Wins Southwest “Super” Regional Thriller in Colorado

Matt O’Grady from Rahway, N.J., normally a QubicaAMF East Region competitor, defeated U.S. Open champion Francois Lavoie of Canada, 279-278, in a thrilling title match to conclude the fifth annual PBA Lakewood Southwest Super Regional, sponsored by Denver Broncos running back C.J. Anderson and Storm Products, Sunday at Holiday Lanes in Lakewood, Colo.

The win was O’Grady’s third in QubicaAMF PBA Regional competition and his first in the PBA Southwest Region.

Lavoie, the 2016 PBA Rookie of the Year, won his first PBA title in last year’s Lakewood event. In this year’s title match, the 23-year-old Canadian started the game with a 7-10 split, picked up one pin, and then threw eight strikes heading into his 10th frame. O’Grady started with four strikes, spared a 10 pin, then struck out to force Lavoie to throw three more strikes to force a sudden death roll-off. A 10 pin on Lavoie’s final shot allowed O’Grady to claim the \$5,000 first place check.

O’Grady, who averaged 256.89 for the tournament, qualified second. He edged Dylan Macon of Lubbock, Texas, 2-1, in his Round of 8 match and AJ Chapman from Wichita, Kan., 279-236, in the semifinal round match. Lavoie survived a semifinal round thriller over Andrew Klingler of Grand Rapids, Mich., 269-268, to advance to the title match.

BRONCOS’ C.J. ANDERSON HELPS PROMOTE BOWLING’S “COOL FACTOR”

Speaking of Denver Broncos running back C.J. Anderson, he admitted during the Lakewood tournament that when he was a kid, bowling wasn't very cool. It was something old people – like his grandmother – did while he spent his time in the bowling center playing arcade games.

As an adult, however, Anderson has done a 180-degree turn, and is now in love with the sport, and all of the many aspects of the game most people overlook. In fact, he's become so fascinated with the sport, and the advanced skills one has to develop in order to compete at the PBA level, he decided to sponsor a PBA Southwest "Super Regional" at Holiday Lanes in Lakewood, Colo., last weekend. A two-time participant in the CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational, Anderson used that platform to explain his passion for the sport to members of the Denver area news media who came out to cover the event.

"C.J. Anderson is cool," said PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark, who also attended the event. "A great running back for the Denver Broncos who scores touchdowns in the Super Bowl is cool. All of us who are involved with bowling know it's cool, but a lot of people have a perception that tells them it's not. So when you have a guy like C.J. devote this much time and passion to the sport, it really elevates the cool factor in our game."

Anderson, who has competed in PBA Regional events during the NFL's offseason, said he is hopeful that bowling can rise to the level of popularity that would allow for more people to make a living doing it. He is also hoping that more young people will pursue scholarships in bowling, which are often available without acquiring a high level of skill .

"The bigger picture is to get other sponsors and to get a bunch of people into bowling and get the PBA back to what it was when I was younger and when I watched my grandma bowl," Anderson said.

Anderson, who employs an unusual "wrong foot" delivery, bowled in the Lakewood event and averaged 197.88 for a respectable 68th-place finish in the field of 100.

In addition to Anderson, Boston Red Sox star Mookie Betts (left) also has received considerable mainstream media related to his bowling skills, including a great feature story by ESPN.com's Scott Lauber, after bowling with Anderson in the CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational in January. Media coverage of Anderson's and Betts' bowling activities are posted in the "In The News" section of pba.com (<http://denver.cbslocal.com/2017/03/06/anderson-devotes-time-passion-to-the-sport-of-bowling/#.WL5cHHsBrgF.twitter>; http://www.espn.com/blog/boston/red-sox/post/_/id/51908/if-baseball-doesnt-work-out-for-mookie-betts-theres-always-pro-bowling).

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QUBICA AMF PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: SHAFER WINS SECOND PBA50 REGIONAL TITLE

Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y. defeated Harry Sullins of Chesterfield Twp., Mich. by 125 pins to win the \$1,500 first prize in the PBA50 Strike Zone Lanes Central Classic presented by Brunswick at Strike Zone Lanes in Canton, Ohio, Sunday.

Shafer, who turned 50 in August just as the 2016 PBA50 Tour season was wrapping up, finished with an 11-1 match play record and a total of 4,827 pins for 20 games, including match play bonus pins. The title was Shafer's first of the year in the PBA Central Region and his second PBA50 Regional title.

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Hurricane Matthew Postponement Puts PBA's Xtra Frame Reality Check Classic in the Spotlight for 2017

TAMARAC, Fla. – Hurricane Matthew's arrival in south Florida last October forced postponement of the Professional Bowlers Association's inaugural PBA Xtra Frame Reality Check Classic, but the delay turned into good news for Sawgrass Lanes and the Tamarac area.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew, the tournament has been re-scheduled for March 17-19 as the kickoff event for a new eight-event Storm Cup Xtra Frame Tour series in 2017. In addition to competing for prize money and a PBA Tour title in Tamarac, all PBA members will compete for points toward \$50,000 in end-of-season Storm Cup bonus money.

As part of PBA's Xtra Frame Tour series, the Reality Check Classic will be live streamed around the world on the organization's online, subscription-based bowling channel. Bowling fans can watch the entire event for as little as \$3.99 for a three-day subscription (or for roughly \$1.25 a week, have access to hundreds of hours of PBA, PBA50 and PWBA women's tournament programming for a full year). Visit xtraframe.tv for details.

More than 100 of the PBA's best-known stars will be on hand at Sawgrass Lanes. Among the established veterans already entered are 18-time PBA Tour titlist Tommy Jones, superstar Walter Ray Williams Jr., England's Dom Barrett and PBA Tour titlists Dick Allen, Josh Blanchard, Ryan Ciminelli, Tom Daugherty, Bob Learn Jr., Bill O'Neill and Ronnie Russell. Representing PBA's legion of emerging young stars will be 2016 Player of the Year EJ Tackett, two-hander Kyle Troup and former Rookie of the Year Marshall Kent. A significant number of top amateurs and collegiate bowlers also will be in the field, bowling as non-members.

The XF Storm Cup series provides unique incentives for PBA members to compete in all eight of the series events and encourages performances at a high level in every event because every point earned will be meaningful in the chase for shares of the end-of-season bonus pool.

Competition will be intense because points awarded to the top 20 players in each Xtra Frame event begin with the winner earning 25 points, second place 19, third place 18, etc., with points declining by one through 20th place. In 2016, the points race was decided in the final event when Jones won by five points over Tackett, who led by three points going into the finale, and by six points over Ciminelli, who led early in the series.

Following the Reality Check Classic, the Xtra Frame PBA Tour series will include stops in North Carolina, Arkansas, Texas, Tennessee, Virginia and Delaware before its final event in Coldwater, Ohio, in late August. Fans will be able to track XF Storm Cup news and current point standings on a special link on pba.com once the series gets underway.

PBA XTRA FRAME REALITY CHECK CLASSIC

Sawgrass Lanes, Tamarac, Fla., March 17-19

Friday, March 17

3 p.m. - Practice session

4:15 p.m. – First-time players' orientation meeting

6 p.m. – Pro-am

Saturday, March 18

9 a.m. – A Squad, eight qualifying games

2:30 p.m. – B Squad, eight qualifying games

Top one-third after eight games advance to Cashers Round

Sunday, March 19

8:30 a.m. - Cashers Round, four games

Top 16 after 12 games advance

11:30 a.m. – Round of 16, three games

Top 8 after 15 games advance

1:30 p.m. – Round of 8, two games

Top 4 after 17 games advance to stepladder finals

3 p.m. – Top 4 stepladder finals

PBA Spare Shots: Field of Nearly 200 Ready for PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup Tournament in Tamarac

A field of nearly 200 PBA members and amateur hopefuls, including players representing nine different countries, will compete this weekend in the first in a series of eight PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup events when Sawgrass Lanes in Tamarac, Fla., hosts the Xtra Frame Reality Check Classic.

The event, postponed from October when Hurricane Matthew struck Florida, will award the first set of points in the new XF Storm Cup series that will pay \$50,000 in bonus prize money to the top five players in total points at the conclusion of the 2017 series. The XF Storm Cup events will award points to PBA members who finish in the top 20 in each event with the winner earning 25 points, second place 19, third place 18, etc., with points declining by one through 20th place.

Bowlers in the field will represent England, Canada, Colombia, the British Virgin Islands, The Netherlands, Poland, Mexico, Puerto Rico and the U.S.

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INDIANA SENATOR RECOGNIZES EJ TACKETT'S PBA ACHIEVEMENTS

Tackett honor cropped EJ Tackett's recent bowling achievements, including victories in the 2016 PBA World Championship and the 2017 FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions, have earned notice in his home state. Tackett was the recipient of a resolution recognizing his accomplishments in a meeting with Indiana State Senator Andy Zay on Monday. Zay, like Tackett, is a resident of Huntington, Ind.

Said Tackett, "I was presented a resolution for my achievements in the world of bowling! It is such an incredible feeling to represent this great sport and to be acknowledged by such important people in our state government!! Thank You Senator Zay!!!"

PBA TO AGAIN HOST PBA-PWBA REGIONAL EVENTS

The PBA will again host special PBA-PWBA regional events open exclusively to women bowlers in its East, South, Central, Midwest, Southwest, West and Northwest Regions in 2017. Dates and locations will be announced soon.

The PBA also will continue to welcome women bowlers in all of its regional tournaments, but regionals will no longer pay a special prize to the highest-finishing woman in the field. Women who are members of the Professional Women's Bowling Association will be able to enter standard PBA regional events at the membership entry fee rate, but the end-of-season PBA-PWBA Women's Regional Challenge which has been part of the PBA World Series of Bowling the past three seasons has been discontinued.

QUBICA AMF PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: WALTER RAY WINS 101ST PBA TITLE

PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., defeated Lee Brosius of Ashburn, Va., 268-221, 211-206, in the best-of-three-game title match to win his 101st PBA title in the PBA50 Fayetteville Southern Open at LaFayette Lanes in Fayetteville, N.C., on Sunday.

In a repeat of last year's title match, which Brosius won, 2-1, the PBA's all-time leading champion was dominant this time, winning a \$1,900 prize. Williams' overall PBA titles total includes victories in PBA Tour, PBA Regional, PBA50 Tour and PBA50 Regional events.

In the best-of-three semifinal round, Williams swept Steve Jones of Berlin Md., 232-214, 236-223, while Brosius rallied to edge Dave Sanders of Blythewood, S.C., 204-205, 212-176, 237-235. Williams also swept Joe Scarborough of Charlotte, N.C., 2-0, in the best-of-three Round of 8.

- PBA Hall of Famer Brian Voss of Centennial, Colo., defeated 2016 U.S. Open champion and PBA Rookie of the Year Francois Lavoie of Canada, 263-210, to win the \$5,000 first prize in the third annual PBA

Colorado Springs Southwest Super Regional, presented by Budweiser, at Harmony Lanes in Colorado Springs on Sunday.

Voss, the winner of 25 PBA Tour titles, grabbed an early lead when Lavoie failed to convert splits in two of the first three frames. Voss started with a two strikes, spared and then strung seven strikes to put away Lavoie.

After qualifying sixth, Voss earned a bye to the best-of-three-game Round of 12 where he defeated Dino Castillo of Highland Village, Texas, 2-1. He then disposed of local amateur John Cicero of Colorado Springs, 2-0, and eliminated Brad Miller of Maryland Heights, Mo., 225-202, in the semifinal round to advance to the title match.

As qualifying leader, Lavoie earned byes for the first two match play rounds. He then won his way to the title match by defeating Kris Koeltzow from Wheat Ridge, Colo., 2-0, in the Round of 8, and Team USA member Steve Badovinac of Parker, Colo., 223-190, in his semifinal match.

Voss, an infrequent PBA Regional competitor, won his fifth standard PBA Regional title and first in 31 years (not counting a PBA50 Regional title he won in 2015).

Competing in his second consecutive PBA Southwest Regional, Denver Broncos running back C.J. Anderson finished 37th in the field of 75, averaging 196.5 for his eight qualifying games.

- Ivan Yee of San Francisco defeated amateur Raymond Lussier of San Jose, Calif., 243-193, to win his first PBA title in the PBA West Region's Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort Championship at Gold Country Lanes in Sutter Creek, Calif., Sunday. He also earned \$2,500.

In the semifinal round, Yee defeated Lanndyn Carnate of Modesto, Calif., 179-159, while Lussier defeated Tony Rodriguez Jr. of Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 203-165, to set up the championship match.

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- Leslie Bohn, wife of PBA and USBC Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., has been selected to receive the Volunteer of the Year Award by the International Bowling Campus Youth Committee. The award is presented each year to an adult volunteer who displays outstanding efforts to foster, organize and promote certified youth bowling at the local, state and/or national level.

“I simply do this to help promote the sport that has given so much to myself and our family,” she said. “The memories that are created among the bowlers and families will last a lifetime.”

Bohn is involved in organizing fundraisers for youth bowling, making sure kids are aware of scholarship opportunities, organizes and runs the Parker Bohn III Youth Scholarship tournament, and actively recruits teams to participate in the USBC Youth Open. So far, she has recruited 31 teams to will make the trip to Cleveland this summer.

Piroozshad Leads Top 62 Qualifiers into Sunday’s PBA’s Xtra Frame Reality Check Classic Final Rounds TAMARAC, Fla. – Part-time Professional Bowlers Association competitor Jeff Piroozshad of Coral Springs, Fla., averaged 238.8 for eight games Saturday to lead the 62 top qualifiers who advanced to Sunday’s final rounds of the PBA Xtra Frame Reality Check Classic at Sawgrass Lanes. AJ Johnson of Oswego, Ill., was in second place, three pins behind.

The tournament, which will award a PBA Tour title along with a \$10,000 first prize, is the first in a series of eight PBA Xtra Frame Tour events that will award \$50,000 in Storm Cup bonus prize money at the end of the season. All Storm Cup events will be live streamed on PBA’s online bowling channel, Xtra Frame, which is available by subscription. Visit xtraframe.tv for details.

Piroozshad, who has been a PBA member on-and-off for 17 years, rolled games of 253, 231, 268, 244, 223, 191, 224 and 275 for a 1,911 pinfall total and overtook Johnson with his big closing game.

Piroozshad, 42, has won one regional title in 43 PBA Regional and 10 PBA Tour tournament appearances. Johnson, a 24-year-old former McKendree University collegiate star, rolled games of 206, 257, 278, 260, 257, 211, 201 and 238 to finish qualifying with 1,908 total pins. Johnson, a third-year PBA member, has two second place finishes during his brief career, but has yet to win his first PBA Tour title.

The Reality Check Classic was originally scheduled for last October, but was postponed due to the arrival of Hurricane Matthew. In its new place on the PBA schedule, the tournament drew a field of 186 PBA members and top amateur bowlers. The top one-third of the field – 62 players – advanced to Sunday’s four-game cashers round at 8:30 a.m. The top 16 after 12 games advance to the three-game Round of 16 at 11:30 a.m.; the top 8 after 15 games advance to the two-game Round of 8 at 1:30 p.m., and the top four after 17 total games advance to the stepladder finals at 3 p.m. All times are Eastern.

PBA XTRA FRAME REALITY CHECK CLASSIC

Sawgrass Lanes, Tamarac, Fla., Saturday

Final Qualifying Standings (after 8 games; top 62 advance to cashers’ round):

- 1, Jeff Piroozshad, Coral Springs, Fla., 1,911.
- 2, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,908.
- 3, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 1,878.
- 4, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,872.
- 5, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 1,841.
- 6, Chris Spoo, Boynton Beach, Fla., 1,839.
- 7, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 1,822.
- 8, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 1,821.
- 9, Michael Azcarate, Coral Springs, Fla., 1,816.

- 10, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,813.
- 11, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz, 1,805.
- 12, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 1,800.
- 13, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,792.
- 14, n-Danny Battles, Zephyrhills, Fla., 1,790.
- 15, Dom Barrett, England, 1,789.
- 16 (tie), Darren Tang, San Francisco, and n-Gabriel Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1,786.
- 18, Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 1,784.
- 19, Trevor Roberts, Crystal River, Fla., 1,780.
- 20, n-Thomas Bosquez Jr., Springhill, Fla., 1,769.
- 21, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,754.
- 22 (tie), Arturo Quintero, Mexico; Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., and Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo., 1,749.
- 25, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,748.
- 26, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 1,741.
- 27, n-Sean Riccardi, St. Petersburg, Fla., 1,736.
- 28, Mike Williams II, Montgomery, Ala., 1,730.
- 29, n-Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 1,728.
- 30, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 1,726.
- 31, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,721.
- 32, n-Matt Russo, Millstone Township, N.J., 1,717.
- 33 (tie), EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., and Cody Mullis, Homosassa, Fla., 1,714.
- 35, n-Ramon Hilferink, Netherlands, 1,710.
- 36, n-Daniel Vasquez, Colombia, 1,709.
- 37 (tie), w-Daria Pajak, Poland, and n-Reggie Pierson, Miami, Fla., 1,701.
- 39, Zachary Seals, Kingsland, Ga., 1,697.
- 40 (tie), n-John Janawicz, Winter Haven, Fla., and n-Jason Ferrill, Venice, Fla., 1,690.
- 42, n-Giorgio Clinaz Jr., Orlando, Fla., 1,689.
- 43, n-Wyatt Smith, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,688.
- 44, Carlos Tobon, Plantation, Fla., 1,686.
- 45, n-Vince Grudinsky Jr., Jupiter, Fla., 1,684.
- 46, Anthony DeStasio, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 1,683.
- 47, n-Joe Barna, Stuart, Fla., 1,680.
- 48, n-Andraunick Simounet, Lake Wales, Fla., 1,679.
- 49, n-Sebastian Charry, Colombia, 1,678.
- 50 (tie), Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind.; n-Anthony Veney, San Antonio, Texas, and Mike Moore, Orlando, Fla., 1,675.
- 53 (tie), n-Shawn Naumann, Orlando, Fla., and Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 1,671.
- 55 (tie), w-n-Taylor Bulthuis, Coral Springs, Fla., and Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C., 1,670.
- 57, n-Kristijonas Sergejevas, Lake Wales, Fla., 1,668.
- 58, n-James Campbell, Clearwater, Fla., 1,666.
- 59, Zachary Dwyer, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., 1,664.
- 60 (tie), Kristian Sieradzki, Seminole, Fla., and n-Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 1,662.
- 62, x-Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,659.

Failed to advance:

- 63, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,659.
- 64, Shane Holt, Lake Wales, Fla., 1,658.
- 65, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 1,657.
- 66, n-David Simms, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1,654.
- 67, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 1,652.
- 68, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 1,643.
- 69, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 1,641.

70, Jordan Klassen, Canada, 1,640.
71, n-Jon Trzcinski, Bay Shore, N.Y., 1,635.
72, Ronnie Sparks Jr., Redford, Mich., 1,634.
73, n-Matthew Lazarus, Sunrise, Fla., 1,633.
74, n-Kendrick Gregory, Lakeland, Fla., 1,630.
75, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,627.
76, Chris Polizzi, Spring Hill, Fla., 1,624.
77, n-Sean Connolly, Apopka, Fla., 1,623.
78 (tie), Dale Coleman, High Springs, Fla., and George Litwin, Miami, 1,618.
80, Mario Lemos, Ecuador, 1,617.
81, Sean Hoff, Melbourne, Fla., 1,614.
82, Jeffrey Campbell, Clearwater, Fla., 1,613.
83, n-Vernon Peterson, Lake Wales, Fla., 1,611.
84, Curtis Foss, Medina, N.Y., 1,603.
85, Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 1,602.
86, David Taylor, Largo, Fla., 1,601.
87, n-Steve Johnson, Coral Springs, Fla., 1,597.
88 (tie), David Stouffer, Lehigh Acres, Fla., and Cody McCowin, Daytona Beach, Fla., 1,594.
90, n-Mark Booke, Boca Raton, Fla., 1,592.
91, David Shinn, West Columbia, S.C., 1,589.
92, n-Ernie Faulkner, Miramar, Fla., 1,588.
93, Michael Shequin, Debary, Fla., 1,587.
94, Randy Rose, Davenport, Fla., 1,584.
95, Kristian Rogers, Salisbury, N.C., 1,583.
96, Chuck Richardson, The Villages, Fla., 1,579.
97, n-Larry Brande, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., 1,577.
98, Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 1,576.
99, n-David Piroozshad, Coral Springs, Fla., 1,575.
100, w-n-Verity Crawley, Babson Park, Fla., 1,574.
101, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 1,573.
102, n-Johnnie Payne, Savannah, Ga., 1,571.
103, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 1,570.
104, Anthony Colosimo, Davie, Fla., 1,567.
105, Matt Bollhalter, Niceville, Fla., 1,565.
106 (tie), n-Pablo Cerda, Sunrise, Fla., and n-Holten Bradshaw, Winterville, Ga., 1,563.
108, Anthony Caso, Spring Hill, Fla., 1,560.
109 (tie), Jeremy Mooney, West Palm Beach, Fla., and w-n-Ashly Galante, Palm Harbor, Fla., 1,558.
111, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 1,552.
112, Shane Nevers, Miami, Fla., 1,548.
113, n-Michael Thompson, Venice, Fla., 1,541.
114, n-Matt Gilman, Davie, Fla., 1,540.
115, n-Stephen Brown, Pinellas Park, Fla., 1,537.
116, n-Steven Baran, Sarasota, Fla., 1,531.
117, David O'Sullivan, Olviedo, Fla., 1,524.
118, Steven Grotowski, Ft Lauderdale, Fla., 1,519.
119, n-Jesse Rodriguez, Davie, Fla., 1,516.
120, n-Lee Rathjen Jr, Naples, Fla., 1,514.
121, w-n-Elise Bolton, Merritt Island, Fla., 1,513.
122, n-Paul Koehler, Stuart, Fla., 1,512.
123, n-Richard Baroff, Boca Raton, Fla., 1,511.
124 (tie), n-Leon Walsh Jr., Plymouth, Mich.; Christopher Racey, Canada; n-Derek Rathbun, Stafford, Va., and n-Manny Sanchez, Miami, Fla., 1,509.
128 (tie), n-Robert Perez, Biscayne Park, Fla., and n-Salvatore Anzalone, Margate, Fla., 1,508.

130 (tie), n-Mike Roberts, Ft. Pearce, Fla., and Han Chen, Wellington, Fla., 1,507.
132, n-Bobby Walters Jr., Pembroke Pines, Fla., 1,506.
133, Brian McMahon, Boca Raton, Fla., 1,503.
134, w-Crystal Hall, St. Pauls, N.C., 1,500.
135, n-Mike Bauer, Merritt Island, Fla., 1,497.
136, ss-Lee Rautenberg, Boynton Beach, Fla., 1,489.
137, David McCay Jr., Fredericksburg, Va., 1,480.
138, n-Brian Huther, Tampa, Fla., 1,476.
139, n-Sean Mattison, Homestead, Fla., 1,471.
140, Jeff Sanders, Ocoee, Fla., 1,470.
141 (tie), n-Jason Plaskett, Pompano Beach, Fla., and n-w-Hannah Brookins, Ocala, Fla., 1,468.
143 (tie), Connor Pickford, Plano, Texas, and Steven Jusino, Miramar, Fla., 1,467.
145, Mike Preston, Gainesville, Fla., 1,465.
146, n-Cory Lenz, Machesney Park, Ill., 1,462.
147, Stephen Wood, Naylor, Ga., 1,459.
148, n-Dennis Bush, Ft. Myers, Fla., 1,446.
149, n-Juan Gaviria, Tamarac, Fla., 1,445.
150, n-Jay Hess, Gotha, Fla., 1,441.
151, James Johnson, Waynesville, Mo., 1,440.
152, Joshua Thomas, Lewistown, Pa., 1,435.
153, n-Patrick Wallace, Jupiter, Fla., 1,432.
154, n-Glenn Williams, King George, Va., 1,431.
155, ss-Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 1,421.
156 (tie), Daniel Weber, Boynton Beach, Fla., and n-John Bembaron, Plantation, Fla., 1,419.
158, n-Jeffrey Roberts, Clermont, Fla., 1,417.
159, n-Earl Cooke, Tampa, Fla., 1,415.
160, n-Justin Minnis, St. Petersburg, Fla., 1,410.
161, n-Garrett Litwin, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., 1,405.
162, Joe Fulner III, Belleview, Fla., 1,403.
163, n-Brad Waldbauer, Coral Springs, Fla., 1,402.
164, Donald Cheshire, Fernandina Beach, Fla., 1,396.
165, n-Jonathon Bush, Clermont, Fla., 1,393.
166, n-David Pavilack, Hollywood, Fla., 1,391.
167, n-Troy Christopher, British Virgin Islands, 1,387.
168, Mike Mayo, Edwardsville, Ill., 1,386.
169, n-Adam Colton, Boynton Beach, Fla., 1,385.
170, Israel Velasco, Pinecrest, Fla., 1,380.
171, n-Michael Vitalone Jr., Lake Worth, Fla., 1,379.
172, n-Mitchell Block, Lake Worth, Fla., 1,367.
173 (tie), n-Marucio Lima, Pompano Beach, Fla., and n-Ken Schneider, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., 1,366.
175, n-Rob Comito, Davie, Fla., 1,357.
176, n-Brian Metlika, Jacksonville, Fla., 1,348.
177, n-Mervin Hastings, British Virgin Islands, 1,339.
178, Adrian McCoy, British Virgin Islands, 1,338.
179, n-Robert Carroll, Ocala, Fla., 1,336.
180, n-Jason Smith, Jupiter, Fla., 1,323.
181, n-Marion Moreland, McDonough, Ga., 1,316.
182, n-Christopher Carroll, Leesburg, Fla., 1,297.
183, n-John Charneco, Coconut Creek, Fla., 1,186.
184, Aaron Schwartz, Boca Raton, Fla., 1,182.
185, Mitchell Shumway, Winter Springs, Fla., 1,402.
186, Vincent Balisky, Elmhurst, N.Y., 1,271.

x-Troup def. Learn, 222-200, in a one-game roll-off to decide the 62nd place in the cashers round.

n-denotes non-member; w-denotes woman.

Josh Blanchard Wins Xtra Frame Reality Check Classic for Third Career PBA Tour Title

Josh Blanchard of Mesa, Ariz., breezed through all three of his stepladder matches to win the PBA Xtra Frame Reality Check Classic Sunday at Sawgrass Lanes for his third career PBA Tour title.

Streamed live on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame, Blanchard beat former McKendree University collegiate star and finals top seed AJ Johnson of Oswego, Ill., 232-204, in the title match for his first title of the season and first in two years. For Johnson, it was his third career runner-up finish.

"It feels unbelievable," said Blanchard, who won his last title in the 2015 PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout. "Sometimes you doubt yourself but I have a lot of support from my family, friends and fans so I think it was just a matter of time before I could bring home another win."

By winning, Blanchard also takes the early lead in the Storm Cup points race which will award \$50,000 in bonus prize money at the end of the season. All eight Storm Cup events are streamed live on Xtra Frame.

Needing a strike on the first ball of the 10th frame to win the semifinal match, Blanchard struck out to beat four-time Tour winner Dom Barrett of England, 279-258, to advance to the title match.

In the opening match, Blanchard, who was the No. 3 seed, beat Shawn Maldonado of Houston, who was trying for his first Tour win, 236-175.

Upcoming Storm Cup Xtra Frame events this season will include stops in North Carolina, Arkansas, Texas, Tennessee, Virginia and Delaware before its final event in Coldwater, Ohio, in late August. The next stop for the Xtra Frame Storm Cup series will be the Xtra Frame Wilmington Open in Wilmington, N.C., May 26-29.

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PBA XTRA FRAME REALITY CHECK CLASSIC

Sawgrass Lanes, Tamarac, Fla., Sunday

Final Standings: 1, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., \$10,000. 2, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., \$5,500. 3, Dom Barrett, England, \$3,000. 4, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, \$2,000.

Stepladder Results: Match One – Blanchard def. Maldonado, 236-175. Semifinal – Blanchard def. Barrett, 279-258. Championship – Blanchard def. Johnson, 232-204.

Final Qualifying Standings (after 17 games, top 4 advanced to stepladder finals):

- 1, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 4,128.
- 2, Dom Barrett, England, 4,053.
- 3, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz, 4,012.
- 4, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 3,994.
- 5, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 3,957, \$1,750.
- 6, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 3,926, \$1,500.
- 7, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 3,902, \$1,400.
- 8, Chris Spoo, Boynton Beach, Fla., 3,864, \$1,300.

Other Round of 16 Cashers (after 15 games):

- 9, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,462, \$1,250.
- 10, Jeff Piroozshad, Coral Springs, Fla., 3,429, \$1,200.
- 11, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 3,414, \$1,150.
- 12, Cristian Azcona, Lake Wales, Fla., 3,409, \$1,100.
- 13, n-Gabriel Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 3,401, \$1,075.
- 14, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 3,395, \$1,050.
- 15, n-Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 3,360, \$1,025.
- 16, Michael Azcarate, Coral Springs, Fla., 3,325, \$1,000.

Other Cashers (after 12 games):

- 17, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 2,671, \$700.
- 18, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 2,669, \$700.
- 19, Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo., 2,661, \$700.
- 20, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 2,656, \$700.

- 21, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 2,654, \$700.
- 22, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,644, \$700.
- 23, n-Ramon Hilferink, Netherlands, 2,633, \$700.
- 24, Trevor Roberts, Crystal River, Fla., 2,631, \$700.
- 25, n-Sean Riccardi, St. Petersburg, Fla., 2,621, \$700.
- 26, Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C., 2,615, \$675.
- 27, Mike Williams II, Montgomery, Ala., 2,610, \$675.
- 28, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 2,600, \$675.
- 29, n-Thomas Bosquez Jr., Springhill, Fla., 2,598, \$675.
- 30, n-Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 2,597, \$675.
- 31, (tie) n-Reggie Pierson, Miami, Fla., 2,594, and Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,594, \$675.
- 33, Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 2,586, \$675.
- 34, (tie) EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2,584, and n-Matt Russo, Millstone Township, N.J., 2,584, \$663.
- 36, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 2,567, \$650.
- 37, Daria Pajak, Poland, 2,563, \$650.
- 38, (tie) n-Sebastian Charry, Colombia, 2,561, and n-Danny Battles, Zephyrhills, Fla., 2,561, \$650.
- 40, n-Vince Grudinsky Jr., Jupiter, Fla., 2,541, \$650.
- 41, Cody Mullis, Homosassa, Fla., 2,537, \$650.
- 42, n-Kristijonas Sergejevas, Lake Wales, Fla., 2,536, \$650.
- 43, Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 2,526, \$650.
- 44, Mike Moore, Orlando, Fla., 2,515, \$625.
- 45, n-Daniel Vasquez, Colombia, 2,512, \$625.
- 46, n-John Janawicz, Winter Haven, Fla., 2,511, \$625.
- 47, (tie) Anthony DeStasio, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 2,505, n-Wyatt Smith, Cape Coral, Fla., 2,505, and n-Giorgio Clinaz Jr., Orlando, Fla., 2,505, \$625.
- 50, n-Shawn Naumann, Orlando, Fla., 2,504, \$625.
- 51, n-Andraunick Simounet, Lake Wales, Fla., 2,503, \$625.
- 52, Kristian Sieradzki, Seminole, Fla., 2,502, \$625.
- 53, n-Taylor Bulthuis, Coral Springs, Fla., 2,482, \$600.
- 54, (tie) n-Anthony Veney, San Antonio, Texas, 2,481, and n-Joe Barna, Stuart, Fla., 2,481, \$600.
- 56, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 2,476, \$600.
- 57, Zachary Dwyer, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., 2,464, \$600.
- 58, Zachary Seals, Kingsland, Ga., 2,461, \$600.

59, (tie) Carlos Tobon, Plantation, Fla., 2,456, and n-Jason Ferrill, Venice, Fla., 2,456, \$600.

61, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2,448, \$600.

62, n-James Campbell, Clearwater, Fla., 2,370, \$600.

n-Denotes non-member

PBA Spare Shots: "Pick the Ball" Survey Returns to PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game

Concrete Software is renewing its PBA Bowling Challenge "pick the ball" survey, inviting fans to select the new Product Registered ball model they would like to see introduced into the popular mobile device game.

Beginning today (March 23), the PBA Bowling Challenge mobile game will list three new ball models for each PBA-participating brand, and ask fans to vote on which ball to include in the game. Weekly voting will feature a different brand and choice of ball models through the first week in June.

First up will be MOTIV. Based on fan voting (click here: http://bit.ly/MOTIV_17 to cast your vote), the "winning" MOTIV ball will be available for play on April 7. A code to purchase the ball for 50% off (the code will be available on PBA's and the specific companies' social media pages) will be posted.

Each company also will have a flashback weekend where all its previous balls will be available for that weekend only.

As the season progresses, voting will take place each week to select the new ball for release as noted below:

- Track: March 30 (voting begins); April 14 (ball release date).
- Storm: April 6; April 21.
- Brunswick: April 13; April 28.
- Columbia 300: April 20; May 5.
- Radical: April 27; May 12.
- DV8: May 4; May 19.
- Ebonite: May 11; May 26.
- Roto Grip: May 18; June 2.
- 900 Global: May 25; June 9.
- Hammer: June 1; June 16.

JOSH BLANCHARD TAKES EARLY LEAD IN XTRA FRAME STORM CUP RACE

PBA Xtra Frame Reality Check Classic winner Josh Blanchard has assumed the early lead in the 2017 PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup points race, earning 25 points for his victory in the first of eight Storm Cup events this season. Rounding out the top 10 after the first event are Reality Check Classic runner-up AJ Johnson, 19 points; Dom Barrett, 18; Shawn Maldonado, 17; Dick Allen, 16; Ildemaro Ruiz, 15; Tom Daugherty, 14; Chris Spoo, 13; Walter Ray Williams Jr., 12, and Jeff Piroozshad, 11.

In each Storm Cup event, PBA members who finish in the top 20 will earn points with 25 points going to the winner, 19 to the runner-up, 18 for third place and points diminishing by one through 20th place. A complete summary of the points leaders will be posted on [pba.com](http://www.pba.com) (<http://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/XtraFrameTourPoints/95#stats-list>) after each tournament.

The next tournament in the series will be the PBA XF Wilmington Open at Ten Pin Alley in Wilmington, N.C., May 26-29.

QUBICA AMF PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: MATT O'GRADY WINS IN OHIO

Fresh off his win in the PBA Lakewood (Colo.) Southwest Super Regional two weeks earlier, Matt O'Grady of Rahway, N.J., defeated Joe Bailey of Wooster, Ohio, 237-148, to claim the PBA Trumbull County Tourism Bureau Central/East Open title presented by Radical at Bell-Wick Bowl in Hubbard, Ohio, Sunday.

The title was O'Grady's first of the year in the PBA Central Region and the fourth of his career. He also earned \$2,700.

Alex Cavagnaro of Massapequa, N.Y., led off the stepladder finals by eliminating Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., 234-182. O'Grady then defeated Cavagnaro, 233-217, and he advanced to the championship match by defeating Mike Clark of Cleveland, 242-158.

- Anthony Lavery-Spahr from Pasadena, Texas, defeated Derek Acuff of Glendale, Ariz., 234-199, to claim his fourth QubicaAMF PBA Regional title Sunday in the sixth annual PBA Odessa Southwest Open at Astro Bowl in Odessa, Texas.

Lavery-Spahr, last year's runner-up, started the championship match with a spare and two strikes while Acuff struggled after two opens in the first three frames. Lavery-Spahr received byes to the Round of 8 after qualifying fourth and started his road to victory by defeating defending champion Clara Guerrero, a Colombia native now living in Pflugerville, Texas, 2-1, in their best-of-three-game match. In the semifinal round, he survived with a 173-164 victory over Jeff Hatt of Midwest City, Okla.

Acuff, who qualified second, defeated Joe Findling from Mesquite, Texas, 2-0, in the Round of 8, and prevented a title match between twin brothers by eliminating Sean Lavery-Spahr in the semifinal round, 200-178.

- QubicaAMF PBA Regional events over the March 24-26 weekend include the PBA50 Rossi Lanes Eastern Open in Elmira, N.Y.; the PBA50 Liberty Lanes Midwest/Central Open in Carpentersville, Ill.; the CCFA Strike Out Crohn's and Colitis South Open, presented by Rhino Page, at Boardwalk Bowl in Orlando, Fla., and the Caveman Bowl Northwest/West Open presented by DV8 in Grants Pass, Ore.
- Closing out March and kicking off April's PBA Regional calendar over the March 31-April 2 weekend will be the PBA50 Showtime Lanes Midwest/Central Open in Virden, Ill.; the Myrtle Beach South Open at Myrtle Beach Bowl in South Carolina; the FireLake Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Southwest Open at FireLake Bowl in Shawnee, Okla., and a PBA West/Northwest tripleheader at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno – the PBA50 and PBA Sands Regency West/Northwest Classic events plus the Sands Regency West/Northwest Challenge (for non-titlists), presented by DV8. The weekend also will include a Sunday-only reduced entry fee Elkhart Central/Midwest Open presented by 900 Global at Country Club Lanes in Elkhart, Ind.
- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the “schedules” tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES

- To follow the Brunswick Euro Challenge in Munich, Germany, this week, visit <http://brunswickeurochallenge.com/live-streaming/> for live streaming coverage. Fans also can visit the website for daily updates as the event progresses. The first event on the 2017 PBA International-World Bowling Tour schedule concludes Sunday. Sweden's Jesper Svensson is defending champion.
- PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber and PBA Women's Series titlist Diandra Asbaty can be seen in cameo roles in the 2016 movie, “Split,” which is now available at no cost to Amazon Prime members. The movie billed as “The World's First Romantic Bowling Comedy,” is available for rent or purchase on Amazon, iTunes, Google Play, VUDU, Xbox and PlayStation. Click here to watch the trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zekgYUGOJXc> .
- USBC Hall of Famer and two-time PBA Tour champion Les Zikes of Palatine, Ill., became the 11th player in history to participate in 65 USBC Open Championships when the 82-year-old bowled his team event on Monday, March 20, at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas. With his 546 series in team event, 562 in doubles and 570 in singles, Zikes added 1,678 pins to his career total of 112,564 pins knocked down in USBC Open competition (seventh on the all-time list).

England's Dom Barrett Ends Three-Year Title Slump, Wins Brunswick Euro Challenge for Fifth PBA Title

MUNICH, Germany – England’s Dom Barrett ended a three-year PBA Tour title drought Sunday when he defeated Thailand’s Jojoey Yannaphon, 237-221, to win the Brunswick Euro Challenge at Dream-Bowl Palace.

Barrett, 31, won his fifth PBA Tour title and his first since winning the PBA International-World Bowling Tour Qatar Open in 2014. He got a break in the tightly-contested title match when Yannaphon left the 8-10 split in his 10th frame and opened.

Barrett was the top qualifier for the three-player stepladder finals and ended a series of championship round close calls, including third-place finishes earlier in the year in the FireLake Tournament of Champions and the PBA Xtra Frame Reality Check Classic, and in the PBA World Championship in December in Reno.

Yannaphon, who had qualified second for the finals, defeated England’s Stuart Williams in the opening stepladder match with a strike in a one-ball roll-off after throwing three strikes in his 10th frame to tie Williams at 204-204. Williams, after leaving a solid 10 pin on his second shot in the 10th frame, left another 10 pin in the roll-off.

Next on the PBA Tour’s 2017 schedule will be the MaineQuarterly.com Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship followed by the L.L. Bean PBA League Elias Cup finals at the newly-renovated Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, April 9-16.

BRUNSWICK EURO CHALLENGE

Dream-Bowl Palace, Munich, Germany, March 26

Final Standings:

- 1, Dom Barrett, England, \$13,452.
- 2, Jojoey Yannaphon, Thailand, \$9,180.
- 3, Stuart Williams, England, \$5,940.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Yannaphon def. Williams, 204-204, 10-9 in one-ball roll-off. Championship – Barrett def. Yannaphon, 237-221.

Final Step 3 Standings (after 13 games, including 30 match play bonus pins for each match win):

- 1, Barrett, 5-3, 3,221.
- 2, Yannaphon, 3-4-1, 3,218.
- 3, Williams, 3-4-1, 3,138.
- 4, Anders Lousdal, Denmark, 4-4, 3,065, \$3,240.

- 5, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 4-4, 3,059, \$3,024.
- 6, w-Birgit Poppler, Germany, 4-4, 3,019, \$2,808.
- 7, Carsten Warming Hansen, Denmark, 2-6, 2,950, \$2,592.
- 8, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 2-6, 2,900, \$2,376.

Step 2 Cashers (after six games):

- 9, w-Daphne Tan, Singapore, 1,365, \$2,052.
- 10, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,364, \$2,052.
- 11, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 1,344, \$2,052.
- 12 (tie), Francois Louw, South Africa, and w-Cheri Tan, Singapore, 1,340, \$1,890.
- 14, Michael Mak, Hong Kong, 1,339, \$1,726.
- 15, Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 1,336, \$1,726.
- 16, Mik Stampe, Denmark, 1,311, \$1,726.
- 17, Jan Macek, Czechoslovakia, 1,303, \$1,512.
- 18, Ahmad Muaz, Malaysia, 1,301, \$1,512.
- 19, Antonino Fiorentino, Italy, 1,300, \$1,512.
- 20, Syafiq Ridhwan, Malaysia, 1,296, \$1,512.
- 21, Jimmy Dan Mortensen, Denmark, 1,294, \$1,404.
- 22, Martin Paulsson, Sweden, 1,274, \$1,404.
- 23, w-Shayna Ng, Singapore, 1,261, \$1,404.
- 24, Timmy Tan, Malaysia, 1,259, \$1,404.
- 25, Wicky Yeung, Hong Kong, 1,257, \$1,296.
- 26, Anton Ahlgren, Sweden, 1,256, \$1,296.
- 27, Mike Harles, Germany, 1,219, \$1,296.
- 28, Tomas Kayhko, Finland, 1,217, \$1,296.

Step 1 Cashers (after six games):

- 29, w-Sin Li Jane, Malaysia, 1,354, \$1,188.
- 30 (tie), Paul Moor, England, and Surasak Manuwong, Thailand, 1,351, \$1,188.

- 32, Jonas Jähi, Finland, 1,342, \$1,188.
- 33, Muhd Jaris, Singapore, 1,339, \$1,188.
- 34, Anton Persson, Sweden, 1,338, \$1,188.
- 35, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 1,334, \$1,080.
- 36, w-Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 1,332, \$1,080.
- 37, Annop Arromsaranon, Thailand, 1,331, \$1,080.
- 38, Timothy Tham, Singapore, 1,325, \$1,080.
- 39 (tie), Tony Wong, Hong Kong, and Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 1,321, \$1,080.
- 41, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 1,319, \$1,080.
- 42, w-Vanessa Timter, Germany, 1,309, \$1,080.
- 43, André Michow, Germany, 1,307, \$1,080.
- 44, Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., 1,296, \$1,080.
- 45, w-Shalin Zulkifli, Malaysia, 1,295, \$972.
- 46, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,289, \$972.
- 47, Rickle Kam, Hong Kong, 1,282, \$972.
- 48, Siu Wu, Hong Kong, 1,270, \$972.
- 49, Kim Andersson, Sweden, 1,261, \$972.
- 50, Jonathan Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 1,260, \$972.
- 51, Markus Jansson, Sweden, 1,231, \$972.
- 52, Adel Albarqi, Saudi Arabia, 1,220, \$972.
- 53, Joel Tan, Singapore, 1,219, \$972.
- 54, Abdullah Dulijan, Saudi Arabia, 1,213, \$972.
- 55, w-Anggie Ramirez Perea, Colombia, 1,205, \$864.
- 56, Cheah Ray, Singapore, 1,203, \$864.
- 57, w-Jazreel Tan, Singapore, 1,195, \$864.
- 58, Pyry Puharinen, Finland, 1,184, \$864.
- 59 (tie), w-Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., and Christopher Lüttke, Sweden, 1,167, \$864.
- 61, Raymond Teece, England, 1,135, \$864.
- 62, Andreas Bösiger, Switzerland, 1,133, \$864.

63, Alex Liew, Malaysia, 1,130, \$864.

64, Andres Juliusson, Israel, 1,077, \$864.

w—denotes woman (women received 8 handicap pins per game).

PBA Spare Shots: PBA Network Expands with Live Scoring for PBA Regionals, Geofilter for Fans in Maine

The PBA Network, already the sport's most comprehensive communications tool, has expanded with a software update that allows PBA's Regional Managers to post real time game-by-game results on pba.com for all regional tournaments. The improved Live Scoring feature will enable fans to follow tournaments in the PBA's East, South, Central, Midwest, Southwest, West and Northwest Regions as they happen.

The PBA also has announced the enthusiastic fan base at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, will be encouraged to share the fun of the MaineQuarterly.com Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship and the L.L. Bean PBA League Elias Cup competition with PBA fans around the world using a new Snapchat geofilter to share photos and videos. The geofilter, which will be introduced on April 9, creates a kind of "photo frame" around Snapchat content that will tell the world you are attending the PBA competition in Portland. The app will be available through the iTunes store, Google Play for android users or by visiting <https://www.snapchat.com/geofilters>.

The new PBA Network additions expand the PBA's reach into mainstream media, social media and digital platforms that provide PBA fans around the world with a wide variety of media outlets to access PBA news, video, interviews and more.

PBA STARS TO PARTICIPATE IN "STRIKE OUT CHILD HUNGER" EVENT IN PORTLAND

Eighteen PBA Tour stars will participate in a "Strike Out Child Hunger" fundraiser as part of the PBA's visit to Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, April 9-16. The second annual "Bowling for a Cause" pro-am event, which is being held in cooperation with a number of Portland area restaurants, will take place on Sunday, April 9, at 6 p.m., following the official practice session for the MaineQuarterly.com Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship competitors.

The special pro-am will involve 18 teams bowling with PBA stars. Each team will be sponsored by a Portland area restaurant for a minimum contribution of \$1,000 per team. Last year's inaugural event raised more than \$10,000 to help combat childhood hunger issues in Maine, and this year, with donations of food, \$25 admission fees for spectators to watch and other contributions, Child Hunger pro-am founder and Bayside Bowl co-owner Justin Alford said the goal is to raise more than \$20,000.

Players participating in the Strike Out Child Hunger pro-am squad are: DJ Archer, Dom Barrett, Josh Blanchard, Parker Bohn III, Jakob Butturff, Ryan Ciminelli, Martin Larsen, Chris Loschetter, Danielle McEwan, Rhino Page, Sean Rash, Ronnie Russell, Anthony Simonsen, Tom Smallwood, Bryon Smith, John Szczerbinski, Walter Ray Williams Jr. and Dave Wodka.

Money raised during the pro-am event will support Full Plates Full Potential, a non-profit organization that works to connect children with the reliable, nutritious meals they need to thrive. If you can't attend the event in person, but would like to support the effort, you can make a donation in the name of your favorite bowler (<https://www.fullplates.org/pba>) or you can donate in the name of one of Portland's participating restaurants (<https://www.fullplates.org/events/bowl>).

THIS WEEK: "PICK THE TRACK BALL" FOR PBA BOWLING CHALLENGE MOBILE GAME

Concrete Software's second-edition "pick the ball" survey for PBA Bowling Challenge mobile game invites users to select a new ball model from among three options provided weekly for each PBA-participating brand. This week's brand is Track. Based on fan voting (click here: http://bit.ly/Track_17 to cast your vote), the "winning" Track ball will be available for play on April 14.

A code to purchase the ball for 50% off (the code will be available on PBA's and the specific companies' social media pages) will be posted. Each company also will have a flashback weekend where all its previous balls will be available for that weekend only.

QUBICA AMF PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: TOMMY JONES WINS CCFA BENEFIT TOURNEY TITLE

Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C. defeated local favorite Mike Moore of Orlando, Fla., 242-212, to win his 13th QubicaAMF PBA Regional title in the PBA's Strike Out Crohn's & Colitis South Open at Boardwalk Bowl in Orlando Sunday.

After Moore missed a single pin spare in the second frame, Jones raced into a commanding lead that Moore could not overcome. Along with his title, Jones, an 18-time PBA Tour title winner, earned \$4,000.

The CCFA Strike Out Crohn's & Colitis South Open was a benefit tournament orchestrated by Orlando resident and PBA champion Rhino Page, the 2016 Tony Reyes Community Service Award recipient and raised more than \$5,000 for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America.

In first game of the four-player stepladder finals, amateur Matt Russo of Millstone Township, N.J., easily overtook reigning PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., 228-180. Jones then eliminated Russo in the semifinal match, 257-211.

- Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., defeated Dean Richards of Tacoma, Wash., 250-239, to win the PBA DV8 Northwest/West Open at Caveman Bowl in Grants Pass, Ore., Sunday.

The win was Butturff's 10th in QubicaAMF PBA Northwest and/or West regional competition in less than two years as a PBA member. He also earned \$2,000 for the win.

The 23-year-old lefthander defeated Bryon Smith of Roseburg, Ore., in a one-ball sudden death roll-off in the semifinal round match after they tied at 248. The roll-off went six attempts before Butturff struck and Smith left a seven-count to lose. Smith defeated Chris Warren of Grants Pass, Ore., 221-207, in the opening match and then Smith eliminated amateur Adrian Anderson of Roseburg, Ore., 227-204.

- David Kneas of Annapolis, Md., defeated Gary Bondarchuk of Langhorne, Pa., 279-237, to win the PBA50 Rossi Lanes Eastern Open at Rossi Lanes in Elmira, N.Y., Sunday for his ninth career QubicaAMF PBA Regional title and a \$3,000 first prize.

Kneas started Saturday's qualifying with a 300 game and led the remainder of the weekend. He earned byes for two single-elimination match play rounds as qualifying leader and then defeated Sam Maccarone of Blackwood, N.J., 2-1, in the best-of-three-game Round of 8 before eliminating Steve Jones of Berlin, Md., 234-198, in the semifinal round.

Bondarchuk, who qualified sixth, defeated local amateur Chuck Pitts of Cortland, N.Y., 2-1, in the Round of 12; Ray Edwards of Middle Island, N.Y., 2-0, in the Round of 8, and Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., 236-214, in his semifinal round match.

- Scott Merritt of Iowa City, Iowa, defeated Walt Schaub of Schaumburg, Ill., 290-279, to win his first QubicaAMF PBA Regional title in the PBA50 Liberty Lanes Midwest/Central Open at Liberty Lanes in Carpentersville, Ill., Saturday.

Merritt, bowling his first PBA50 regional event after turning 50 in May of 2016, earned \$1,700 after Schaub's bid for a 300 game in the title match ended when he left a 2 pin on his first shot in the 10th frame after starting the match with nine strikes.

Merritt defeated tournament host Jerry Morano of Lombard, Ill., 205-192 in the semifinal round while Schaub edged Dave Armstrong of Naperville, Ill., 209-200, to set up the championship match.

- Closing out March and kicking off April's PBA Regional calendar over the March 31-April 2 weekend will be the PBA50 Showtime Lanes Midwest/Central Open in Virden, Ill.; the Myrtle Beach South Open at Myrtle Beach Bowl in South Carolina; the FireLake Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Southwest Open at FireLake Bowl in Shawnee, Okla., and a PBA West/Northwest tripleheader at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno – the PBA50 and PBA Sands Regency West/Northwest Classic events plus the Sands Regency West/Northwest Challenge (for non-titlists), presented by DV8. The weekend also will include a Sunday-only reduced entry fee Elkhart Central/Midwest Open presented by 900 Global at Country Club Lanes in Elkhart, Ind.

- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES

- With his victory in the Brunswick Euro Challenge in Munich, Germany, Sunday, England's Dom Barrett joined Mika Koivuniemi, Osku Palermaa and Jesper Svensson as the fourth player to win three PBA International-World Bowling Tour titles since PBA and World Bowling launched the international tournament series five years ago. Since the initiative began in 2012, 15 different PBA members have won international titles in the global series.

- Just in time for the 2017 L.L. Bean PBA League Elias Cup finals, April 13-16 at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, the PBA has created a new series of PBA League logoed baseball caps and s-shirts for each team. To order your cap or t-shirt, visit <http://pba.firelakedesigns.com/>.

- Applications for the \$1,000 PBA Billy Welu Scholarship, recognizing exemplary qualities in male or female college students who compete in bowling, are due by June 15. Candidates must be currently

attending college and maintaining at least a 2.5/4.0 GPA or equivalent. The two-part application can be retrieved using this link <http://www.pba.com/Corporate/Scholarships>. Nominations also can be sent by email to scholarships@pba.com or mailed to PBA Billy Welu Scholarship, 55 E. Jackson Blvd., Suite 401, Chicago, IL 60604.

Kelly Jordon wins PBA Elkhart Central/Midwest Open

Elkhart, Ind. (April 2, 2017) – Kelly Jordon of Marion, Ohio defeated Kris Prather of Plainfield, Ill., 196-181, to win the PBA Elkhart Central/Midwest Open presented by 900 Global at Country Club Lanes Sunday for his second career PBA Regional title and a \$2,000 first prize.

Jordon topped reigning Central Region Rookie of the Year Graham Fach of Guelph, Ontario, 227-224, while Prather downed Jesse Buss of Belvidere, Ill., 277-207, in the semifinal round to set up the championship match.

Prather earned \$1,200 for second place. Fach and Buss each earned \$900 as semifinal round losers.

The next PBA Central Region tournament is the Debbie & Leo Nunan Memorial Central Open in Grove City, Ohio, April 21-23.

PBA ELKHART CENTRAL/MIDWEST OPEN PRESENTED BY 900 GLOBAL
Country Club Lanes, Elkhart, Ind., Sunday

Championship:

Kelly Jordon, Marion, Ohio (\$2,000) def. Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill. (\$1,200), 196-181.

Semifinal Round (losers eliminated and earned \$900 each):

Jordon def. Graham Fach, Canada, 227-224.

Prather def. Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., 277-207.

Round of 8 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$750 each):

Fach def. Aaron Lorincz, Center Line, Mich., 2-0.

Jordon def. Nathan Michalowski, Burlington, Wis., 2-0

Buss def. n-Christopher O'Neil, Hoffman Estates, Ill., 2-0.

Prather def. Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 2-1.

Round of 12 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$600 each):

Michalowski def. Dave Wodka, Beavercreek, Ohio, 2-0.

Buss def. n-Bill Crane, Mooresville, Ind., 2-0.

Prather def. T.J. Schmidt, Mishawaka, Ind., 2-1.

Lorincz def. s-Larry Verble, Mason, Mich., 2-1.

Round of 16 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$500 each):

Lorincz def. B.J. Satkowski, Jackson, Mich., 2-0.

Wodka def. J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 2-1.

Crane def. Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 2-0.

Prather def. Cory Hines, Jackson, Mich., 2-0.

L.L. Bean PBA League Returns to Portland for Bigger, Better, Louder Week of Competition

PORTLAND, Maine - The Professional Bowlers Association will invade Portland April 9-16 for a third consecutive year of competition that promises to be bigger, better and louder than ever.

Significant changes for 2017 include:

- An expanded Bayside Bowl complex, with eight new lanes and a mezzanine overlooking the new lanes where five ESPN television shows will be contested, meaning there will be room for twice as many enthusiastic, energetic and boisterous Maine bowling fans compared to previous years.
- New corporate partners: world-famous Maine-based retailer L.L. Bean will sponsor the 2017 L.L. Bean PBA League Elias Cup competition, and the Maine Office of Tourism's MaineQuarterly.com will sponsor the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship.
- A bigger field of PBA players, thanks to the expansion of Bayside Bowl which allows it to now host the field of 32 teams in the Roth/Holman PBA Doubles Championship.
- In addition to live ESPN coverage of the Roth/Holman Doubles Championship on Sunday, April 16, PBA fans will be able to watch all rounds of the PBA League finals via live streaming on the ESPN3/WatchESPN apps.
- A new Xtra Frame "King of Bowling" Pay Per View event: the match will pit Wes Malott, who won the last King of Bowling match contested in 2009, against 2016 PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett and three-time Player of the Year Jason Belmonte.

"Our goal is to make this event bigger and better every year," said Justin Alford, co-owner of Bayside Bowl. "With L.L. Bean as the title sponsor of the PBA League Elias Cup, our partnership with the Maine Office of Tourism, we have great partners to showcase the best of Maine, and we're planning to add something new every year to build on the excitement."

"We can't wait for the PBA to come back," said Charlie Mitchell, Bayside Bowl's managing partner. "We're welcoming the world's best bowlers, and we already have the most passionate fans in the sport along with incredible sponsors who realize what a big deal this event is for our state."

Maine may rank as one of the nation's smallest states in terms of bowling population, but those who love the sport more than make up for their modest population with a level of enthusiasm that towers over even the most populous of bowling states.

"The electric atmosphere and enthusiasm at Bayside Bowl breathed new life into the PBA League and has made it the event most looked-forward to of the year for our players," said PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark. "Moving into the new building will take things to an even higher level of intensity and excitement."

"Bayside Bowl fans are redefining the fans' role in the PBA. They are a huge part of our commitment to keep coming back to Portland, this year and for the foreseeable future."

The combined "Maine event" will take place from April 9-16, beginning with qualifying rounds for the MaineQuarterly.com Roth/Holman Doubles Championship leading into the live stepladder finals on ESPN on April 16 at 1 p.m. ET. The doubles field includes defending champions Anthony Simonsen and Connor Pickford; 2014 and '15 champs Wes Malott and Norm Duke; PBA Hall of Famers, a slew of PBA Tour title winners, several of the PBA's most talented future stars, international champions, the all-female team of Liz Johnson and Danielle McEwan and more.

PBA fans will be able to watch the preliminary doubles competition on Xtra Frame, PBA's subscription-based live streaming bowling channel, April 10, 11 and 12, or track real time releases on pba.com's Live Scoring feature. For Xtra Frame subscription information and broadcast times, visit pba.com or xtraframe.tv.

Bayside Bowl also will host a new Xtra Frame Pay-Per-View event, called the "King of Bowling," that will be an invitational contest between Wes Malott, who won the last King of Bowling made-for-television special event held in 2009, vs. Tackett and Belmonte, the two more recent PBA Players of the Year and the winners of the last four PBA major championships will bowl a simultaneous three-game match with the winner advancing in a new series of XF pay-per-view events. Coverage of the special event, available exclusively on Xtra Frame for a one-time fee of \$2.99 (also applies to current XF subscribers), will begin at 7 p.m. ET on Wednesday, April 13.

The L.L. Bean PBA League competition begins with a qualifying round for all teams on April 13 to determine seeding positions for the ESPN-televised Baker format elimination rounds. The April 13 qualifying round will be streamed live on Xtra Frame. The Elias Cup competition will be contested on April 15 and 16, and will air on ESPN on four consecutive Sundays at 1 p.m. ET following the doubles telecast: April 23 and 30, and May 7 and May 14.

While the PBA League finals are being taped for delayed telecast on ESPN, fans will be able to watch them in real time on the ESPN3 and WatchESPN live-streaming app. All ESPN telecasts also will simultaneously streamed on ESPN3 and WatchESPN.

For detailed information about L.L. Bean PBA League teams and players, visit <https://www.pba.com/bowlers/theleague>. For L.L. Bean supporting materials, visit: <http://bit.ly/2koMDYz>.

MAINEQUARTERLY.COM MARK ROTH/MARSHALL HOLMAN PBA DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP AND L.L. BEAN PBA LEAGUE ELIAS CUP SCHEDULE
Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine, April 9-16

Sunday, April 9

Noon and 3 p.m. – Roth/Holman Doubles practice sessions

6 p.m. – Full Plates, Full Potential Strike Out Child Hunger pro-am

Monday, April 10

10 a.m. – Roth/Holman Doubles A Squad, 6 individual (12 team) qualifying games

4 p.m. – Roth/Holman Doubles B Squad, 6 individual (12 team) qualifying games

Tuesday, April 11

10 a.m. – Roth/Holman Doubles A Squad, 6 individual (12 team) qualifying games

4 p.m. – Roth/Holman Doubles B Squad, 6 individual (12 team) qualifying games

Top 8 teams based on combined 24-game team totals advance

Wednesday, April 12

10 a.m. – Top 8 teams, 8 Baker format (alternate frame) games

3 p.m. – Top 8 teams, 8 Baker format (alternate frame) games

Top 4 teams after 24 team and 16 Baker format games advance to live ESPN stepladder finals on Sunday, April 16

7 p.m. – Xtra Frame "King of Bowling" pay-per-view match (Wes Malott, EJ Tackett, Jason Belmonte: three-game total pinfall, winner-take-all match)

L.L. BEAN PBA LEAGUE QUALIFYING

Thursday, April 13

Noon – 8 games Baker format qualifying (to determine seeding positions for television)

7 p.m. – Bayside Bowl pro-am

Friday, April 14

Day off

Saturday, April 15 (ESPN PBA League Quarterfinals)

9 a.m. – L.L. Bean/Shipyard Brewing Tailgate Party

Noon – L.L. Bean PBA League Quarterfinals 1 & 2 (to air on ESPN on Sunday, April 23 at 1 p.m. ET)

Team #1 vs. Team #8; Team #5 vs. Team #4

3:30 p.m. – L.L. Bean PBA League Quarterfinals 3 & 4 (to air on ESPN on Sunday, April 30 at 1 p.m. ET)

Team #2 vs. Team #7; Team #6 versus Team #3

7 p.m. – L.L. Bean Music Show

Sunday, April 16 (ESPN Doubles finals, PBA League Semifinals and Finals)

1 p.m. – MaineQuarterly.com Roth/Holman Doubles stepladder finals, live on ESPN

4:30 p.m. – L.L. Bean PBA League Semifinals #1 and #2 (to air on ESPN on Sunday, May 7 at 1 p.m. ET)

7:30 p.m. – L.L. Bean PBA League Elias Cup finals (to air on ESPN on Sunday, May 14 at 1 p.m. ET)

MAINEQUARTERLY.COM MARK ROTH/MARSHALL HOLMAN PBA DOUBLES ROSTER

1, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C./Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio.

2, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas/Shawn Maldonado, Houston.

3, Dom Barrett, England/Osku Palermaa, Finland.

4, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz./Andres Gomez, Colombia.

5, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J./Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla.

6, Andrew Cain, Phoenix/Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz.

7, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla./Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich.

8, John Furey, Freehold, N.J./Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa.

9, w-Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y./w-Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y.

10, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C./Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas.

11, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas/Sam Cooley, Australia.

12, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas/Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla.

13, BJ Moore III, Greensburg, Pa./Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J.

14, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa./Jason Belmonte, Australia.

15, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J./AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill.

16, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla./Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore.

17, James Goulding, Lewiston, Maine/Jimmy Clark, Hermon, N.H.

18, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill./Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y.

19, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind./Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio.

20, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas/Connor Pickford, Plano, Texas.

21, Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio/Graham Fach, Canada.

22, Jesper Svensson, Sweden/Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C.

23, John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y./Francois Lavoie, Canada.

24, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind./Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash.

25, Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I./Matt McNiel, Minneapolis, Minn.

26, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo./Tim Mack, Indianapolis.

27, Stuart Williams, England/Martin Larsen, Sweden.

28, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla./Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich.

29, Dave Wodka, Beavercreek, Ohio/Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla.

30, Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C./Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C.

31, Joseph Ramsdall III, Skowhegan, Maine/w-n-Sarah Pelletier, Lewiston, Maine.
32, Terry Robinson/Charlie Mitchell, Gray, Maine
w-denotes woman; n-denotes non-member.

2017 L.L. BEAN PBA LEAGUE ROSTERS

- Shipyard Dallas Strikers (player-manager Norm Duke): Norm Duke, Tommy Jones, Bill O' Neill, Rhino Page, B.J. Moore.
- GEICO NYC WTT KingPins (manager Carolyn Dorin-Ballard): Pete Weber, Marshall Kent, John Szczerbinski, Danielle McEwan, Sam Cooley.
- Barbasol Motown Muscle (manager Del Ballard Jr.): E.J. Tackett, Anthony Simonsen, Josh Blanchard, Francois Lavoie, Dick Allen.
- L.L. Bean Portland Lumberjacks (manager Tim Mack): Wes Malott, Ryan Ciminelli, Liz Johnson, Kyle Troup, Bryon Smith.
- Live + Work in Maine Silver Lake Atom Splitters (manager Mark Baker): Chris Barnes, Tom Daugherty, Jesper Svensson, Shawn Maldonado, D.J. Archer.
- MaineQuarterly.com Brooklyn Styles (manager Johnny Petraglia): Sean Rash, Parker Bohn III, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Jason Sterner, Jon Van Hees.
- Lee Auto Malls L.A. X (manager Andrew Cain): Jason Belmonte, Stuart Williams, Martin Larsen, Osku Palermaa, Jakob Butturff.
- Sysco Philadelphia Hitmen (manager Jason Couch): Dom Barrett; Tom Smallwood; Chris Loschetter, Ronnie Russell, Dave Wodka.

2017 PBA50 Tour Season Begins With PBA50/PBA60 Doubleheader April 15-20 in New Port Richey, Fla.

The 2017 PBA50 Tour season opens with a PBA50/PBA60 doubleheader when Lane Glo Bowl in New Port Richey, Fla., hosts the PBA60 Killer 'B' Open and the PBA50 Pasco County Florida Open back-to-back April 15-20.

The inaugural Killer 'B' Open, for players ages 60 and over, will take place April 15-17 and will be followed by the Pasco County Florida Open April 18-20. Both events will be covered live in their entirety by PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame.

Defending champion Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., highlights the list of approximately 150 players ages 50 and over who are entered in the Pasco County Florida Open which will be the first of 13 tournaments during the 2017 season.

Williams, the PBA Tour's all-time titles leader with 47 wins, won his 10th career PBA50 Tour title in Pasco County last year by defeating fellow PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., 245-225, in the title match.

The Pasco County win was part of another milestone chapter in the Hall of Famer's more than three decade career in which he won his record 100th career overall title in PBA competition (including PBA Tour, PBA50 Tour, PBA regional and PBA50 regional wins). He achieved the century mark last December in the Decker Appraisal Services Trios regional tournament in Harrisonburg, Va.

Williams' win total now stands at 101 after winning the PBA50 Fayetteville Southern Open regional tournament in Fayetteville, N.C., in March.

Other PBA50 Tour stars expected to compete in New Port Richey will be a host of other Hall of Famers including Tom Baker, 2015 winner Parker Bohn III, 2014 winner Amleto Monacelli, Dale Eagle, Bryan Goebel and Brian Voss. Baker and Eagle will be doing double duty as they will also compete in the PBA60 Killer 'B' Open. Also competing in both events will be defending PBA60 Player of the Year and two-time PBA50 Player of the Year Ron Mohr of Las Vegas.

Two-time defending PBA50 Player of the Year Pete Weber is not expected to compete in New Port Richey, but plans to begin his Player of the Year defense in the UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl in the Villages presented by Radical April 22-25.

The tournament will also mark the return of former Major League Baseball All-Star pitcher John Burkett, who missed most of last year following ankle surgery. Five-time PBA Tour champions Michael Haugen Jr. and Ryan Shafer are expected to make their PBA50 Tour debuts.

Competition begins with PBA60 Killer 'B' Open qualifying on Sunday, April 16 at 8 a.m. ET and continues with match play on Monday, April 17 that will determine the top five for the stepladder finals at noon. PBA50 Pasco County Open qualifying begins Tuesday April 18 at 8 a.m. and continues on April 19 before match play gets underway April 20 which will determine the top five for the stepladder final that will get underway at 4 p.m.

For admission and pro-am information contact Lane Glo Bowl at (727) 376-1164.

For Xtra Frame subscription information visit www.xtraframe.tv.

PBA60 KILLER 'B' OPEN SCHEDULE

Lane Glo Bowl, New Port Richey, Fla.

(All times Eastern)

Saturday, April 15

9 a.m. - Practice Session

3, 5 p.m. - Pro-Am Squads

Sunday, April 16

8 a.m. - Qualifying (6 games)

3 p.m. - Qualifying (6 games)

Top 32 players advance to match play

Monday, April 17

8 a.m. - Match Play (8 games)

Top 5 bowlers advance to a stepladder final

Noon - Stepladder finals

PBA50 PASCO COUNTY FLORIDA OPEN SCHEDULE

Lane Glo Bowl, New Port Richey, Fla.

Monday, April 17

3 - 5 p.m. - Practice Session

Tuesday, April 18

8 a.m. - A squad qualifying (7 games)

1 p.m. - B squad qualifying (7 games)

Wednesday, April 19

8 a.m. - B squad qualifying (7 games)

1 p.m. - A squad qualifying (7 games)

Top 32 bowlers advance to match play

Thursday, April 20

8 a.m. - Match Play Round One (6 games)

Noon - Match Play Round Two (6 games)

Top 5 bowlers advance to a stepladder final

4 p.m. - Stepladder finals

PBA Spare Shots: ESPN3.com, WatchESPN App to Carry PBA League Shows 'Live' on April 15-16

The PBA will again take advantage of today's digital technology, giving fans the opportunity to watch the entire L.L. Bean PBA League telecasts via live video streaming on ESPN3.com and the WatchESPN app on Saturday and Sunday, April 15 and 16, from Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine.

The quarterfinal, semifinal and Elias Cup championship rounds all will be live streamed as they are being recorded for delayed broadcast on ESPN on four consecutive Sundays at 1 p.m. ET, beginning April 23. PBA introduced the ESPN3/WatchESPN live streaming feature for die-hard fans during the GEICO World Series of Bowling VIII in Reno last December.

The addition of live streaming, which means people can easily watch PBA telecasts on mobile devices, laptop computer – even big-screen television with streaming devices that transfer signals – means that 15 of the 17 telecasts ESPN and PBA have produced in the past year have been available live. Only the USA vs. The World and CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational have aired exclusively on a delayed basis.

Combined with PBA's Xtra Frame Tour series, fans will have access to 25 events live via digital outlets this year.

PBA STARS TO REPRESENT U.S. IN BIDS FOR WORLD GAMES GOLD

PBA veteran Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., an 18-time PBA Tour champion and a 13-time member of Team USA, and 23-year-old first-year Team USA member Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., will represent the United States in the 2017 World Games bowling competition July 21-24 in Wroclaw, Poland, along with PBA Tour champion Kelly Kulick of Union, N.J., and PBA member Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, N.Y., who is a member of the L.L. Bean PBA League GEICO New York City WTT KingPins.

The World Games are held every four years for 25 sports that are not included in the Olympic Games. Competition will include women's singles on July 21, men's singles on July 22, women's doubles on July 23 and men's doubles on July 24.

Kulick, who made bowling history when she won the 2010 PBA Tournament of Champions, returns to the World Games where she and PBA champion Mike Fagan, her mixed doubles partner, became the first American players to win bowling gold medals in the 2013 World Games in Cali, Colombia.

DATES FOR PBA-PWBA WOMEN'S REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS SET

The PBA will continue to provide opportunities for women bowlers by hosting a series of PBA-PWBA Women's Regional Championship tournaments during the 2017 season, beginning with this weekend's West Region Women's Championship at Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl in Dublin, Calif.

Other scheduled events include the PBA-PWBA Northwest Women's Championship July 21-23 at Secoma Lanes in Federal Way, Wash.; the East Region championship July 23 at Parkway Lanes in Elmwood Park, N.J.; the Southwest Region championship Aug. 18-20 at Emerald Bowl in Houston, Texas; the South Championship Sept. 8-10 at Lafayette Lanes in Fayetteville, N.C.; the Midwest Championship Sept. 9-10 at Cherry Lanes in Diamond Jo Casino, Dubuque, Iowa, and the Central Championship Oct. 7-8 at Northway Lanes in Muskegon, Mich.

For tournament details, visit pba.com and click on the "schedules" link.

JANAY HAGGERTY NAMED PBA VICE PRESIDENT-MARKETING

Haggerty.Janay_2012WSOBJanay Haggerty, who has been the PBA's behind-the-scenes marketing services and event planning leader for the majority of her 14 years with the organization, has been promoted to PBA Vice President-Marketing, PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark has announced.

Haggerty joined the PBA in 2003 and "has performed admirably in all facets she's been tasked with in the organization, including her most recent role as Director of Events and Community Relations," Clark said. In her new position, she will implement the PBA's marketing strategies and coordinate with other departments and outside partners. She will oversee marketing materials and planning, pba.com, event staging and fan experience, public relations, social media, email communications, pba.com, community events, player communications and licensing initiatives.

THIS WEEK: "PICK THE STORM BALL" FOR PBA BOWLING CHALLENGE MOBILE GAME

Concrete Software's "pick the ball" survey for PBA Bowling Challenge mobile game continues this week with players invited to select a new Storm ball from among three options provided weekly for each PBA-participating brand.

Based on fan voting (click here: http://bit.ly/Storm_17 to cast your vote), the "winning" Storm ball will be available for play on April 21.

A code to purchase the ball for 50% off (the code will be available on PBA's and the specific companies' social media pages) will be posted. Each company also will have a flashback weekend where all its previous balls will be available for that weekend only.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: LAVOIE PERFECT IN SOUTHWEST VICTORY

Reigning PBA Rookie of the Year Francois Lavoie, who rolled the only nationally-televised 300 game in U.S. Open history on his way to the 2016 title, did it again Sunday at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla., defeating collegiate amateur Wesley Low Jr. of Palmdale, Calif., 300-216, to win the sixth annual PBA FireLake Grand Casino Resort Southwest Open presented by MOTIV.

Lavoie, who had advanced to the championship round in his last two Southwest region events only to fall short of victory when his opponents bowled games of 279 and 266, left no opportunity for loss by tossing the event's second 300 game. After qualifying third and receiving byes to advance to the Round of 8, the Canadian native eliminated Mike Edwards of Tulsa, Okla., 2-0, in a best-of-three-game match and then edged PBA Southwest Region Hall of Famer Nathan Bohr of Austin, Texas, 222-201, in the semifinal round.

Low, a two-handed left-hander who is bowling for Wichita State University, qualified ninth and had a longer road to the final. In his opening match, he defeated Joe Findling of Mesquite, Texas, 2-1; PBA rookie and Team USA member AJ Chapman of Manchester, Iowa, 2-0, and Mike Bailey of Irving, Texas, 258-180, to advance to the title match.

The pro-am portion of the event on Friday included a fundraiser for the Shawnee area Big Brothers Big Sisters chapter. FireLake General Manager Chris Skillings announced more than \$20,000 was raised for that cause.

● Chris Warren of Grants Pass, Ore. posted a 4-4 match play record and a 16-game total of 3,786 pins Sunday at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno to win his 47th career PBA Regional title in the PBA Sands Regency West/Northwest Spring Classic presented by Storm.

Warren, who earned \$2,000, defeated Jakob Butturff of Chandler, Ariz., by 78 pins to close to within one title of the record 48 standard PBA Regional titles, held by PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber. Butturff, coming off a record nine PBA Regional titles performance in 2016, had a 6-2 match play record and 3,708 pins for his 16 games.

In the companion PBA50 Open, Ty Dawson of Sunnyvale, Calif., went 4-4 and knocked down 3,659 total pins defeating Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix by four pins to earn a \$1,500 prize, and kicking off the weekend, Casey Knutson of Sparks, Nev., defeated Adam Wilson of Reno, 203-164, to win Friday's PBA Sands Regency Spring Challenge presented by Storm. The Challenge was open to players who had never won a PBA title.

● Puerto Rico national bowling team member Cristian Azcona of Lake Wales, Fla. defeated top qualifier Anthony DeStasio of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., 248-210 to win his first PBA South Regional title Sunday in the PBA Brighton Construction South Open at Myrtle Beach Bowl in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Azcona, a 22-year-old PBA rookie, was nearly flawless in defeating Jeremy Mooney of West Palm Beach, Fla., 299-223, in the first stepladder match. He then eliminated Mike Byers of Charleston, S.C., 258-226, to advance to the title match where he earned \$2,500 for his first win in PBA competition.

● Kelly Jordon of Marion, Ohio defeated Kris Prather of Plainfield, Ill., 196-181, to win the PBA Elkhart Central/Midwest Open presented by 900 Global at Country Club Lanes in Elkhart, Ind., Sunday for his second career PBA Regional title and a \$2,000 first prize.

Jordon topped reigning Central Region Rookie of the Year Graham Fach of Guelph, Ontario, 227-224, while Prather downed Jesse Buss of Belvidere, Ill., 277-207, in the semifinal round to set up the championship match.

● Amateur Tom Adcock of Decatur, Ill., defeated Lennie Boesch of Kenosha, Wis., 222-180, to win the PBA50 Showtime Lanes Midwest/Central Open at Showtime Lanes in Virden, Ill., Sunday. The win was Adcock's third in PBA competition. He earned \$1,500 but he doesn't get credit for the title because he is an amateur.

Adcock defeated Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio, 2-1 in the best-of-three-game semifinal round while Boesch edged Scott Merritt of Iowa City, Iowa, 2-0, in the other match to set up the championship contest.

● April's PBA Regional schedule gets underway this weekend with the PBA50 AMF Fredericksburg (Va.) South Open presented by Radical, followed by the PBA60 Blue Ridge Properties/Kingsport CVB Super Senior Open presented by Storm Monday through Wednesday at Warpath Lanes in Kingsport, Tenn. This weekend also includes of the Pacific Coast's premier events, the PBA, PBA50 and PBA-PWBA Earl Anthony West/Northwest Classic events at Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl in Dublin, Calif.

● The April 14-16 PBA Regional calendar includes the Bowlers Discount Eastern Open presented by Columbia 300 at Brunswick Zone-Normandy in Ellicott City, Md., and the Copperfield Bowl Southwest Challenge presented by Global 900 for non-champions in Houston, Texas.

● The April 21-23 PBA Regional schedule features the Debbie & Leo Nunan Memorial Central Open presented by Track at AMF Stardust Lanes in Grove City, Ohio, and the Jac's Lanes Valdosta South Open in Valdosta, Ga. April 23 also kicks off the PBA West Region's annual tripleheader in Hawaii, including the Hawaii West/Northwest Open presented by Ebonite at Schofield AFB (April 23), the Fort Shafter West/Northwest Hawaii Open in Honolulu (April 26) and the Hickam AFB West/Northwest Open presented by Ebonite (April 28-30).

● April's PBA Regional competition concludes with the PBA50 Cherokee Lanes South Open presented by Roto Grip in Canton, Ga., April 27-29, and the Al Jones Memorial presented by Storm at Rockaway Lanes in Rockaway, N.J., April 28-30.

● For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES

● Late additions to the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship roster next week in Portland, Maine, include Terry Robinson and Charlie Mitchell, Gray, Maine, while James Goulding, Lewiston, Maine, and Jimmy Clark, Hermon, N.H., will replace Steve Pavlinko Sr. and Jr., who withdrew.

● Robert Alman of Murrysville, Pa., is the March winner of a \$200 HotelPlanner.com certificate, redeemable for future lodging expenses, compliments of PBA's official travel partner. The monthly sweepstakes is open to anyone who books a hotel through the HotelPlanner.com link on pba.com. Those who book through HotelPlanner.com are automatically entered.

● Roman Fowler of Cookeville, Tenn., will receive a new high-performance Brunswick ball, Charles Fainberg of Pacifica, Calif., has won a new high-performance MOTIV ball, and Gunther Grinde of Prior Lake, Minn., wins a new DV8 ball as March sweepstakes prizes for subscribing to Xtra Frame. The monthly sweepstakes is sponsored by the respective PBA Product Registered partners. Monthly winners are selected from among new Xtra Frame subscribers, who are automatically entered when they enroll as a monthly or Xtra Frame Season Ticket (full year) subscriber.

8 Years Later, Wes Malott to Defend "Throne" as PBA Revives Made-for-Xtra Frame King of Bowling Series

CHICAGO - After an eight-year hiatus, the Professional Bowlers Association is reviving its made-for-television King of Bowling special event as part of a new Xtra Frame Pay Per View series, with reigning "king" Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, defending his throne during the PBA's return to Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, next week.

The first event in the made-for-Xtra Frame series, which will be available for \$2.99 per event, will pit Malott against two of the PBA's hottest players, 2016 PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., and Australia's Jason Belmonte, who won Player of the Year honors the previous three years, in a three-game total pinfall winner-take-all match. Coverage of the match on Wednesday, April 12, will begin with a pre-game show at 6:30 p.m. ET.

Proceeds from each special pay per view event will determine the prize money paid to the King of Bowling winner. The one-time \$2.99 special event fee will apply to all viewers, including current Xtra Frame subscribers. To sign up for any of the special online video streaming events, visit: http://www.xtraframe.tv/#!liveevent?EV_pid=3574

The King of Bowling series will continue throughout the season with the winner defending his crown in an upcoming PBA Xtra Frame King of Bowling Pay Per View event to be announced. Details will be announced later.

MalottTo recap Malott's dominant reign in the 2009 series held at the Kegel Training Center in Lake Wales, Fla., the then 32-year-old "Sir Strikes-a-lot" defended his King of Bowling crown five consecutive weeks and became the first bowler in PBA history to bowl two nationally-televised 300 games in defeating Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., 300-223, in the KOB finale. During his run, Malott defeated Chris Barnes, 268-214; Patrick Allen, 258-234; Walter Ray Williams Jr., 300-238, and Rhino Page, 257-233, before closing with his perfect victory over Bohn in the made-for-ESPN2 series.

For perspective, Tackett (the winner of the 2016 PBA World Champion and 2017 FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions) was 16 years old when Malott won his last King of Bowling match. Belmonte (the winner of the 2017 Barbasol PBA Players Championship and USBC Masters) had just won his first PBA title in West Babylon, N.Y., on his way to winning 2008-09 PBA Rookie of the Year honors. While the King of Bowling didn't count for any titles, Malott went on to win three PBA Tour titles and PBA Player of the Year honors for the 2008-09 season.

2017 PBA TOUR XTRA FRAME SCHEDULE

May 26-29 – PBA XF Wilmington Open, Ten Pin Alley, Wilmington, N.C.

June 2-4 – PBA XF Jonesboro Open, Jonesboro Bowling Center, Jonesboro, Ark.

June 9-11 – PBA XF Lubbock Sports Open, South Plains Lanes, Lubbock, Texas.

June 23-25 – PBA XF Billy Hardwick Memorial Open, Billy Hardwick's All Star Lanes, Memphis, Tenn.

July 27-30 – PBA-PWBA XF Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, Copperfield Bowl, Houston

Aug. 11-13 - PBA XF Chesapeake Open, AMF Western Branch, Chesapeake, Va.

Aug. 18-10 – PBA XF Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic, Mid-County Bowling & Entertainment, Middletown, Del.

Aug. 25-27 – PBA XF Lefeld Implement Central Classic, Pla-Mor Lanes, Coldwater, Mich.

Jason Belmonte, Bill O’Neill Take 11-Pin Lead After Opening Round of Roth/Holman PBA Doubles

PORTLAND, Maine – Australia’s Jason Belmonte, chasing his third title of 2017, and close friend Bill O’Neill of Langhorne, Pa., averaged 232.67 as a team Monday to take the first round lead in the Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship Monday Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine.

Belmonte, the two-handed star who has already won a pair of PBA major titles in 2017 (the Barbasol PBA Players Championship and a record fourth United States Bowling Congress Masters), and O’Neill rallied in their sixth game to take the lead with 2,792 total pins for their 12 individual games.

Belmonte carried the heavier load, rolling games of 269, 225 and 247 in the “new” side of the newly-renovated Bayside Bowl and then rolled the second 300 game of the tournament when the team moved over to the old section of Bayside for their final three games. Belmonte closed his found with games of 185 and 217. O’Neill started with 189 before ramping it up with games of 246, 235, 236, 206 and 237.

Bayside Bowl, a “boutique” bowling center built on the footprint of an aging furniture warehouse, underwent a major transformation over the winter, adding eight lanes to its original 12 lanes, along with other features to enhance the facility’s social appeal. With 20 lanes available, Bayside was able to accommodate the 32-team PBA doubles championship which is named after two PBA legends who had considerable success themselves as doubles partners. Coincidentally, Monday was Roth’s 65th birthday.

“(Jason) kept me in it early; I played lanes wrong the first game, but then I got things figured out,” said O’Neill, an eight-time PBA Tour winner. “Hopefully I can come back tomorrow and do a little better.”

“I had a good start, but things got rocky a little later,” Belmonte said. “It was just a bit of jet lag kicking in, but overall I’m really happy. I figured the (lane conditioning) pattern today was going to be medium to high scoring, so I wanted to come out of the gate strong.

“The two bays played a little different, but we finished our third game early so we went over and watched the guys play on the other side. I was able to make a good guess and after three frames (of his 300 game), I was pretty confident about bowling a good game.”

In second place, 11 pins behind O’Neill and Belmonte, were Dick Allen of Columbia, S.C., and Zeke Bayt of Westerville, Ohio. Defending champions Connor Pickford of Plano, Texas, and Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas, finished with 2,748 pins, 33 behind Allen and Bayt. Only 26 pins separated third from ninth place.

The 32 teams will bowl six more doubles games Tuesday with the top eight teams after 12 combined doubles games (24 individual games) advancing to two eight-game rounds of Baker format (alternate frame) match play on Wednesdays. Based on combined standard and Baker pinfall totals, the top four teams will advance to the live ESPN stepladder finals on Sunday at 1 p.m. ET. The finals also will be simultaneously streamed live on ESPN3 and the WatchESPN app.

All of the competition Tuesday and Wednesday will be covered live on PBA’s Xtra Frame live streaming service. For subscription information, visit xtraframe.tv.

MARK ROTH/MARSHALL HOLMAN PBA DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine, April 10

First Round Standings (after six doubles games):

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia/Bill O’Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,792.
- 2, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C./Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 2,781.
- 3, Connor Pickford, Plano, Texas/Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 2,748.
- 4, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash./EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2,744.
- 5, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla./Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 2,743.
- 6, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas/Sam Cooley, Australia, 2,740.
- 7 (tie), Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C./Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., and Jesper Svensson, Sweden/Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 2,734.
- 9, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill./Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 2,722.
- 10, Andres Gomez, Colombia/Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz, 2,714.
- 11, Matthew McNiel, Minneapolis/Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 2,706.
- 12, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas/Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,686.
- 13, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas/Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 2,677.
- 14, Martin Larsen, Sweden/Stuart Williams, England, 2,670.

- 15, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa./John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 2,662.
- 16, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore./Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 2,645.
- 17, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla./Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2,631.
- 18, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C./Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,628.
- 19, Dave Wodka, Beavercreek, Ohio/Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 2,626.
- 20, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz./Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 2,619.
- 21 (tie), Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y./Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., and John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y./Francois Lavoie, Canada, 2,613.
- 23, Graham Fach, Canada/Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 2,612.
- 24, BJ Moore III, Greensburg, Pa./Matthew O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 2,582.
- 25, Tim Mack, Indianapolis/Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2,566.
- 26, Osku Palermaa, Finland/Dom Barrett, England, 2,550.
- 27, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J./Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 2,519.
- 28, w-Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y./w-Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 2,513.
- 29, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind./Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 2,488.
- 30, n-James Goulding, Lewiston, Maine/n-Jimmy Clark, Hermon, N.H., 2,432.
- 31, n-Joseph Ramsdell III, Skowhegan, Maine/n-Sarah Pelletier, Lewiston, Maine, 2,353.
- 32, n-Terrence Robinson, Gray, Maine/n-Charlie Mitchell, Portland, Maine, 2,247.

300 Games: Tom Daugherty, Jason Belmonte

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EJ Tackett, Marshall Kent "Having Fun" in Pacing Field into Match Play Finals of Roth/Holman PBA Doubles

PORTLAND, Maine – EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., and Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., Professional Bowlers Association Rookies of the Year for 2013 and 2014, respectively, were "relaxed and having fun" Tuesday as they ransacked the field in the MaineQuarterly.com Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship at Bayside Bowl.

The doubles partners, who characterized themselves as "polar opposites" as far as bowling styles are concerned, averaged a combined 232 for 12 doubles (24 individual) games to lead the field of eight teams that advanced to Wednesday's final qualifying rounds. Their 5,586 pinfall total gave them a 32-pin lead over a pair of two-handed players, Sweden's Jesper Svensson and Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C. First-round leaders Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., and Jason Belmonte of Australia were in third place and defending champions Connor Pickford of Plano, Texas, and Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas, advanced in fifth place.

Tackett, PBA's 2016 Player of the Year, and Kent reunited after bowling together on the 'Merica Rooster Illusion team that won the PBA Team Challenge in Las Vegas last fall, where they found the magical blend they both were looking for.

"I was looking for a personality I could match up with," said Kent, who led the duo by 120 pins with his six-game, 2,863 pinfall total that included a 300 game. "It's easy to find good players to bowl with, but I wanted to bowl with someone I could relax with..." and "...we absolutely do that," said Tackett, finishing Kent's thought.

"Marshall's ball roll is a lot different than mine. He sees the lane a lot differently than I do," Tackett added. "He's hooking the ball; I was throwing a urethane ball and trying to play straighter. The way we bowl, we're polar opposites.

"The team we won with last fall was strategically put together with guys who all have fun," Tackett continued. Other members of their team were Ronnie Russell, Rhino Page and Chris Loschetter. "It's so important in this kind of environment.

"We were ragging on each other all day," Kent chimed in. "There was a lot of banter."

"A lot," Tackett laughed.

"That's why we could save ourselves from bad games," Kent said. "We didn't let anything get us down. We always pulled it back together the next game."

Wednesday's competition will include two eight-game rounds of Baker format (alternate frame) match play at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Based on combined standard and Baker pinfall totals, the top five teams will advance to the live ESPN stepladder finals on Sunday at 1 p.m. ET. The finals also will be simultaneously streamed live on ESPN3 and the WatchESPN app.

Both of Wednesday's match play rounds will be covered live on PBA's Xtra Frame live streaming service. For subscription information, visit xtraframe.tv.

Following Wednesday's final rounds of doubles qualifying, the PBA will present a special pay-per-view King of Bowling match involving Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas; Tackett and Jason Belmonte of Australia in a winner-take-all three-game total pinfall match. Fans can purchase the special match for \$2.99 by visiting http://www.xtraframe.tv/#!liveevent?EV_pid=3574. The special webcast begins at 6:30 p.m. ET.

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Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine, April 11

Second Round Standings (after 12 doubles/24 individual games):

- 1, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash./EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 5,586.
- 2, Jesper Svensson, Sweden/Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 5,552.
- 3, Jason Belmonte, Australia/3, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 5,533.
- 4, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C./Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 5,519.
- 5, Connor Pickford, Plano, Texas/Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 5,442.
- 6, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J./AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 5,441.
- 7, Andres Gomez, Colombia/Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 5,420.
- 8, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas/Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 5,409.

Failed to advance:

- 9, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 2,709/Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 5,404
- 10, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla./Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 5,387.
- 11, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y./Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 5,385.

- 12, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas/Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 5,376
- 13, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas/Sam Cooley, Australia, 5,371.
- 14, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa./John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 5,361.
- 15, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C./Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 5,354.
- 16, Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C./Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C., 5,348.
- 17, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz./Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 5,332.
- 18, Matthew McNeil, Minneapolis/Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 5,325.
- 19, Dave Wodka, Beavercreek, Ohio/Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 5,322.
- 20, Tim Mack, Indianapolis/Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 5,296.
- 21, BJ Moore III, Greensburg, Pa./Matthew O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 5,270.
- 22, Graham Fach, Canada/Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 5,236.
- 23, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore./Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 5,214.
- 24, Martin Larsen, Sweden/Stuart Williams, England, 5,212.
- 25, John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y./Francois Lavoie, Canada, 5,085.
- 26, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla./Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 5,063.
- 27, Dom Barrett, England/Osku Palermaa, Finland, 5,039.
- 28, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind./Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 5,030.
- 29, w-Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y./w-Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 5,002.
- 30, n-Jimmy Clark, Hermon, N.H./n-James Goulding, Lewiston, Maine, 4,989.
- 31, n-Joseph Ramsdell III, Skowhegan, Maine/n-Sarah Pelletier, Lewiston, Maine, 4,931.
- 32, n-Terrence Robinson, Gray, Maine/n-Charlie Mitchell, Portland, Maine, 4,360.

300 Games: Zeke Bayt, Marshall Kent, Tim Mack.

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Just Like Eight Years Earlier, Wes Malott Rolls to Victory in PBA "King of the Hill" Competition

PORTLAND, Maine – Over the past eight years, Wes Malott has undergone knee surgery, added another child to his family and expanded his pro shop business back in Pflugerville, Texas. But when it came time to defend the Professional Bowlers Association's "King of Bowling" crown after that lengthy delay, Malott was more than up to the challenge.

Malott, now 40, a 10-time PBA titlist and Hall of Fame-eligible PBA competitor, rolled games of 238, 256 and 227 Wednesday night for a 721 three-game series and a convincing victory over 2016 PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., and Jason Belmonte of Australia, who recorded 664 and 640 series, respectively, in the revival of the made-for-television King of Bowling special event.

The Xtra Frame Pay Per View series, which aired exclusively on the PBA's live-streaming service that didn't exist the last time Malott won the crown, was conducted as part of the PBA's return to Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, for the MaineQuarterly.com Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship and the L.L. Bean PBA League Elias Cup finals..

Malott dominated the original King of Bowling series at the Kegel Training Center in Lake Wales, Fla., in 2009, winning challenge matches five consecutive weeks against Parker Bohn III, Chris Barnes, Patrick Allen, Walter Ray Williams Jr. and Rhino Page.

"I wish we had been able to do something like this sooner, especially after the performance I had at Kegel," Malott said. "Any time you can compete against the hottest players of the time, it's great fun. It

might not have meant as much to Jason or EJ as it did to me, but it was something I needed to prove to myself.

"I haven't had the drive I need to have lately, so to be able to bowl against the best and take them down in a somewhat convincing manner was enjoyable. It felt a little like a regular TV show, and I haven't been in that position for a while. But that's the reason you do this. It's a whole lot more than the money, and to do it in front of the fans here in Maine was awesome."

Malott will now turn his attention to the L.L. Bean PBA League competition, which gets underway with an eight-game "seeding" round Thursday when all eight teams will bowl to establish bracket positions for this weekend's competition.

And then it's back home to Texas where the now-father of two boys and a daughter will be taking his kids to softball, baseball, bowling events non-stop.

"My wife and I have something going every day until August 2," Malott grinned. "And then school starts."

Two-Handed Teammates Kyle Troup, Jesper Svensson Top Roth/Holman PBA Doubles Stepladder Finalists

PORTLAND, Maine – For the first time in Professional Bowlers Association history, a team of two-handed players will compete for the title as top qualifiers for the MaineQuarterly.com Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship finals at Bayside Bowl Sunday at 1 p.m. ET on ESPN.

Kyle Troup, a 25-year-old right-handed two-hander from Taylorsville, N.C., and Jesper Svensson, a 22-year-old left-handed two-handed player from Sweden, rolled a 289 in the 40th and final "alternate frame" game Wednesday to take the top berth in Sunday's stepladder finals away from EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., and Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash.

Troup, who owns one PBA Tour title, and Svensson, the first player to win five PBA Tour titles by age 21,

finished qualifying with a composite total of 9,353 pins for 24 individual games and 16 alternate-frame games, topping Tackett and Kent by 21 pins with their big closing game. Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., and partner Jason Belmonte of Australia, qualified third, and Dick Allen of Columbia, S.C., and first-time TV finalist Zeke Bayt of Westerville, Ohio, qualified fourth. DJ Archer of Friendswood, Texas, and partner Shawn Maldonado

of Houston claimed the fifth spot in the finals, holding off defending champions Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas, and Connor Pickford of Plano, Texas, by 26 pins.

Troup and Svensson are two of four two-handed players to advance to the stepladder finals. Belmonte and Maldonado also bowl with both hands. Among the finalists, Bayt and Maldonado are the only non-title winners.

Troup is known for his Afro hairstyle and wearing the same kind of colorful clothing his equally-flamboyant father, eight-time PBA winner Guppy Troup, wore. And he said he is converting the normally-conservative Svensson to his distinctive apparel for Sunday's finals.

The two players had never bowled together prior to Maine, but it was a match against each other that led to their partnership.

"Jesper initiated it," Troup said. "We were bowling against each other in the Las Vegas Open last fall, and in the middle of the match, he asked me if I wanted to bowl the doubles tournament with him. I think he wanted to rattle me, but we've spent a lot of time together ever since."

"The first time I met Kyle, I decided he was a cool guy – a great bowler and a good person," Svensson said. "We have developed good chemistry. We've been joking around since then about bowling together. We said we were going to bowl for the title in Portland, and here we are."

Although they bowl on opposite sides of the lane, they are able to communicate well.

"That last round was exciting," Troup said of the final eight games, where the lead changed almost every game. "We knew we had a little cushion going into the final round. We had a bad game and got frazzled for a few minutes, but we let it go."

"We decided we weren't going to look at the scoreboard, just bowl," Svensson said.

"Going into the final game, we knew we were one pin out of the lead," Troup said. "I told Jesper I had five good shots in me if he did."

The pair started the final game with 10 strikes before Troup left a solid 10 pin to end their bid for a perfect game.

In addition to airing live on ESPN Sunday at 1 p.m. ET, the finals will be simultaneously streamed live on ESPN3 and the WatchESPN app.

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Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine, April 12

Final Qualifying Standings (after 16 alternate frame and 24 individual games; top five advance to ESPN stepladder finals Sunday at 1 p.m. ET):

- 1, Jesper Svensson, Sweden/Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 9,353.
- 2, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind./Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 9,332.
- 3, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa./Jason Belmonte, Australia, 9,229.
- 4, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C./Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 9,144.
- 5, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas/Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas, 9,141.
- 6, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas/Connor Pickford, Plano, Texas, 9,115, \$7,000.
- 7, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz./Andres Gomez, Colombia, 8,981, \$7,000.
- 8, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J./AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 8,841, \$5,500.

GEICO NYC WTT KingPins Earn No. 1 Seed for Saturday's L.L. Bean PBA League Quarterfinals

PORTLAND, Maine – The GEICO New York City WTT KingPins, winners of the inaugural PBA League Elias Cup championship in 2013, earned the No. 1 seed for this weekend's L.L. Bean PBA League finals at Bayside Bowl, averaging 240.63 to pace the eight teams of Professional Bowlers Association stars who bowled for seeding positions during an eight-game qualifying round at Bayside Bowl Thursday.

The KingPins, led by PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber and including returning team members Marshall Kent and John Szczerbinski along with newcomers Danielle McEwan and Sam Cooley, led the qualifying round by 35 pins over the Live + Work in Maine Silver Lake Atom Splitters, the only team that has won the Elias Cup twice.

The KingPins, as the No. 1 team, will meet the No. 8 Sysco Philadelphia Hitmen in their opening match of the single-elimination bracket competition that begins Saturday. PBA League competition will involve best-of-two-game Baker format matches in which team play requires each of the five players to bowl

two frames to complete a game. In the best-of-two-game competition, if a match ends in a tie, one player from each team will throw one shot in a sudden-death roll-off until the outcome is decided.

“I don’t think qualifying first means much other than it was a good opportunity to see how we meshed with our new players (McEwan and Cooley),” KingPins manager Carolyn Dorin-Ballard said. “Danielle is really solid in the leadoff position and Sam just fit right in. So we’re ready to kick butt and take names.”

The quarterfinal rounds will be contested at noon and 3 p.m. ET Saturday. Saturday’s winners advance to the semifinal round matches at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, followed by the Elias Cup championship match at 7 p.m. The final match will involve singles, doubles and trios matches worth one point each, and a five-player team contest worth three points. If the match is tied, it will be settled by a one-ball sudden-death roll-off. All PBA League matches will be recorded for delayed telecast on ESPN, but also will be live-streamed on ESPN3/WatchESPN as they happen.

Sunday’s PBA League matches will follow the MaineQuarterly.com Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship finals that will air live on ESPN at 1 p.m.

Past PBA League Elias Cup winners include the GEICO NYC WTT KingPins in 2013, the Bass Pro Shops Silver Lake Atom Splitters in 2014 and 2015, and the GoBowling.com Dallas Strikers in 2016. Past Mark Roth Most Valuable Player Award winners were Chris Barnes (2014), Dick Allen (2015) and Tommy Jones (2016). The award wasn’t presented in 2013.

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Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine, April 13

L.L. Bean PBA League Qualifying Results (after 8 games; finishing position determines the team’s seeding for the PBA League finals):

1, GEICO NYC WTT KingPins (manager Carolyn Dorin-Ballard; Pete Weber, Marshall Kent, John Szczerbinski, Danielle McEwan, Sam Cooley), 1,925.

2, Live + Work in Maine Silver Lake Atom Splitters (manager Mark Baker; Chris Barnes, Tom Daugherty, Jesper Svensson, Shawn Maldonado, DJ Archer), 1,890.

3, L.L. Bean Portland Lumberjacks (manager Tim Mack; Wes Malott, Ryan Ciminelli, Liz Johnson, Kyle Troup, Bryon Smith), 1,877.

4, Shipyard Dallas Strikers (player-manager Norm Duke; Norm Duke, Tommy Jones, Bill O'Neill, Rhino Page, BJ Moore), 1,872.

5, Lee Auto Malls L.A. X (manager Andrew Cain; Jason Belmonte, Stuart Williams, Martin Larsen, Osku Palermmaa, Jakob Butturff), 1,837.

6, Barbasol Motown Muscle (manager Del Ballard Jr.; EJ Tackett, Anthony Simonsen, Josh Blanchard, Francois Lavoie, Dick Allen), 1,814.

7, MaineQuarterly.com Brooklyn Styles (manager Johnny Petraglia; Sean Rash, Parker Bohn III, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Jason Sterner, Jon Van Hees), 1,808.

8, Sysco Philadelphia Hitmen (manager Jason Couch; Dom Barrett; Tom Smallwood; Chris Loschetter, Ronnie Russell, Dave Wodka), 1,781.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15 (ESPN PBA League Quarterfinals)

9 a.m. – L.L. Bean/Shipyard Brewing Tailgate Party

Noon – L.L. Bean PBA League Quarterfinals (live on ESPN3/WatchESPN;; ESPN telecast Sunday, April 23 at 1 p.m. ET)

Match One: GEICO NYC WTT KingPins vs. Sysco Philadelphia Hitmen.

Match Two: Lee Auto Malls L.A. X vs. Shipyard Dallas Strikers.

3:30 p.m. – L.L. Bean PBA League Quarterfinals (live on ESPN3/WatchESPN; ESPN telecast Sunday, April 30 at 1 p.m. ET)

Match Three: Live + Work in Maine Silver Lake Atom Splitters vs. MaineQuarterly.com Brooklyn Styles.

Match Four: Barbasol Motown Muscle vs. L.L. Bean Portland Lumberjacks.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16 (ESPN Doubles Finals, PBA League Semifinals and Finals)

1 p.m. – MaineQuarterly.com Roth/Holman Doubles stepladder finals, live on ESPN

Match One: Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C./Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, vs. DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas/Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas.

Match Two: Match One winner vs. Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa./Jason Belmonte, Australia.

Semifinal Match: Match Two winner vs. EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind./Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash.

Championship: Semifinal Match winner vs. Jesper Svensson, Sweden/Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C.

4:30 p.m. – L.L. Bean PBA League Semifinals (live on ESPN3/WatchESPN; ESPN telecast Sunday, May 7 at 1 p.m. ET)

Semifinal Match One: Winner Match One vs. Winner Match Two.

Semifinal Match Two: Winner Match Three vs. Winner Match Four.

7 p.m. – L.L. Bean PBA League Elias Cup finals (live on ESPN3/WatchESPN; ESPN telecast Sunday, May 14 at 1 p.m. ET)

Kyle Troup, Jesper Svensson Make History in Winning Roth/Holman PBA Doubles Championship

PORTLAND, Maine – Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C., and Sweden’s Jesper Svensson became the first team of two-handed players to win the MaineQuarterly.com Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship Sunday at Bayside Bowl, throwing a closing string of 10 consecutive strikes to defeat Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., and EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., 279-195, in the title match.

Troup, a 25-year-old right-handed two-hander, and Svensson, a 22-year-old who throws from the left side, made the title contest a rout after Tackett left a 4-7-10 split in the fourth frame and failed to convert. Troup won his only other PBA Tour title in the 2015 Wolf Open. Svensson, PBA’s 2015 Rookie of the Year, won for the sixth time.

The young two-handed players, the top qualifiers coming into the finals, kept the sold out crowd at Bayside Bowl roaring throughout the match. Ironically, they decided to bowl as doubles partners last fall during a tournament in Las Vegas where they were bowling against each other in match play. Despite throwing the ball from opposite sides of the lane, they bowled like fraternal twins in Maine.

“It was fantastic,” Svensson said. “The first couple of shots we were a little firm, but we were locked in after that. We’ve been talking about this day for four months, and now here we are. We got it.”

“We worked together great all week,” Troup added. “We kept each other in the moment, and that’s what really worked for us. We repeated shots, and what’s what you have to do in this game.

“I told Jesper before the finals that we had already made history by becoming the first team of two-handers to bowl for a doubles title, so we might as well win it, too.”

In the semifinal match, Kent and Tackett, the PBA's 2013 and '14 Rookies of the Year, respectively out-struck first-time television finalist Zeke Bayt of Westerville, Ohio, and PBA Tour veteran Dick Allen of Columbia, S.C., 248-228, to advance to the championship match.

In the opening match, Bayt left a 4 pin on his first shot on television and converted the spare before he and Allen threw 10 consecutive strikes in a 287-194 romp past Texas teammates DJ Archer of Friendswood and Shawn Maldonado of Houston.

Bayt and Allen continued to pound the pocket in match two, throwing strikes on seven of their first eight shots on their way to a 244-211 victory over Australia's Jason Belmonte and Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa. Belmonte struggled to carry on the right lane while O'Neill struck on six of his seven shots in the alternate-frame game, but it was Belmonte's 3-4-6-7-10 split in the seventh frame that ended the team's hopes.

The PBA Tour on ESPN continues the next four Sundays at 1 p.m. ET with quarterfinal, semifinal and championship round coverage of the L.L.Bean PBA League Elias Cup competition. Next Sunday's quarterfinal matches will include best-of-two-game Baker format matches between Pete Weber's GEICO NYC WTT KingPins and the Sysco Philadelphia Hitmen, led by England's Dom Barrett. The second match features Belmonte's Lee Auto Malls L.A.X team vs. the defending Elias Cup champion Shipyard Dallas Strikers led by player-manager Norm Duke.

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Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine, April 16

Final Standings:

- 1, Jesper Svensson, Sweden/Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., \$24,000.
- 2, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind./Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., \$12,000.
- 3, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C./Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio,, \$10,000.
- 4, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa./Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$9,000.
- 5, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas/Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas, \$8,000.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Bayt/Allen def. Archer/Maldonado, 287-194.

Match Two – Bayt/Allen def. O’Neill/Belmonte, 244-211.

Semifinal Match – Kent/Tackett def. Bayt/Allen, 248-228.

Championship – Troup/Svensson def. Kent/Tackett, 279-195.

2016 PBA60 Player of the Year Ron Mohr Averages 232.5 to Top Qualifying in PBA60 Killer ‘B’ Open

Two-time PBA50 Player of the Year, and defending PBA60 Player of the Year Ron Mohr of Las Vegas, averaged 232.5 to top qualifying in the PBA60 Killer ‘B’ Open at Lane Glo Bowl leading 32 players into Monday’s match play round.

Mohr, who is still trying for his first title in a PBA60 event (for players 60 and over), finished with a 1,401 pinfall total in the first six-game block Sunday and followed it up with 1,390 in the second for a 2,791 overall pinfall to edge four-time PBA50 Player of the Year Tom Baker of King, N.C., in second with 2,785.

“I bowled really well last year but could never finish the deal,” said Mohr, an eight-time PBA50 Tour winner. “That’s why I’ve really been excited about getting back out here and see what I can do about that.

“I don’t know how much I can tell from qualifying today but it’s a good start and a good confidence builder to be sure,” Mohr added. “I had a bad fourth game in the second block mainly because I didn’t have a good read on that pair but overall things were good.”

Last season Mohr had a combined eight top-five finishes in PBA50 and PBA60 events with a best of second in the PBA50 UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl In The Villages and the PBA60 Dick Weber Classic. His last win on the PBA50 Tour came in the 2012 PBA Senior Decatur (Ill.) Open.

Rounding out the top five were Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C., 2,778; Sam Maccarone, Blackwood, N.J., 2,769, and Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 2,764.

After Monday’s match play round, the top five players will be determined for the stepladder finals at noon ET.

The PBA50 Pasco County Florida Open, for players 50 and over, begins Tuesday at Lane Glo Bowl with first round qualifying. Qualifying continues on Wednesday which will determine the top 32 players who will advance to match play on Thursday. The top five players will advance to the stepladder finals at 4 p.m.

Both tournaments are streamed live on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. For Xtra Frame subscription and schedule information visit www.xtraframe.tv.

PBA60 KILLER 'B' OPEN

Lane Glo Bowl, New Port Richey, Fla., Sunday

Second Round Standings (after 12 games)

Top 32 players advance to match play

- 1, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 2,791.
- 2, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 2,785.
- 3, Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C., 2,778.
- 4, Sam Maccarone, Blackwood, N.J., 2,769.
- 5, Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 2,764.
- 6, Ken Gibson, Greenville, S.C., 2,717.
- 7, Michael Chrzanowski, Shepherd, Mich., 2,690.
- 8, Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 2,687.
- 9, Bill Hewlett, Las Vegas, 2,680.
- 10, Emilio Mora Sr., Defiance, Ohio, 2,679.
- 11, Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 2,667.

- 12, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 2,666.
- 13, Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 2,660.
- 14, n-Tom Milton, St. Petersburg, Fla., 2,649.
- 15, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 2,647.
- 16, n-John Weltzien, Wellington, Fla., 2,634.
- 17, Bob Kelly, Dayton, Ohio, 2,630.
- 18, Mark Scime, Winter Garden, Fla., 2,629.
- 19, Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 2,627.
- 20, Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 2,619.
- 21, David Goldenberg, Holtsville, N.Y., 2,616.
- 22, Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 2,615.
- 23, Bill Nichols, Bella Vista, Ark., 2,614.
- 24, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 2,603.
- 25, Chuck Richardson, The Villages, Fla., 2,596.
- 26, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 2,584.
- 27, Dennis Lane, Kingsport, Tenn., 2,582.
- 28, Michael Truitt, New Port Richey, Fla., 2,575.
- 29, Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wisc., 2,573.
- 30, Charlie Tomey, Spartanburg, S.C., 2,572.
- 31, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 2,568.
- 32, n-Widmar Vargas, Sun City Center, Fla., 2,567.

Failed to advance:

- 33, Mark Everette, Aliquippa, Pa., 2,565.
- 34, Danny Gould, Palm Bay, Fla., 2,564.
- 35, James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 2,561.
- 36, Keith Glasgow, St. Petersburg, Fla., 2,559.
- 37, Nick Morgan, Sacramento, Calif., 2,552.
- 38, (tie) Tommy Brodowski, New Hyde Park, N.Y., and Ross McDonald, Clarksville, Md., 2,549.

- 40, John Younger, Winston-Salem, N.C., 2,543.
- 41, n-Brian Brazeau, Ocala, Fla., 2,522.
- 42, Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 2,517.
- 43, ss-Larry Williams, St. Augustine, Fla., 2,510.
- 44, n-Lucy Sandelin, Tampa, Fla., 2,503.
- 45, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 2,500.
- 46, n-Steve Kiss, Clackamas, Ore., 2,497.
- 47, Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 2,494.
- 48, Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., 2,490.
- 49, Dale Eagle, Twin Falls, Idaho, 2,482.
- 50, William Keenan Jr., Orlando, Fla., 2,467.
- 51, Pete Bryan, Laurel, Del., 2,465.
- 52, n-Chuck Ludwig, Treasure Island, Fla., 2,463.
- 53, Rich Giragosian, Charlotte, N.C., 2,457.
- 54, Donald MacDonald Jr., Seminole, Fla., 2,453.
- 55, Jim Lesiuk, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 2,448.
- 56, Charlie Gadd, Lake Worth, Fla., 2,444.
- 57, James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 2,440.
- 58, (tie) Bob Chamberlain, The Villages, Fla., and Nick Panicaro, Ocala, Fla., 2,435.
- 60, Mark McNutt, Alpharetta, Ga., 2,427.
- 61, Edward Roberts, Braintree, Mass., 2,422.
- 62, Stephen Lippman, Palm Harbor, Fla., 2,419.
- 63, n-Frank Cascio, Tonawanda, N.Y., 2,411.
- 64, Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 2,410.
- 65, Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 2,401.
- 66, n-Kenneth Smith, Spring Hill, Fla., 2,393.
- 67, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 2,380.
- 68, n-Patrick Trudeau, St. Petersburg, Fla., 2,379.
- 69, Mark Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 2,372.

- 70, Ron Glick, Morganville, N.J., 2,366.
- 71, n-Stan Sprow, Lakeland, Fla., 2,364.
- 72, Ken Waters, Kingsport, Tenn., 2,362.
- 73, n-Joe Barna, Stuart, Fla., 2,359.
- 74, Gary Morgan, Atlanta, 2,347.
- 75, Lee Rautenberg, Boynton Beach, Fla., 2,339.
- 76, (tie) William Banks, Laurel Hill, N.C., and Steven Grotowski, Ft Lauderdale, Fla, 2,336.
- 78, James Souder, Greeneville, Tenn., 2,326.
- 79, n-Roger Kossert, Lithia, Fla., 2,321.
- 80, Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 2,308.
- 81, Lindell Woolard, Tallahassee, Fla., 2,306.
- 82, Lucien Casagrande, Canada, 2,296.
- 83, Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 2,287.
- 84, Jim Dilyard, Burbank, Ohio, 2,285.
- 85, n-Ron Wagner, Cinnaminson, N.J., 2,282.
- 86, (tie) Richard Felten, Rockville, Md., and n-Joseph Woznicki, Lakeland, Fla., 2,263.
- 88, Peter Brainard, Tampa, Fla., 2,261.
- 89, Don Lane, San Francisco, 2,224.
- 90, n-Chris Patton, Park City, Utah, 2,205.
- 91, John Thomas, Fort Myers, Fla., 2,194.
- 92, Lonnie Dyer, Charlotte, N.C., 2,175.
- 93, Sidney Stafford, Texas City, Texas, 2,148.
- 94, n-David Titer, Land O' Lakes, Fla., 2,114.
- 95, Randy Mitchell, Mechanicsburg, Ohio, 2,101.

Tom Baker Survives 10th Frame Shootout with Ron Mohr To Win PBA60 Killer 'B' Open

Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer and Four-time PBA50 Player of the Year Tom Baker of King, N.C., survived a 10th frame shootout in the title match to win the PBA60 Killer 'B' Open at Lane Glo Bowl Monday for his first PBA60 title.

Baker, who had thrown a double and nine-count to finish with a 247 game, had to wait in the wings as tournament top qualifier two-time PBA50 Player of the Year Ron Mohr of Las Vegas, had a chance to win the match by one pin with three strikes in the 10th frame. Mohr threw the first two strikes but on the third shot left the 2-4-8 to finish with 245.

"That was a great back and forth match," said Baker, who is a 12-time winner on the PBA50 Tour and 10-time winner on the PBA Tour. "You couldn't ask for more than that.

"It's very rewarding when you can win with a big finish," the 62-year-old Baker added. "The way Ron was bowling I expected he would probably do the same thing but it looked like he got the ball a little inside in the oil and the ball didn't have a chance to finish."

For Baker it was his first national tournament title since winning the 2014 PBA50 Dayton Classic. In 2016, on the PBA50 Tour, he had four top-five finishes with a best of third in the Mooresville Classic.

"I'm looking forward to a good season," Baker said. "To get a win right out of the gate really adds to your confidence so hopefully there will be more to come."

Mohr, an eight-time PBA50 Tour winner, who was trying for his first national PBA tournament win since capturing the 2012 PBA50 Senior Decatur (Ill.) Open title, had a combined eight top-five finishes in PBA50 and PBA60 tournaments in 2016 with a best finish of second in the UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl In The Villages and PBA60 Dick Weber Classic.

In the semifinal match, Mohr beat John Dudak of Orland Park, Ill., 236-231, to advance to the final. Dudak, beat Mike Chrzanowski of Shepherd, Mich., 257-215 in the opening match and Don Blatchford of Santa Monica, Calif., 203-151, in the second match to advance to the semifinal against Mohr.

All five players will join a field of approximately 150 players, including defending champion Walter Ray Williams Jr., for the PBA50 Pasco County Florida Open which begins Tuesday at Lane Glo Bowl with first round qualifying. Qualifying continues on Wednesday which will determine the top 32 players who will

advance to match play on Thursday. The top five players will advance to the stepladder finals at 4 p.m. ET.

The Pasco County Florida Open will also be streamed live on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. For Xtra Frame subscription and schedule information visit www.xtraframe.tv.

PBA60 KILLER 'B' OPEN

Lane Glo Bowl, New Port Richey, Fla., Monday

Final Standings:

1, Tom Baker, King, N.C., \$7,500

2, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, \$4,000

3, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., \$3,000

4, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., \$2,000

5, Mike Chrzanowski, Shepherd, Mich., \$1,750.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Dudak def. Chrzanowski, 257-215.

Match Two – Dudak def. Blatchford, 203-151.

Semifinal Match – Mohr def. Dudak, 236-231.

Championship – Baker def. Mohr, 247-245.

Second Round Standings

(Top five advance to stepladder finals. Includes match play record and 20-game total pinfall including bonus)

1, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 7-1, 4,870.

2, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 5-3, 4,757.

3, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 7-1, 4,756.

4, (tie) John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 6-2, and Michael Chrzanowski, Shepherd, Mich., 6-2, 4,720.

6, Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C., 4-4, 4,688, \$1,600.

7, Emilio Mora Sr., Defiance, Ohio, 7-1, 4,660, \$1,500.

8, Sam Maccarone, Blackwood, N.J., 3-5, 4,645, \$1,450.

9, Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 3-5, 4,624, \$1,400.

10, Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 4-4, 4,595, \$1,375.

11, Bill Nichols, Bella Vista, Ark., 5-3, 4,578, \$1,350.

12, Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 5-3, 4,575, \$1,325.

13, Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 4-4, 4,570, \$1,288.

13, Bill Hewlett, Las Vegas, 5-3, 4,570, \$1,288.

15, Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 5-3, 4,556, \$1,250.

16, Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 3-5, 4,538, \$1,225.

17, Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 4-4, 4,514, \$1,200.

18, Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 3-5, 4,506, \$1,190.

- 19, Chuck Richardson, The Villages, Fla., 4-4, 4,493, \$1,180.
- 20, n-John Weltzien, Wellington, Fla., 4-4, 4,490, \$1,170.
- 21, n-Widmar Vargas, Sun City Center, Fla., 4-4, 4,480, \$1,160.
- 22, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 4-4, 4,464, \$1,150.
- 23, Charlie Tomey, Spartanburg, S.C., 4-4, 4,415, \$1,140.
- 24, (tie) Mark Scime, Winter Garden, Fla., 3-5, and Bob Kelly, Dayton, Ohio, 3-5, 4,399, \$1,125.
- 26, n-Tom Milton, St. Petersburg, Fla., 3-5, 4,379, \$1,110.
- 27, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 2-6, 4,377, \$1,100.
- 28, Ken Gibson, Greenville, S.C., 2-6, 4,360, \$1,090.
- 29, Michael Truitt, New Port Richey, Fla., 4-4, 4,345, \$1,080.
- 30, David Goldenberg, Holtsville, N.Y., 1-7, 4,342, \$1,070.
- 31, Dennis Lane, Kingsport, Tenn., 3-5, 4,300, \$1,060.
- 32, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1-7, 4,180, \$1,050.3

Mohr Rebounds From PBA60 Loss to Take First Round Lead In PBA50 Pasco County Florida Open

After a tough loss in the championship match of Monday's PBA60 Killer 'B' Open, two-time PBA50 Player of the Year Ron Mohr of Las Vegas averaged 244 to take the first round lead in the PBA50 Pasco County Florida Open Tuesday at Lane Glo Bowl.

Mohr, an eight-time PBA50 Tour winner, had games of 218, 247, 279, 253, 258, 237 and 217 for a 1,709 seven-game pinfall total to lead the 140-player field.

Mohr lost the Killer 'B' Open title match when he threw a seven-count on the final ball of the 10th frame giving PBA Hall of Famer Tom Baker of King, N.C., the 247-245 win.

"Sure, it was disappointing but I look at the big picture," said Mohr, who was PBA50 Player of the Year in 2009 and 2011. "Looking back, I bowled really well in the tournament and to be able to shoot 240 in the title match against a Hall of Famer like Tom, it softens the disappointment somewhat.

"I'm still bowling with a lot of confidence and feel like it's just a matter of time before I get it done," Mohr added. "I just need to step it up a little bit."

Mohr, the 2016 PBA60 Player of the Year (for players 60 and over), had a combined eight PBA50 and PBA60 top-five finishes last season which included two runner-up finishes. He's trying to win his first PBA50 Tour event since the 2012 Senior Decatur (Ill.) Open.

Mohr holds a 36-pin lead over Steve Pavlinko of Sewell, N.J., in second with 1,673, followed by Brian LeClair of Delmar, N.Y., 1,671; Hall of Famer Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 1,657, and Don Breeden of Clive, Iowa, 1,648, rounding out the top five.

Defending champion Hall of Famer and 10-time PBA50 Tour winner Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., finished sixth after the first round with a 1,641 pinfall.

Baker, who is tied for second on the all-time PBA50 Tour titles list with Gary Dickinson and Dale Eagle at 12 wins, finished 14th with 1,582.

Qualifying continues Wednesday which will determine the top 32 players who will advance to match play on Thursday. The top five players will advance to the stepladder finals at 4 p.m. ET.

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PBA50 PASCO COUNTY FLORIDA OPEN

Lane Glo Bowl, New Port Richey, Fla., Tuesday

FIRST ROUND

(after seven games)

- 1, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1,709.
- 2, Steve Pavlinko, Sewell, N.J., 1,673.
- 3, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 1,671.
- 4, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 1,657.
- 5, Don Breeden, Clive, Iowa, 1,648.
- 6, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,641.
- 7, Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 1,629.
- 8, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,627.
- 9, James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 1,603.
- 10, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,595.
- 11, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 1,594.
- 12, Glenn Smith, New York, 1,593.
- 13, John Donovan, Melbourne, Fla., 1,587.
- 14, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,582.
- 15, (tie) Peter Knopp, Germany, and John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 1,577.
- 17, Billy Block, Pembroke Pines, Fla., 1,570.
- 18, Patrick Shipley, Spring Valley, Calif., 1,568.
- 19, Nick Morgan, Sacramento, Calif., 1,557.
- 20, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 1,553.
- 21, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,552.
- 22, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,549.
- 23, Todd Haney, Boiling Springs, S.C., 1,543.
- 24, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 1,540.
- 25, William Peters, Dayton, Ohio, 1,539.
- 26, Sam Maccarone, Blackwood, N.J., 1,536.
- 27, Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 1,534.
- 28, Tommy Brodowski, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 1,530.
- 29, Pete Thomas, Oklahoma City, Okla., 1,527.

- 30, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 1,524.
- 31, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,521.
- 32, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1,520.
- 32, Mark Everette, Aliquippa, Pa., 1,520.
- 34, Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 1,519.
- 34, (tie) Mark Scime, Winter Garden, Fla., and Ken Fishman, Lutz, Fla., 1,519.
- 37, (tie) Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., and Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 1,518.
- 39, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 1,517.
- 40, (tie) Scott Greiner, Platte City, Mo., Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., and Bill Nichols, Bella Vista, Ark., 1,512.
- 43, Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 1,511.
- 44, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,506.
- 45, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 1,503.
- 46, Warren Burr, Wilmington, Del., 1,502.
- 47, Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 1,501.
- 48, Harry Wright, Venice, Fla., 1,500.
- 49, Ken Waters, Kingsport, Tenn., 1,499.
- 50, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 1,496.
- 51, (tie) Terry Rohrer, Ft. Wayne, Ind., and Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 1,494.
- 53, Bobby Sense, Jr., Massillon, Ohio, 1,492.
- 54, Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 1,491.
- 55, Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 1,487.
- 56, Doug Becker, Clermont, Fla., 1,484.
- 57, Dave Sill, Titusville, Fla., 1,477.
- 58, Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 1,471.
- 59, William Banks, Laurel Hill, N.C., 1,468.
- 60, (tie) Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., and Jerry Brunette Jr., Rochester, N.Y., 1,466.
- 62, (tie) n-Joe Barna, Stuart, Fla., and n-Widmar Vargas, Sun City Center, Fla., 1,464.
- 64, (tie) Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., and Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 1,463.

66, Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 1,461.

67, (tie) John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., and n-James Campbell, Clearwater, Fla., 1,459.

69, (tie) Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, and Doug O'Bryant, Ball Ground, Ga., 1,457.

71, (tie) Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., and Charlie Gadd, Lake Worth, Fla., 1,455.

73, n-John Thomspon, Sarasota, Fla., 1,448.

74, Dale Eagle, Twin Falls, Idaho, 1,446.

75, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 1,443.

76, Michael Truitt, New Port Richey, Fla., 1,440.

77, Steve Kenyon, Dade City, Fla., 1,439.

78, n-William Tramel, Crawfordville, Fla., 1,438.

79, (tie) Harry Alchin III, Madeira Beach, Fla., and Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 1,437.

81, (tie) Ron Glick, Morganville, N.J., and Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,431.

83, Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 1,429.

84, Tommy Martin, Olive Branch, Miss., 1,423.

85, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 1,421.

85, n-Edward Irwin, Hudson, Fla., 1,421.

87, (tie) Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., and Darryl Dempsey, Pinellas Park, Fla., 1,418.

89, (tie) Dennis Lane, Kingsport, Tenn., and James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 1,417.

91, n-John Stronka, Davie, Fla., 1,412.

92, Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 1,406.

93, John Kidwell, Indianapolis, Ind., 1,398.

94, Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 1,394.

95, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1,393.

96, Mike Keough, Stockton, Calif., 1,390.

97, James Deplanche, Taylor, Mich., 1,387.

98, Han Chen, Wellington, Fla., 1,384.

99, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,379.

100, n-Peter Hernandez, Land O Lakes, Fla., 1,378.

101, (tie) David Taylor, Largo, Fla., and Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,373.

103, Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 1,372.

104, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 1,364.

105, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 1,363.

106, Larry Gross, Ocala, Fla., 1,361.

107, John Dougherty III, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., 1,359.

108, n-Jeffery Roberson, Land O' Lakes, Fla., 1,358.

109, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 1,353.

110, Michael Owen, Gainesville, Fla., 1,350.

111, Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 1,349.

112, James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 1,342.

113, Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 1,341.

114, Edward Roberts, Braintree, Mass., 1,339.

115, Pete Bryan, Laurel, Del., 1,332.

116, Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 1,329.

117, Bill Hewlett, Las Vegas, 1,323.

118, Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 1,320.

119, Bob Chamberlain, The Villages, Fla., 1,318.

120, (tie) Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., and Jon DeLaney, McKinney, Texas, 1,312.

122, (tie) John DiSantis, Wilmington, Del., and Jim Lesiuk, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 1,306.

124, Michael Shequin, Debary, Fla., 1,305.

125, Tim Shirlock, Las Vegas, 1,302.

126, Michael Chrzanowski, Shepherd, Mich., 1,301.

127, Bob Kelly, Dayton, Ohio, 1,297.

128, David Goldenberg, Holtsville, N.Y., 1,288.

129, Keith Glasgow, St. Petersburg, Fla., 1,283.

130, Peter Brainard, Tampa, Fla., 1,281.

131, Barry Clare, Bayside, N.Y., 1,280.

132, (tie) n-Joseph Woznicki, Lakeland, Fla., and Michael Vella, Bellport, N.Y., 1,272.

134, Stephen Lippman, Palm Harbor, Fla., 1,263.

- 135, Don Lane, San Francisco, 1,222.
- 136, Lucien Casagrande, Canada, 1,221.
- 137, Gary Morgan, Atlanta, 1,210.
- 138, James Souder, Greeneville, Tenn., 1,209.
- 139, Jim Dilyard, Burbank, Ohio, 1,172.
- 140, John Austin Jr., League City, Texas, 1,115.

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Brian LeClair Averages 250 in Second Round To Top PBA50 Pasco County Florida Open Qualifying

Brian LeClair of Delmar, N.Y., put together a 1,753 seven-game pinfall total (250.4 average) in the second round to top qualifying in the PBA50 Pasco County Florida Open Wednesday at Lane Glo Bowl leading a field of 32 players into match play.

After bowling 1,671 to finish third after the first round, LeClair was the model of consistency in the second round with games of 246, 268, 237, 243, 245, 258 and 256 surging into the lead with a 3,424 14-game pinfall total (244 average).

“That round probably looked more consistent than it was,” said LeClair, who won the 2015 Fountain Valley Open for his lone PBA50 Tour title. “There weren’t too many highs or too many lows, but I had my share of splits and opens. Fortunately, I was able to string strikes to make up for it.”

In 2016, LeClair had a best finish of second which came in the Johnny Petraglia BVL Open.

“I’m bowling well in spurts but haven’t been able to put together a tournament where I’ve bowled well all the way through,” the 52-year-old LeClair added. “I’m working on building more consistency into my game.”

LeClair holds a 137-pin lead over first round leader and two-time PBA50 Player of the Year Ron Mohr of Las Vegas with 3,287. Mohr finished second in the PBA60 Killer ‘B’ Open at Lane Glo Bowl that concluded on Monday.

Finishing qualifying in third was Steve Pavlinko of Sewell, N.J., with 3,279, followed by two-time PBA50 Tour winner Lennie Boresch Jr. of Kenosha, Wis., 3,228, and 2016 PBA50 Rookie of the Year Eddie Graham of Centerville, Ohio in fifth with 3,201. PBA50 Tour rookie and five-time PBA Tour winner Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix finished sixth with 3,173.

Defending champion, PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., finished the round in 12th with 3,142.

Five-time PBA Tour winner, Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., who is also making his PBA50 Tour debut also advanced to match play finishing 20th with 3,101.

After Thursday’s match play round, the top five players will advance to the stepladder finals set for 4 p.m. ET.

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PBA50 PASCO COUNTY FLORIDA OPEN

Lane Glo Bowl, New Port Richey, Fla., Wednesday

SECOND ROUND

(After 14 games. Top 32 players advance to match play)

- 1, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 3,424.
- 2, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,287.
- 3, Steve Pavlinko, Sewell, N.J., 3,279.
- 4, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3,228.
- 5, Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 3,201.
- 6, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3,173.

- 7, Peter Knopp, Germany, 3,168.
- 8, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 3,164.
- 9, Patrick Shipley, Spring Valley, Calif., 3,161.
- 10, Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 3,153.
- 11, Don Breeden, Clive, Iowa, 3,146.
- 12, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,142.
- 13, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,137.
- 14, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 3,123.
- 15, Mark Scime, Winter Garden, Fla., 3,115.
- 16, James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 3,111.
- 17, Tommy Brodowski, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 3,105.
- 18, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 3,103.
- 18, Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 3,103.
- 20, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,101.
- 21, Dale Eagle, Twin Falls, Idaho, 3,097.
- 22, Pete Thomas, Oklahoma City, Okla., 3,087.
- 23, Nick Morgan, Sacramento, Calif., 3,074.
- 24, Doug Becker, Clermont, Fla., 3,071.
- 25, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3,065.
- 26, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 3,061.
- 27, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,055.
- 28, (tie) Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., and Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3,048.
- 30, (tie) Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., and John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 3,044.

- 32, Dave Sill, Titusville, Fla., 3,040.

Did not advance:

- 33, Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 3,039, \$1,000.
- 34, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3,030, \$1,000.
- 35, Bill Nichols, Bella Vista, Ark., 3,025, \$1,000.
- 36, Todd Haney, Boiling Springs, S.C., 3,024, \$1,000.
- 37, Doug O'Bryant, Ball Ground, Ga., 3,017, \$1,000.
- 38, Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 3,016, \$1,000.
- 39, (tie) William Peters, Dayton, Ohio, 3,013, and John Donovan, Melbourne, Fla., 3,013, \$1,000.
- 41, Glenn Smith, New York, 3,008, \$1,000.
- 42, (tie) Bobby Sense, Jr., Massillon, Ohio, 2,993, and Sam Maccarone, Blackwood,

N.J., 2,993, \$1,000.
44, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 2,989, \$1,000.
45, Steve Kenyon, Dade City, Fla., 2,987, \$1,000.
46, n-James Campbell, Clearwater, Fla., 2,982, \$500.
46, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 2,982, \$500.
48, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 2,975.
49, Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 2,972.
50, (tie) John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, and Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 2,971.
52, Scott Greiner, Platte City, Mo., 2,969.
53, (tie) Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., and Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 2,965.
55, Terry Rohrer, Ft. Wayne, Ind., 2,960.
56, Ken Fishman, Lutz, Fla., 2,951.
57, n-Edward Irwin, Hudson, Fla., 2,950.
58, n-Widmar Vargas, Sun City Center, Fla., 2,948.
59, Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 2,944.
60, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 2,938.
61, Harry Alchin III, Madeira Beach, Fla., 2,935.
62, Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 2,933.
63, Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 2,930.
64, Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wisc., 2,928.
65, William Banks, Laurel Hill, N.C., 2,921.
66, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 2,920.
67, Edward Roberts, Braintree, Mass., 2,911.
68, n-John Stronka, Davie, Fla., 2,909.
69, n-John Thomsson, Sarasota, Fla., 2,903.
70, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 2,902.
71, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 2,897.
72, Warren Burr, Wilmington, Del., 2,894.
73, Mark Everette, Aliquippa, Pa., 2,883.
74, (tie) n-William Tramel, Crawfordville, Fla., and Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 2,881.
76, (tie) Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., and Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 2,876.
78, Harry Wright, Venice, Fla., 2,875.
79, Billy Block, Pembroke Pines, Fla., 2,874.
80, n-Joe Barna, Stuart, Fla., 2,872.
81, (tie) Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., and Dennis Lane, Kingsport, Tenn., 2,867.
83, David Taylor, Largo, Fla., 2,860.

84, Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 2,853.
85, John Kidwell, Indianapolis, Ind., 2,851.
86, James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 2,848.
87, Mike Keough, Stockton, Calif., 2,846.
88, Michael Shequin, Debary, Fla., 2,832.
89, Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 2,831.
90, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 2,826.
91, Jerry Brunette Jr., Rochester, N.Y., 2,821.
92, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 2,819.
93, John Dougherty III, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., 2,818.
94, Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 2,805.
95, Ken Waters, Kingsport, Tenn., 2,800.
96, (tie) Barry Clare, Bayside, N.Y., and Tommy Martin, Olive Branch, Miss., 2,799.
98, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 2,796.
99, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 2,795.
100, Michael Truitt, New Port Richey, Fla., 2,792.
101, James Deplanche, Taylor, Mich., 2,780.
102, Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 2,777.
103, Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 2,776.
104, Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 2,772.
105, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 2,762.
106, Tim Shirlock, Las Vegas, 2,756.
107, Han Chen, Wellington, Fla., 2,744.
108, Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 2,743.
109, Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 2,737.
110, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 2,735.
111, n-Jeffery Roberson, Land O' Lakes, Fla., 2,724.
111, Darryl Dempsey, Pinellas Park, Fla., 2,724.
113, (tie) Jim Lesiuk, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., and Charlie Gadd, Lake Worth, Fla., 2,719.
115, Michael Chrzanowski, Shepherd, Mich., 2,718.
116, Pete Bryan, Laurel, Del., 2,712.
117, Ron Glick, Morganville, N.J., 2,703.
118, Michael Owen, Gainesville, Fla., 2,699.
119, James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 2,696.
120, n-Peter Hernandez, Land O Lakes, Fla., 2,692.
121, Jon DeLaney, McKinney, Texas, 2,690.

122, Bob Kelly, Dayton, Ohio, 2,687.
123, Michael Vella, Bellport, N.Y., 2,663.
124, David Goldenberg, Holtsville, N.Y., 2,660.
125, n-Joseph Woznicki, Lakeland, Fla., 2,652.
126, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 2,643.
127, Bill Hewlett, Las Vegas, 2,628.
128, Stephen Lippman, Palm Harbor, Fla., 2,622.
129, John DiSantis, Wilmington, Del., 2,610.
130, Bob Chamberlain, The Villages, Fla., 2,585.
131, Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 2,577.
132, (tie) Peter Brainard, Tampa, Fla., and Larry Gross, Ocala, Fla., 2,575.
134, (tie) John Austin Jr., League City, Texas, James Souder, Greeneville, Tenn., and Lucien Casagrande, Canada, 2,541.
137, Gary Morgan, Atlanta, 2,535.
138, Don Lane, San Francisco, 2,530.
139, Keith Glasgow, St. Petersburg, Fla., 2,515.
140, Jim Dilyard, Burbank, Ohio, 2,473.
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Sunday on ESPN: Maine's Energetic Fans Welcome Opening Round of L.L.Bean PBA League Competition

PORTLAND, Maine – The most energetic fans in bowling will provide the background as L.L.Bean PBA League competition returns to ESPN Sunday at 1 p.m. Eastern with a pair of quarterfinal matches involving the inaugural Elias Cup champion GEICO New York City WTT KingPins facing the Sysco Philadelphia Hitmen and the Lee Auto Malls L.A.X challenging the defending champion Shipyard Dallas Strikers.

The PBA League returns to an expanded Bayside Bowl in Portland for third third consecutive year, this time under the umbrella sponsorship of one of Maine's most famous brands, L.L.Bean.

In Sunday's opening match, the top-seeded GEICO New York City WTT KingPins, led by PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber and his supporting cast of Marshall Kent, John Szczerbinski, Danielle McEwan and Sam Cooley will meet the No. 8-seeded Sysco Philadelphia Hitmen (Dom Barrett; Tom Smallwood; Chris Loschetter, Ronnie Russell, Dave Wodka) in a best-of-two-game Baker format contest.

In PBA League play, the best-of-two-game Baker matches are decided by a dramatic one-ball sudden-death roll-off if the teams split their two games.

The second quarterfinal match will feature the No. 4-seeded defending champion Dallas Strikers, led by player-manager Norm Duke and featuring 2016 Mark Roth MVP Tommy Jones, Bill O'Neill, Rhino Page and B.J. Moore. The Strikers will need to eliminate the No. 5 L.A. X squad led by Australia's Jason Belmonte, Stuart Williams, Martin Larsen, Osku Palermaa and newcomer Jakob Butturff.

The winning teams will advance to the semifinal round, where they will meet each other in an ESPN-televised match that will air on Sunday, May 7, at 1 p.m. EDT. The Elias Cup finals will air on Sunday, May 14, at 1 p.m. All ESPN telecasts also will be streamed simultaneously on ESPN3 and the WatchESPN app.

PBA Spare Shots: Auto Accident Doesn't Deter Maine Bowler from Competing in Roth/Holman Doubles

Another illustration of just how passionate the Maine bowling community is for PBA's annual stop in Portland was the plight of Sarah Pelletier of Lewiston, who escaped serious injury when her car was totaled in an accident the day before the MaineQuarterly.com Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles event got underway at Bayside Bowl.

Pelletier, who was entered in the tournament with partner Joe Ramsdell, wasn't about to let her bruised sliding leg and balance arm keep her out of the tournament. The three local teams failed to make the cashers' cut, but they loved the experience.

You can get the details from an article in the Portland Press Herald by reporter Taylor Vortherms:

<http://www.pressherald.com/2017/04/11/maine-bowlers-and-fans-are-having-a-ball-at-portland-tournament/>

THIS WEEK: "PICK THE COLUMBIA 300 BALL" FOR PBA BOWLING CHALLENGE GAME

Concrete Software's "pick the ball" survey for PBA Bowling Challenge mobile game continues this week with players invited to select a new Columbia 300 ball from among three options provided weekly for each PBA-participating brand.

Based on fan voting which begins Thursday (click here: http://bit.ly/C300_17 to cast your vote), the "winning" Columbia 300 ball will be available for play on May 5.

A code to purchase the ball for 50% off (the code will be available on PBA's and the specific companies' social media pages) will be posted. Each company also will have a flashback weekend where all its previous balls will be available for that weekend only.

XTRA FRAME CONTINUES PBA50 COVERAGE; VILLAGES BROADCAST TO BE DELAYED

Xtra Frame's coverage of the PBA50 Tour continues next week at the UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl in The Villages presented by Radical, but due to internet restrictions at The Villages, the tournament will be streaming from the event on a one-day delayed basis. Sun Bowl's XF coverage will start on Monday and will conclude with coverage of the finals on Wednesday, April 26.

Rather than the normal "Live Now" link, fans will be directed to a link to the Xtra Frame archive that will house the round they are looking for.

Xtra Frame will resume its normal live coverage of PBA50 Tour action when the players head north to Mooresville, N.C., for the Race City Open presented by Columbia 300 Monday, May 1 through Wednesday, May 3.

Xtra Frame also begins its coverage of the Professional Women's Bowling Association Friday, April 28-Saturday, April 29, when the QubicaAMF PWBA Sonoma County Open kicks off the women's tour's 2017 season in Rohnert Park, Calif.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: McMAHAN WINS SECOND KINGSPORT PBA50 TITLE

Greg McMahan of Dandridge, Tenn., defeated Darryl Bower of Middletown, Pa., 227-164, to take the first prize in the 4th Annual PBA60 Blue Ridge Properties/Kingsport C.V.B. South Open presented by Storm at Warpath Lanes in Kingsport, Tenn., on April 12.

McMahan, who also won this event in 2015, earned the top spot in the stepladder finals with an 8-2 match play record and an 18-game total of 4,343 pins. He earned \$1,700. Bower qualified second, 88 pins behind McMahan, and earned \$1,000.

In the first stepladder match PBA Hall of Famer Tom Baker of King, N.C. defeated Ted Staikoff of Black Hawk, S.D., 237-194. Bower then disposed of Baker, 237-227, in the semifinal match.

● Non-member Pat McGainey Jr. of Baltimore defeated PBA Hall of Famer Danny Wiseman, also of Baltimore, 258-214, to win the PBA Bowlers Discount Pro Shop Eastern Open presented by Hammer at Brunswick Zone Normandy Sunday.

McGainey, who finished fifth in this event in 2015, faced elimination in the round of 16 against Andrew Lazarchick of Brick, N.J., but rallied from a 2-1 deficit and went undefeated the rest of the way to claim the \$2,500 top prize. He does not receive credit for a PBA title, however, because he is a non-member. Wiseman, coming off wrist surgery in 2015, earned \$1,300 for his runner-up finish.

In the semifinal matches, McGainey bested Kevin Donovan of Painted Post, N.Y., 200-173, while Wiseman ousted qualifying leader Greg Ostrander of Freehold, N.J., 268-238.

● George Duke from Vidor, Texas, won six of his first seven matches and coasted to victory in the PBA Copperfield Bowl Southwest Challenge, presented by Global 900, in Houston, Texas, Sunday.

Duke, who finished fifth in last year's Copperfield event, and also has a second place finish in PBA competition, earned a \$2,200 winner's check.

Duke, who led the 13-game qualifying portion of the event, started the modified round robin match play finals by losing his first match, then won his next six matches to build a 156-pin lead over Marshall Morrison from Wills Point, Texas. Morrison prevailed in position round over Duke, 201-161, but Duke had

enough of a margin to win while Morrison dropped to third as Houston's Jay Nephew leapfrogged from fourth to second with a 236-212 over amateur Tyler Wright of Gonzales, La.

- The April 21-23 PBA Regional schedule features the Debbie & Leo Nunan Memorial Central Open presented by Track at AMF Stardust Lanes in Grove City, Ohio, and the Jac's Lanes Valdosta South Open in Valdosta, Ga. April 23 also kicks off the PBA West Region's annual tripleheader in Hawaii, including the Hawaii West/Northwest Open presented by Ebonite at Schofield AFB (April 23), the Fort Shafter West/Northwest Hawaii Open in Honolulu (April 26) and the Hickam AFB West/Northwest Open presented by Ebonite (April 28-30).

- April's PBA Regional competition concludes with the PBA50 Cherokee Lanes South Open presented by Roto Grip in Canton, Ga., April 27-29, and the Al Jones Memorial presented by Storm at Rockaway Lanes in Rockaway, N.J., April 28-30.

- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES:

Andrew Gomez and wife Mirley welcomed son Christopher on April 14. Christopher weighed in at 8.14 pounds and measured 20 inches. He joins big sister Isabella.

LeClair Benefits From Open by Duke in 10th Frame To Win Pasco County Florida Open for Second Career PBA50 Tour Title

An open in the 10th frame of the championship match by PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., enabled tournament top qualifier Brian LeClair of Delmar, N.Y., to win the PBA50 Pasco County Florida Open at Lane Glo Bowl Thursday for his second career PBA50 Tour title.

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After LeClair finished with 191 in the title match, Duke needed to mark in the 10th to win but left the 2-4-8-10 split which he failed to convert finishing with 187. It was the fourth consecutive runner-up finish for Duke in the Pasco County Florida Open.

"I've lost a few that way, so it was nice to be on the winning end this time," said an emotional LeClair, whose brother Kevin passed away of natural causes in February. "I don't know what else to say but I think someone was maybe looking down on me today."

After breezing to wins in the first three stepladder matches, Duke, trying for his fourth career PBA50 Tour title, struggled in the title match throwing splits that he failed to convert in the first three of four frames. He rallied back with five consecutive strikes but the missed split in the 10th ended his title hopes.

"I could see how that could have happened to Norm because I was having trouble with that right lane, too," LeClair said. "If I had it to do over again I would have made another ball choice but I decided to stick with it because I could see Norm was struggling. Fortunately, I was able to fill the frames when I needed to."

Duke, the No. 5 qualifier, opened the stepladder finals with a 258-215 win over No. 4 qualifier two-time PBA50 Player of the Year Ron Mohr of Las Vegas who was trying for his ninth PBA50 Tour title and first since 2012. It was yet another top-five finish without a win for Mohr who had a combined eight PBA50/PBA60 top-five finishes in 2016 and finished second to Hall of Famer Tom Baker in the PBA60 Killer 'B' Open which concluded on Monday.

Duke then went on to beat No. 3 qualifier Stoney Baker of Canton, Ga., who was making his first PBA50 finals appearance, 266-202, before defeating five-time PBA Tour winner Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix, who was making his PBA50 Tour debut, 241-227, in the semi-final.

As the top qualifier, LeClair dominated taking a 9-3 match play record and 180-pin lead into the finals over Haugen who was the No. 2 qualifier.

The PBA50 Tour travels to The Villages, Fla., April 22-25 for the UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl In The Villages presented by Radical.

The Sun Bowl In The Villages will be available on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame but on a one-day delayed basis. Visit www.xtraframe.tv for schedule and subscription information.

PBA50 PASCO COUNTY FLORIDA OPEN

Lane Glo Bowl, New Port Richey, Fla., Thursday

Final Standings:

- 1, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., \$7,500.
- 2, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., \$4,000.
- 3, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, \$3,000.
- 4, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., \$2,000.
- 5, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, \$1,750.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Duke def. Mohr, 258-215.

Match Two – Duke def. Baker, 266-202.

Semifinal Match – Duke def. Haugen, 241-227.

Championship – LeClair def. Duke, 191-187.

FOURTH ROUND

(Top five advance to stepladder finals. Includes match play record and 26-game total pinfall including bonus)

- 1, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 9-3, 6,531.
- 2, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 9-3, 6,351.
- 3, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 10-2, 6,283.
- 4, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 8-3-1, 6,254.

- 5, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 7-5, 6,233.
- 6, Steve Pavlinko, Sewell, N.J., 7-5, 6,127, \$1,600.
- 7, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 7-5, 6,108, \$1,550.
- 8, Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 6-6, 6,077, \$1,500.
- 9, Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 6-6, 6,074, \$1,450.
- 10, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 7-4-1, 6,042, \$1,425.
- 11, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 6-5-1, 6,008, \$1,400.
- 12, Nick Morgan, Sacramento, Calif., 5-7, 5,987, \$1,375.
- 13, Patrick Shipley, Spring Valley, Calif., 6-6, 5,953, \$1,350.
- 14, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 6-6, 5,947, \$1,325.
- 15, Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 9-3, 5,937, \$1,300.
- 16, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 4-8, 5,935, \$1,275.
- 17, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 7-5, 5,933, \$1,250.
- 18, Don Breeden, Clive, Iowa, 6-6, 5,927, \$1,240.
- 19, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 6-0, 5,890, \$1,230.
- 20, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 4-8, 5,861, \$1,220.
- 21, Peter Knopp, Germany, 5-7, 5,838, \$1,210.
- 22, Dale Eagle, Twin Falls, Idaho, 8-4, 5,823, \$1,200.
- 23, Pete Thomas, Oklahoma City, Okla., 3-9, 5,806, \$1,190.
- 24, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 5-7, 5,804, \$1,180.
- 25, Tommy Brodowski, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 6-6, 5,803, \$1,170.
- 26, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 4-8, 5,741, \$1,160.
- 27, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 4-8, 5,739, \$1,150.
- 28, Mark Scime, Winter Garden, Fla., 4-8, 5,711, \$1,140.
- 29, James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 4-8, 5,691, \$1,130.
- 30, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 4-8, 5,675, \$1,120.
- 31, Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 3-9, 5,623, \$1,110.
- 32, Doug Becker, Clermont, Fla., 2-10, 5,525, \$1,100.

Philadelphia Hitmen, Dallas Strikers Win As L.L.Bean PBA League Competition Gets Underway in Maine

PORTLAND, Maine – The underdog Sysco Philadelphia Hitmen and the defending champion Shipyard Dallas Strikers got the fifth edition of the L.L.Bean PBA League Elias Cup competition off to a roaring start with sudden-death victories in front of a sold-out crowd at Bayside Bowl.

The first two best-of-two-game quarterfinal rounds matches aired Sunday on ESPN.

The Philadelphia Hitmen, after finishing last in the eight-game league a year earlier and qualifying eighth in the seeding competition two days earlier at Bayside Bowl, were on the brink of another disappointment in Portland when the top-seeded GEICO NYC WTT KingPins won the opening Baker format game, 248-238, thanks to a closing string of six strikes including three in the 10th frame by anchor bowler Marshall Kent.

The Hitmen forced the one-ball sudden-death roll-off by staging their own five-strike rally in the second game, winning a 227-223 battle when anchor bowler Tom Smallwood struck on his first shot in the 10th frame.

In the roll-off, Philadelphia's Dom Barrett matched KingPins' leader Pete Weber's strike. On the second try, New York City's John Szczerbinski left a 10 pin that a rebounding "messenger" pin failed to topple. Tom Smallwood ended the drama when his "messenger" connected, tipping over the 10 pin for a strike and the victory.

"It's been a rough couple of years for us," Philadelphia manager Jason Couch said. "We've been on the losing end despite bowling the two highest scores other than the people we bowled against. I told our guys when we got here, we haven't had the greatest luck but when they get on the approach, I wanted them to be committed and just go do it. That was my speech of the day.

"Tom (Smallwood) bowled phenomenal, but our whole team bowled well. Tom just looked comfortable on the lanes, so I moved him to anchor," Couch added. "I don't know who we bowl next and I don't care because my guys are really committed and I feel good about our chances."

Smallwood embraced the opportunity to throw the sudden-death shot.

"I had a great ball reaction," he said. "I could hit the pocket basically from everywhere. In the end, my messenger delivered, John's didn't."

Dallas jumped in front in the second quarterfinal match, tripping the Lee Auto Malls L.A. X team, 223-215, when L.A. X anchor Jason Belmonte left a 2 pin on his second shot in the 10th frame after striking on his first shot. L.A. X was almost perfect in the second game with Martin Larsen, Jakob Butturff, Osku Palermaa, Stuart Williams and Belmonte throwing 11 strikes, just missing 300 when the Australian two-hander left a 10 pin on his final shot.

In their sudden-death duel, the Strikers insisted reluctant player-manager Norm Duke throw their first shot, and the PBA Hall of Famer struck. Belmonte then stunned the Portland crowd when he left a 4 pin.

Dallas_Duke.Norm_2017PBA_1(8)"That was exciting, nerve-wracking, what sports is all about," Duke said, "especially when you've got the team behind you. They know if you falter, they falter. (PBA players) don't get a lot of that and when we do, it's thrilling. We're used to being individuals.

"I'm sure golfers would understand, but Jack Nicklaus would tell you the Ryder Cup is a different feeling.

This (PBA League) is building," Duke continued. "Don't think for a minute it doesn't mean anything to these guys. If it didn't mean anything, you wouldn't see the level of fear or the level of confidence in two players standing right next to each other."

Duke said he didn't want to be the guy throwing the sudden-death shot, "but my team came to me and said it was either Rhino (Page, a left-hander) or me because we had the best chance of throwing a strike. They thought my ball was going through the pins better and they were right. They put it all on me. I was scared of it, to be honest, but we all know that's why we're here and every one of us would have thrown that shot."

Duke also said winning the Elias Cup in 2016 "was one of the highlights of my entire career. It wasn't because I was player-manager; it was because there wasn't a match where we weren't down 40 pins and had to come back, just like today. And then we bowled that 300 (en route to winning the Elias Cup). That's why it meant so much. Now we're in the top four, and I like our chances."

The final two quarterfinal round matches, airing next Sunday at 1 p.m. EDT, will send the MaineQuarterly.com Brooklyn Styles against the Live + Work in Maine Silver Lake Atom Splitters in the first match, and the Barbasol Motown Muscle against the hometown-favorite L.L.Bean Portland Lumberjacks in the fourth quarterfinal round contest.

The ESPN telecast will be simultaneously streamed on ESPN3 and the WatchESPN app.

L.L.BEAN PBA LEAGUE

Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine (aired Sunday on ESPN)

Quarterfinal Round Results (best-of-two-game Baker format)

Match One: Sysco Philadelphia Hitmen (Ronnie Russell, Dave Wodka, Chris Loschetter, Dom Barrett, Tom Smallwood) def. GEICO NYC WTT KingPins (Danielle McEwan, Sam Cooley, John Szczerbinski, Pete Weber, Marshall Kent), 238-248, 227-223, 10-10, 10-9 in one-ball sudden-death roll-off.

Match Two: Shipyard Dallas Strikers (Bill O'Neill, Norm Duke, B.J. Moore III, Rhino Page, Tommy Jones) def. Lee Auto Malls L.A. X (Martin Larsen, Jakob Butturff, Osku Palermaa, Stuart Williams, Jason Belmonte), 223-215, 217-299, 10-9 in one-ball sudden-death roll-off.

Boresch Takes Tip From LeClair to Take First Round Lead in PBA50 UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl In The Villages

Thanks to a tip from last week's Pasco County Florida Open winner Brian LeClair, two-time PBA50 Tour winner Lennie Boresch Jr. put it to good use by taking the first round lead Sunday in the PBA50 UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl In The Villages presented by Radical at Spanish Springs Lanes in the Villages, Fla.

Boresch, of Kenosha, Wis., topped the field of 160 players 50 and over with a 1,952 eight-game pinfall total (244 average) bowling games of 226, 225, 228, 249, 300, 257, 223 and 244.

"After the third game I was talking with Brian and he suggested I try another ball," Boresch said. "With both of us being pro shop operators we talk a lot about what equipment to use for various conditions.

"I was throwing the ball well the first three games but just couldn't get the pin carry I wanted," Boresch added. "I thought what the heck I'll take Brian up on his suggestion and went to a new ball that hit a little more on the back end. Sure enough that was the right move."

Boresch, who finished seventh in the Pasco County Open, held a 10-pin lead over three-time PBA50 and five-time PBA Tour winner Bob Learn Jr. of Erie, Pa. with 1,942. Rounding out the top five after the first round were Sam Maccarone, Blackwood, N.J., 1,935; PBA Hall of Famer Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 1,921, and Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., who also rolled a 300 in the round, 1,917.

Bowling in his first PBA50 tournament of the season, defending champion Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., finished the round in 23rd with a 1,822 pinfall.

LeClair, who won the Pasco County Open for his second career PBA50 Tour title, finished 12th with 1,873.

After Monday's second qualifying round, the top 32 players will advance to Tuesday's match play round. After match play, the top five will be determined for the stepladder finals scheduled for 7 p.m. ET.

The Sun Bowl In The Villages will be available on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame but on a one-day delayed basis beginning Monday at 9 a.m. ET with Sunday's first round action. Visit www.xtraframe.tv for schedule and subscription information.

PBA50 SUN BOWL IN THE VILLAGES PRESENTED BY RADICAL

Spanish Springs Lanes, The Villages, Fla., Sunday

FIRST ROUND

(after 8 games)

- 1, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,952.
- 2, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,942.
- 3, Sam Maccarone, Blackwood, N.J., 1,935.
- 4, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 1,921.
- 5, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 1,917.
- 6, Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 1,891.
- 7, Darryl Dempsey, Pinellas Park, Fla., 1,884.
- 7, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1,884.
- 9, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 1,882.
- 10, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,881.
- 11, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1,879.
- 12, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 1,873.
- 13, Joe Fulner III, Belleview, Fla., 1,863.
- 14, Darin Hays, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1,856.
- 15, Wayne Bolin, Lumberton, N.C., 1,855.
- 16, n-John Hough, Naples, Fla., 1,853.

- 17, James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 1,842.
- 18, John Donovan, Melbourne, Fla., 1,840.
- 19, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 1,831.
- 20, (tie) Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., and Tony Adkins, Port Orange, Fla., 1,829.
- 22, Peter Knopp, Germany, 1,825.
- 23, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,822.
- 24, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 1,820.
- 25, Pete Thomas, Oklahoma City, Okla., 1,816.
- 26, Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 1,815.
- 27, (tie) Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, and David Williams Jr., Omaha, Neb., 1,814.
- 29, Steve Kenyon, Dade City, Fla., 1,813.
- 30, Ken Fishman, Lutz, Fla., 1,811.
- 31, Michael Shequin, Debary, Fla., 1,809.
- 32, Scott Greiner, Platte City, Mo., 1,803.
- 33, Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 1,802.
- 34, Jerry Brunette Jr., Rochester, N.Y., 1,800.
- 35, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,798.
- 36, (tie) Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., and William Peters, Dayton, Ohio, 1,797.
- 38, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,792.
- 39, Mark Scime, Winter Garden, Fla., 1,790.
- 40, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 1,789.
- 41, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,787.
- 42, Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,785.
- 43, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,771.
- 44, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,769.
- 45, (tie) Doug O'Bryant, Ball Ground, Ga., and Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,767.
- 47, Don Breeden, Clive, Iowa, 1,763.
- 48, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 1,759.
- 49, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,756.
- 50, Michael Byers, Charleston, S.C., 1,754.
- 51, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1,752.
- 52, n-John Thomspson, Sarasota, Fla., 1,751.
- 53, Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 1,748.
- 54, n-Rick Pittman, Fruitland Park, Fla., 1,747.
- 55, Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 1,745.
- 56, Richard McDaniel, Coconut Creek, Fla., 1,742.

- 57, Dale Eagle, Twin Falls, Idaho, 1,734.
- 58, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 1,733.
- 59, Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 1,732.
- 60, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 1,730.
- 61, Glenn Smith, New York, 1,727.
- 62, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 1,725.
- 63, Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 1,724.
- 64, Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 1,723.
- 65, James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 1,721.
- 66, Patrick King, Yankton, S.D., 1,720.
- 67, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1,717.
- 68, Stephen Pavlinko, Sewell, N.J., 1,712.
- 69, Patrick Shipley, Spring Valley, Calif., 1,710.
- 70, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 1,707.
- 71, (tie) Doug Hergenrader, Griimes, Iowa, and David Taylor, Largo, Fla., 1,706.
- 73, Gary Morgan, Atlanta, 1,701.
- 74, Charlie Gadd, Lake Worth, Fla., 1,696.
- 74, Keith Glasgow, St. Petersburg, Fla., 1,696.
- 76, Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 1,695.
- 76, Nick Morgan, Sacramento, Calif., 1,695.
- 78, (tie) n-Widmar Vargas, Sun City Center, Fla., and Michael Owen, Gainesville, Fla., 1,694.
- 80, Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 1,692.
- 81, Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 1,691.
- 82, Doug Becker, Clermont, Fla., 1,688.
- 83, (tie) Paul LeMond, Jasper, Ind., and Bob Kelly, Dayton, Ohio, 1,679.
- 85, Bill Nichols, Bella Vista, Ark., 1,676.
- 86, Chuck Richardson, The Villages, Fla., 1,674.
- 87, Tim Shirlock, Las Vegas, 1,671.
- 88, Bobby Sense, Jr., Massillon, Ohio, 1,669.
- 89, James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 1,666.
- 90, (tie), William Banks, Laurel Hill, N.C., and Emilio Mora Sr., Defiance, Ohio, 1,664.
- 92, (tie) Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., and Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 1,660.
- 94, n-David Cushion, Dewitt, Mich., 1,652.
- 95, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 1,651.
- 96, (tie) Barry Clare, Bayside, N.Y., and James Lord, Fort Mill, S.C., 1,649.
- 98, Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 1,647.

99, Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 1,641.
100, (tie) Dave Han, Birmingham, Ala., and Tommy Martin, Olive Branch, Miss., 1,640.
102, (tie) John DiSantis, Wilmington, Del., and George Gomez, Orlando, Fla., 1,638.
104, Dave Sill, Titusville, Fla., 1,636.
105, Lee Rautenberg, Boynton Beach, Fla., 1,633.
106, John Austin Jr., League City, Texas, 1,627.
107, John Younger, Winston-Salem, N.C., 1,624.
108, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,622.
109, Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 1,620.
110, Todd Haney, Boiling Springs, S.C., 1,618.
111, Jon DeLaney, McKinney, Texas, 1,616.
112, (tie) Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., and David Goldenberg, Holtsville, N.Y., 1,605.
114, Ron Glick, Morganville, N.J., 1,597.
115, James Deplanche, Taylor, Mich., 1,595.
116, Bill Ursillo, Bluffton, S.C., 1,593.
117, Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 1,592.
118, Steve Bova, Massapequa, N.Y., 1,590.
119, James Blackstone, Kennesaw, Ga., 1,587.
120, (tie) James Souder, Greeneville, Tenn., and Warren Burr, Wilmington, Del., 1,586.
122, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 1,583.
123, Mike Schmid, St. Paul, Minn., 1,582.
124, Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 1,581.
125, John Dougherty, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., 1,578.
126, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 1,574.
127, Bill Hewlett, Las Vegas, 1,570.
128, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 1,559.
129, Han Chen, Wellington, Fla., 1,553.
129, Terry Rohrer, Ft. Wayne, Ind., 1,553.
131, Darrell Adams, Flintstone, Ga., 1,545.
132, Jim Pitts, Elmira, N.Y., 1,540.
133, Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,537.
134, Pete Arruda, Gilbert, S.C., 1,533.
135, n-Adam Colton, Boynton Beach, Fla., 1,528.
136, Pete Bryan, Laurel, Del., 1,527.
137, Larry Williams, St. Augustine, Fla., 1,520.
138, Chuck Best, Buda, Texas, 1,519.
139, Larry Felts Jr., Moore, S.C., 1,509.

- 140, Jim Lesiuk, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 1,508.
- 141, Bob Chamberlain, The Villages, Fla., 1,497.
- 142, Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 1,496.
- 143, Jim Dilyard, Burbank, Ohio, 1,495.
- 144, Nick Panicaro, Ocala, Fla., 1,493.
- 145, n-Dave Van Riet, Summerfield, Fla., 1,489.
- 146, Sam Perrotta, Newark, Del., 1,481.
- 147, Harry Alchin III, Madeira Beach, Fla., 1,478.
- 148, Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wisc., 1,471.
- 149, (tie) Steven Grotowski, Ft Lauderdale, Fla., and Rich Giragosian, Charlotte, N.C., 1,466.
- 151, Mike Walden, Stony Point, N.Y., 1,456.
- 152, William Keenan Jr., Orlando, Fla., 1,455.
- 153, Michael Truitt, New Port Richey, Fla., 1,454.
- 154, Ken Waters, Kingsport, Tenn., 1,445.
- 155, Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 1,432.
- 156, n-Joseph Woznicki, Lakeland, Fla., 1,430.
- 157, Stephen Lippman, Palm Harbor, Fla., 1,418.
- 158, John Maloof, Park Hall, Md., 1,380.
- 159, Peter Brainard, Tampa, Fla., 1,348.
- 160, Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,051.

300 games (3) – Lennie Boresch Jr., Sammy Ventura, Gary Alstott

Back-to-Back 279s Help Boresch Take Top Qualifier Honors In PBA50 UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl In The Villages

With the help of back-to-back 279 games to open the second round, two-time PBA50 Tour winner Lennie Boresch Jr. of Kenosha, Wis., retained his lead in the PBA50 UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl In The Villages presented by Radical after qualifying Monday to lead 32 players advancing to match play.

After bowling a 1,952 eight-game pinfall total in Sunday's first round at Spanish Springs Lanes, Boresch bowled 1,935 in the second round with games of 279, 279, 247, 227, 223, 194, 228 and 258 for a 3,887 overall pinfall..

"Ever since I won it five years ago I haven't bowled real well here so hopefully I'm turning things around," said Boresch, who won the 2012 Sun Bowl In The Villages in his PBA50 Tour debut. "Thanks to a few good breaks I was fortunate to get two big games right out of the gate. Things can change quickly during the round so you always like to take advantage of a good start."

The USBC Hall of Famer held a 58-pin lead over three-time PBA50 Tour and five-time PBA Tour winner Bob Learn Jr. of Erie, Pa., who finished qualifying in second with a 3,828 pinfall. Qualifying third was

Peter Knopp of Germany with 3,802, followed by Sam Maccarone of Blackwood, N.J., 3,796, and Mark Sullivan, of Indianapolis, 3,793, to round out the top five.

Boresch is trying for his first title since winning the 2013 PBA50 Miller High Life Classic. He had two runner-up finishes in 2016 and kicked off the 2017 season with a seventh-place finish in last week's Pasco County Florida Open.

Bowling in his first PBA50 tournament of the season, defending champion and reigning PBA50 Player of the Year Pete Weber moved from 23rd after the first round to 15th with a 3,694 pinfall.

Other Hall of Famers advancing to match play were Parker Bohn III in 10th with 3,724; Amleto Monacelli, 11th with 3,718; Bryan Goebel, 13th with 3,706, and Walter Ray Williams Jr., 16th with 3,670.

After Tuesday's first match play round at 9 a.m. ET, the field will be cut to the top 16 for the second match play round at 2 p.m. which will determine the top five players for the stepladder finals scheduled for 7 p.m.

PBA50 SUN BOWL IN THE VILLAGES PRESENTED BY RADICAL

Spanish Springs Lanes, The Villages, Fla., Monday

SECOND ROUND

(after 16 games. Top 32 players advance to match play)

- 1, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3,887.
- 2, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,828.
- 3, Peter Knopp, Germany, 3,802.
- 4, Sam Maccarone, Blackwood, N.J., 3,796.
- 5, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 3,793.
- 6, James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 3,776.
- 7, Wayne Bolin, Lumberton, N.C., 3,748.
- 8, David Williams Jr., Omaha, Neb., 3,732.
- 9, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3,727.
- 10, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,724.
- 11, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,718.
- 12, Darin Hays, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 3,713.
- 13, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3,706.
- 14, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 3,705.
- 15, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,694.
- 16, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,670.
- 17, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 3,662.
- 18, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,655.
- 19, Jerry Brunette Jr., Rochester, N.Y., 3,648.
- 20, Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 3,646.
- 21, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3,641.
- 22, (tie) Joe Fulner III, Belleview, Fla., and Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,636.
- 24, Tony Adkins, Port Orange, Fla., 3,609.
- 25, Michael Shequin, Debary, Fla., 3,608.

- 26, Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 3,602.
- 27, Darryl Dempsey, Pinellas Park, Fla., 3,601.
- 28, Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 3,595.
- 29, Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 3,588.
- 30, Scott Greiner, Platte City, Mo., 3,582.
- 31, n-John Hough, Naples, Fla., 3,579.
- 32, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3,576.

Did not advance:

- 33, Pete Thomas, Oklahoma City, Okla., 3,566, \$1,000.
- 34, (tie) Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 3,554, and Don Breeden, Clive, Iowa, 3,554, \$1,000.
- 36, n-John Thomspson, Sarasota, Fla., 3,547, \$1,000.
- 37, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 3,527, \$1,000.
- 38, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 3,522, \$1,000.
- 39, Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 3,520, \$1,000.
- 40, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 3,519, \$1,000.
- 41, Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 3,513, \$1,000.
- 42, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 3,505, \$1,000.
- 43, Bill Nichols, Bella Vista, Ark., 3,504, \$1,000.
- 44, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 3,496, \$1,000.
- 45, John Donovan, Melbourne, Fla., 3,495, \$1,000.
- 46, (tie) Dale Eagle, Twin Falls, Idaho, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., Doug O'Bryant, Ball Ground, Ga., and Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3,494, \$1,000.
- 50, Patrick King, Yankton, S.D., 3,492, \$1,000.
- 51, David Taylor, Largo, Fla., 3,486, \$1,000.
- 52, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 3,485, \$1,000.
- 53, George Gomez, Orlando, Fla., 3,484, \$1,000.
- 54, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 3,483.
- 55, ss-Mark Scime, Winter Garden, Fla., 3,481, \$1,000.
- 55, Steve Kenyon, Dade City, Fla., 3,481.
- 57, Michael Byers, Charleston, S.C., 3,476.
- 58, ss-Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 3,474, \$1,000.
- 59, Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 3,466.
- 60, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 3,463.
- 61, Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 3,461.
- 62, William Peters, Dayton, Ohio, 3,458.
- 63, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 3,453, \$1,000.
- 64, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3,445.
- 65, Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 3,442.
- 66, ss-Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 3,441, \$1,000.
- 67, ss-John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 3,435, \$1,000.
- 68, ss-James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 3,431, \$1,000.
- 69, Tim Shirlock, Las Vegas, 3,429.
- 70, Doug Becker, Clermont, Fla., 3,427.
- 70, Glenn Smith, New York, 3,427.
- 72, ss-Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 3,424, \$1,000.
- 73, ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 3,420, \$1,000.
- 74, Chuck Richardson, The Villages, Fla., 3,417.
- 75, Richard McDaniel, Coconut Creek, Fla., 3,407.
- 76, Nick Morgan, Sacramento, Calif., 3,404.
- 77, n-Widmar Vargas, Sun City Center, Fla., 3,403.
- 78, Patrick Shipley, Spring Valley, Calif., 3,400.
- 79, Bobby Sense, Jr., Massillon, Ohio, 3,395.

- 80, John DiSantis, Wilmington, Del., 3,394.
- 81, David Goldenberg, Holtsville, N.Y., 3,392.
- 82, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3,390.
- 83, n-Rick Pittman, Fruitland Park, Fla., 3,389.
- 84, Stephen Pavlinko, Sewell, N.J., 3,383.
- 85, James Lord, Fort Mill, S.C., 3,382.
- 86, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 3,381.
- 87, Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 3,380.
- 88, Todd Haney, Boiling Springs, S.C., 3,373.
- 89, Paul LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 3,372.
- 90, Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 3,365.
- 91, Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 3,364.
- 92, Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 3,361.
- 93, Ken Fishman, Lutz, Fla., 3,359.
- 94, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 3,350.
- 95, Gary Morgan, Atlanta, 3,349.
- 96, John Austin Jr., League City, Texas, 3,346.
- 97, Dave Sill, Titusville, Fla., 3,345.
- 98, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 3,343.
- 99, John Dougherty, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., 3,339.
- 100, Charlie Gadd, Lake Worth, Fla., 3,334.
- 101, Steve Bova, Massapequa, N.Y., 3,333.
- 102, Doug Hergenrader, Griimes, Iowa, 3,328.
- 103, (tie) Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., and Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 3,316.
- 105, Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 3,312.
- 106, Bob Kelly, Dayton, Ohio, 3,297.
- 107, James Deplanche, Taylor, Mich., 3,292.
- 108, n-David Cushion, Dewitt, Mich., 3,290.
- 109, Bill Hewlett, Las Vegas, 3,279.
- 110, Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 3,276.
- 111, Emilio Mora Sr., Defiance, Ohio, 3,273.
- 112, (tie) Barry Clare, Bayside, N.Y., and William Banks, Laurel Hill, N.C., 3,271.
- 114, Tommy Martin, Olive Branch, Miss., 3,255.
- 115, Lee Rautenberg, Boynton Beach, Fla., 3,240.
- 116, Jim Lesiuk, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 3,238.
- 117, Pete Bryan, Laurel, Del., 3,213.
- 118, Michael Owen, Gainesville, Fla., 3,211.
- 119, James Blackstone, Kennesaw, Ga., 3,207.
- 120, Steven Grotowski, Ft Lauderdale, Fla, 3,206.
- 121, Dave Han, Birmingham, Ala., 3,204.
- 122, Han Chen, Wellington, Fla., 3,202.
- 123, Jim Pitts, Elmira, N.Y., 3,192.
- 124, Pete Arruda, Gilbert, S.C., 3,190.
- 125, Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 3,187.
- 126, Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 3,183.
- 127, Bill Ursillo, Bluffton, S.C., 3,174.
- 128, Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 3,169.
- 129, Darrell Adams, Flintstone, Ga., 3,166.
- 130, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 3,156.
- 131, John Younger, Winston-Salem, N.C., 3,148.
- 132, James Souder, Greeneville, Tenn., 3,143.
- 133, Terry Rohrer, Ft. Wayne, Ind., 3,135.
- 134, (tie) Michael Truitt, New Port Richey, Fla., and Warren Burr, Wilmington, Del., 3,133.

- 136, n-Dave Van Riet, Summerfield, Fla., 3,129.
- 137, n-Adam Colton, Boynton Beach, Fla., 3,128.
- 138, Mike Schmid, St. Paul, Minn., 3,125.
- 139, Larry Williams, St. Augustine, Fla., 3,115.
- 140, Ron Glick, Morganville, N.J., 3,087.
- 141, Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 3,072.
- 142, (tie) Nick Panicaro, Ocala, Fla., and Bob Chamberlain, The Villages, Fla., 3,071.
- 144, Jon DeLaney, McKinney, Texas, 3,067.
- 145, Harry Alchin III, Madeira Beach, Fla., 3,042.
- 146, William Keenan Jr., Orlando, Fla., 3,032.
- 147, Jim Dilyard, Burbank, Ohio, 3,025.
- 148, Rich Giragosian, Charlotte, N.C., 2,926.
- 149, Stephen Lippman, Palm Harbor, Fla., 2,923.
- 150, Ken Waters, Kingsport, Tenn., 2,921.
- 151, Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 2,919.
- 152, Larry Felts Jr., Moore, S.C., 2,912.
- 153, Chuck Best, Buda, Texas, 2,899.
- 154, n-Joseph Woznicki, Lakeland, Fla., 2,851.
- 155, John Maloof, Park Hall, Md., 2,796.
- 156, Peter Brainard, Tampa, Fla., 2,772.
- 157, Keith Glasgow, St. Petersburg, Fla., 2,377.
- 158, Sam Perrotta, Newark, Del., 2,085.
- 159, Mike Walden, Stony Point, N.Y., 1,456.
- 160, Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,051

300 games (2) – Parker Bohn III, David Taylor

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Lennie Boresch Jr. Goes Wire-to-Wire to Win PBA50 UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl In the Villages For Third Career Title

In a wire-to-wire victory, Lennie Boresch Jr. of Kenosha, Wis., won the PBA50 UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl In The Villages presented by Radical Tuesday for his third career PBA50 Tour title.

Boresch, who led all four rounds in qualifying and match play to enter the stepladder finals as the top qualifier, defeated Bob Learn Jr. of Erie, Pa., 264-213, in the title match at Spanish Springs Lanes.

“It’s a relief because even though I’ve been bowling pretty well you really never know when the opportunity will come again,” said Boresch, who averaged 245 for the tournament. “I just focused and stayed with what got me here.”

Boresch, who won the 2012 Sun Bowl In the Villages in his PBA50 Tour debut, started with a strike and spare in the title match and then threw eight consecutive strikes to clinch the win. Learn, a three-time PBA50 Tour and five-time PBA Tour titlist, opened in the first frame and couldn’t keep pace with Boresch for the rest of the match.

Learn, who qualified fifth for the finals, dominated the first three stepladder matches winning the opening match by beating Darin Hays of Wesley Chapel, Fla., 199-173, before defeating Sam Maccarone of Blackwood, N.J., 278-185, and then PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., 279-245, in the semi-final match.

"The way he (Learn) was bowling I thought I might be in trouble," said Boesch, who compiled a 13-3 record in match play. "Ironically, I bowled my lowest games of the tournament on the championship pair. All I knew was I was going to have to strike because he was lined up."

Boesch's last win came in the 2013 Miller High Life Classic. Since then, the USBC Hall of Famer has had four runner-up finishes including two in 2016.

The final day of competition of the Sun Bowl In The Villages will be available on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame beginning Wednesday at 9 a.m. ET. Visit www.xtraframe.tv for schedule and subscription information.

The PBA50 Tour travels to George Pappas' Victory Lanes in Mooresville, N.C., for the PBA50 Race City Open presented by Columbia 300 April 30-May 3.

PBA50 SUN BOWL IN THE VILLAGES PRESENTED BY RADICAL

Spanish Springs Lanes, The Villages, Fla., Tuesday

Final Standings:

- 1, Lennie Boesch Jr., Kenosha, Wis. \$7,500.
- 2, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., \$4,000.
- 3, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., \$3,000.
- 4, Sam Maccarone, Blackwood, N.J., \$2,000.
- 5, Darin Hays, Wesley Chapel, Fla., \$1,750.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Learn def. Hays, 199-173.

Match Two – Learn def. Maccarone, 278-185.

Semifinal Match – Learn def. Bohn, 279-245.

Championship – Boesch def. Learn, 264-213.

FOURTH ROUND

(Top five advanced to stepladder finals. Includes match play record and 32-game pinfall total including bonus)

- 1, Lennie Boesch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 13-3, 8,222.
- 2, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 13-3, 8,087.

- 3, Sam Maccarone, Blackwood, N.J., 10-5-1, 7,815.
- 4, Darin Hays, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 9-7, 7,795.
- 5, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 8-7-1, 7,787.
- 6, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 9-6-1, 7,771, \$1,700.
- 7, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 9-7, 7,768, \$1,600.
- 8, Peter Knopp, Germany, 8-8, 7,707, \$1,550.
- 9, Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 10-6, 7,702, \$1,500.
- 10, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 7-8-1, 7,692, \$1,475.
- 11, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 9-6-1, 7,665, \$1,450.
- 12, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 7-8-1, 7,658, \$1,425.
- 13, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 8-8, 7,597, \$1,400.
- 14, Jerry Brunette Jr., Rochester, N.Y., 10-6, 7,576, \$1,380.
- 15, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 9-6-1, 7,557, \$1,360.
- 16, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 7-9, 7,392, \$1,350.

THIRD ROUND

(Top 16 advanced to fourth round. Includes match play record and 24-game total pinfall including bonus)

- 1, Lennie Boesch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 6-2, 6,017.
- 2, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 7-1, 5,951.
- 3, Darin Hays, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 5-3, 5,880.
- 4, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 6-2, 5,866.
- 5, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 4-4, 5,815.
- 6, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 7-1, 5,812.
- 7, Peter Knopp, Germany, 5-3, 5,794.
- 8, Sam Maccarone, Blackwood, N.J., 5-3, 5,791.
- 9, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 7-1, 5,771.
- 10, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 4-4, 5,762.
- 11, Jerry Brunette Jr., Rochester, N.Y., 6-2, 5,709.
- 12, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 4-4, 5,685.
- 13, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 5-3, 5,681.
- 14, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 4-4, 5,661.
- 15, Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 5-3, 5,649.
- 16, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 5-2-1, 5,618.

Did not advance:

- 17, David Williams Jr., Omaha, Neb., 2-6, 5,613, \$1,200.
- 18, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 4-4, 5,601, \$1,190.
- 19, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 4-4, 5,600, \$1,180.
- 20, Wayne Bolin, Lumberton, N.C., 3-5, 5,596, \$1,170.
- 21, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 4-4, 5,539, \$1,160.
- 22, Tony Adkins, Port Orange, Fla., 5-3, 5,537, \$1,150.
- 23, James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 4-4, 5,528, \$1,145.
- 24, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 2-6, 5,511, \$1,140.
- 25, Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 2-6, 5,461, \$1,135.

- 26, n-John Hough, Naples, Fla., 4-4, 5,455, \$1,130.
- 27, Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 3-5, 5,359, \$1,125.
- 28, Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 1-6-1, 5,321, \$1,120.
- 29, Scott Greiner, Platte City, Mo., 2-6, 5,304, \$1,115.
- 30, Darryl Dempsey, Pinellas Park, Fla., 1-7, 5,281, \$1,110.
- 31, Joe Fulner III, Belleview, Fla., 0-8, 5,220, \$1,105.
- 32, Pete Thomas, Oklahoma City, Okla., 1-7-0, 5,137, \$1,100.

Sunday on ESPN: Atom Splitters Begin Bid for Third Elias Cup as L.L.Bean PBA League Quarterfinals Conclude

PORTLAND, Maine – After a two-match dress rehearsal to get their vocal chords loosened up and their chants in order, the rambunctious fans at Bayside Bowl will be in peak form for the final two L.L.Bean PBA League quarterfinal round matches airing Sunday at 1 p.m. Eastern on ESPN.

Sunday's coverage will begin with the Live + Work in Maine Silver Lake Atom Splitters, the only team to win the PBA League Elias Cup twice, facing off against the MaineQuarterly.com Brooklyn Styles. The second and final quarterfinal match will send the hometown-favorite L.L.Bean Portland Lumberjacks against the Barbasol Motown Muscle.

The Atom Splitters, managed by Mark Baker and featuring a lineup of Chris Barnes, Tom Daugherty, Jesper Svensson, Shawn Maldonado and DJ Archer, won back-to-back Elias Cups, defeating L.A. X in both 2014 and '15. Standing in the way to a trip to the semifinal round will be the Brooklyn Styles, managed by PBA Hall of Famer Johnny Petraglia and his all-star roster of Sean Rash, PBA Hall of Famers Parker Bohn III and Walter Ray Williams Jr., Jason Sterner and Jon Van Hees.

The quarterfinals will wrap up with the Portland Lumberjacks, managed by Tim Mack and featuring Wes Malott, Ryan Ciminelli, Kyle Troup, Bryon Smith and "Lumberjill" Liz Johnson taking on manager Del Ballard Jr.'s Barbasol Motown Muscle and its youthful lineup including reigning PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett, Anthony Simonsen, 2016 Rookie of the Year Francois Lavoie, and PBA Tour veterans Josh Blanchard and Dick Allen. Neither team has ever won the Elias Cup.

In PBA League play, the best-of-two-game Baker matches are decided by a dramatic one-ball sudden-death roll-off if the teams split their two games.

The winning teams will advance to the semifinal round, where they will meet each other in an ESPN-televvised match that will air on Sunday, May 7, at 1 p.m. EDT.

Already locked into the semifinal round are the Sysco Philadelphia Hitmen (manager Jason Couch, Dom Barrett, Tom Smallwood, Chris Loschetter, Ronnie Russell and Dave Wodka) and the defending Elias Cup champion Shipyard Dallas Strikers (player-manager Norm Duke, Tommy Jones, Bill O'Neill, Rhino Page and B.J. Moore), winners of quarterfinal round matches one and two.

The Elias Cup finals will air on Sunday, May 14, at 1 p.m. All ESPN telecasts also will be streamed simultaneously on ESPN3 and the WatchESPN app.

PBA50 Tour Travels to Mooresville, N.C. for PBA50 Race City Open

In 2016, George Pappas' Victory Lanes was part of one of the most dominant seasons in PBA50 Tour history when PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber won the PBA50 Tour's Mooresville Ford Open, the second of a record four consecutive PBA50 Tour wins and six overall for the season.

The 54-year-old Weber hopes to improve on a 21st-place finish in last week's UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl In The Villages when he defends his title in the PBA50 Race City Open presented by Columbia 300 at George Pappas' Victory Lanes April 30-May 3.

Fans can catch all the action on pba.com's online bowling service Xtra Frame beginning with first round qualifying Monday at 9 a.m. ET.

In last year's event, Weber, a 37-time winner on the PBA Tour, spoiled Jack Jurek's bid to defend his 2015 Mooresville title with a 212-198 victory in the title match. Weber would continue his string of wins in 2016 with titles in Farmingdale, N.Y. and a successful defense of his Suncoast Senior U.S. Open title in successive weeks. Later in the season, he would add wins in the USBC Senior Masters and PBA50 South Shore Open to bring his career PBA50 Tour titles count to 10.

As one of a handful of players who compete on both the PBA Tour and Tour for players 50 and over, Weber has had a productive season on the PBA Tour in 2017 with top finishes in two majors, fifth in the FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions and seventh-place in the Barbasol PBA Players Championship. He also wrapped up the 2016 season with a sixth-place finish in the PBA World Championship last December.

Weber will have another goal in mind when he competes in the Race City Open and that will be to win his 100th career tournament in PBA competition which includes titles in PBA Tour, PBA50 Tour, PBA Regional and PBA50 regional events.

Weber's overall win total currently stands at 99, two behind fellow Hall of Famer and PBA50 Tour competitor Walter Ray Williams Jr., who reached the century mark by winning a PBA regional tournament last summer. Williams, the PBA Tour's all-time titles leader with 47 wins and is tied with Weber with 10 wins on the PBA50 Tour won his 101st overall title in PBA competition by winning a PBA50 regional in March.

In addition to Weber and Williams, other PBA50 Tour stars expected to compete in Mooresville will be a host of other Hall of Famers including Tom Baker, Amleto Monacelli, Dale Eagle, Bryan Goebel, Norm Duke, Brian Voss and tournament host George Pappas.

Competition begins with eight-game qualifying on Monday, May 1 beginning at 9 a.m. ET which will be followed by another eight-game round on Tuesday, May 2. Match play will be conducted on Wednesday May 3 which will determine the top five players who will advance to match play at 7 p.m. The practice session will be held from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Sunday, April 30 and pro-am squads are scheduled for 2, 4:30 and 7 p.m.

Pro-am entry is \$55 for adults at \$35 for youth and senior bowlers. Ticket prices range from \$2-\$10 with an all access pass available for \$20 for the entire tournament. For ticket and pro-am entry information call (704) 663-5300.

PBA50 RACE CITY OPEN PRESENTED BY COLUMBIA 300 SCHEDULE

George Pappas' Victory Lanes, Mooresville, N.C.

(All times Eastern)

Sunday, April 30

9 a.m. – 1 p.m. - Practice session

Pro-am squads: 2, 4:30, and 7 p.m.

Monday, May 1

9 a.m. - A squad qualifying (8 games)

4 p.m. - B squad qualifying (8 games)

Tuesday, May 2

9 a.m. - B squad qualifying (8 games)

4 p.m. - A squad qualifying (8 games)

Wednesday, May 3

8:30 am.- Cashers round (5 games)

Noon – Match play round 1(5 games)

3 p.m. – Match play round 2 (5 games)

7 p.m. – Stepladder finals

PBA Spare Shots: Xtra Frame Begins Exclusive Coverage of PWBA's 2017 Season in Sonoma County

Xtra Frame began its exclusive coverage of the 2017 PWBA Tour today with qualifying in the QubicaAMF Sonoma County Open from Double Decker Lanes in Rohnert Park, Calif. Xtra Frame will cover PWBA events through qualifying up to the stepladder finals, which will be recorded at a later date for broadcast on CBS Sports Network.

Following Rohnert Park will be the Storm Sacramento Open from Steve Cook's Fireside Lanes in Sacramento, Calif., May 4-6, and Fountain Valley Open from Fountain Bowl in Fountain Valley, Calif., May 11-13. PWBA's first major of the season, the USBC Queens, is set for May 17-23 in Baton Rouge, La.

Xtra Frame's coverage of the PBA50 Tour heads north next week when the 50-and-older players gather in Mooresville, N.C., at George Pappas Victory Lanes for the Race City Open presented by Columbia 300 Monday through Wednesday. The "senior" players then travel to Farmingdale Lanes in Farmingdale, N.Y., for the PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open presented by Brunswick before heading to Indianapolis for the 2017 season's first major, the PBA50 Tour Players Championship at Woodland Bowl, May 13-16.

Xtra Frame subscription packages are available for three days, 30 days and a full year. To sign up, visit xtraframe.tv for details.

PBA XTRA FRAME BILLY HARDWICK MEMORIAL TO GO "OLD SCHOOL"

The upcoming PBA Xtra Frame Billy Hardwick Memorial, scheduled for June 23-25 at the Memphis, Tenn., bowling center formerly owned by the late PBA Hall of Famer, will honor Hardwick in more than name only. It will be contested using the kind of limited-technology bowling balls the 18-time PBA Tour champion used when he became the PBA's first "triple crown" winner back in the late 1960s.

The Hardwick Memorial, which will be live-streamed exclusively on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel, will be open to a field of 80 bowlers. All players must use approved polyester bowling balls manufactured by a PBA Product Registered company. A list of approved bowling balls can be found on pba.com (<https://www.pba.com/Tournaments/Details/2331>) and includes the PBA Skill Ball 2.0 which is used in Teen Masters competition.

The tournament will offer a \$10,000 first prize and a PBA Tour title, if the winner is a PBA member. The event will not be part of the PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup series because of its equipment limitations. Competition will include eight qualifying games for all players on Saturday, June 24, with the top one-third advancing to a four-game cashers' round on Sunday. After 12 games, the top 16 will enter into three-game single elimination match play leading up to one-game semifinal and championship matches.

ENTRIES NOW OPEN FOR PBA XTRA FRAME TOUR EVENTS

Entries are now being accepted for upcoming PBA Xtra Frame Tour tournaments, beginning with the PBA XF Wilmington Open at Ten Pin Alley in Wilmington, N.C., May 26-29, followed by the PBA Xtra Frame Jonesboro Open at Jonesboro Bowling Center in Jonesboro, Ark., June 2-4; the PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open presented by Ebonite at South Plains Lanes in Lubbock, Texas, June 9-11, and the PBA Xtra Frame Billy Hardwick Memorial at Billy Hardwick's All Star Lanes in Memphis, Tenn., June 23-25.

The Wilmington, Jonesboro and Lubbock tournaments are Xtra Frame Storm Cup points events. The Memphis tournament, which will be a "throwback" tournament restricted to approved limited-technology bowling balls, is not part of the Storm Cup.

PBA members have preferred entry priority into all PBA Xtra Frame Tour events until 30 days prior to the start of the events when entries will be open to non-members. Entries for all Xtra Frame events must be submitted through the PBA Regional Manager who has responsibility for the area hosting the event.

PBA CHAMPIONS OZIO, SHADY ENTER USBC HALL OF FAME

David Ozio, an 11-time PBA Tour champion and member of the PBA Hall of Fame, and one-time PBA titlist Mike Shady were inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame Wednesday during the USBC Annual Meeting at The Orleans in Las Vegas.

Ozio, 63, resides in Beaumont, Texas. His resume includes 1991 PBA Player of the Year honors along with a PBA Tournament of Champions title. He was ranked 34th on the PBA's list of the 50 greatest players in PBA history during the organization's 50th anniversary celebration in 2009.

"When you think back to the dedication and the things it took to get here, was it worth it?" Ozio asked during his induction speech. "By all means, I would've done it again 10 times over."

Shady, 51, is a former collegiate star at Nebraska and Wisconsin-LaCrosse who now lives in Girard, Pa. The 1992 Earl Anthony PBA Open winner also is a two-time USBC Open Championships title holder who currently leads the tournament's lifetime average list with a 222.28 average for 21 years of participation.

THIS WEEK: "PICK THE RADICAL BALL" FOR PBA BOWLING CHALLENGE GAME

Concrete Software's "pick the ball" survey for PBA Bowling Challenge mobile game continues this week with players invited to select a new Radical ball from among three options provided weekly for each PBA-participating brand.

Based on fan voting which begins Thursday (click here: http://bit.ly/Radical_17 to cast your vote), the "winning" Radical ball will be available for play on May 12.

A code to purchase the ball for 50% off (the code will be available on PBA's and the specific companies' social media pages) will be posted. Each company also will have a flashback weekend where all its previous balls will be available for that weekend only.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: WILLIAMS, DAUGHERTY WIN IN HAWAII

Stuart Williams of Phoenix, Ariz., defeated Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Fla., 199-191, to win the PBA Hawaii West/Northwest Open presented by Ebonite at Schofield Army Base Lanes Sunday, and on Wednesday, the top two swapped places in the Ft. Shafter Army Base event.

The Schofield and Ft. Shafter tournaments were the first two events in a traditional PBA West and Northwest Region Hawaii tripleheader series which concludes with the Hickam AFB West/Northwest Open presented by Ebonite Friday through Sunday.

Williams, who won his third PBA Regional title, received \$2,000 for his win. He advanced to the title match by eliminating Troy Kendrick of Coto De Caza, Calif., 224-182, while Daugherty defeated Cameron Weier of Tacoma, Wash., 213-179, in the semifinal round.

On Wednesday, Daugherty posted an 8-2 match play record and an 18-game total of 4,215 pins to win his 13th PBA Regional title in the PBA Fort Shafter West/Northwest Hawaii Open presented by Ebonite, defeating Williams by 32 pins for the \$2,000 top prize.

● Brandon Novak of Chillicothe, Ohio, defeated Larry Verble of Mason, Mich. by 165 pins Sunday to win the PBA Debbie & Leo Nunan Memorial Central Open presented by Track at AMF Stardust Lanes in Grove City, Ohio.

Novak finished with an 8-4 match play record and a total of 4,971 pins for 20 games, including match play bonus pins, for his first Central Region title of 2017 and his fourth overall title. He also earned \$2,300.

● Mike Moore of Orlando, Fla., defeated Jason Sterner of Rockledge, Fla., 290-225, to take the first prize in the inaugural PBA Valdosta South Open at Jac's Lanes in Valdosta, Ga., Sunday.

Moore qualified second for the stepladder finals with an 8-4 match play record and a 20-game total of 4,817 pins, including match play bonus pins, and earned \$2,400. Sterner posted a 10-2 match play record and had 4,848 pins to qualify first, 31 pins ahead of Moore.

In the first stepladder match Jeff Piroozshad of Coral Springs, Fla. defeated Anthony DeStasio of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., 232-183. Moore then disposed of Piroozshad, 190-181, in the semifinal match.

● April's PBA Regional competition concludes with the PBA50 Cherokee Lanes South Open presented by Roto Grip in Canton, Ga., April 27-29, and the Al Jones Memorial presented by Storm at Rockaway Lanes in Rockaway, N.J., April 28-30.

● For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES:

● Reminder: Applications for the 2017 PBA Billy Welu Scholarship, recognizing exemplary qualities in male or female college students who compete in bowling, are due by June 15. Candidates must be currently attending college and maintaining at least a 2.5/4.0 GPA or equivalent. The two-part application can be retrieved using this link: <http://www.pba.com/Corporate/Scholarships>.

Portland, Silver Lake Win in Overtime to Complete L.L.Bean PBA League Semifinal Round

PORTLAND, Maine – Portland's rabid bowling fans don't need much to get them started, but they were at their loudest when the L.L.Bean Portland Lumberjacks, along with the two-time Elias Cup champion Live + Work in Maine Silver Lake Atom Splitters, advanced to L.L.Bean PBA League Elias Cup semifinals behind another set of sudden-death victories at Bayside Bowl.

The final two best-of-two-game quarterfinal round matches aired Sunday on ESPN.

The Atom Splitters, the only team to win two previous Elias Cups, got the quarterfinals off to another nerve-wracking start, closing game one of their best-of-two-game match against the MaineQuarterly.com Brooklyn Styles with six strikes for a 235-222 edge. But the Styles forced the roll-off with a 217-216 game two nail-biter. After Brooklyn's Parker Bohn III finished his 10th frame with a strike/nine-spares, Silver Lake's Jesper Svensson had a chance to clinch a two-game sweep with a strike in his 10th frame, but left a 7 pin on his first shot. He got the spare and with another chance to strike to tie the game, he

left a 9 pin to send the contest in overtime where he struck for the win when Bohn left a 7 pin on his attempt.

“That was a little more exciting than I wanted it to be,” Atom Splitters’ manager Mark Baker said. “We went from having it won easily to, oh, my, we could lose this.”

After his two close chances to win, Baker wasn’t about to give up on his young Swedish two-handed player. “I asked him if he wanted to throw the shot. He said yes, and that’s all I wanted to hear,” Baker said of Svensson’s roll-off strike. “He threw it exactly the way we thought he would.”

“The first one I threw in the 10th I thought was quite good,” Svensson said. “When I made the spare I should have moved, but I didn’t. That got me a little frustrated but when Mark asked if I was ready to go again, I said yes. I moved and threw it really good, and it struck.

“It’s a great feeling to play in this bowling center with this crowd,” the 22-year-old Swede said. “They really pump you up. I’m the guy who doesn’t show too many emotions when I bowl but around here it’s impossible not to. It’s really cool.”

The already enflamed capacity crowd kept it up as their hometown Lumberjacks rallied in the last three frames of game one to pull out a 227-206 victory over the Barbasol Motown Muscle in the final quarterfinal round match. After starting game two with five strikes, it looked like victory was readily in hand. But “Lumberjill” Liz Johnson failed to convert a 3-10 split, and Kyle Troup, Bryon Smith and anchor Wes Malott spared in three of the next four frames while the Muscle’s Dick Allen, EJ Tackett and anchor Anthony Simonsen put together a string of five strikes to win game two, 248-225.

In the roll-off, Malott (at left) struck for Portland and Simonsen left a solid 10 pin to send the Lumberjacks into the semifinal round against the Atom Splitters.

Malott noted the lane condition started to get away from the Lumberjacks after their five-strike start in game two, but when it came to the 10th frame and he knew his team was headed to a roll-off, Malott used that opportunity to get lined up for the roll-off.

“Hats off to Anthony; he made a great shot,” Malott said of Simonsen’s misfortune. “We were fortunate to come away with the win.”

“Anthony threw a great shot, but you could see every one of these roll-offs is coming down to a single pin,” Portland manager Tim Mack added. “Fortunately today we were on the right side of the break.”

Mack said the Lumberjacks were able to pull out the win by remaining under control throughout the match.

“I told our players, even though they’ve all been in position to make huge shots during their careers, to control their emotions and not get too high because we had the crowd behind us,” Mack said. “I told them to just make one good shot in the second half and we’d have a chance to win the game. And they all threw great shots down the stretch.

“In the roll-off, (Malott) had just come off the lane. Every one of our players could have thrown that shot, but (Wes) is bowling fifth in our lineup for a reason.”

Next Sunday’s 1 p.m. EDT semifinal round telecast will feature the Sysco Philadelphia Hitmen against the defending Elias Cup champion Shipyard Dallas Strikers followed by the Live + Work in Maine Silver Lake Atom Splitters vs the L.L.Bean Portland Lumberjacks in the second “best-of-two-game” Baker format match. The winners will meet in the Elias Cup championship telecast on Sunday, May 14, at 1 p.m. Eastern. The Elias Cup finals will include singles, doubles and trios matches worth one point each, and a five-player Baker format team finale worth three points. In case of a tie, the Elias Cup will be decided in a one-ball sudden-death roll-off.

The ESPN telecast will be simultaneously streamed on ESPN3 and the WatchESPN app.

L.L.BEAN PBA LEAGUE

Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine (aired Sunday on ESPN)

Quarterfinal Round Results (best-of-two-game Baker format)

Match Three: Live + Work in Maine Silver Lake Atom Splitters (Chris Barnes, Shawn Maldonado, DJ Archer, Tom Daugherty, Jesper Svensson) def. MaineQuarterly.com Brooklyn Styles (Walter Ray Williams Jr., Jason Sterner, Jon Van Hees, Sean Rash, Parker Bohn III), 235-222, 216-217, 10-9 in one-ball sudden-death roll-off.

Match Four: L.L.Bean Portland Lumberjacks (Liz Johnson, Kyle Troup, Bryon Smith, Ryan Ciminelli, Wes Malott) def. Barbasol Motown Muscle (Francois Lavoie, Josh Blanchard, Dick Allen, E.J. Tackett, Anthony Simonsen), 227-206, 225-248, 10-9 in one-ball sudden-death roll-off.

Brian Voss Puts Experience to Good Use to Take First Round Lead in PBA50 Race City Open

Relying on his experience and some additional practice seemed to be the right formula for PBA Hall of Famer Brian Voss of Centennial, Colo., after taking the first round lead in the PBA50 Race City Open presented by Columbia 300 Monday at George Pappas' Victory Lanes.

Voss, a 25-time PBA Tour and one-time PBA50 Tour winner, topped the 136-player field with a 1,899 eight-game pinfall total (237.3 average) to edge out Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio, in second by one pin. Voss bowled games of 219, 236, 259, 218, 279, 215, 236 and 237.

After bowling on and off on the PBA50 Tour for seven seasons, Voss won his first PBA50 Tour title in the Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic in 2016.

"I'm older but wiser," said the 58-year-old Voss, who had a more than two decade career on the PBA Tour. "I've never stopped learning but I just wish I could apply all that experience when I need it.

"I've been practicing quite a bit more which is helping," he continued. "I had been practicing four or five times a week. The only difference is I'm practicing four or five games each time as opposed to 20 or 30 when I was bowling on the regular tour."

Defending champion Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., finished the round in third with a 1,852 pinfall followed by fellow Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., in fourth with 1,846. Williams, the PBA Tour's all-time titles leader with 47 wins, and Weber, who has 37 wins which ranks fourth all-time, are tied with 10 career PBA50 Tour titles.

Weber, the 2016 and 2015 PBA50 Player of the Year, won the Mooresville Open last year for the second of a record four consecutive PBA50 Tour wins.

Weber is also trying for his 100th career title in PBA competition, which includes PBA Tour, PBA50 Tour, PBA regional and PBA50 regional titles. He is two behind Williams who reached the century mark by winning a regional in December 2016 and a PBA50 regional in March for his 101st title.

Five-time PBA Tour winner Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix, who is bowling in his rookie season on the PBA50 Tour, finished the round in fifth with a 1,838 pinfall.

After Tuesday's second round the top 24 players will advance directly into Wednesday's match play rounds with an additional eight players advancing to match play after a cashers round Wednesday morning.

The Race City Open is being covered live by PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. For subscription and schedule information visit www.xtraframe.tv.

PBA50 RACE CITY OPEN PRESENTED BY COLUMBIA 300

George Pappas' Victory Lanes, Mooresville, N.C.

FIRST ROUND

(after 8 games)

- 1, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 1,899.
- 2, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,898.
- 3, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,852.
- 4, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,846.
- 5, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,838.
- 6, Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 1,836.
- 7, Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., 1,827.

- 8, Tommy Martin, Olive Branch, Miss., 1,824.
- 9, Don Breeden, Clive, Iowa, 1,812.
- 10, James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 1,810.
- 11, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,799.
- 12, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 1,797.
- 13, Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 1,794.
- 14, Nick Morgan, Sacramento, Calif., 1,790.
- 15, Dale Eagle, Twin Falls, Idaho, 1,777.
- 16, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,768.
- 17, Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 1,765.
- 18, (tie) Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, and Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,762.
- 20, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,757.
- 21, Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 1,756.
- 22, Doug O'Bryant, Ball Ground, Ga., 1,749.
- 23, Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 1,744.
- 24, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 1,743.
- 25, James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 1,734.
- 26, n-John Thompson, Sarasota, Fla., 1,731.
- 27, (tie) Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., and Ken Gibson, Greenville, S.C., 1,729.
- 29, Curt Guinn, Greenwood, S.C., 1,728.
- 30, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 1,720.
- 31, (tie) Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., and Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C., 1,713.
- 33, Charlie Toney, Oak Hill, W.Va., 1,708.
- 34, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,706.
- 35, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 1,705.
- 36, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 1,704.
- 37, (tie) Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., and Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,703.
- 39, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1,697.
- 40, (tie) Gary Shultis, Levittown, N.Y., and Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,696.

42, (tie) Michael Byers, Charleston, S.C., and Tom Howison, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,693.

44, Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 1,692.

45, Mal Williams, Jr, Greensboro, N.C., 1,691.

46, Jeff Schrum, Cherryville, N.C., 1,690.

47, Bobby Johnson, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,688.

48, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 1,686.

49, Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, 1,685.

50, Mark Scime, Winter Garden, Fla., 1,683.

51, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,681.

52, Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 1,674.

53, Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 1,670.

54, (tie) Jimmy Jean, Kathleen, Ga., and Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 1,669.

56, Dave Han, Birmingham, Ala., 1,667.

57, Dave Sill, Titusville, Fla., 1,662.

58, Ken Shealy, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 1,659.

59, Dannie Hettinger, Circleville, Ohio, 1,658.

60, Warren Burr, Wilmington, Del., 1,654.

60, Chuck Walker, Blaine, Tenn., 1,654.

62, David Sanders, Blythewood, S.C., 1,653.

63, Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,650.

64, Patrick Shipley, Spring Valley, Calif., 1,647.

65, n-Paul Kreins, Mooresville, NC, 1,646.

66, Jon DeLaney, McKinney, Texas, 1,642.

67, Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 1,639.

68, David Kneas, Annapolis, Md., 1,638.

69, Roy Buckley, Westerville, Ohio, 1,636.

70, Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 1,634.

71, George Pappas, Charlotte, N.C., 1,632.

72, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1,628.

- 73, Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 1,626.
- 74, Charlie Tomey, Spartanburg, S.C., 1,625.
- 75, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 1,621.
- 76, Peter Knopp, Germany, 1,618.
- 77, James Blackstone, Kennesaw, Ga., 1,615.
- 78, Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 1,611.
- 79, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 1,610.
- 80, Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 1,603.
- 81, James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 1,598.
- 82, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,596.
- 83, Mac Sanders, Taylors, S.C., 1,590.
- 84, Gary Simon, Bridgeport, W.Va., 1,587.
- 85, Jesse Phillips, Charlotte, N.C., 1,583.
- 86, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1,577.
- 87, Steve Easterday, Strasburg, Ohio, 1,576.
- 88, Scott Greiner, Platte City, Mo., 1,574.
- 89, William Keenan Jr., Orlando, Fla., 1,572.
- 90, (tie) Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., and John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 1,571.
- 92, (tie) Pete Arruda, Gilbert, S.C., and John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1,570.
- 94, Richard Wilburn, Jr., Adamstown, Md., 1,565.
- 95, Doug Becker, Clermont, Fla., 1,562.
- 96, David Goldenberg, Holtsville, N.Y., 1,559.
- 97, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 1,556.
- 98, n-Brian Wallace, Lexington, Ky., 1,555.
- 99, Scott Thomsen, Sumter, S.C., 1,554.
- 100, n-David Cushion, Dewitt, Mich., 1,553.
- 101, Chuck Best, Buda, Texas, 1,548.
- 101, Todd Wilson, Summerfield, N.C., 1,548.
- 103, (tie) Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., and Keith Lesko, Chicago, Ill., 1,545.

105, Wayne Bolin, Lumberton, N.C., 1,544.

106, Nile Konicek, Gilbert, Ariz., 1,539.

107, Steven Grotowski, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla, 1,538.

108, Tommy Brodowski, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 1,535.

109, Darryl Traber, Waterford, Wis., 1,533.

110, Todd Haney, Boiling Springs, S.C., 1,519.

111, David Taylor, Largo, Fla., 1,509.

112, (tie) Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., and William Banks, Laurel Hill, N.C., 1,508.

114, Greg Wilhelm, Laurel Hill, N.C., 1,506.

115, Charlie Earnst, York, Pa., 1,505.

116, Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 1,503.

117, Ken Waters, Kingsport, Tenn., 1,501.

118, Tim Shirlock, Las Vegas, 1,499.

119, Dennis Lane, Kingsport, Tenn., 1,494.

120, Joe Beck, Montgomery, Ala., 1,486.

121, Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 1,478.

122, Charles Gadd, Lake Worth, Fla., 1,477.

123, Robert Leonard Sr, Lockwood, N.Y., 1,472.

124, Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 1,469.

125, James Cayton, Canton, N.C., 1,451.

126, James Lord, Fort Mill, S.C., 1,446.

127, Chuck Anton, Chesterfield, Va., 1,437.

128, Chris Fedden, Albany, N.Y., 1,435.

129, n-Charles Allen Jr., Pell City, Ala., 1,430.

130, Steve Petroff, Concord, N.C., 1,429.

131, Lonnie Dyer, Charlotte, NC, 1,427.

132, Mike Moore, Marietta, Ohio, 1,422.

133, James Souder, Greeneville, Tenn., 1,411.

134, Larry Graybeal, Elizabethton, Tenn., 1,403.

135, n-Sherwin Bates, Cullman, Ala., 1,397.

136, n-Andrew Bizub, Huber Heights, Ohio, 1,337.

300 games (1) – David Cushion

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Brian Kretzer Gets Badly Needed Encouragement as PBA50 Race City Open Top Qualifier

After disappointing finishes in the first two PBA50 Tour tournaments of the 2017 season, Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio, got some badly needed encouragement after taking top qualifier honors in the PBA50 Race City Open presented by Columbia 300 Tuesday at George Pappas' Victory Lanes.

Kretzer, a one-time PBA Tour and PBA50 Tour titlist, finished qualifying with a 3,799 16-game pinfall total (237.4 average) bowling games of 226, 226, 237, 257, 255, 226, 205 and 269 in Tuesday's second round. He was second after the first round with a 1,898 pinfall.

"Everything just came together," said Kretzer, who finished 82nd in last week's UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl In The Villages and 98th in the season-opening Pasco County Florida Open. "I was able to use one ball and just make the adjustments with my speed and hand position. Since I was playing further inside on the lane than anyone else, I was kind of bowling on a fresh condition where I didn't have to make a lot drastic changes.

"I've always preferred to make adjustments with my ball speed and hand position instead of going to a different ball," added Kretzer, who had two third-place finishes in 2016. "Today the lane condition came to me rather than me having to chase the condition."

The top 24 players advanced directly into Wednesday's match play rounds. Players qualifying 25th-45th plus eight PBA60 players advanced to a cashers round that will determine eight additional match play spots. After match play concludes the top five will be determined for the stepladder finals which is scheduled for 7 p.m. ET.

PBA Hall of Famer and tournament defending champion Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., got off to a slow start to the PBA50 Tour season with a 21st-place finish in last week's Sun Bowl In The Villages but will improve on that after finishing qualifying in second 40-pins behind Kretzer with 3,759.

Weber, the 2016 and 2015 PBA50 Player of the Year, won the Mooresville Open last year for the second of a record four consecutive PBA50 Tour wins.

Five-time PBA Tour winner Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix, who is bowling in his rookie season on the PBA50 Tour, finished qualifying in third with a 3,751 pinfall. Rounding out the top five were Hall of Famers Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., with 3,677, and Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., with 3,672. Weber, a 37-time PBA Tour winner, is trying for his 100th career title in PBA competition, which includes PBA Tour, PBA50 Tour, PBA regional and PBA50 regional titles. He is two behind Williams, the PBA Tour's all-time titles leader with 47 wins, who reached the century mark by winning a regional in December 2016 and a PBA50 regional in March for his 101st title. Both Weber and Williams own 10 PBA50 Tour titles.

First round leader Brian Voss of Centennial, Colo., finished qualifying in ninth with a 3,593 pinfall.

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**PBA50 RACE CITY OPEN PRESENTED BY COLUMBIA 300
George Pappas' Victory Lanes, Mooresville, N.C., Tuesday
SECOND ROUND**

(after 16 games; top 24 advance to match play; 25th-45th plus eight PBA60 players advance to cashers round which determines eight additional match play finalists)

- 1, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3,799.
- 2, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,759.
- 3, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3,751.
- 4, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,677.
- 5, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,672.
- 6, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3,606.
- 7, Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., 3,605.
- 8, Lennie Boesch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3,596.
- 9, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 3,593.
- 10, Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 3,585.
- 11, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 3,581.
- 12, Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 3,580.
- 13, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 3,574.
- 14, James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 3,563.
- 15, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,535.
- 16, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 3,520.
- 17, Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 3,505.
- 18, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 3,488.
- 19, Don Breeden, Clive, Iowa, 3,483.
- 20, Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 3,475.
- 21, Nick Morgan, Sacramento, Calif., 3,459.
- 22, Tommy Martin, Olive Branch, Miss., 3,450.
- 23, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,432.
- 24, Doug O'Bryant, Ball Ground, Ga., 3,429.
- 25, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 3,428.
- 26, Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 3,427.
- 27, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3,426.
- 28, Dave Han, Birmingham, Ala., 3,416.
- 29, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 3,415.
- 30, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3,414.
- 31, Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 3,408.
- 32, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3,407.
- 33, Curt Guinn, Greenwood, S.C., 3,401.
- 34, Tom Howison, Chillicothe, Ohio, 3,399.
- 35, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 3,398.
- 36, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,388.
- 37, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 3,381.
- 38, (tie) Ken Gibson, Greenville, S.C., and Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 3,374.
- 40, Dale Eagle, Twin Falls, Idaho, 3,373.
- 41, Bobby Johnson, Chillicothe, Ohio, 3,372.
- 42, Dave Sill, Titusville, Fla., 3,371.
- 43, Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 3,365.
- 44, Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C., 3,362.
- 45, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,360.
- 46, ss-Mark Scime, Winter Garden, Fla., 3,353.
- 47, (tie) Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., and Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 3,348.
- 49, ss-Gary Shultis, Levittown, N.Y., 3,342.
- 50, Scott Thomsen, Sumter, S.C., 3,332.

- 51, ss-Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, 3,326.
- 52, Mal Williams, Jr, Greensboro, N.C., 3,312.
- 53, Ken Shealy, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 3,311.
- 54, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 3,307.
- 54, ss-Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 3,307.
- 56, ss-Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 3,299.
- 56, Patrick Shipley, Spring Valley, Calif., 3,299.
- 58, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 3,296.
- 59, n-John Thompson, Sarasota, Fla., 3,294.
- 60, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3,284.
- 61, ss-Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 3,283.
- 62, Michael Byers, Charleston, S.C., 3,282.
- 63, ss-David Kneas, Annapolis, Md., 3,280.
- 63, Chuck Walker, Blaine, Tenn., 3,280.
- 65, n-Paul Kreins, Mooresville, NC, 3,272.
- 66, (tie) Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., and James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 3,269.
- 68, Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 3,265.
- 69, George Pappas, Charlotte, N.C., 3,262.
- 70, Keith Lesko, Chicago, Ill., 3,261.
- 71, Jeff Schrum, Cherryville, N.C., 3,248.
- 72, Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 3,241.
- 73, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 3,235.
- 74, Tommy Brodowski, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 3,233.
- 75, Roy Buckley, Westerville, Ohio, 3,226.
- 76, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3,219.
- 77, Jimmy Jean, Kathleen, Ga., 3,214.
- 78, James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 3,213.
- 79, Charlie Tomey, Spartanburg, S.C., 3,200.
- 80, Charlie Toney, Oak Hill, W.Va., 3,198.
- 81, Steven Grotowski, Ft Lauderdale, Fla, 3,194.
- 82, Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 3,192.
- 83, Charles Gadd, Lake Worth, Fla., 3,189.
- 84, Darryl Traber, Waterford, Wis., 3,184.
- 85, Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 3,180.
- 86, (tie) Mac Sanders, Taylors, S.C., and Dannie Hettinger, Circleville, Ohio, 3,172.
- 88, William Keenan Jr., Orlando, Fla., 3,168.
- 89, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 3,166.
- 90, Todd Haney, Boiling Springs, S.C., 3,164.
- 91, Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 3,158.
- 92, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 3,157.
- 93, Pete Arruda, Gilbert, S.C., 3,153.
- 94, n-David Cushion, Dewitt, Mich., 3,152.
- 95, Warren Burr, Wilmington, Del., 3,143.
- 96, Chuck Best, Buda, Texas, 3,140.
- 97, Todd Wilson, Summerfield, N.C., 3,139.
- 98, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 3,130.
- 99, Nile Konicek, Gilbert, Ariz., 3,128.
- 100, Peter Knopp, Germany, 3,123.
- 101, Tim Shirlock, Las Vegas, 3,119.
- 102, Robert Leonard, Lockwood, N.Y., 3,117.
- 103, Richard Wilburn, Jr., Adamstown, Md., 3,106.
- 104, Wayne Bolin, Lumberton, N.C., 3,095.
- 105, Steve Easterday, Strasburg, Ohio, 3,092.

- 106, David Sanders, Blythewood, S.C., 3,089.
 - 107, Chris Fedden, Albany, N.Y., 3,088.
 - 108, Jon DeLaney, McKinney, Texas, 3,085.
 - 109, William Banks, Laurel Hill, N.C., 3,084.
 - 110, David Goldenberg, Holtsville, N.Y., 3,069.
 - 111, Doug Becker, Clermont, Fla., 3,048.
 - 112, David Taylor, Largo, Fla., 3,033.
 - 113, Scott Greiner, Platte City, Mo., 3,031.
 - 114, Jesse Phillips, Charlotte, N.C., 2,993.
 - 115, Dennis Lane, Kingsport, Tenn., 2,975.
 - 116, Greg Wilhelm, Laurel Hill, N.C., 2,974.
 - 117, Steve Petroff, Concord, N.C., 2,950.
 - 118, Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 2,949.
 - 119, Larry Graybeal, Elizabethton, Tenn., 2,947.
 - 120, Gary Simon, Bridgeport, W.Va., 2,935.
 - 121, James Lord, Fort Mill, S.C., 2,905.
 - 122, Joe Beck, Montgomery, Ala., 2,896.
 - 123, Charlie Earnst, York, Pa., 2,879.
 - 124, Lonnie Dyer, Charlotte, NC, 2,875.
 - 125, James Blackstone, Kennesaw, Ga., 2,858.
 - 126, Ken Waters, Kingsport, Tenn., 2,849.
 - 127, Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 2,844.
 - 128, n-Sherwin Bates, Cullman, Ala., 2,841.
 - 129, n-Charles Allen Jr., Pell City, Ala., 2,811.
 - 130, Chuck Anton, Chesterfield, Va., 2,783.
 - 131, n-Andrew Bizub, Huber Heights, Ohio, 2,755.
 - 132, Mike Moore, Marietta, Ohio, 2,754.
 - 133, James Souder, Greeneville, Tenn., 2,713.
 - 134, n-Brian Wallace, Lexington, Ky., 2,917.
 - 135, Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 1,503.
 - 136, James Cayton, Canton, N.C., 1,451.
- n-non-member
 ss-PBA60 players ages 60 and over advancing to cashers round

PBA Spare Shots: "PDW" Helps Fire Up Chicago Wolves Before American Hockey League Playoffs

PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber, well-known for his fiery temperament when things are going well, helped provide a dash of fire to the Chicago Wolves hockey team prior to their entry into the American Hockey League playoffs.

It happened like this: the Wolves' President Mike Gordon, who has worked with Chicagoland Bowling Proprietors' Association Executive Director Bill Duff on a variety of cooperative promotions, asked Duff if he could get in touch with Weber, who is well-known to a few of the Wolves' players through videos of Weber they have watched, including PDW's infamous 1991 U.S. Open trophy-drop and his "Who do you think you are?" rant after winning the 2012 U.S. Open. Weber's fierce spirit caught on with the team, so Gordon wondered if Weber would deliver a surprise inspirational message to the Wolves to amp them up for their playoff run.

Duff sent a text message to Weber who was competing at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, and Weber was eager to help – in part because the Wolves are the "AAA level" affiliate of the NHL St. Louis Blues,

Weber's hometown hockey team. Assisted by PBA's Xtra Frame crew, Weber's message was shown to the Wolves prior to their first Calder Cup playoffs game vs. the Charlotte Checkers.

To view Weber's message, click here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DrF-_SfhNgw&feature=youtu.be.

For the record, the Wolves lost their first playoff game against Charlotte, but roared back to win the best-of-five game series, 3-2, to advance to the second round of the Calder Cup playoffs.

MATT O'GRADY ESCAPES SERIOUS INJURY AFTER LEAGUE BOWLING ACCIDENT

PBA member Matt O'Grady of Rahway, N.J., escaped serious injury when he was struck in the head by his own bowling ball and knocked unconscious during a recent league bowling accident.

After leaving a 4-6-10 split, O'Grady said he was trying to throw his spare ball hard in hopes of bouncing a pin out of the pit, but the ball hung up on his thumb. His hand went straight up, poked a hole in the ceiling and the ball came loose, striking him in the head. He said he lost consciousness momentarily and remembers waking up in a nearby hospital trauma center.

Two weeks later, he's still suffering from periodic headaches and bouts of nausea, but nothing serious enough to keep him from bowling in the PBA Al Jones Memorial Eastern Open where he finished second to Patrick Allen.

O'Grady "During roll call before our squad, I knew I was getting the 2016 East Region Player of the Year award from (PBA East Region manager) Russ Mills," O'Grady said, "but he also presented me with a hard hat with a Storm logo. Everybody got a good laugh, including me. It was pretty funny."

Ironically, less than two weeks earlier, two-time PBA Tour titlist and periodic PBA50 competitor Kent Wagner of Bradenton, Fla., had a similar experience during the USBC Open Championships in Las Vegas. In a widely-distributed video seen on social media outlets, Wagner's ball also stuck on his thumb, went straight up in the air and just missed hitting him in the head.

XTRA FRAME CONTINUES WITH PBA50, PWBA EVENTS; PBA TOUR RETURNS SOON

Xtra Frame coverage of both the PBA50 Tour and the PWBA Tour continues through May, heading toward the resumption of PBA Tour competition at the end of the month.

Following this week's coverage of the Race City Open presented by Columbia 300 from Mooresville, N.C., the "senior tour" travels to Farmingdale Lanes in Farmingdale, N.Y., for the PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open presented by Brunswick, May 7-9, before heading to Indianapolis for the 2017 season's first major, the PBA50 Tour Players Championship at Woodland Bowl, May 14-16.

The 2017 PWBA Tour continues with the Storm Sacramento Open from Steve Cook's Fireside Lanes in Sacramento, Calif., Friday and Saturday, followed by the Fountain Valley Open from Fountain Bowl in Fountain Valley, Calif., May 12-13. PWBA's first major of the season, the USBC Queens, is set for May 18-23 in Baton Rouge, La.

PBA Tour competition resumes with the PBA XF Wilmington Open from Ten Pin Alley in Wilmington, N.C., May 27-29, followed by the PBA XF Jonesboro Open from Jonesboro Bowling Center in Jonesboro, Ark., June 3-4. Both are PBA XF Storm Cup events and both will be covered live, exclusively on Xtra Frame, from first ball to last.

Xtra Frame subscription packages are available for three days, 30 days and a full year. To sign up, visit xtraframe.tv for details.

THIS WEEK: "PICK THE DV8 BALL" FOR PBA BOWLING CHALLENGE GAME

Concrete Software's "pick the ball" survey for PBA Bowling Challenge mobile game continues this week with players invited to select a new DV8 ball from among three options provided weekly for each PBA-participating brand.

Based on fan voting which begins Thursday (click here: [link http://bit.ly/DV8_17](http://bit.ly/DV8_17) to cast your vote), the "winning" DV8 ball will be available for play on May 19.

A code to purchase the ball for 50% off (the code will be available on PBA's and the specific companies' social media pages) will be posted. Each company also will have a flashback weekend where all its previous balls will be available for that weekend only.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: DAUGHERTY, WILLIAMS DOMINATE IN HAWAII

Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Fla., defeated Stuart Williams of Phoenix, 215-186, to win the PBA Hickam AFB West/Northwest Open at Hickam Lanes Sunday as the two players swept the top two places in all three of the PBA West and Northwest Region's annual Hawaii events, presented by Ebonite.

After Williams defeated Daugherty, 199-191, to win the Hawaii West/Northwest Open at Schofield Army Base Lanes on April 23 to kick off the series, the top two swapped places three days later when Daugherty posted an 18-game total of 4,215 pins to top Williams by 32 pins in the PBA Fort Shafter West/Northwest Hawaii Open.

With his win at Hickam, Daugherty has now won 14 regional titles. He also received \$2,000 for his win.

Daugherty defeated Cameron Weier of Tacoma, Wash., 199-185, and Williams defeated Ben Canfield of Tempe, Ariz., 226-181, in the semifinal round to set up the Hickam championship match.

● PBA50 rookie Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix defeated Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio, 223-175, to take the \$1,500 first prize in the PBA50 Canton South Open presented by Roto Grip at Cherokee Lanes in Canton, Ga., Saturday.

Haugen qualified in second place for the stepladder finals with an 18-game total of 4,321 pins, including match play bonus pins, and defeated Stoney Baker of Canton, 216-171, to advance to the title match. Kretzer had 4,382 pins to qualify first, 61 pins ahead of Haugen. Baker defeated Warren Nelson of Hemet, Calif., 203-183, in the first match before losing to Haugen.

● Patrick Allen of Elmwood Park, N.J. defeated Matt O'Grady of Rahway, N.J., 248-218, to win his 30th PBA Regional title in the PBA Al Jones Memorial Eastern Open presented by Storm at Rockaway Lanes Sunday in Rockaway, N.J.

Allen qualified third for the stepladder finals and defeated John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 244-201, and Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 217-206, to advance to the title match. Allen led throughout the championship match but a mid-game open frame by O'Grady gave Allen an insurmountable lead. Allen earned \$2,500.

The long-running event was named to honor the late Al Jones, co-owner of Pro Image Bowling pro shop at Rockaway Lanes. Jones, who suffered from cystic fibrosis since childhood, twice endured a double lung transplant, but lost his life to an infection early in 2016, eight years after his second transplant. Jones joined the PBA in 2001 and competed until 2007, just prior to his second transplant.

- May's PBA Regional schedule gets underway May 5-7 with the PBA Junction City Bowl Southwest/Midwest Open presented by Hammer from Junction City, Kan.; the PBA50 Data & South Specialties Blue Ridge South Open from Fannin Lanes in Blue Ridge, Ga., and the PBA Daffodil Bowl Sunset Automotive Group Northwest Open presented by US Foods plus the PBA50 Daffodil Northwest Open presented by Sunset Chevrolet from Puyallup, Wash.

- The May 12-14 PBA Regional calendar includes the Taylor Kia Central Open presented by Hammer from Holiday Bowl in Struthers, Ohio, and the Planet Bowl Southwest Open presented by Radical from Oklahoma City.

- PBA Regional competition over the May 19-21 weekend includes the Romeo Chevrolet/Buick/GMC Open presented by Ebonite from Patel's Kingston Lanes in Kingston, N.Y.; the PBA50 Baldo Campana Memorial/Ohio Lottery Central/Midwest Open presented by DV8 plus the one-day PBA Baldo Campana Memorial/Ohio Lottery Central Open from Rebman Recreation in Lorain, Ohio; the American Family Insurance Midwest Open presented by Homewood Chevrolet from Oak Forest Bowl in Oak Forest, Ill., and the PBA50 Spare Times Hampton South Open presented by Ebonite from Spare Times Bowling Center in Hampton, Va.

- PBA Regional events over Memorial Day weekend include the Colony Lanes Eastern Challenge, a reduced entry fee event, in York, Pa., and the Celeste Walker Midwest Challenge at Strike N Spare II in Lockport, Ill. – two events for players who have not won a PBA title.

- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES:

- Robert Krickbaum of Pueblo West, Colo., wins a new DV8 ball; Austin Martin of Windham, Maine, will receive a new high-performance Brunswick ball, and Roland Martsolf of Frisco, Texas, has won a new high-performance MOTIV ball as April sweepstakes prizes for subscribing to Xtra Frame. The monthly sweepstakes is sponsored by the respective PBA Product Registered partners. Monthly winners are selected from among new Xtra Frame subscribers, who are automatically entered when they enroll as a monthly or Xtra Frame Season Ticket (full year) subscriber.

- Michelle Hess is the April winner of a \$200 HotelPlanner.com certificate, redeemable for future lodging expenses, compliments of PBA's official travel partner. The monthly sweepstakes is open to anyone who books a hotel through the HotelPlanner.com link on pba.com. Those who book through HotelPlanner.com are automatically entered.

Duke Comes Through in 10th Frame to Win PBA50 Race City Open for Fourth Career PBA50 Tour Title

After a heartbreaking loss in the 10th frame of the championship match of the season-opening PBA50 Pasco County Florida Open, PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., got some redemption by

sealing the deal in the 10th frame of the PBA50 Race City Open presented by Columbia 300 Wednesday to notch his fourth career PBA50 Tour title.

Thanks to a clutch strike on the first ball of the 10th, Duke defeated top qualifier Kenny Parks of Hammond, Ind., 221-213, in the title match at George Pappas' Victory Lanes.

"I tell you, nothing's a given," Duke said. "You just can't take anything for granted. It seems like the lanes are changing every frame and it's all you can do to get to the pocket. It's a lot of guesswork and fortunately I guessed right this time."

Taking the lead into the 10th frame of the Pasco County Open two weeks ago, Duke left the 2-4-8-10 split which handed the win over to Brian LeClair of Delmar, N.Y., for his second PBA50 Tour title.

"There's one philosophy that says, put those situations behind you and move on, but for me, I stew over it," said Duke, who ranks third on the all-time PBA Tour titles list with 38 wins. "That was a learning experience and I want to learn from it. I don't want to get into a second-place cycle."

Duke was able to overcome two splits in the Race City Open title match that he failed to convert but was able to come back with strikes at the end of the match when he needed them.

"I'll be honest, this victory was probably more ball than it was me," said Duke, who qualified third for the stepladder finals. "I needed every advantage I could get."

Parks, the 2008 USBC Senior Masters winner, was trying for his second career PBA50 Tour title.

In the second stepladder match, Duke beat last week's UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl In The Villages winner Lennie Boresch Jr. of Kenosha, Wis., 216-187, and then went on to beat Sammy Ventura of Syracuse, N.Y., in the semi-final 210-202, to advance to the title match.

In the opening match, Boresch defeated five-time PBA Tour winner Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix, 223-216.

Two-time PBA Tour winner Jeff Bellinger earned a check the hard way when he showed up late for his second round qualifying squad on Tuesday. Commuting from his home in Columbia, S.C., the 63-year-old Bellinger got caught in a traffic jam caused by road construction in the Charlotte area.

Giving the field what amounted to an eight-frame head-start, he began competition in the ninth frame and bowled a 40 in his first game. He followed it up with games of 225, 248, 246, 257, 197, 211 and 225 which was good enough to finish 44th in qualifying advancing to Wednesday's cashers round.

Unfortunately he couldn't get anything going in the cashers round finishing the tournament in 51st.

The PBA50 Tour travels to Farmingdale Lanes in Farmingdale, N.Y., May 6-9 for the Johnny Petraglia BVL Open presented by Brunswick. Fans can catch all the action on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. Visit www.xtraframe.tv for subscription and schedule information.

PBA50 RACE CITY OPEN

Presented by Columbia 300

George Pappas' Victory Lanes, Mooresville, N.C., Wednesday

Final Standings

- 1, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., \$7,500.
- 2, Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., \$4,000.
- 3, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., \$2,500.
- 4, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., \$2,000.
- 5, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, \$1,750.

Stepladder Results

Match One – Boresch def. Haugen, 223-216.

Match Two – Duke def. Boresch, 216-187.

Semifinal Match – Duke def. Ventura, 210-202.

Championship – Duke def. Parks, 221-213.

Match Play Round 2 (after six games, including match play record and bonus pins. Top five advanced to stepladder finals)

- 1, ss-Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 5-1, 1,587.
- 2, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 5-1, 1,553.
- 3, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3-3, 1,521.
- 4, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 4-2, 1,509.
- 5, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 4-2, 1,487.
- 6, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3-3, 1,477, \$1,600.
- 7, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 3-3, 1,462, \$1,600.
- 8, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 3-3, 1,461, \$1,600.
- 9, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2-4, 1,453, \$1,400.
- 10, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 3-3, 1,451, \$1,400.
- 11, ss-Nick Morgan, Sacramento, Calif., 3-3, 1,427, \$1,400.
- 12, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3-3, 1,398, \$1,400.
- 13, ss-Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 1-5, 1,345, \$1,400.
- 14, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3-3, 1,337, \$1,400.
- 14, Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 1-5, 1,337, \$1,400.
- 16, ss-Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., 2-4, 1,278, \$1,400.

Match Play Round 1

(after five games including match play record and bonus pins)

- 17, James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 3-2, 1,180, \$1,250.

- 18, (tie) ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1-4, 1,171, and Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 3-2, 1,171, \$1,250.
- 20, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 3-2, 1,167, \$1,250.
- 21, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 2-3, 1,166, \$1,250.
- 22, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 2-3, 1,153, \$1,250.
- 23, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3-2, 1,121, \$1,250.
- 24, Don Breeden, Clive, Iowa, 2-3, 1,119, \$1,250.
- 25, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3-2, 1,114, \$1,150.
- 26, Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 2-3, 1,088, \$1,150.
- 27, Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 2-3, 1,066, \$1,150.
- 28, ss-Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 1-4, 1,058, \$1,150.
- 29, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1-4, 1,047, \$1,150.
- 30, Dave Han, Birmingham, Ala., 2-3, 1,046, \$1,150.
- 31, Doug O'Bryant, Ball Ground, Ga., 2-3, 1,004, \$1,150.
- 32, Tommy Martin, Olive Branch, Miss., 1-4, 995, \$1,150.

Other Cashers (after five-game cashers' round)

- 33, Curt Guinn, Greenwood, S.C., 1,084, \$1,075.
- 34, ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 1,078, \$1,075.
- 35, ss-Bobby Johnson, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,070, \$1,075.
- 36, ss-Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 1,056, \$1,075.
- 37, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,046, \$1,075.
- 38, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 1,045, \$1,075.
- 39, ss-Tom Howison, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,044, \$1,075.
- 40, Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 1,024, \$1,075.
- 41 (tie), ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., and Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 1,022, \$1,000.
- 42, ss-Ken Gibson, Greenville, S.C., 1,020, \$1,000.
- 43, ss-Gary Shultis, Levittown, N.Y., 1,008, \$1,000.
- 44, ss-Dale Eagle, Twin Falls, Idaho, 1,004, \$1,000.
- 45, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 999, \$1,000.
- 46, ss-Mark Scime, Winter Garden, Fla., 990, \$1,000.
- 47, ss-Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, 956, \$1,000.
- 48, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 956, \$1,000.
- 49, ss-Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 953, \$1,000.
- 50, Dave Sill, Titusville, Fla., 948, \$1,000.
- 51, ss-Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C., 901, \$1,000.
- 52, ss-David Kneas, Annapolis, Md., 856, \$1,000.

ss-PBA60 player; n-non-member

Sunday on ESPN: Hitmen, Lumberjacks, Atom Splitters Hope to End Strikers' Bid for Second Elias Cup Victory

PORTLAND, Maine – L.L.Bean PBA League competition enters the semifinal round Sunday at 1 p.m. Eastern on ESPN with the Sysco Philadelphia Hitmen, L.L.Bean Portland Lumberjacks and Live + Work in

Maine Silver Lake Atom Splitters hoping to prevent the Shipyard Dallas Strikers from winning back-to-back Elias Cups.

Sunday's coverage will begin with the defending champion Strikers taking on the Hitmen, who have never won an Elias Cup, in a best-of-two-game Baker format team match. Then the Atom Splitters, the only team to win the PBA League Elias Cup twice, meet the hometown-favorite L.L.Bean Portland Lumberjacks in the second match.

hitmenThe Philadelphia Hitmen are managed by PBA Hall of Famer Jason Couch and feature a roster of Dom Barrett, Tom Smallwood, Chris Loschetter (at left), Ronnie Russell and Dave Wodka. The Strikers are led by player-manager Norm Duke and his team of Tommy Jones, Bill O'Neill, Rhino Page and B.J. Moore.

The Atom Splitters, managed by Mark Baker, will send Chris Barnes, Tom Daugherty, Jesper Svensson, Shawn Maldonado and DJ Archer against a Lumberjacks team managed by Tim Mack and featuring Wes Malott, Ryan Ciminelli, Kyle Troup, Bryon Smith and "Lumberjill" Liz Johnson.

In keeping with PBA League play tradition, the best-of-two-game Baker matches will be decided by a dramatic one-ball sudden-death roll-off if the teams split their two games. All four quarterfinal round matches ended with sudden-death roll-offs.

Sunday's winners will return for the Elias Cup finals on Sunday, May 14, at 1 p.m. The Elias Cup will be decided by a series of singles, doubles and Baker trios matches – worth one point each – along with a five-player Baker team finale worth three points. Again, sudden-death will be the deciding factor if the contest ends in a tie.

All ESPN telecasts also will be streamed simultaneously on ESPN3 and the WatchESPN app.0

PBA50 Tour Heads to Farmingdale, N.Y. for Johnny Petraglia BVL Open May 6-9

The PBA50 Tour heads to Farmingdale, N.Y., for the fourth stop of the 2017 season when Farmingdale Lanes hosts the 2017 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open presented by Brunswick May 6-9.

As part of a dominant season in 2016 in which he earned his second consecutive PBA50 Player of the Year crown, defending champion Pete Weber beat Brian LeClair of Delmar, N.Y., 223-204, in the title match for a record-tying third consecutive PBA50 Tour title. He went on to win a record fourth consecutive PBA50 Tour title three weeks later in the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open.

After finishes of 21st and ninth in his first two tournaments this season, Weber will have another goal in mind when he defends his title in Farmingdale, and that will be to win his 100th career tournament in PBA competition which includes titles in PBA Tour, PBA50 Tour, PBA Regional and PBA50 regional events.

The Johnny Petraglia BVL Open is named after the PBA legend and Vietnam veteran who has won 14 PBA Tour and eight PBA50 Tour titles. The 70-year-old Hall of Famer will also be competing in this year's event, which also is a significant fundraising event for BVL. In two previous years, the event has raised

more than \$100,000 of the BVL (Bowlers to Veterans Link) Fund which provides veterans and active duty personnel with recreational and therapeutic programs and services to improve their quality of life.

The tournament will kick off with a special "Clash of Legends" event Saturday night at 6 p.m. EDT that will feature Petraglia and Weber in addition to fellow Hall of Famers Walter Ray Williams Jr., Parker Bohn III and Amleto Monacelli. Each Hall of Famer will compete on one of five teams that will represent each military branch (Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard).

Competition begins with eight games of qualifying on Sunday, May 7, beginning at 8 a.m. ET which will be followed by another eight-game round on Monday, May 8. A final round Cashers Round of qualifying takes place Tuesday morning, May 9 and will be followed by two rounds of match play which will determine the top five players who will advance to the stepladder finals at 7 p.m. The practice session will be held from 8-11 a.m. on Saturday, May 6 and pro-am squads are scheduled for noon, 3:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Spectator admission is \$10 for practice session and pro-am squads, \$20 for qualifying and match play rounds, \$30 for stepladder finals and \$50 for an "all-access pass" for the entire event.

Pro-am entry fee for youth bowlers is \$49.99 (basic) or \$174.99 which includes a Johnny Petraglia Brunswick Bowling ball. Adult pro-am entry fee is \$69.99 (basic) or \$194.99 with Johnny Petraglia ball. For additional admission and pro-am entry information contact Farmingdale Lanes at (631) 249-4300.

PBA50 JOHNNY PETRAGLIA BVL OPEN PRESENTED BY BRUNSWICK SCHEDULE

Farmingdale Lanes, Farmingdale, N.Y.

(All times Eastern)

Saturday, May 6

8 – 11 a.m. - Practice session

Pro-Am squads: Noon, 3:30, 7:30 p.m.

6 p.m. – Clash of Legends

Sunday, May 7

8 a.m. - A squad qualifying (8 games)

2:30 p.m. – B squad qualifying (8 games)

Monday, May 8

8 a.m. - B squad qualifying (8 games)

2:30 p.m. - A squad qualifying (8 games)

Tuesday, May 9

8:30 a.m. - Cashers Round

Noon – Match play round 1

3 p.m. – Match play round 2

Top 5 bowlers advance to a stepladder finals

7 p.m. Stepladder final

PBA Returns to CBS Sports Network with New Main Event PBA Tour Finals Starting May 30

CHICAGO – The Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) returns to CBS Sports Network for the new Main Event PBA Tour Finals in Orlando, Fla. The Network will televise five consecutive, two-hour shows on Tuesday nights involving eight PBA Tour stars beginning on Tuesday, May 30 at 9:30 P.M, ET.

Players who will compete in the invitational special event include Australia's Jason Belmonte; EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind.; Dom Barrett of England; Sweden's Jesper Svensson; Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas; Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y.; Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., and Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill. They are the PBA's top eight in composite earnings over the past three seasons.

Individual career highlights include:

- Belmonte, a 14-time PBA Tour titlist, is a three-time PBA Player of the Year (and former Rookie of the Year) and winner of the 2017 Barbasol PBA Players Championship and USBC Masters.
- Tackett, a seven-time PBA Tour champion, is the reigning PBA Player of the Year and winner of the 2016 PBA World Championship and 2017 FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions.
- Barrett, a five-time PBA Tour winner, was 2013 PBA World Champion.
- Svensson, the first player to win five PBA Tour titles by age 21, is the 2016 FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions winner.
- Simonsen, a two-time Tour titlist, won the 2016 USBC Masters to become the youngest player ever to win a major title at age 19.
- Ciminelli, a seven-time PA Tour winner, won the 2015 U.S. Open.
- Jones, an 18-time title winner, has won two majors and is one of four players to earn both PBA Rookie of the Year and Player of the Year honors.
- Rash, an 11-time titlist, has won two majors and was 2012 PBA Player of the Year.

The Main Event PBA Tour finals will utilize a similar format to the tennis ATP Tour, dividing the field into two four-player groups for round-robin match play and award 50 bonus pins for each match win. Group A will include Belmonte, Svensson, Simonsen and Rash. Group B will include Tackett, Barrett, Ciminelli and Jones.

The first round will involve head-to-head matches within each group leading to Group A and Group B stepladder finals. The final two-hour telecast will include a match between the runners-up in each group for third place, and a three-game, total pinfall championship match between the Group A and B stepladder winners.

CBS Sports Network is available across the country through local cable, video and telco providers and via satellite on DirecTV Channel 221 and Dish Network Channel 158. For more information, including a full programming schedule, and how to get CBS Sports Network, go to www.cbssportsnetwork.com

This will be the second PBA event hosted by Main Event in 2017. Earlier this year, Main Event Entertainment hosted the Main Event Terrell Owens PBA Super Clash in Katy, Texas.

Dallas Strikers, Portland Lumberjacks Advance to L.L.Bean PBA League Elias Cup Finals

PORTLAND, Maine – The excitement generated from four sudden-death roll-offs in the quarterfinals continued to build in the L.L.Bean PBA League semifinal round at Bayside Bowl when the defending champion Shipyard Dallas Strikers swept their best-of-two-game match against the Sysco Philadelphia Hitmen while the local-favorite L.L.Bean Portland Lumberjacks won a stunning sudden-death battle over the Live + Work in Maine Silver Lake Atom Splitters to set up the finalists for next Sunday's Elias Cup finals.

The best-of-two-game semifinal round matches aired Sunday on ESPN. The PBA League Elias Cup will be decided next Sunday at 1 p.m. EDT on ESPN in a showdown involving singles, doubles, trios and Baker team matches.

Employing a strategy that proved successful in the opening round, Dallas player-manager Norm Duke disregarded his personal views, electing to put his team on the

more consistent right lane for the first game in order to finish the match on the tricky left lane. The strategy worked when team members Bill O'Neill, Duke, Rhino Page (at left), BJ Moore III and anchor bowler Tommy Jones strung five strikes in the second half of game one for a 239-196 win. The Strikers then clinched their berth in the Elias Cup finals with a 201-165 win in game two – the first match settled without a roll-off – taking advantage of a pair of doubles while Philadelphia ran into split trouble as the scoring conditions on the right lane began to change.

“We were the higher seed so we got to choose the order of lanes,” Duke said. “We decided to do what we did (in the first round) because my guys seemed to like them when they’re hooking more. I don’t know about that, but they have a point. When the other guys go to the right lane, it’s harder to move right than left.

“It was against my instincts, but I have some really good minds and they know what they like,” the PBA Hall of Famer added. “I can pretty much deal with all of it, so I try to put them in the right position. Now we’re back in the title match, and that’s what counts.”

The Lumberjacks had a more challenging trip to their finals berth, facing a comeback after the Atom Splitters – the only team to win the Elias Cup twice – escaped with a 221-217 win in the first game. As the lane conditions continued to transition in the second game, strikes became less frequent and spares became more valuable.

Heading into the 10th frame, Portland was on the brink of elimination after throwing only three strikes in the entire game. The Atom Splitters, needing only a mark in the 10th frame to lock up another berth in the Elias Cup finals, saw their hopes slip when anchor Jesper Svensson got his first shot wide and left the 3-7 split. Then the crowd was stunned when the left-handed two-hander threw a near-perfect shot, but the 3 pin wrapped around the 7, handing the Lumberjacks a 185-182 victory and sending yet another match into sudden-death.

In the one-ball roll-off, Silver Lake’s Tom Daugherty and Portland’s Wes Malott both struck. On the second attempt, Svensson came up light in the pocket again, leaving a 3 pin, and Portland’s Ryan Ciminelli (at left) sent the crowd into a frenzy with a strike.

“I couldn’t even hear myself screaming over the fans,” Ciminelli said. “Before Jesper got up in the 10th frame, I told (Lumberjacks manager) Tim (Mack) if he gives us a chance, I want it and he said, it doesn’t matter; you’re already getting it. Then he looked at Wes, and Wes said he wanted to throw (the sudden-death shot). We kinda went back and

forth, but we decided it was going to take two shots, so (Wes) went first and he gave me the opportunity to be the hero. It's a very cool feeling."

"What a match," Mack said. "We never expected Jesper to give us a chance. Just goes to show it isn't over until it's over. He gets up in the 10th and gets the ball a little wide, and leaves that split. And then he wraps the pin around the 7 pin, which is crazy. He couldn't have made a better shot."

"In the roll-off it's about heart and determination. All of a sudden we got a second life," Mack continued. "I knew it was going to be Ryan or the big guy (Malott), and I went with Wes first just because he wanted to redeem himself after feeling like he let us down in the 10th frame. That's not true, but he gave a chance. Then Jesper left a 7 pin and Ciminelli made an unbelievable shot. That's what it's all about."

Next Sunday's 1 p.m. EDT Elias Cup finals telecast between the Shipyard Dallas Strikes and L.L.Bean Portland Lumberjacks will include singles, doubles and Baker trios matches worth one point each, and a five-player Baker format team finale worth three points. In case of a tie, the Elias Cup will be decided in a one-ball sudden-death roll-off.

In addition to the Elias Cup, the PBA will recognize the PBA League's Mark Roth Most Valuable Player at the conclusion of the finals.

The ESPN telecast will be simultaneously streamed on ESPN3 and the WatchESPN app.

L.L.BEAN PBA LEAGUE

Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine (aired Sunday on ESPN)

Semifinal Round Results (best-of-two-game Baker format)

Semifinal Match One: Shipyard Dallas Strikers (Bill O'Neill, Norm Duke, Rhino Page, B.J. Moore III, Tommy Jones) def. Sysco Philadelphia Hitmen (Ronnie Russell, Dave Wodka, Chris Loschetter, Dom Barrett, Tom Smallwood), 239-196, 201-165.

Semifinal Match Two: L.L.Bean Portland Lumberjacks (Bryon Smith, Liz Johnson, Kyle Troup, Ryan Ciminelli, Wes Malott) def. Live + Work in Maine Silver Lake Atom Splitters (Chris Barnes, Shawn Maldonado, DJ Archer, Tom Daugherty, Jesper Svensson), 217-221, 185-182, 10-10, 10-9 in one-ball sudden-death roll-off.

Lathrop, Monacelli Lead PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open First Round

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Boosted by a 300 game, Todd Lathrop of Colchester, Conn., averaged 245.3 to take the first round lead in the PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open presented by Brunswick Sunday at Farmingdale Lanes.

Lathrop a 53-year-old electrician, who is competing in the tournament as a non-member, bowled a 1,963 eight-game pinfall total in the first round with games of 238, 236, 257, 300, 256, 214, 225 and 237.

“Everything just fell into place,” said Lathrop, who owns one PBA regional title. “Everything from my equipment choice to the adjustments I made seemed to be on target the entire round. I was able to anticipate the (lane condition) transition when I needed to which helped me carry the corner pins.”

Lathrop outscored two PBA Hall of Famers, who challenged for the first round lead.

Despite starting with a 189 game, Venezuelan Amleto Monacelli, a 20-time PBA Tour and seven-time PBA50 Tour titlist, finished second 19 pins behind Lathrop with a 1,944 pinfall bowling games of 279, 225, 248, 266, 237, 221 and 279 after his slow start.

Monacelli won two titles in 2016 including the PBA50 National Championship for his fourth career PBA50 Tour major.

Hall of Famer Brian Voss of Centennial, Colo., who led after the first round of last week’s PBA50 Race City Open, finished the round in third with a 1,916 pinfall. Voss, a 25-time winner on the PBA Tour, won the Dave Small’s Championship Lanes Classic in 2016 for his first PBA50 Tour title.

Two-time PBA50 Player of the Year and eight-time PBA50 Tour titlist Ron Mohr of Las Vegas, finished the round in fourth with 1,900, followed by Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., in fifth with 1,876.

Defending champion Hall of Famer Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., finished the round in seventh with a 1,827 pinfall. The 2016 and 2015 PBA50 Player of the Year and 10-time

PBA50 Tour winner, won the Johnny Petraglia BVL Open last season for the third of a record four consecutive PBA50 Tour wins.

After Monday's second round the top 24 players will advance directly into Tuesday's match play rounds with an additional eight players advancing to match play after a cashers round Tuesday morning.

The Johnny Petraglia BVL Open is being covered live by PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. For subscription and schedule information visit www.xtraframe.tv.

PBA50 JOHNNY PETRAGLIA BVL OPEN

Presented by Brunswick

Farmingdale Lanes, Farmingdale, N.Y., Sunday

FIRST ROUND

(after 8 games)

- 1, n-Todd Lathrop, Colchester, Conn., 1,963.
- 2, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,944.
- 3, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 1,916.
- 4, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1,900.
- 5, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,876.
- 6, ss-Steve Ferraro, Kingston, N.Y., 1,833.
- 7, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,827.
- 8, Ray Edwards, Middle Island, N.Y., 1,820.
- 9, n-Craig Schoonmaker, Glenville, N.Y., 1,809.
- 10, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,806.
- 11, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 1,802.
- 12, ss-n-John Masiello, Buffalo, N.Y., 1,784.
- 13, Patrick Shipley, Spring Valley, Calif., 1,780.
- 14, Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 1,777.
- 15, ss-Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,766.
- 16, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,760.
- 17, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,755.
- 18, Michael Vella, Bellport, N.Y., 1,754.

- 19, n-Geroge Szczublewski, West Seneca, N.Y., 1,752.
- 20, Michael Klosin, Windham, N.H., 1,746.
- 21, Robert Leonard, Lockwood, N.Y., 1,742.
- 22, (tie) Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., and n-Steven DiMartino, Upper Saddle River, N.J., 1,736.
- 24, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 1,732.
- 25, Patric Donaghue, Honeoye Falls, N.Y., 1,731.
- 26, ss-n-Michael Dioguardo, Patchogue, N.Y., 1,730.
- 27, David Taylor, Largo, Fla., 1,729.
- 28, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,726.
- 29, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,725.
- 30, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1,721.
- 31, ss-Jay Boyle, Garnet Valley, Pa., 1,718.
- 32, ss-Andrew Smith, Colonie, N.Y., 1,715.
- 33, (tie) Jay Davis Jr., Silver Spring, Md., and ss-Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,711.
- 35, Craig Koppell, Syosett, N.Y., 1,704.
- 36, Peter Knopp, Germany, 1,695.
- 37, n-Jimmie Pritts Jr., Mathuen, Mass., 1,693.
- 38, Glenn Smith, New York, 1,687.
- 39, Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., and ss-n-Louis Getzelman, Massapequa, N.Y., 1,678.
- 42, Jim Pitts, Elmira, N.Y., 1,676.
- 43, ss-Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 1,675.
- 44, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 1,671.
- 45, ss-Fred Ferreira, Kings Park, N.Y., 1,670.
- 46, ss-Tom Laskow, Dover, N.J., 1,660.
- 47, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 1,655.
- 48, ss-Gary Shultis, Levittown, N.Y., 1,653.
- 49, Louis Barbera, North Bellmore, N.Y., 1,643.
- 50, ss-n-Rob Sperling, Livingston, N.J., 1,642.
- 51, Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 1,641.
- 52, Ken Yokobosky, Fredon, N.J., 1,637.
- 53, n-Arthur O'connor, West Hempstead, N.Y., 1,636.
- 54, ss-Steve Bova, Massapequa, N.Y., 1,630.
- 55, n-James Wallace, Hicksville, N.Y., 1,626.
- 56, (tie) Barry Clare, Bayside, N.Y., and James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 1,624.
- 58, ss-Vincent Wright, New York, N.Y., 1,619.

- 59, ss-Bob Caruso, Dayton, N.J., 1,616.
- 60, ss-Chris Fedden, Albany, N.Y., 1,615.
- 61, ss-Tommy Brodowski, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 1,614.
- 62, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,607.
- 63, (tie) n-Chun Bae, Cedarhurst, N.Y., and Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 1,595.
- 65, (tie) Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., and ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1,594.
- 67, Scott Zimmerman, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1,589.
- 68, ss-Norm Ginsberg, West Babylon, N.Y., 1,578.
- 69, ss-Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 1,576.
- 70, Raymond Scrivens, Jr., Athens, Pa., 1,562.
- 71, Warren Burr, Wilmington, Del., 1,559.
- 72, ss-n-Guy Wallach, Livingston, N.J., 1,532.
- 73, n-Jose Perez, East Elmhurst, N.Y., 1,531.
- 74, Robert Hoyser, Titusville, Fla., 1,523.
- 75, ss-Dowell Milliken, Lake Grove, N.Y., 1,521.
- 76, ss-Keith Glasgow, St. Petersburg, Fla., 1,520.
- 77, ss-Robert Donovan, Prattsville, N.Y., 1,519.
- 78, Al Spano, Massapequa Park, N.Y., 1,506.
- 79, Robert Petruschak, Athens, Pa., 1,486.
- 80, Richard McNeill, Yorktown, Va., 1,469.
- 81, ss-Tony Bellantoni, White Plains, N.Y., 1,465.
- 82, ss-John Maglio, Oceanside, N.Y., 1,417.
- 83, ss-Ralph Ehrlich, N.Massapequa, N.Y., 1,384.
- 84, n-Joe Biscardi, Wantagh, N.Y., 1,366.

300 games (1) – Todd Lathrop

n-non-member

ss-PBA60 player age 60 and over

Parker Bohn III Bowls a Clean Round and Averages 240 to Top Qualifying in PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open

Parker Bohn III Bowls a Clean Round and Averages 240 to Top Qualifying in PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., bowled eight games without an open frame and averaged 240 to lead qualifying after the second round in the PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open presented by Brunswick at Farmingdale Lanes.

Bohn, a 35-time PBA Tour titlist and three-time PBA50 Tour winner, led qualifying with a 3,845 16-game pinfall total bowling games of 278, 239, 278, 217, 217, 279, 245 and 216 in the second round after finishing the first round in fifth with 1,876.

"I've had a clean round a few times and there's always a lot of satisfaction when you can do that." said the 53-year-old Bohn. "When you think of everything that can happen in a round there's a certain amount of pride you can take in bowling 80 clean frames.

"I did have a couple small splits and left the 3-7 (split) early on so I had to work a little to keep the string going," Bohn added.

Bohn is hoping for his first PBA50 Tour title since winning the Pasco County Florida Open and Treasure Island Resort and Casino Open in 2015. He had a best finish of second in 2016 and this season has a best finish of third which came in the UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl In The Villages.

"I would say I'm bowling okay," Bohn said. "I haven't done anything stellar but I think I've got a good foundation. I'm just looking for that breakthrough moment that will move my game up a notch."

First round leader Todd Lathrop of Colchester, Conn., finished second 62 pins behind Bohn with a 3,783 pinfall.

Hall of Famer Brian Voss of Centennial, Colo., a 25-time PBA Tour and one-time PBA50 Tour titlist, finished third with 3,769, followed by five-time Tour and three-time PBA50 Tour winner Bob Learn Jr. of Erie, Pa., 3,694, and two-time PBA50 Player of the Year Ron Mohr of Las Vegas rounding out the top five with 3,688.

Defending champion Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., finished qualifying in ninth with 3,596. In 2016, the Johnny Petraglia BVL Open was the third of a record four consecutive PBA50 Tour wins during the season for the Hall of Famer. The two-time reigning PBA50 Player of the Year went on to win two more titles for a record six wins during the season.

The top 16 players advanced into Tuesday's match play rounds. Players qualifying 17th-28th plus eight PBA60 players advanced to a cashers round that will determine eight additional match play spots. After match play concludes, the top five will be determined for the stepladder finals scheduled for 7 p.m. ET.

Johnny Petraglia BVL Open final day action will be covered live by PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. For subscription and schedule information visit www.xtraframe.tv.

PBA50 JOHNNY PETRAGLIA BVL OPEN

Presented by Brunswick

Farmingdale Lanes, Farmingdale, N.Y., Monday

SECOND ROUND

(after 16 games; top 16 advance to match play; 17th-28th places plus eight PBA60 players advance to cashers round which determines eight additional match play finalists)

- 1, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,845.
- 2, n-Todd Lathrop, Colchester, Conn., 3,783.
- 3, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 3,769.

- 4, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,694.
- 5, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,688.
- 6, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 3,676.
- 7, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,658.
- 8, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,653.
- 9, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,596.
- 10, n-Geroge Szczublewski, West Seneca, N.Y., 3,588.
- 11, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3,571.
- 12, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3,530.
- 13, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,528.
- 14, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 3,527.
- 15, n-Michael Dioguardo, Patchogue, N.Y., 3,524.
- 16, Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 3,516.
- 17, Steve Ferraro, Kingston, N.Y., 3,512.
- 18, Patrick Shipley, Spring Valley, Calif., 3,507.
- 19, n-Craig Schoonmaker, Glenville, N.Y., 3,506.
- 20, Robert Leonard Sr, Lockwood, N.Y., 3,505.
- 21, n-John Masiello, Buffalo, N.Y., 3,495.
- 22, Glenn Smith, New York, 3,476.
- 23, Peter Knopp, Germany, 3,471.
- 24, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 3,470.
- 25, Andrew Smith, Colonie, N.Y., 3,467.
- 26, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3,455.
- 27, Jay Davis Jr., Silver Spring, Md., 3,447.
- 28, Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 3,446.
- 29, n-Steven DiMartino, Upper Saddle River, N.J., 3,444.
- 30, ss-Chris Fedden, Albany, N.Y., 3,423.
- 31, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 3,422.
- 32, Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 3,417.
- 33, n-Jimmie Pritts Jr., Mathuen, Mass., 3,407.
- 34, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 3,401.
- 35, Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 3,399.
- 36, David Taylor, Largo, Fla., 3,396.
- 37, Jim Pitts, Elmira, N.Y., 3,391.
- 37, Ray Edwards, Middle Island, N.Y., 3,391.
- 39, Michael Klosin, Windham, N.H., 3,390.
- 40, ss-Tom Laskow, Dover, N.J., 3,352.
- 41, ss-Gary Shultis, Levittown, N.Y., 3,351.
- 42, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 3,347.
- 43, Ken Yokobosky, Fredon, N.J., 3,334.
- 44, ss-n-Rob Sperling, Livingston, N.J., 3,323.
- 45, Michael Vella, Bellport, N.Y., 3,322.
- 46, ss-Jay Boyle, Garnet Valley, Pa., 3,316.
- 47, James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 3,307.
- 48, Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 3,289.
- 49, n-Arthur O'Connor, West Hempstead, N.Y., 3,286.
- 50, ss-n-Louis Getzelman, Massapequa, N.Y., 3,277.
- 51, ss-Tommy Brodowski, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 3,273.
- 52, Patric Donaghue, Honeoye Falls, N.Y., 3,265.
- 53, Craig Koppell, Syosett, N.Y., 3,257.
- 54, n-Jose Perez, East Elmhurst, N.Y., 3,249.
- 55, ss-Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 3,248.
- 56, John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 3,246.

- 57, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 3,233.
- 58, Norm Ginsberg, West Babylon, N.Y., 3,232.
- 59, Barry Clare, Bayside, N.Y., 3,226.
- 60, Louis Barbera, North Bellmore, N.Y., 3,225.
- 61, Bob Caruso, Dayton, N.J., 3,224.
- 62, Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 3,214.
- 63, n-James Wallace, Hicksville, N.Y., 3,200.
- 64, n-Chun Bae, Cedarhurst, N.Y., 3,194.
- 65, Fred Ferreira, Kings Park, N.Y., 3,156.
- 66, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3,138.
- 67, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3,117.
- 68, Robert Hoyser, Titusville, Fla., 3,115.
- 69, Scott Zimmerman, Brooklyn, N.Y., 3,090.
- 70, Raymond Scrivens, Jr., Athens, Pa., 3,079.
- 71, Al Spano, Massapequa Park, N.Y., 3,074.
- 72, Vincent Wright, New York, N.Y., 3,067.
- 73, Robert Donovan, Prattsville, N.Y., 3,062.
- 74, (tie) Tony Bellantoni, White Plains, N.Y., and Steve Bova, Massapequa, N.Y., 3,058.
- 76, Warren Burr, Wilmington, Del., 3,056.
- 77, n-Guy Wallach, Livingston, N.J., 3,037.
- 78, Dowell Milliken, Lake Grove, N.Y., 3,026.
- 79, Robert Petruschak, Athens, Pa., 3,017.
- 80, Richard McNeill, Yorktown, Va., 2,936.
- 81, Ralph Ehrlich, N.Massapequa, N.Y., 2,931.
- 82, n-Joe Biscardi, Wantagh, N.Y., 2,893.
- 83, Keith Glasgow, St. Petersburg, Fla., 2,873.
- 84, John Maglio, Oceanside, N.Y., 2,871.

300 games (1) – Bob Learn Jr.

n-non-member

ss-PBA60 players ages 60 and over advancing to cashers round

Brian LeClair Wins Johnny Petraglia BVL Open to Become Season's First PBA50 Tour Two-Time Winner

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 Brian LeClair of Delmar, N.Y., won the PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open presented by Brunswick Tuesday to become the season's first PBA50 Tour two-time winner.

LeClair defeated two-time PBA50 Player of the Year and eight-time winner Ron Mohr of Las Vegas, 245-195, in the championship match at Farmingdale Lanes to also win his third career PBA50 Tour title.

LeClair, who was the top qualifier for the finals, dominated from the start throwing strikes in the first eight of nine frames. Mohr, who qualified second, was able to get his ball to the pocket but had trouble with pin carry during the match.

"I don't know that I bowled that much better of a game than Ron," LeClair said. "The key for me was to keep my hand behind the ball at release to get more forward roll. Sometimes that's an advantage and sometimes it's not, but it looked like guys were having trouble with pin carry if they had too much side roll."

LeClair went undefeated in the final round of match play winning all six of his matches to earn the top qualifying position for the stepladder finals.

"It was one of those days where it seemed like I couldn't bowl a bad game and my opponents couldn't get anything going," said LeClair, who won the season-opening Pasco County Florida Open. "All the pieces just seemed to fit this week."

LeClair finished second in last year's Johnny Petraglia BVL Open losing to reigning PBA50 Player of the Year Pete Weber 223-204 in the title match.

In the semi-final match, Mohr, who was hoping to end a five-year drought without a PBA50 Tour win, defeated five-time PBA Tour and three-time PBA50 Tour winner Bob Learn Jr. of Erie, Pa., 226-168, to advance to the title match.

Learn advanced to the semi-final with a 243-197 win over PBA Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli of Venezuela in the second stepladder match.

In the opening match, Monacelli, who was trying for his eighth PBA50 Tour title, beat John Conroy of Mahopac, N.Y., 224-194. Making his first finals appearance, Conroy earned a career-high fifth-place finish.

The PBA50 Tour travels to Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis May 13-16 for the PBA50 Miller Lite Players Championship, the first major of the season. Fans can catch all the action on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. Visit www.xtraframe.tv for subscription and schedule information.

PBA50 JOHNNY PETRAGLIA BVL OPEN

Presented by Brunswick

Farmingdale Lanes, Farmingdale, N.Y., Tuesday

Final Standings

- 1, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., \$7,500.
- 2, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, \$4,000.
- 3, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., \$2,500.
- 4, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, \$2,000.
- 5, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y. \$1,750.

Stepladder Results

Match One – Monacelli def. Conroy, 222-194.

Match Two – Learn def. Monacelli, 243-197.

Semi-final Match – Mohr def. Learn, 226-168.

Championship – LeClair def. Mohr, 245-195.

Match Play Round 2 (after six games, including match play record and bonus pins. Top five advance to stepladder finals)

- 1, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 6-0, 1,741.
- 2, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 4-2, 1,585.
- 3, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 4-2, 1,574.
- 4, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 4-2, 1,540.
- 5, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 4-2, 1,510.
- 6, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 4-2, 1,498, \$1,500.
- 7, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3-3, 1,474, \$1,500.
- 8, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3-3, 1,426, \$1,500.
- 9, n-Todd Lathrop, Colchester, Conn., 4-2, 1,401, \$1,400.
- 10, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3-3, 1,388, \$1,300.
- 11, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3-3, 1,358, \$1,300.
- 12, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1-5, 1,342, \$1,400.
- 13, ss-n-John Masiello, Buffalo, N.Y., 2-4, 1,338, \$1,300.
- 14, Glenn Smith, New York, 1-5, 1,308, \$1,300.
- 15, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1-5, 1,305, \$1,300.
- 16, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1-5, 1,286, \$1,300.

Match Play Round 1

(after five games including match play record and bonus pins)

- 17, Peter Knopp, Germany, 2-3, 1,147, \$1,100.
- 18, ss-Steve Ferraro, Kingston, N.Y., 1-4, 1,143, \$1,100.
- 19, ss-Gary Shultis, Levittown, N.Y., 3-2, 1,107, \$1,100.
- 20, Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 2-3, 1,096, \$1,100.
- 21, ss-Tom Laskow, Dover, N.J., 2-3, 1,086, \$1,100.
- 22, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1-4, 1,071, \$1,100.
- 23, n-Geroge Szczublewski, West Seneca, N.Y., 0-4-1, 1,020, \$1,100.
- 24, Michael Dioguardo, Patchogue, N.Y., 1-4, 1,005, \$1,100.

Other Cashers (after five-game cashers' round)

- 25, Patrick Shipley, Spring Valley, Calif., 1,094, \$1,000.
- 26, ss-Tommy Brodowski, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 1,090, \$1,000.
- 27, Jay Davis Jr., Silver Spring, Md., 1,086, \$1,000.
- 28, ss-Andrew Smith, Colonie, N.Y., 1,082, \$1,000.
- 29, Robert Leonard Sr, Lockwood, N.Y., 1,080, \$1,000.
- 30, ss-Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,079, \$1,000.
- 31, (tie) ss-n-Rob Sperling, Livingston, N.J., 1,072, and n-Craig Schoonmaker, Glenville, N.Y., 1,072, \$1,000.
- 32, ss-Chris Fedden, Albany, N.Y., 1,008, \$1,000.
- 33, ss-Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 990, \$1,000.
- 34, ss-Jay Boyle, Garnet Valley, Pa., 957, \$1,000.

35, ss-n-Louis Getzelman, Massapequa, N.Y., 935, \$1,000.

ss-PBA60 player age 60 and over; n-non-member

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The season's first multiple winner, Brian LeClair of Delmar, N.Y., and a host of PBA Hall of Famers head the list of approximately 100 players ages 50 and over who will compete in the season's first major when Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis hosts the inaugural PBA50 Miller Lite Players Championship May 13-16.

Woodland Bowl has been a longtime host of PBA Tour events and the site of some the most memorable championships in PBA history for nearly three decades, including all of the PBA Tour majors. The venue will add another chapter to that illustrious history when it hosts its first PBA50 Tour major tournament, an event that will include a number of players who wrote chapters in their own histories at Woodland Bowl as younger stars.

The entire tournament, from first ball to last, will be live streamed exclusively on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. To subscribe to Xtra Frame, visit xtraframe.tv.

Throughout its history Woodland Bowl has hosted more than 30 PBA Tour events. It is the only bowling center that has hosted all five PBA Tour majors, including four U.S. Opens, two PBA World Championships, two PBA Players Championships, two Tournament of Champions and, most recently, the 2016 United States Bowling Congress Masters. It also is the favorite center of PBA Hall of Famer and two-time reigning PBA50 Player of the Year Pete Weber.

Weber, a 10-time PBA50 Tour winner, is off to a slow start in the relatively young 2017 season but Woodland Bowl has been very good to the son of Indianapolis native and bowling legend Dick Weber. The late Dick Weber's youngest son has won three of his record-tying 10 PBA Tour majors at Woodland, including the 1991 U.S. Open, 1992 Players Championship and 2013 Tournament of Champions.

In addition to Weber, other PBA50 Tour stars expected to compete in Indianapolis include PBA Hall of Famers Walter Ray Williams Jr., Tom Baker, Parker Bohn III, Dale Eagle, Bryan Goebel, Amleto Monacelli and Brian Voss, among others who have impacted the "senior tour" since reaching age 50.

LeClair, for example, won his second title of the season and third of his career when he beat two-time PBA50 Player of the Year Ron Mohr of Las Vegas, 245-195, in Tuesday's title match of the Johnny Petraglia BVL Open presented by Brunswick. LeClair bowled in a record 433 PBA Tour events without winning a title, but has blossomed as a "senior" player. Ditto for Mohr, who never joined the PBA until he reached 50 and retired from his career as an air traffic controller in Alaska.

The other PBA50 Tour majors that will be conducted in 2017 are the USBC Senior Masters, June 4-11, and the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm June 11-16, both in Las Vegas.

Players Championship competition begins on Sunday, May 14 at 10 a.m. EDT with the first of two eight-game qualifying rounds. Qualifying continues on Monday at 11 a.m. with second round qualifying. After 16 qualifying games, the field will be cut to the top 32 players for match play beginning Tuesday, May 16

at 9 a.m. Match play continues with the top 16 players advancing to the second round at 2 p.m. which will determine the top five for the stepladder finals scheduled for 7 p.m.

A practice session will be held on Saturday, May 13 beginning at 9 a.m. and pro-ams are scheduled for 2, 4:30 and 7 p.m.

Spectator ticket prices are \$5 for the practice session and the pro-am with an all-day pass available for \$9. For qualifying on Monday and Tuesday, ticket prices are \$10 for each session or \$15 for an all-day pass. For Tuesday's match play rounds, tickets are \$5 for each round and \$10 for the stepladder finals. An all-day pass is available on Tuesday for \$15. Entry fee for the pro-am, which enables grassroots bowlers to compete with the pro stars, is \$65 for adults and \$50 for juniors.

For additional ticket and pro-am entry information contact Woodland Bowl at (317) 844-4099.

PBA50 MILLER LITE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis

Saturday, May 13

9 a.m. – Practice session

2, 4:30, 7 p.m. - Pro-Am Squads

Sunday, May 14

10 a.m. - A Squad qualifying (8 games)

3 p.m. - B Squad qualifying (8 games)

Monday, May 15

11 a.m. - B Squad qualifying (8 games)

4 p.m. – A Squad qualifying (8 games)

Top 32 after 16 games advance to match play

Tuesday, May 16

9 a.m. - Match Play Round One (8 games)

Top 16 after 24 games advance to Match Play Round Two

2 p.m. - Match Play Round Two (8 games)

Top 5 bowlers advance to stepladder final

7 p.m. – Stepladder finals

PBA Spare Shots: Oklahoma Open to Feature Two-Day, Nine-Player Finals Live on ESPN

The PBA will return to FireLake Bowling Center and the Grand Casino Event Center in Shawnee, Okla., this summer with a unique two-day, nine-player stepladder finals live on ESPN and a \$30,000 first prize culminating the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Oklahoma Open. The tournament is open to all PBA members.

The new tournament, to be held at the home of the FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions, will include eight-game qualifying rounds on the Wolf, Bear and Badger lane conditions on June 27, 28 and 29, respectively. The top 33 players based on combined 24-game pinfall totals on the animal pattern conditions traditionally used in the PBA's Summer/Fall Swing will advance to an eight-game cashers' round on the Oklahoma Open lane condition on June 30, and 32-game totals will determine the nine players who will bowl on ESPN.

Back-to-back live telecasts on Saturday and Sunday, July 1 and 2, will begin at 1 p.m. EDT, starting with the no. 9 qualifier meeting no. 8 in the opening match. The 32-game qualifying leader, who will pick the lane conditioning pattern used for all of the TV shows, will bowl whomever survives the stepladder in Sunday's final match.

PBA50 STARS TO COMPETE IN WORLD SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

PBA50 Tour stars **Parker Bohn III, Lennie Boesch Jr., Bob Learn Jr.** and **Ron Mohr** have been selected by the Team USA coaching staff to represent the United States in the World Bowling Senior Championships Aug. 13-20 in Munich, Germany.

The women's contingent will include USBC Hall of Famers **Lynda Barnes, Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Leanne Hulsenberg** and **Tish Johnson**. Both groups will try to defend the team titles won by the U.S. in the 2015 championships in Las Vegas. The World Senior Championships have been held every two years since the event's inception in 2013. In 2015, U.S. bowlers won 14 of the 38 available medals awarded in singles, doubles, four-player team, all-events and Masters events.

PBA INTERNATIONAL STARS TO COMPETE IN WORLD GAMES

In addition to American PBA stars **Jakob Butturff, Tommy Jones, Kelly Kulick** and **Danielle McEwan**, who will represent the United States in the World Games in Wroclaw, Poland, July 20-30, several international PBA members also are scheduled to participate in the multi-sport extravaganza for sports that are not officially part of the Olympic Games.

Among the international players scheduled to compete in Poland are Canada's **Francois Lavoie**, Colombia's **Clara Guerrero** and **Rocio Restrepo**, Denmark's **Thomas Larsen**, Finland's **Osku Palermaa**, Germany's **Pascal Winterheimer**, Poland's **Daria Pajak**, Puerto Rico's **Cristian Azcona**, and Venezuela's **Ildemaro Ruiz**.

MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIPS HIGHLIGHT XTRA FRAME SCHEDULE

Major championships on the PBA50 Tour and PWBA Tour highlight the upcoming schedule of Xtra Frame events, beginning with the USBC Queens, the PWBA Tour's first major of the year, from Baton Rouge, La., now through Monday. Xtra Frame will provide exclusive coverage of all qualifying and match play elimination rounds leading up to the same-day tape-delayed telecast of the CBS Sports Network finals on Tuesday, May 23, at 10 p.m. EDT.

After streaming newly-inducted PBA Hall of Famer **Bryan Goebel's** victory in the PBA50 Miller Lite Championship at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis on Tuesday, the PBA50 Tour heads west to resume competition in the Northern California Classic from Harvest Park Bowl in Brentwood, Calif., May 29-31, followed by USBC's Super Senior Classic (June 1-3); the USBC Senior Masters (June 4-10) at Sam's Town Bowling Center, and the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm (June 12-16) at Suncoast Bowling Center in Las Vegas. The NorCal Classic and Senior U.S. Open will be streamed live on Xtra Frame. The USBC events will be live streamed on BOWL.tv.

PBA Tour competition also is on tap, with the PBA Xtra Frame Wilmington Open from Ten Pin Alley in Wilmington, N.C., May 27-29, followed by the PBA Xtra Frame Jonesboro Open from Jonesboro Bowling Center in Jonesboro, Ark., June 3-4, and the PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open from South Plains Lanes in Lubbock, Texas, June 10-11. All three are PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup events and each will be covered live, exclusively on Xtra Frame, from first ball to last.

Xtra Frame subscription packages are available for three days, 30 days and a full year. To sign up, visit xtraframe.tv for details.

THIS WEEK: "PICK THE ROTO GRIP BALL" FOR PBA BOWLING CHALLENGE GAME

Concrete Software's "pick the ball" survey for PBA Bowling Challenge mobile game continues this week with players invited to select a new Roto Grip ball from among three options provided weekly for each PBA-participating brand.

Based on fan voting which begins Thursday (click here: http://bit.ly/RotoGrip_17 to cast your vote), the "winning" Roto Grip will be available for play on May 26.

A code to purchase the ball for 50% off (the code will be available on PBA's and the specific companies' social media pages) will be posted. Each company also will have a flashback weekend where all its previous balls will be available for that weekend only.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: RAYMOND WINS THIRD REGIONAL TITLE IN OHIO

J.R Raymond of Clinton Township, Mich. defeated **Kyle Mayberry** of Mt. Vernon, Ohio by eight pins Sunday to win the PBA Taylor Kia Central Open presented by Hammer at Holiday Bowl in Struthers, Ohio.

Raymond finished with a 10-2 match play record and a total of 4,943 pins for 20 games, including match play bonus pins, to win his third PBA Regional title and the \$2,500 top prize. Mayberry posted an 8-4 match play record and knocked down 4,931 pins to finish second.

- **Kyle Sherman** from O'Fallon, Mo., won his first PBA Regional title in the PBA Oklahoma City Planet Bowl Southwest Open presented by Radical Sunday, topping PBA Southwest Region veterans and twin brothers **Sean and Anthony Lavery-Spahr** of Pasadena, Texas.

Sherman, in his first event as a PBA member, led the qualifying going into Sunday's modified eight-game round robin finals. After losing two of his first three matches, Sherman won his next four matches, highlighted by a 277-176 victory over defending champion **Brett Cooper** of Denver, Colo. Heading into position round, Sherman held an 85-pin lead over Sean Lavery-Spahr. Lavery-Spahr finished with a 257 but Sherman's 247 was enough to claim the \$2,500 winner's check.

Anthony Lavery-Spahr held on to third place, squeaking out a 167-163 win over Canada's **Francois Lavoie** in their position round match.

- PBA Regional competition over the May 19-21 weekend includes the Romeo Chevrolet/Buick/GMC Open presented by Ebonite from Patel's Kingston Lanes in Kingston, N.Y.; the PBA50 Baldo Campana Memorial/Ohio Lottery Central/Midwest Open presented by DV8 plus the one-day PBA Baldo Campana Memorial/Ohio Lottery Central Open from Rebman Recreation in Lorain, Ohio; the American Family Insurance Midwest Open presented by Homewood Chevrolet from Oak Forest Bowl in Oak Forest, Ill., and the PBA50 Spare Times Hampton South Open presented by Ebonite from Spare Times Bowling Center in Hampton, Va.

- PBA Regional events over Memorial Day weekend include the Colony Lanes Eastern Challenge, a reduced entry fee event, in York, Pa., and the Celeste Walker Midwest Challenge at Strike N Spare II in Lockport, Ill. – two events for players who have not won a PBA title.

- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES

- **Tamara Widdell** has been selected as winner of the Barbasol Ultimate Fan Package, conducted in conjunction with the Barbasol PBA Players Championship. As winner of the sweepstakes, Widdell receives a personal phone call for the PBA Player of her choice, a bowling pin autographed by top PBA players, a customized PBA replica player jersey and a prize pack from Barbasol.

PBA's GEICO World Series of Bowling IX Returns to Reno's National Bowling Stadium November 7-19

RENO, Nev. – For the third consecutive year, Reno and the National Bowling Stadium will host the world's premier international bowling showcase when the ninth annual edition of GEICO'S Professional Bowlers Association World Series of Bowling begins a 13-day run on Tuesday, Nov. 7 and concluding with the PBA World Championship on Sunday, Nov. 19.

WSOB IX, presented by Eldorado Resorts Reno properties, Eldorado Resort Casino, Silver Legacy Resort Casino and Circus Circus Reno in cooperation with Reno Tahoe USA, is expected to attract a capacity field of 185 PBA members from more than 20 countries to compete for shares of an estimated \$700,000 in prize money and five PBA Tour titles in nationally-televised ESPN finals.

In keeping with PBA World Series tradition, the multi-event program will again present players with the world's most prestigious test of bowling skills involving a variety of lane condition challenges and competition formats. The PBA members-only event, with an all-inclusive entry fee of \$1,000 covering all five PBA Tour events, will include the PBA Cheetah, Chameleon, Scorpion and Shark Championships plus the PBA World Championship, the final major championship of the 2017 season.

The World Series, which always plays a significant role in PBA Player and Rookie of the Year competitions, will again feature the PBA's most comprehensive test of versatility, using the composite 60-game qualifying totals from the four animal pattern events to determine the five players who will compete for the \$60,000 first prize in the PBA World Championship finals. In 2016, EJ Tackett's PBA World Championship victory propelled him to 2016 PBA Player of the Year honors.

In addition to the five PBA Tour events, the World Series also will host the fifth annual PBA Challenge Series, inviting the top players from PBA50 and PBA Regional programs to participate in the WSOB program. The PBA Regional points leaders in the East, South, Central, Midwest, Southwest, West, Northwest and Japan Regions as of the Oct. 15 qualifying deadline will receive WSOB and PBA Challenge Series invitations. The top eight players based on PBA50 Tour points will be determined at the conclusion of the PBA50 Tour season on Aug. 12.

The 2017 World Series will get underway earlier than it did in 2016 to avoid a conflict with the World Bowling Men's World Championships which is scheduled to take place in December.

World Series competition officially begins with Cheetah, Chameleon, Scorpion and Shark Championship qualifying rounds Nov. 7-12. Qualifying will involve two-five game on freshly-oiled conditions, one squad with five players per pair, and one in six entrants cashing in each animal pattern event. Combined 40-game qualifying totals from those four events also will determine cashers who will advance to the final 20 games of PBA World Championship qualifying Nov. 13-14. The top 16 qualifiers in each of the four animal pattern events will then bowl single-elimination match play rounds Nov. 15-16 to determine the ESPN finalists in each event.

The 40-game qualifying totals for the four animal pattern championships also will serve as the basis for selecting the five American and five international players who will compete in a special USA vs. The World team event at the end of WSOB IX.

All ESPN finals are scheduled for Nov. 18-19 for delayed telecast on ESPN, but all shows will be live streamed on ESPN3 and the WatchESPN app as they happen. The ESPN telecast schedule will be announced at a later date.

Entries for the World Series will be accepted on pba.com beginning July 10. All players are required to stay at one of the three Eldorado properties: Eldorado, Silver Legacy or Circus Circus Reno. Room reservation information will be announced soon.

All preliminary rounds of WSOB IX will be covered live, exclusively on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame, as well as via live scoring on PBA's official website, pba.com, and all outlets included as part of the PBA Network.

PBA WORLD SERIES OF BOWLING IX National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Nov. 7-19

Tuesday, Nov. 7

10 a.m. – PBA Cheetah and Chameleon practice session
1 p.m. – PBA Regional and PBA50 Challenge finals, 8 games round robin match play
4:30 p.m. – PBA50 Challenge Finals (Xtra Frame)
5 p.m. – PBA Regional Challenge Finals (Xtra Frame)
7 p.m. – Players meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 8

11 a.m. – PBA Cheetah Championship qualifying, 5 games
5 p.m. – PBA Cheetah Championship qualifying, 5 games
Top 16 after 10 games advance to Cheetah Round of 16 match play on Nov. 15

Thursday, Nov. 9

11 a.m. – PBA Chameleon Championship qualifying, 5 games
5 p.m. – PBA Chameleon Championship qualifying, 5 games
Top 16 after 10 games advance to Chameleon Round of 16 match play on Nov. 15

Friday, Nov. 10

Noon – PBA Scorpion and Shark practice session

Saturday, Nov. 11

11 a.m. – PBA Scorpion Championship qualifying, 5 games
5 p.m. – PBA Scorpion Championship qualifying, 5 games
Top 16 after 10 games advance to Scorpion Round of 16 match play on Nov. 16

Sunday, Nov. 12

11 a.m. – PBA Shark Championship qualifying, 5 games
5 p.m. – PBA Shark Championship qualifying, 5 games
Top 16 after 10 games advance to Shark Round of 16 match play on Nov. 16
Top 25 percent of field after 40 combined qualifying games on Cheetah, Chameleon, Scorpion and Shark patterns advance to PBA World Championship cashers' round on Nov. 13

Monday, Nov. 13

1 p.m. – PBA World Championship cashers' round, five games, Cheetah pattern
5 p.m. – PBA World Championship cashers' round, five games, Chameleon pattern

Tuesday, Nov. 14

1 p.m. – PBA World Championship cashers' round, five games, Scorpion pattern

5 p.m. – PBA World Championship cashers' round, five games, Shark pattern

Top five after 60 combined qualifying games on Cheetah, Chameleon, Scorpion and Shark patterns advance to PBA World Championship stepladder finals)

Wednesday, Nov. 15

11 a.m. – PBA Cheetah Championship Round of 16, best of five games single-elimination match play

1:30 p.m. – PBA Cheetah Championship Round of 8, best of three games single-elimination match play

Four winners advance to ESPN Cheetah Championship finals

3:30 p.m. – PBA Chameleon Championship Round of 16, best of five games single-elimination match play

6 p.m. – PBA Chameleon Championship Round of 8, best of three games single-elimination match play

Four winners advance to ESPN Chameleon Championship finals

Thursday, Nov. 16

11 a.m. – PBA Scorpion Championship Round of 16, best of five games single-elimination match play

1:30 p.m. – PBA Scorpion Championship Round of 8, best of three games single-elimination match play

Four winners advance to ESPN Scorpion Championship finals

3:30 p.m. – PBA Shark Championship Round of 16, best of five games single-elimination match play

6 p.m. – PBA Shark Championship Round of 8, best of three games single-elimination match play

Four winners advance to ESPN Shark Championship finals

Friday, Nov. 17

6 p.m. – National Bowling Stadium pro-am

Saturday, Nov. 18/Sunday, Nov. 19

ESPN finals, all events (details to be announced; all finals will be live streamed on ESPN3/Watch ESPN app)

Shipyards Dallas Strikers Repeat as L.L.Bean PBA League Elias Cup Champs; Duke Wins MVP Award

PORTLAND, Maine - Crafty strategy and clutch shots at every critical turn helped the Shipyards Dallas Strikers successfully defend their L.L.Bean PBA League Elias Cup title at Bayside Bowl in a hotly-contested battle with the local-favorite L.L.Bean Portland Lumberjacks.

Dallas_2017 Elias Cup_Jones_Duke_Moore_Page_ONeill (5) Led by player-manager Norm Duke, the Strikers won the singles, trios and five-player Baker format matches for a 5-1 victory over the Lumberjacks. The finals aired Sunday on ESPN.

Duke, who was named Mark Roth PBA League Most Valuable Player at the conclusion of the event, gave Dallas a 1-0 lead with a 269-247 win over Portland's Ryan Ciminelli in the opening singles match. Portland evened the score at 1-1 when Wes Malott and Kyle Troup topped Duke and Rhino Page in the doubles match, 238-209.

"We decided to put me first, and then me with a lefthander (Rhino Page) in the doubles match in order to preserve the lanes, because with all of the rev rate from our other guys, there wouldn't be any oil left on the inside of the lane for anyone except me, and I needed more help than that," Duke said. "And that left a fresher condition for our rev guys. They were able to make the adjustments and make the shots, and that's why we came out on top."

Dallas regained the upper hand with a 234-227 victory in the Baker trios match, with high-rev power players Tommy Jones, Bill O'Neill and BJ Moore III holding off Portland's Malott, Bryon Smith and Liz Johnson.

In the decisive three-point five-player team finale, Duke's strikes on both of his attempts, in the second and seventh frames, were converted into a turkey and a double ultimately made the difference in the Strikers' 237-219 victory that locked up the Elias Cup.

Portland_Malott.Wes_2017 Elias Cup finals (8)

"Obviously it's disappointing, but (Dallas) bowled a really good game," said Portland manager Tim Mack. "They're defending champions for a reason, but we made them earn it."

Going into the finals, Duke was concerned about being an underdog in terms of fan support.

"I watched the semifinal match between (Portland) and the (Silver Lake) Atom Splitters, and that was a wow-wow-wow moment," Duke said of the Lumberjack's miraculous win. "They pulled it out, and when you have this many people rooting you on, and that much energy flowing their way, it's hard to say destiny wasn't on their side.

"But my group never flinched. They just kept at it. They're champions, all of them."

Duke's passion for PBA League competition has continued to grow over the program's five-year history, which is interesting considering he had least amount of team experience throughout his career of any player in the league. He never experienced high school, collegiate or Team USA competition.

"That's why you see so much excitement from me," the PBA Hall of Famer said. "I'm 53 and slowing down a bit, but not when you jack me up like that. I feel like I'm 17 again. This is the kind of atmosphere we all want to play in front of. This league thing is going to take off; we all know it and it's going to grow."

Winning the MVP award, he added, took him completely by surprise.

duke"The MVP out of that group? No way," he said. "Normally I wouldn't put myself in position to win an award like that, but my crew kept saying, Norm, you're throwing it last. We debated until the end, but my guys liked the way my ball was getting through the pins and they liked my chances, so that's what happened."

During the Elias Cup finals, Bayside Bowl co-owners Charlie Mitchell and Justin Alford, along with PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark, announced the sixth annual PBA League finals will return to Portland in 2018 on dates to be announced.

The PBA Tour resumes competition with the inaugural eight-player Main Event PBA Tour Finals May 19-20 at Main Event-Orlando, Fla., which will air on five consecutive Tuesdays at 9:30 p.m. EST on CBS Sports Network beginning May 30, followed by a pair of PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup events, the PBA Xtra Frame Wilmington Open from Ten Pin Alley in Wilmington, N.C., May 26-29, and the PBA Xtra Frame Jonesboro Open from Jonesboro Bowling Center in Jonesboro, Ark., June 2-4. Both Storm Cup events will be covered live, from first ball to last, on PBA's Xtra Frame video streaming service. Visit xtraframe.tv for subscription information.

L.L.BEAN PBA LEAGUE ELIAS CUP FINALS

Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine (aired Sunday on ESPN)

Final Standings: Shipyard Dallas Strikers (\$60,000) def. L.L.Bean Portland Lumberjacks (\$50,000), 5-1.

Singles Match (one point): Norm Duke, Dallas, def. Ryan Ciminelli, Portland, 269-247.

Alternate Ball Doubles (one point): Wes Malott/Kyle Troup, Portland, def. Norm Duke/Rhino Page, Dallas, 238-209.

Baker Trios (one point): Dallas (Tommy Jones/Bill O'Neill/BJ Moore III) def. Portland (Wes Malott/Bryon Smith/Liz Johnson), 234-227.

Five-Player Baker Team (three points): Dallas (Bill O'Neill/Norm Duke/Rhino Page/BJ Moore/Tommy Jones) def. Portland (Liz Johnson/Bryon Smith/Kyle Troup/Ryan Ciminelli/Wes Malott), 237-219.

Bob Learn Jr. Makes Late Surge to Take First Round Lead in PBA50 Miller Lite Players Championship

Bob Learn Jr. Makes Late Surge to Take First Round Lead in PBA50 Miller Lite Players Championship
Making a late-round surge, three-time PBA50 Tour winner Bob Learn Jr. of Erie, Pa., averaged 243.6 for eight games to take the first round lead Sunday in the PBA50 Miller Lite Players Championship at Woodland Bowl.

Learn bowled games of 248, 237, 214, 197, 289, 264, 235 and 265 for a 1,949 pinfall total to hold a six-pin lead over PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., in second with 1,943.

Learn, who is also a five-time PBA Tour titlist, including the 1999 U.S. Open, found that changing the interchangeable sole on his slide shoe helped give him a more consistent delivery that resulted in better shot-making.

"Usually you go to a different ball for the changing lane conditions, but it was a variation in the approaches that I had to deal with today" Learn said. "I used the same ball the whole round but used three different soles on my slide shoe."

Learn, who finished second in the Sun Bowl In The Villages and third in last week's Johnny Petraglia BVL Open, is trying for his first win of the season and first PBA50 Tour major title.

"My confidence level is high right now," Learn said. "I'm able to put the big strings of strike together. I just need to make it happen in the title match."

Bohn also had a bad fourth game starting with 257, 236 and 235 before a 184. He got back on track with games 257, 268, 300 and 206 to finish the round.

"That fourth game faked me out a little bit," said Bohn, who is a 35-time PBA Tour and three-time PBA50 Tour titlist. "I changed balls after the third game to stay ahead of the lane condition but I didn't make the right adjustments with where I was throwing it on the lane. I stuck with the same ball and finally made the right adjustments and everything came together after that."

PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., finished the round in third with a 1,925 pinfall. The two-time reigning PBA50 Player of the Year has gotten off to a slow start this season with finishes of ninth, 16th and 21st.

PBA50 Tour newcomer Danny Clark of New Palestine, Ind., finished fourth with a 1,912 pinfall and Scott Greiner of Platte city, Mo. finished with 1,889 to round out the top five.

The 98-player field returns for another eight-game round of qualifying Monday which will determine the top 32 players who will advance to match play on Tuesday. After Tuesday's first match play round, the field will be cut to the top 16 players for the second match play round which will determine the top five for the stepladder finals Tuesday at 7 p.m. EDT.

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PBA50 MILLER LITE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, Sunday

FIRST ROUND

(after 8 games)

- 1, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,949.
- 2, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,943.
- 3, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,925.
- 4, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 1,912.
- 5, Scott Greiner, Platte City, Mo., 1,889.
- 6, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 1,874.
- 7, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,873.
- 8, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,855.
- 9, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,849.
- 10, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,833.
- 11, Terry Rohrer, Ft. Wayne, Ind., 1,821.
- 12, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 1,819.
- 13, Mike Keough, Stockton, Calif., 1,800.
- 14, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 1,792.
- 15, Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 1,785.
- 16, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,780.
- 17, Peter Knopp, Germany, 1,771.
- 18, Tim Shirlock, Las Vegas, 1,770.
- 19, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,767.
- 20, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1,759.
- 21, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 1,749.
- 22, ss-Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., 1,748.
- 23, ss-David Axon, Bellevue, Neb., 1,744.
- 24, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,735.
- 25, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 1,727.
- 26, ss-Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 1,722.
- 27, ss-Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 1,720.
- 28, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 1,719.
- 29, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 1,718.

- 30, ss-Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, 1,716.
- 31, James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 1,715.
- 32, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 1,702.
- 33, Andrew Frawley, Australia, 1,698.
- 34, Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 1,680.
- 35, Dave Han, Birmingham, Ala., 1,677.
- 36, Patrick Shipley, Spring Valley, Calif., 1,676.
- 37, (tie) ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, Larry Verble, Mason, Mich., and ss-Dale Eagle, Twin Falls, Idaho, 1,675.
- 40, Troy Stus, South Lyon, Mich., 1,672.
- 41, ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 1,671.
- 42, Don Breeden, Clive, Iowa, 1,670.
- 43, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 1,669.
- 44, Paul LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 1,668.
- 45, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,665.
- 46, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 1,662.
- 47, ss-Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 1,661.
- 48, ss-Bill Nichols, Bella Vista, Ark., 1,659.
- 49, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,657.
- 50, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,655.
- 51, Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 1,653.
- 52, Al Danz Jr., Escanaba, Mich., 1,646.
- 53, (tie) Gary Schluchter, Femont, Ohio, and Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 1,644.
- 55, (tie) Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., and ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,637.
- 57, (tie) ss-Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, and Conn Casey, Canada, 1,635.
- 59, Scott Merritt, Iowa City, Iowa, 1,625.
- 60, Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 1,615.
- 61, ss-Michael Chrzanowski, Shepherd, Mich., 1,613.
- 62, (tie) Anthony Moses, Southfield, Mich., and Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 1,611.
- 64, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 1,604.
- 65, ss-Sam Maccarone, Blackwood, N.J., 1,603.
- 66, (tie) Scott Weber, La Salle, Ill., and Brad Snell, Mount Prospect, Ill., 1,598.
- 68, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,594.
- 69, Patric Donaghue, Honeoye Falls, N.Y., 1,588.
- 70, ss-Michael Lucente, Warren, Mich., 1,587.
- 71, Tommy Martin, Olive Branch, Miss., 1,584.
- 72, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 1,578.
- 73, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 1,576.
- 74, ss-Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, 1,573.
- 75, ss-Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., 1,569.
- 76, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 1,565.
- 77, Richie Brown, Marion, Ohio, 1,562.
- 78, ss-Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 1,550.
- 79, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 1,540.
- 80, Kevin Duncan, Mexico, Mo., 1,538.
- 81, Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio, 1,536.
- 82, Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 1,526.
- 83, Randy Leszczynski, Kronenwetter, Wis., 1,521.
- 84, Steve Kenyon, Dade City, Fla., 1,520.
- 85, Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 1,515.
- 86, ss-Emilio Mora Sr., Defiance, Ohio, 1,489.
- 87, (tie) ss-John Thullen, Whiteland, Ind., and Warren Burr, Wilmington, Del., 1,477.
- 89, ss-Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 1,475.

90, ss-James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 1,472.
91, John Kidwell, Indianapolis, Ind., 1,461.
92, Charles Gadd, Lake Worth, Fla., 1,460.
93, Tony Gilbert, Indianapolis, 1,459.
94, Mark Nance Sr., Grove City, Ohio, 1,458.
95, Jay Davis Jr., Silver Spring, Md., 1,450.
96, ss-Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,422.
97, ss-James Hutchinson, Ludlow Falls, Ohio, 1,398.
98, ss-Allen Meskan, Addison, Ill., 1,350.

300 games – Parker Bohn III, Bo Goergen

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ss-PBA60 player ages 60 and over

Bob Learn Jr. Averages 245 to Set Pace in PBA50 Miller Lite Players Championship Qualifying

Bob Learn Jr. Averages 245 to Set Pace in PBA50 Miller Lite Players Championship Qualifying
Three-time PBA50 Tour titlist Bob Learn Jr. of Erie, Pa., managed to say ahead of the changing lane conditions and average 245 to set the pace after qualifying Monday in the PBA50 Miller Lite Players Championship at Woodland Bowl.

Learn finished with a 3,921 16-game pinfall total after the second round to lead 32 players advancing to Tuesday's match play. After bowling 1,949 for eight games to lead Sunday's first round, Learn bowled 1,972 in the second round with games of 236, 246, 233, 270, 245, 247, 248 and 247.

"I managed to avoid the bad game today," said Learn, who also owns five PBA Tour titles including the 1999 U.S. Open. "Today I was getting a good read on the lane conditions which enabled me to get lined up quickly on each pair (of lanes). By the end of the round I was working hard revving it up as much as I could to get the ball reaction I needed."

Learn will be trying for his first win of the season after best finishes of second in the UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl In The Villages and third in last week's Johnny Petraglia BVL Open.

The 55-year-old Learn enters a new phase of his bowling career this summer as the head bowling coach for Martin Methodist College, located in Pulaski, Tenn.

"I've been involved in coaching in one way or another for 25 years and I really love that aspect of the sport," said Learn. "My bowling days aren't going to last forever. The good thing about it is that it's still competition—just a different kind of competition."

PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III retained his second-place position after qualifying finishing 66 pins behind Learn with a 3,855 pinfall.

The 35-time PBA Tour and three-time PBA50 Tour winner will be trying to improve upon a season's best third-place finish which came in the Sun Bowl In The Villages in April.

"I didn't shoot myself in the foot today," said Bohn, who had a 1,912 eight-game pinfall in the second round. "Bob put up a number and it was up to us to go get it. I fell a little short but you don't win the tournament after two rounds—there's a long way to go."

After Tuesday's first match play round, the field will be cut to the top 16 players for the second round which will determine the top five for the stepladder finals at 7 p.m. EDT.

Finishing qualifying in third was Danny Clark of New Palestine, Ind., with 3,816 followed by PBA Hall of Famer and seven-time PBA50 Tour winner Amleto Monacelli of Venezuela with 3,784, and Scott Greiner of Platte City, Mo. who rounded out the top five with 3,734.

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PBA50 MILLER LITE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, Monday

SECOND ROUND

(after 16 games. Top 32 advance to Tuesday's match play round)

- 1, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,921.
- 2, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,855.
- 3, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 3,816.
- 4, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,784.
- 5, Scott Greiner, Platte City, Mo., 3,734.
- 6, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3,701.
- 7, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3,691.
- 8, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,649.
- 9, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,635.
- 10, Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 3,624.
- 11, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 3,620.
- 12, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3,605.
- 13, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3,600.
- 14, Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 3,583.
- 15, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 3,578.
- 16, Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 3,564.
- 17, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 3,557.
- 18, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3,520.
- 19, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,492.
- 20, (tie) John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., and Tim Shirlock, Las Vegas, 3,491.
- 22, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,484.
- 23, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 3,483.
- 24, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 3,476.
- 25, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,475.
- 26, Larry Verble, Mason, Mich., 3,474.
- 27, Dale Eagle, Twin Falls, Idaho, 3,460.
- 28, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3,453.
- 29, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 3,448.
- 29, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3,448.
- 31, David Axon, Bellevue, Neb., 3,438.

32, Patrick Shipley, Spring Valley, Calif., 3,437.

Did not advance

33, ss-Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., 3,427, \$1,000.

34, Andrew Frawley, Australia, 3,423.

35, (tie) Scott Merritt, Iowa City, Iowa, and ss-Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 3,422, \$1,000.

37, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 3,418.

38, James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 3,414.

39, Troy Stus, South Lyon, Mich., 3,404.

40, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 3,402.

41, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 3,399.

42, ss-Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 3,398, \$1,000.

43, (tie) Tommy Martin, Olive Branch, Miss., Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, and Peter Knopp, Germany, 3,381.

46, (tie) Gary Schluchter, Femont, Ohio, and Terry Rohrer, Ft. Wayne, Ind., 3,376.

48, ss-Bill Nichols, Bella Vista, Ark., 3,371, \$1,000.

49, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3,368.

50, Mike Keough, Stockton, Calif., 3,367.

51, ss-Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 3,361, \$1,000.

52, Don Breeden, Clive, Iowa, 3,356.

53, Patric Donaghue, Honeoye Falls, N.Y., 3,351.

54, Jay Davis Jr., Silver Spring, Md., 3,325.

55, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 3,315, \$1,000.

56, Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 3,307.

57, Conn Casey, Canada, 3,306.

58, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 3,304.

59, ss-Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, 3,300, \$1,000.

60, Al Danz Jr., Escanaba, Mich., 3,294.

61, (tie) Richie Brown, Marion, Ohio, and ss-Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, 3,282, \$1,000.

63, Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 3,281.

64, Anthony Moses, Southfield, Mich., 3,271.

65, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 3,266.

66, Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio, 3,265.

67, (tie) Brad Snell, Mount Prospect, Ill., and Jim Storts, Westfield, Ind., 3,251.

69, Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 3,245.

70, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 3,243.

71, Dave Han, Birmingham, Ala., 3,240.

72, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 3,230.

73, Steve Kenyon, Dade City, Fla., 3,229.

74, Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 3,222.

75, Sam Maccarone, Blackwood, N.J., 3,219.

76, Michael Chrzanowski, Shepherd, Mich., 3,208.

77, Michael Lucente, Warren, Mich., 3,199.

78, Paul LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 3,177.

79, Scott Weber, La Salle, Ill., 3,176.

80, Emilio Mora Sr., Defiance, Ohio, 3,174.

81, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 3,161.

82, Kevin Duncan, Mexico, Mo., 3,160.

83, John Kidwell, Indianapolis, Ind., 3,150.

84, James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 3,146.

85, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 3,132.

86, Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 3,118.

87, Warren Burr, Wilmington, Del., 3,084.

- 88, Tony Gilbert, Indianapolis, 3,072.
- 89, Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., 3,040.
- 90, Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 3,037.
- 91, John Thullen, Whiteland, Ind., 3,030.
- 92, Charles Gadd, Lake Worth, Fla., 3,006.
- 93, Mark Nance Sr., Grove City, Ohio, 2,992.
- 94, Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 2,959.
- 95, Randy Leszczynski, Kronenwetter, Wis., 2,893.
- 96, Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 2,839.
- 97, James Hutchinson, Ludlow Falls, Ohio, 2,822.
- 98, Allen Meskan, Addison, Ill., 2,687.

300 games (1) – Patrick Shipley

ss-PBA60 player ages 60 and over out of the regular prize fund cashing for \$1,000

Bryan Goebel Wins PBA50 Miller Lite Players Championship For First PBA50 Tour Title

Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Bryan Goebel of Shawnee, Kan., a 10-time winner on the PBA Tour, won the PBA50 Miller Lite Players Championship Tuesday for his first title on PBA's tour for players 50 and over.

Goebel won the first major of the 2017 season by beating fellow hall of famer and stepladder finals top qualifier Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., 264-230, in the championship match at Woodland Bowl.

"I feel so fortunate to win because it's so tough with all the great players we have out here," said Goebel, who was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in February. "I had a very rewarding career on the PBA Tour but it's an honor to be part of that club that has won titles on both the PBA Tour and PBA50 Tour."

Bohn and Goebel traded strikes in the first four frames of the title match until Bohn pulled away by continuing his string with strikes in the fifth and six frames. Bohn ran into trouble in the seventh frame when he left the 7-10 split and then left the 4-7-10 split in the ninth which turned the momentum back to Goebel who put together a string of five strikes at the end of the match to seal the win.

Goebel's win came in his 51st PBA50 Tour tournament. His previous best finishes in five full seasons were two runner-up finishes which came in 2013 and 2015.

"What makes it special is you want to beat the best and Parker is one of the best," said the 55-year-old Goebel. "It's a huge relief to finally get that first win and to beat a great player like Parker in a major, that makes it that much more satisfying."

For Goebel, the Miller Lite Players Championship win was his second major title on the national stage. He won the PBA Tour's PBA Tournament of Champions in 1998.

As the No. 2 qualifier for the finals, Goebel advanced to the title match by beating PBA50 Tour rookie Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix, 200-181, in the semifinal match. Haugen, a five-time PBA Tour winner who qualified fourth for the finals, was making his third championship round appearance of the season and tied his best finish of third.

In the opening match Haugen beat No. 5 qualifier Scott Greiner of Platte City, Mo., 238-159, and then defeated No. 3 qualifier Bob Learn Jr. of Erie, Pa., 222-190, to advance to the semi-final match against Goebel.

Learn, who dominated qualifying by averaging 245, was trying for his fourth career PBA50 Tour title while Greiner was trying for his first win.

The next stop for the PBA50 Tour is Harvest Park Bowl in Brentwood, Calif. for the PBA50 Northern California Classic presented by MOTIV May 28-31.

PBA50 MILLER LITE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, Tuesday

Final Standings:

- 1, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., \$10,000
- 2, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., \$5,500.
- 3, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, \$3,000.
- 4, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., \$2,500.
- 5, Scott Greiner, Platte City, Mo., \$2,000.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Haugen def. Greiner, 238-159.

Match Two – Haugen def. Learn, 222-190.

Semifinal Match – Goebel def. Haugen, 200-181.

Championship – Goebel def. Bohn, 264-230.

FOURTH ROUND

(Top five advanced to stepladder finals. Includes match play record and 32-game pinfall total including bonus)

- 1, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 11-5, 7,997.
- 2, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 11-5, 7,927.
- 3, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 9-7, 7,917.
- 4, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 11-4-1, 7,817.
- 5, Scott Greiner, Platte City, Mo., 13-3, 7,778, \$2,000.
- 6, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 7-8-1, 7,731, \$1,800.
- 7, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 10-6, 7,701, \$1,700.
- 8, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 8-8, 7,673, \$1,650.
- 9, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 11-5, 7,631, \$1,600.
- 10, Lennie Boesch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 6-10, 7,527, \$1,550.
- 11, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 12-4, 7,461, \$1,525.
- 12, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 10-6, 7,445, \$1,500.
- 13, Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 5-11, 7,404, \$1,475.
- 14, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 7-9, 7,333, \$1,450.
- 15, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 5-11, 7,320, \$1,425.
- 16, ss-Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 5-11, 7,206, \$1,400.

THIRD ROUND

(Top 16 advanced to fourth round. Includes match play record and 24-game total pinfall including bonus)

- 1, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 6-2, 6,000.
- 2, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 7-1, 5,961.
- 3, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 4-4, 5,952.
- 4, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 7-1, 5,817.
- 5, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 4-4, 5,764.
- 6, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 4-4, 5,736.
- 7, Scott Greiner, Platte City, Mo., 6-2, 5,706.
- 8, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 5-3, 5,702.
- 9, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 5-3, 5,679.
- 10, *Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 5-3, 5,613.
- 11, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3-5, 5,611.
- 12, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 7-1, 5,606.
- 13, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 7-1, 5,574.
- 14, Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 2-6, 5,566.
- 15, ss-Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 4-4, 5,550.
- 16, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3-5, 5,526.
- 17, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 4-4, 5,518.
- 18, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 4-4, 5,484, \$1,280.
- 19, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 4-3-1, 5,473, \$1,260.
- 20, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 5-3, 5,459, \$1,240.
- 21, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3-4-1, 5,434, \$1,220.
- 22, Tim Shirlock, Las Vegas, 3-5, 5,428, \$1,200.
- 23, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 4-4, 5,397, \$1,190.
- 24, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 1-7, 5,348, \$1,180.
- 25, Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 3-5, 5,339, \$1,170.
- 26, Larry Verble, Mason, Mich., 3-5, 5,319, \$1,160.
- 27, Patrick Shipley, Spring Valley, Calif., 4-4, 5,308, \$1,150.
- 28, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 2-6, 5,284, \$1,140.
- 29, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 2-6, 5,231, \$1,130.
- 30, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 2-6, 5,229, \$1,120.
- 31, (tie) ss-Dale Eagle, Twin Falls, Idaho, 2-6, and David Axon, Bellevue, Neb., 2-6, 5,185, \$1,105.

*Pete Weber withdrew after third round due to injury and was replaced by Walter Ray Williams Jr. in fourth round

ss-PBA60 player ages 60 and over

J.R. Raymond Wins PBA Taylor Kia Central Open

Struthers, Ohio (May 14, 2017) – J.R. Raymond of Clinton Township, Mich. defeated Kyle Mayberry of Mt. Vernon, Ohio by eight pins Sunday to win the Professional Bowlers Association Taylor Kia Central Open presented by Hammer at Holiday Bowl.

Raymond finished with a 10-2 match play record and a total of 4,943 pins for 20 games, including match play bonus pins, for his first Central Region title of 2017 and his third overall title. He also earned \$2,500. Mayberry posted an 8-4 match play record and knocked down 4,931 pins to earn the \$1,300 runner-up prize.

The next PBA Central Region events are the PBA50 Baldo Campana Memorial/Ohio Lottery Central/Midwest Open May 19-21 and the PBA Baldo Campana Memorial/Ohio Lottery Central Open (a reduced entry fee, one-day event) in Lorain, Ohio, May 19-20.

**PBA TAYLOR KIA CENTRAL OPEN PRESENTED BY HAMMER
Holiday Bowl, Struthers, Ohio, Sunday**

Final Match Play Standings (after 20 games, including match play bonus pins):

1, J.R. Raymond, Clinton Township, Mich., 10-2, 4,943, \$2,500. 2, Kyle Mayberry, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, 8-4, 4,931 \$1,300. 3, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 7-4-1, 4,904, \$1,000. 4, Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 6-5-1, 4,885, \$850. 5, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 6-6, 4,868 \$800. 6, Tom Sorce, Blasdell, N.Y., 7-5, 4,799 \$750.

7, Aaron Lorincz, Belleville, Mich., 6-6, 4,759, \$700. 8, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 5-6-1, 4,757, \$680.

9, Kelly Jordon, Marion, Ohio, 4-8, 4,693, \$660. 10, Dave Wodka, Beavercreek, Ohio, 4-8, 4,663, \$640. 11, Joe Bailey, Wooster, Ohio, 4-8, 4,650, \$620. 12, Michael Schlabach, Goshen, Ind., 3-8-1, 4,521, \$600.

PBA Spare Shots: Oklahoma Open to Feature Two-Day, Nine-Player Finals Live on ESPN

The PBA will return to FireLake Bowling Center and the Grand Casino Event Center in Shawnee, Okla., this summer with a unique two-day, nine-player stepladder finals live on ESPN and a \$30,000 first prize culminating the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Oklahoma Open. The tournament is open to all PBA members.

The new tournament, to be held at the home of the FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions, will include eight-game qualifying rounds on the Wolf, Bear and Badger lane conditions on June 27, 28 and 29, respectively. The top 33 players based on combined 24-game pinfall totals on the animal pattern conditions traditionally used in the PBA's Summer/Fall Swing will advance to an eight-game cashers' round on the Oklahoma Open lane condition on June 30, and 32-game totals will determine the nine players who will bowl on ESPN.

Back-to-back live telecasts on Saturday and Sunday, July 1 and 2, will begin at 1 p.m. EDT, starting with the no. 9 qualifier meeting no. 8 in the opening match. The 32-game qualifying leader, who will pick the lane conditioning pattern used for all of the TV shows, will bowl whomever survives the stepladder in Sunday's final match.

PBA50 STARS TO COMPETE IN WORLD SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

PBA50 Tour stars Parker Bohn III, Lennie Boesch Jr., Bob Learn Jr. and Ron Mohr have been selected by the Team USA coaching staff to represent the United States in the World Bowling Senior Championships Aug. 13-20 in Munich, Germany.

The women's contingent will include USBC Hall of Famers Lynda Barnes, Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Leanne Hulsenberg and Tish Johnson. Both groups will try to defend the team titles won by the U.S. in the 2015 championships in Las Vegas. The World Senior Championships have been held every two years since the event's inception in 2013. In 2015, U.S. bowlers won 14 of the 38 available medals awarded in singles, doubles, four-player team, all-events and Masters events.

PBA INTERNATIONAL STARS TO COMPETE IN WORLD GAMES

In addition to American PBA stars Jakob Butturff, Tommy Jones, Kelly Kulick and Danielle McEwan, who will represent the United States in the World Games in Wroclaw, Poland, July 20-30, several international PBA members also are scheduled to participate in the multi-sport extravaganza for sports that are not officially part of the Olympic Games.

Among the international players scheduled to compete in Poland are Canada's Francois Lavoie, Colombia's Clara Guerrero and Rocio Restrepo, Denmark's Thomas Larsen, Finland's Osku Palermaa, Germany's Pascal Winterheimer, Poland's Daria Pajak, Puerto Rico's Cristian Azcona, and Venezuela's Ildemaro Ruiz.

MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIPS HIGHLIGHT XTRA FRAME SCHEDULE

Major championships on the PBA50 Tour and PWBA Tour highlight the upcoming schedule of Xtra Frame events, beginning with the USBC Queens, the PWBA Tour's first major of the year, from Baton Rouge,

La., now through Monday. Xtra Frame will provide exclusive coverage of all qualifying and match play elimination rounds leading up to the same-day tape-delayed telecast of the CBS Sports Network finals on Tuesday, May 23, at 10 p.m. EDT.

After streaming newly-inducted PBA Hall of Famer Bryan Goebel's victory in the PBA50 Miller Lite Championship at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis on Tuesday, the PBA50 Tour heads west to resume competition in the Northern California Classic from Harvest Park Bowl in Brentwood, Calif., May 29-31, followed by USBC's Super Senior Classic (June 1-3); the USBC Senior Masters (June 4-10) at Sam's Town Bowling Center, and the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm (June 12-16) at Suncoast Bowling Center in Las Vegas. The NorCal Classic and Senior U.S. Open will be streamed live on Xtra Frame. The USBC events will be live streamed on BOWL.tv.

PBA Tour competition also is on tap, with the PBA Xtra Frame Wilmington Open from Ten Pin Alley in Wilmington, N.C., May 27-29, followed by the PBA Xtra Frame Jonesboro Open from Jonesboro Bowling Center in Jonesboro, Ark., June 3-4, and the PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open from South Plains Lanes in Lubbock, Texas, June 10-11. All three are PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup events and each will be covered live, exclusively on Xtra Frame, from first ball to last.

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THIS WEEK: "PICK THE ROTO GRIP BALL" FOR PBA BOWLING CHALLENGE GAME

Concrete Software's "pick the ball" survey for PBA Bowling Challenge mobile game continues this week with players invited to select a new Roto Grip ball from among three options provided weekly for each PBA-participating brand.

Based on fan voting which begins Thursday (click here: http://bit.ly/RotoGrip_17 to cast your vote), the "winning" Roto Grip will be available for play on May 26.

A code to purchase the ball for 50% off (the code will be available on PBA's and the specific companies' social media pages) will be posted. Each company also will have a flashback weekend where all its previous balls will be available for that weekend only.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: RAYMOND WINS THIRD REGIONAL TITLE IN OHIO

J.R Raymond of Clinton Township, Mich. defeated Kyle Mayberry of Mt. Vernon, Ohio by eight pins Sunday to win the PBA Taylor Kia Central Open presented by Hammer at Holiday Bowl in Struthers, Ohio. Raymond finished with a 10-2 match play record and a total of 4,943 pins for 20 games, including match play bonus pins, to win his third PBA Regional title and the \$2,500 top prize. Mayberry posted an 8-4 match play record and knocked down 4,931 pins to finish second.

- Kyle Sherman from O'Fallon, Mo., won his first PBA Regional title in the PBA Oklahoma City Planet Bowl Southwest Open presented by Radical Sunday, topping PBA Southwest Region veterans and twin brothers Sean and Anthony Lavery-Spahr of Pasadena, Texas.

Sherman, in his first event as a PBA member, led the qualifying going into Sunday's modified eight-game round robin finals. After losing two of his first three matches, Sherman won his next four matches, highlighted by a 277-176 victory over defending champion Brett Cooper of Denver, Colo. Heading into position round, Sherman held an 85-pin lead over Sean Lavery-Spahr. Lavery-Spahr finished with a 257 but Sherman's 247 was enough to claim the \$2,500 winner's check.

Anthony Lavery-Spahr held on to third place, squeaking out a 167-163 win over Canada's Francois Lavoie in their position round match.

- PBA Regional competition over the May 19-21 weekend includes the Romeo Chevrolet/Buick/GMC Open presented by Ebonite from Patel's Kingston Lanes in Kingston, N.Y.; the PBA50 Baldo Campana Memorial/Ohio Lottery Central/Midwest Open presented by DV8 plus the one-day PBA Baldo Campana Memorial/Ohio Lottery Central Open from Rebman Recreation in Lorain, Ohio; the American Family Insurance Midwest Open presented by Homewood Chevrolet from Oak Forest Bowl in Oak Forest, Ill., and the PBA50 Spare Times Hampton South Open presented by Ebonite from Spare Times Bowling Center in Hampton, Va.

- PBA Regional events over Memorial Day weekend include the Colony Lanes Eastern Challenge, a reduced entry fee event, in York, Pa., and the Celeste Walker Midwest Challenge at Strike N Spare II in Lockport, Ill. – two events for players who have not won a PBA title.

- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES

- Tamara Widdell has been selected as winner of the Barbasol Ultimate Fan Package, conducted in conjunction with the Barbasol PBA Players Championship. As winner of the sweepstakes, Widdell receives a personal phone call for the PBA Player of her choice, a bowling pin autographed by top PBA players, a customized PBA replica player jersey and a prize pack from Barbasol.

Sold-Out Field Set for PBA Xtra Frame Tour Stop in Wilmington Over Memorial Day Weekend

WILMINGTON, N.C. – The Professional Bowlers Association's Xtra Frame Storm Cup Tour will make its first visit to Wilmington over Memorial Day weekend when a sold-out field of established PBA champions, future stars and top-caliber amateur bowlers compete in the PBA Xtra Frame Wilmington Open at Ten Pin Alley Family Fun Center.

A capacity field of 96 players is will compete in the second event of the seven-tournament XF Storm Cup series that will pay \$50,000 in bonus prize money at the conclusion of the 2017 series. Leading the Storm Cup points race after one event is Josh Blanchard of Mesa, Ariz. (feature photo), who earned 25 points for his win in the Xtra Frame Reality Check Classic in Tamarac, Fla., in March. Trailing Blanchard are AJ Johnson of Oswego, Ill.; Dom Barrett of England; Shawn Maldonado of Houston, Texas, and Dick Allen of Columbia, S.C. All except Maldonado are entered in Wilmington.

All of the XF Storm Cup tournaments will be covered live, from first ball to last, by PBA's Xtra Frame live streaming service. PBA created the online Xtra Frame Tour in 2014 to supplement its national television coverage on ESPN and the CBS Sports network and to enable more fans throughout the country to see the world's greatest bowlers compete for a PBA Tour title in person.

In addition to the Storm Cup points leaders, entrants in Wilmington include PBA Tour champions Ryan Ciminelli, Tom Daugherty, Graham Fach, Tommy Jones, Marshall Kent, Bill O'Neill, Rhino Page, Connor Pickford, Sean Rash, Anthony Simonsen, Jason Sterner, reigning PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett and North Carolina native Kyle Troup.

Competition begins on Saturday, May 27 with six-game qualifying squads at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. ET. After a second qualifying round Sunday at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., the top 16 players will advance to a modified 12-game round robin match play round Monday at 9 a.m. The top four players after 24 games will advance to the stepladder finals at 3 p.m. Monday to compete for a \$10,000 first prize and a PBA Tour title.

A practice session is scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday and a pro-am where grassroots amateur bowlers can bowl with the pros will be conducted at 7 p.m. For tournament pro-am and admission information contact Ten Pin Alley Family Fun Center at (910) 452-5455.

For Xtra Frame subscriptions, visit xtraframe.tv. Subscriptions are available for three days (\$3.99), 30 days (\$7.99) or for a full year at a cost of about \$1.25 per week.

PBA XTRA FRAME WILMINGTON OPEN

Ten Pin Alley Family Fun Center, Wilmington, N.C. (All times Eastern)

Friday, May 26

1 p.m. - Practice Session

3:30 p.m. – New player orientation meeting

7 p.m. - Pro-am

Saturday, May 27

9 a.m. - A Squad, six qualifying games

2 p.m. - B Squad, six qualifying games

Sunday, May 28

9 a.m. – Squad B, six qualifying games

2 p.m. – Squad A, six qualifying games

Top 16 after 12 games advance to match play

Monday, May 29

9 a.m. – Top 16, 12 games modified round robin match play

Top four after 24 games advance to stepladder finals

3 p.m. – Top four stepladder finals

PBA XTRA FRAME STORM CUP POINTS LEADERS

(After one of seven events; 25 points to winner, 19 to second place, 18 to third, etc. through 20th place)

1, Josh Blanchard, 25; 2, AJ Johnson, 19; 3, Dom Barrett, 18; 4, Shawn Maldonado, 17; 5, Dick Allen, 16; 6, Ildemaro Ruiz, 15; 7, Tom Daugherty, 14; 8, Chris Spoo, 13; 9, Walter Ray Williams Jr., 12; 10, Jeff Piroozshad, 11; 11, Chris Loschetter, 10; 12, Cristian Azcona, 9; 13, Ryan Ciminelli, 7; 14, Michael Azcarate, 5 ; 15, DJ Archer, 4; 16, Brad Miller, 2; 18, Darren Tang, 1.

Robinson, Kretzer win Baldo Campana Memorial/Ohio Lottery Central Open titles

Lorain, Ohio (May 21, 2017) – Brian Robinson of Morgantown, W. Va. defeated Matt White of Warren, Pa., 234-212, to win the PBA Baldo Campana Memorial/Ohio Lottery Central Open at Rebman Recreation Saturday, and Brian Kretzer of Dayton won the PBA50 half of the Campana Memorial doubleheader on Sunday, edging Dean Billings of Rootstown, Ohio, by six pins.

In Saturday's event, Robinson won his first PBA Regional title and \$2,000 after bowling a perfect game to eliminate Andrew Anderson of Holly, Mich., 300-243, in the semifinal round while White edged Chris Loschetter of Avon, Ohio, 256-251, to also advance to the championship match. White earned \$1,000 for second place. Anderson and Loschetter each earned \$750 as semifinal round losers.

On Sunday, Kretzer finished with an 8-4 match play record and a total of 4,838 pins for 20 games, including match play bonus pins, to win the \$1,400 first prize and his fifth PBA50 Regional title.

The next PBA Central Region tournament is in Marion, Ohio, June 16-18.

**PBA BALDO CAMPANA MEMORIAL/OHIO LOTTERY CENTRAL OPEN
Rebman Recreation, Lorain, Ohio, Saturday**

Championship:

Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W. Va. (\$2,000) def. Matt White, Warren, Pa. (\$1,000), 234-212.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$750):

Robinson def. Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 300-243.

White def. Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 256-251.

Round of 8 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$600 each):

Anderson def. Graham Fach, Canada, 2-1.

Robinson def. Aaron Lorincz, Center Line, Mich., 2-1.

White def. Kyle Mayberry, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, 2-1

Loschetter def. Joe Bailey, Wooster, Ohio, 2-1

Round of 12 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$500 each):

Fach def. Michael Schlabach, Goshen, Ind., 2-1.

Lorincz def. Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 2-1.

Mayberry def. n-John Brockway, Hudson, Ohio 2-0.

Bailey def. n-Mark Pordash, Garfield Hts., Ohio, 2-1.

**PBA50 BALDO CAMPANA/OHIO LOTTERY CENTRAL/MIDWEST OPEN PRESENTED BY DV8
Rebman Recreation, Lorain, Ohio, Sunday**

Final Match Play Standings (after 20 games, including match play bonus pins):

1, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 8-4, 4,838, \$1,400. 2, Dean Billings, Rootstown, Ohio, 8-4, 4,832, \$900. 3, Richie Brown, Marion, Ohio, 6-6, 4,723, \$800. 4, ss-Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 8-4, 4,706, \$750. 5, Scott Merritt, Iowa City, Iowa, 6-6, 4,703, \$700. 6, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 7-5, 4,678, \$650. 7, Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 8-4, 4,675, \$625. 8, ss-Dale Csuhata, Wadsworth, Ohio, 7-5, 4,636, \$600.

9, Ernie Segura, Taylor, Mich., 5-7, 4,612, \$575. 10, R.J. Alman, Murrysville, Pa., 6-6, 4,569, \$560. 11, Scott Sustar, Medina, Ohio, 6-6, 4,459, \$550. 12, n-Ken Konczos, Sagamore Hills, Ohio, 3-9, 4,441, \$540. 13, Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio, 5-7, 4,350, \$530. 14 (tie), Jeff Zaffino, Warren, Ohio, 4-8, and David Harvey, Danville, Pa., 5-7, 4,270, \$515. 16, Larry Woomeer, State College, Pa., 4-8, 4,226, \$500.

n-denotes non-member; ss-denotes PBA60 player

2017 PBA50 Tour Western Swing Begins With Northern California Classic May 28-31

After a one-week break, the PBA50 Tour heads west for the PBA50 Northern California Classic presented by MOTIV May 28-31 at Harvest Park Bowl in Brentwood, Calif.

The sixth stop of the season will be covered live from start to finish on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame.

As the PBA50 Tour reaches the halfway mark for 2017, Brian LeClair of Delmar, N.Y., tops the PBA50 Player of the Year race with the help of his two wins which came in the Pasco County Florida Open and Johnny Petraglia BVL Open. He is the season's only multiple winner.

LeClair holds a commanding lead over last week's PBA50 Miller Lite Players Championship winner Bryan Goebel of Shawnee, Kan., in second. Goebel, who was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in February of this year, won his first PBA50 Tour title in the season's first major by defeating Parker Bohn III, 264-230, in the title match.

In last season's Northern California Classic, Noel Vazquez of Sacramento, Calif., won his first PBA50 Tour title by beating defending PBA50 Player of the Year Pete Weber 255-224 in the title match.

Following the Northern California Classic, the PBA50 Tour heads to Las Vegas for the USBC Super Senior Classic (for players 60 and over) June 1-4; USBC Senior Masters, June 4-11, both at Sam's Town, and the Suncoast Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm at the Suncoast Bowling Center June 11-16.

In addition to Player of the Year honors, the players who compete on PBA's tour for players 50 and over are battling to become one of the top eight players from the points list to advance to the PBA50 segment of the PBA Challenge which will be held in conjunction with the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX set for Nov. 7-19 in Reno, Nev.

Northern California Classic competition begins with the first of two eight-game qualifying rounds on Monday, May 29 at 8 a.m. PT to be followed by the second round on Tuesday, May 30. After a cashers round on Wednesday, May 31, the top 24 players will advance to match play which will determine the top five for the stepladder finals schedule for 6:30 p.m.

The practice session is scheduled from 9 a.m. – noon on Sunday, May 28 with pro-am squads scheduled for 1, 3 and 7 p.m.

For admission and pro-am entry information call Harvest Park Bowl at (925) 516-1221. For Xtra Frame subscription information visit www.xtraframe.tv.

PBA50 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CLASSIC PRESENTED BY MOTIV SCHEDULE

Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood, Calif. (all times Pacific)

Sunday, May 28

9 a.m. – Noon – Practice session

Pro-ams – 1, 3, 7 p.m.

Monday, May 29

8 a.m. – A squad qualifying (8 games)

1:30 p.m. – B squad qualifying (8 games)

Tuesday, May 30

8 a.m. – B squad qualifying (8 games)

1:30 p.m. – A squad qualifying (8 games)

Wednesday, May 31

8 a.m. – Cashers Round

11:30 a.m. – Match play round 1 (five games)

2:30 p.m. – Match play round 2 (six games)

Top five advance to stepladder finals

6:30 p.m. - Stepladder finals

PBA Spare Shots: Main Event PBA Tour Finals to Feature Blue Oil with a Twist

The inaugural Main Event PBA Tour Finals, hosted by Main Event Entertainment in Orlando, Fla., will introduce CBS Sports Network viewers to blue oil with a twist when the new event begins its five-week run on Tuesday, May 30, at 9:30 p.m. EDT.

Not only will fans be able to see the 42-foot “PBA Tour Finals” oiling pattern because of a blue dye added to the conditioner, but the pattern is more easily seen because the synthetic lanes at Main Event Orlando are white, with black striping to indicate the “boards” across each lane.

PBA introduced the blue-dyed oil during the 2014 PBA World Series of Bowling in Las Vegas as a way to illustrate the differences in the applications of oil for the PBA’s animal patterns, and the visual aid has been used in a wide variety of televised PBA events ever since. The colored oil – which has no effect on the oil itself – not only allows fans to see how the oil is applied to the lanes, but also makes it much easier to see how oil is moved around and depleted during competition. The depletion and movement of oil is what creates the transitions on the playing surface, requiring bowlers to make adjustments based upon how their bowling balls react to the constantly changing lane conditions.

The question of the day was, did the white lane surface in combination with the blue oil have any impact on the PBA Tour Finals competitors?

“Nah,” said Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill. “You learn to do what your ball tells you to do.”

“It didn’t bother me at all,” said Sweden’s Jesper Svensson. “You get used to it. Besides, it’s the same for everyone.”

“The white surface is a little brighter than a wood surface,” said EJ Tackett, “but the blue oil kind of mutes the brightness, so it isn’t much different.”

FOR JON VAN HEES, ONE OUT OF THREE AIN’T BAD...

VanHees.Jon)As the classic Meatloaf lyrics noted, “two out of three ain’t bad.” But for Rhode Island’s Jon Van Hees (at left), one out of three worked out pretty well in the PBA Romeo Chevrolet/Buick/GMC East Open presented by Ebonite at Patel’s Kingston Lanes in Kingston, N.Y., Sunday.

Van Hees started the final round of match play bowling his way to a 234-234 tie with non-member William Donahue of Accord, N.Y. He then nipped Rick Graham of Lancaster, Pa., 235-234, before bowling a perfect tie in his third match – 300-300 – vs. Ryan Galli of Binghamton, N.Y.

Perfect-game ties in match play are rare in PBA competition, but they have been done before. In Van Hees’ case, he had to share the 30 bonus pins for match play ties with Donahue and Gallie, but he got all 30 in his win against Graham which helped him qualify second for the stepladder finals where he lost to eventual tournament winner Greg Ostrander of Freehold, N.J., 258-225.

MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIPS HIGHLIGHT XTRA FRAME SCHEDULE

The PBA50 Tour returns to action in its annual western swing, the PWBA Tour resumes its normal schedule in the wake of the USBC Queens, and the PBA Tour returns to Xtra Frame with three consecutive Xtra Frame Storm Cup series events in the weeks ahead.

The PBA50 Tour resumes competition on Xtra Frame in the Northern California Classic from Harvest Park Bowl in Brentwood, Calif., May 29-31, followed by a pair of USBC events on Bowl.tv (USBC’s Super Senior Classic, June 1-3, and the USBC Senior Masters, June 4-10, both at Sam’s Town Bowling Center). Xtra Frame will then cover the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm, June 12-16, from Suncoast Bowling Center in Las Vegas.

PBA Tour competition returns to Xtra Frame with the PBA Xtra Frame Wilmington Open from Ten Pin Alley Family Fun Center in Wilmington, N.C., May 27-29; the PBA Xtra Frame Jonesboro Open from Jonesboro Bowling Center in Jonesboro, Ark., June 3-4, and the PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open presented by Ebonite from South Plains Lanes in Lubbock, Texas, June 9-11. All three are PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup events and each will be covered live, exclusively on Xtra Frame, from first ball to last.

Upcoming PWBA Tour coverage includes qualifying and match play rounds of the Wichita Open from Northrock Lanes in Wichita, Kan., June 2-3; the Pepsi Lincoln Open from Sun Valley Lanes in Lincoln, Neb., June 9-10; the Greater Detroit Open from Super Bowl in Canton, Mich., June 16-17, and the Go Bowling PWBA Players Championship from The Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley in Green Bay, Wis., June 22-24.

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PBA fans also are reminded they can follow real-time results for PBA50 and PBA Xtra Frame Tour events by visiting the “live scoring” feature on pba.com.

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PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: GREG OSTRANDER DEFENDS KINGSTON TITLE

Greg Ostrander of Freehold, N.J. defeated amateur Zach Doty of Nassau, N.Y., 227-192, to successfully defend his title in the PBA Romeo Chevrolet/Buick/GMC East Open presented by Ebonite at Patel’s Kingston Lanes in Kingston, N.Y., Sunday.

Prior his victory, Ostrander’s only other PBA title came in the same event in 2016.

Ostrander took advantage of an early open frame by Doty, a recent college graduate who rolled perfect games in both the qualifying and match play portions of the event, to build his winning margin. Ostrander earned \$3,000 for the win.

- Brian Robinson of Morgantown, W. Va. defeated Matt White of Warren, Pa., 234-212, to win the PBA Baldo Campana Memorial/Ohio Lottery Central Open, presented by DV8, at Rebman Recreation in Loraine, Ohio, Saturday, and Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio, won the PBA50 half of the Campana Memorial doubleheader on Sunday, edging Dean Billings of Rootstown, Ohio, by six pins.

In Saturday’s event, Robinson won his first PBA Regional title and \$2,000 after bowling a perfect game to eliminate Andrew Anderson of Holly, Mich., 300-243, in the semifinal round while White edged Chris Loschetter of Avon, Ohio, 256-251, to also advance to the championship match. White earned \$1,000 for second place. Anderson and Loschetter each earned \$750 as semifinal round losers.

On Sunday, Kretzer finished with an 8-4 match play record and a total of 4,838 pins for 20 games, including match play bonus pins, to win the \$1,400 first prize and his fifth PBA50 Regional title.

- Gary Morgan of Atlanta, Ga., defeated Jeff Bellinger of Columbia, S.C., 234-215 and 214-178, in the best-of-three-game title match Sunday to win his 15th PBA Regional title in the PBA50 SpareTimes Hampton South Open presented by Ebonite at SpareTimes Lanes in Hampton, Va.

Morgan considered his win a milestone after overcoming a bout with cancer in 2016. He earned \$1,600.

In the best-of-three semifinal round matches, Morgan eliminated Sam Maccarone of Blackwood, N.J., 268-213, 258-172, while Bellinger defeated Lee Brosius of Ashburn, Va., 244-206, 210-228, 233-222.

- Kris Prather of Milton, Fla., defeated AJ Chapman of Wichita, Kan., 259-235, to win the PBA Family Insurance Midwest Open presented by Hometown Chevrolet at Oak Forest Bowl in Oak Forest, Ill., Sunday for his first PBA Midwest title and a \$2,400 first prize.

Prather defeated AJ Johnson of Oswego, Ill., 279-224, in the semifinal game to advance to the championship match after Johnson eliminated Matt Kuba of Chicago Ridge, Ill., 279-210, in the first match.

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QUICK NOTES

- Newly-inducted PBA Hall of Famer and former PBA Commissioner Mark Gerberich will become the new president and CEO of the International Soap Box Derby Inc. June 12. Gerberich succeeds Joe Mazur, who resigned in March to become president of the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad.

- The ESPN telecast of the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Oklahoma Open semifinals, which will air live on Saturday, July 1 at 1 p.m. EDT, also will re-air on Sunday, July 2, at 11 a.m. on ESPN2. The re-air precedes the live finals of the event which will air on ESPN at 1 p.m. that same day.

Tuesday on CBS Sports Network: PBA Unveils Open Round of New Main Event PBA Tour Finals

ORLANDO, Fla. – The Professional Bowlers Association’s eight leading players in combined earnings over a span of the past 30 months will begin competition in a new event that will become an annual PBA tradition. CBS Sports Network will air the complete Main Event PBA Tour Finals from Main Event-Orlando on five consecutive Tuesdays at 9:30 p.m. EDT, beginning Tuesday.

The unique competition, which will feature the eight PBA superstars in a unique format, begins with two rounds of head-to-head match play. In the PBA Tour Finals, the eight PBA stars are assigned to two four-man pods for four matches, each including 50 bonus pins for a match win. The four-player pods include Australia’s Jason Belmonte, Sweden’s Jesper Svensson, Texan Anthony Simonsen and Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., in Group One, and reigning PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind.;

Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C.; Dom Barrett of England, and Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., in Group Two.

Round One matches Tuesday will include Rash vs. Belmonte, Svensson vs. Simonsen, Jones vs. Tackett and Barrett vs. Ciminelli. Round Two matches Tuesday will pit Simonsen against Belmonte, Rash against Svensson, Ciminelli against Tackett and Jones against Barrett.

Round Three and position round matches within each group will be shown on the June 6 telecast. The June 13 and June 20 telecasts will feature stepladder finals within each group to determine the finalists for the June 26 finale. At stake is a \$30,000 first prize and a PBA Tour title for the winner.

Each of the CBS Sports Network telecasts will be re-broadcast. Check your local listings for times and dates.

EJ Tackett Bids for Eighth PBA Tour Title Monday in PBA Xtra Frame Wilmington Open

WILMINGTON, N.C. - Reigning Professional Bowlers Association Player of the Year EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., who won the first of his seven PBA Tour titles in PBA Xtra Frame Tour competition, will try for his eighth PBA Tour title and fourth in Xtra Frame Tour competition, Monday in the PBA Xtra Frame Wilmington Open at Ten Pin Alley Family Fun Center.

Tackett, 24, claimed the qualifying lead in Wilmington behind games of 222, 215, 257, 279, 268 and 214 Sunday, finishing qualifying with a 12-game total of 2,824 pins and a 13-pin lead over Rhino Page of Orlando, Fla. Tackett, the 2013 PBA Rookie of the Year, also is trying for his third title of the 2017 season. He previously won Xtra Frame events in Lubbock, Texas, in 2015 and in Carpentersville, Ill., and Las Vegas in 2016.

England's Dom Barrett and Jason Sterner of Rockledge, Fla., will advance to match play tied for third place with 2,796 pins, 10 ahead of Venezuela's Ildemaro Ruiz, who finished Sunday's final qualifying round with 2,786 pins.

The top 16 players advanced to Monday's 12-game modified round robin match play finals, which begins at 9 a.m. EDT. After 24 games, the top four players will bowl for the \$10,000 first prize and a PBA Tour title in the stepladder finals at 3 p.m.

The top 16 also are competing for Xtra Frame Storm Cup points. In Storm Cup events, the tournament winner earns 25 points, second place earns 19 points, third 18 points, with points diminishing by one point through 20th place. The Storm Cup points leader after one event is Josh Blanchard of Mesa, Ariz., who won the Xtra Frame Reality Check Open in Tamarac, Fla., in March. Blanchard was tied for eighth place at the end of qualifying.

The final rounds of the Xtra Frame Wilmington Open, the second tournament in the seven-event Xtra Frame Storm Cup point series, will be live streamed on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. For Xtra Frame subscription information, visit xtraframe.tv.

PBA XTRA FRAME WILMINGTON OPEN

Ten Pin Family Fun Center, Wilmington, N.C., Sunday

Final Qualifying Standings (after 12 games; top 16 advance to match play finals Monday):

- 1, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2,824.
- 2, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 2,811.
- 3 (tie), Dom Barrett, England, and Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 2,796.
- 5, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 2,786.
- 6, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 2,772.
- 7, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,734.
- 8 (tie), Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz, and Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 2,714.
- 10, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 2,666.
- 11, Isaac Kim, Lebanon, Pa., 2,663.
- 12, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,651.
- 13, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 2,650.
- 14, Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 2,637.
- 15, BJ Moore III, Greensburg, Pa., 2,620.
- 16, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,618.

Failed to advance:

- 17, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 2,617, \$675.
- 18, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 2,615, \$675.
- 19, Michael Schlabach, Goshen, Ind., 2,604, \$675.
- 20, Connor Pickford, Plano, Texas, 2,599, \$675.
- 21, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 2,592, \$650.
- 22, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 2,590, \$650.

- 23, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,586, \$650.
- 24, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 2,583, \$650.
- 25, Chris Arcaro, Carolina Beach, N.C., 2,581, \$625.
- 26, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 2,558, \$625.
- 27, Mike Williams II, Montgomery, Ala., 2,538, \$625.
- 28, Kristian Rogers, Salisbury, N.C., 2,537, \$625.
- 29, Graham Fach, Canada, 2,503, \$600.
- 30, Zachary Seals, Kingsland, Ga., 2,502, \$600.
- 31, Victor Florie Jr, Richmond, Va., 2,496, \$600.
- 32, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 2,483, \$600.
- 33, Adam Monks, Conway, S.C., 2,482.
- 34, David Bleggi, Jacksonville, N.C., 2,463.
- 35, n-Massimiliano Fridegotto, Venezuela, 2,456.
- 36, Darryl Carreon, Woodbridge, Va., 2,447.
- 37, Kip Roberts, Glen Allen, Va., 2,441.
- 38, John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 2,438.
- 39, Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., 2,434.
- 40, Gabriel Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 2,432.
- 41, n-Leonard Freeman, Bolton, N.C., 2,431.
- 42, Nick Christy, Newport, N.C., 2,424.
- 43, n-Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 2,419.
- 44, Fran Luzzi, Geneva, N.Y., 2,416.
- 45, Chris Blackmore, Aldie, Va., 2,411.
- 46, Trevor Roberts, Crystal River, Fla., 2,400.
- 47, n-Joseph Grago, Hampstead, N.C., 2,384.
- 48, Matt Taylor, Youngsville, N.C., 2,382.
- 49, Mark Tarkington, Elizabeth City, N.C., 2,377.
- 50, n-James Kniffen, Raleigh, N.C., 2,371.
- 51, Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 2,369.
- 52, Darrin Casstevens, Winston-Salem, N.C., 2,358.
- 53, Billy Rohde, Lilburn, GA, 2,355.
- 54, w-Tannya Roumimper, Indonesia, 2,345.
- 55, n-Daniel McCaskill, Raleigh, N.C., 2,330.
- 56, Maximilian Fishman, Greensboro, N.C., 2,323.
- 57, n-Brandon Smith, Newport News, Va., 2,304.
- 58, Gary Haines, West Babylon, N.Y., 2,303.
- 59, Ronnie Horton, Christiansburg, Va., 2,299.

- 60, Kristian Sieradzki, Seminole, Fla., 2,297.
- 61, Bill Vannoy, Jacksonville, N.C., 2,296.
- 62, n-Andrew Diley, Conway, S.C., 2,292.
- 63, n-Kole Payne, Matthews, N.C., 2,291.
- 64, n-Daniel Hamilton, LaGrange, N.C., 2,288.
- 65, Bryan Gallahan, Fredericksburg, Va, 2,270.
- 66, n-Houston Compton, Cameron, N.C., 2,250.
- 67, Mike McDonnell, Chesterfield, Va., 2,240.
- 68, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 2,238.
- 69, n-David Schmidtmann, Norfolk, Va., 2,237.
- 70, James Grago, Hampstead, N.C., 2,232.
- 71, Ben Zakrocki, Philadelphia, 2,229.
- 72 (tie), Shane Yesovich, Boardman, Ohio, and Michael Byers, Charleston, S.C., 2,216.
- 74, Christopher Miller, Rural Hull, N.C., 2,202.
- 75, Richard Horsley, Morrisville, N.C., 2,200.
- 76, n-Bryan Hahlen, Greenwood, S.C., 2,192.
- 77, George Adkins, Statesboro, Ga., 2,189.
- 78, Brett Caramagno, Goose Creek, S.C., 2,178.
- 79, n-Kenneth Turner, Augusta, Ga., 2,177.
- 80, Nick Johnston, Asheville, N.C., 2,166.
- 81, n-Thomas Jones, Pittsboro, N.C., 2,163.
- 82, n-Will Hill, LaGrange, N.C., 2,162.
- 83, Marcus Collins, Pawleys Island, S.C., 2,138.
- 84, Leon Platt, Summerville, S.C., 2,131.
- 85, David McCay Jr., Fredericksburg, Va., 2,129.
- 86, w-Crystal Hall, St. Pauls, N.C., 2,123.
- 87, Chip Tyson, Gastonia, N.C., 2,095.
- 88, n-Troy White, Carolina Beach, N.C., 2,092.
- 89, Antonino Grippi, Wilmington, N.C., 2,087.
- 90, n-Cameron Pressley, Sanford, S.C., 2,078.
- 91, Ochbayar Munkhgerel, Tuv, Mongolia, 2,028.
- 92, Aaron Finley, New Bern, Conn., 2,008.
- 93, n-Patrick Phillips, Roseboro, N.C., 1,977.
- 94, Glenn Williams, King George, Va., 1,872.
- 95, Mark Ellis, Charlotte, 1,862.
- 96, Tyler Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,846.

n-denotes non-member; w-denotes woman.

Texas Two-Hander Anthony Simonsen Wins Third Career Title in PBA Xtra Frame Wilmington Open

WILMINGTON, N.C. - Texas two-hander Anthony Simonsen defeated top qualifier Rhino Page of Orlando, Fla., 224-177, to win the Professional Bowlers Association's Xtra Frame Wilmington Open at Ten Pin Alley Family Fun Center Monday.

Simonsen, now 20, claimed his third career title and first since becoming the youngest player in PBA history to win a major title when he won the 2016 USBC Masters at age 19.

(Photo: Anthony Simonsen flanked by Ten Pin Alley's Jim and Margaret Grago).

"I figured out the difference between the two lanes, and that was my advantage," Simonsen said. "When it's your day, it's your day. I've been getting frustrated making TV shows and not winning, but you have to keep opening the door."

Simonsen and Page both ran into early trouble in the title match, leaving four-count splits which neither converted. But Simonsen followed his third-frame split with a string of five strikes to take command of the match while Page struggled to carry strikes. A second unconverted split in the eighth frame ended Page's hope for his first singles title since early in 2009.

In a semifinal match duel between two of the PBA's bright young stars, Simonsen ended EJ Tackett's bid for an eighth career title, and fourth in PBA Xtra Frame events, 258-223. Simonsen struck on eight of his first nine shots, but the 24-year-old Tackett was right behind until back-to-back solid 10 pins in the eighth and ninth frames ended his rally.

In the opening match of the four-player stepladder, Tackett left the 3-4-10 split and opened in the first frame, but responded with a string of five strikes. Jason Sterner of Rockledge, Fla., struck on his first shot, but left splits and opened in two of the next three frames to dig a hole he couldn't escape. Tackett won handily, 242-199.

Next up on the PBA Xtra Frame Tour is the third tournament in the seven-event Xtra Frame Storm Cup points series, the Xtra Frame Greater Jonesboro Open at Jonesboro

Bowling Center in Jonesboro, Ark., next Saturday and Sunday. Both days of competition will be live streamed on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. For Xtra Frame subscription information, visit xtraframe.tv.

PBA XTRA FRAME WILMINGTON OPEN

Ten Pin Family Fun Center, Wilmington, N.C., Monday

Final Standings:

- 1, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, \$10,000.
- 2, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., \$5,500.
- 3, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., \$3,000.
- 4, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., \$2,500.

Stepladder Results:

- Match One: Tackett def. Sterner, 242-199.
Semifinal Match: Simonsen def. Tackett, 258-223.
Championship: Simonsen def. Page, 224-177.

Final Match Play Standings (after 24 games, including match play bonus pins):

- 1, Page, 10-2, 5,898.
- 2, Simonsen, 8-4, 5,811.
- 3, Tackett, 8-4, 5,799.
- 4, Sterner, 8-4, 5,732.
- 5, Dom Barrett, England, 8-4, 5,665, \$1,800.
- 6, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 6-6, 5,602, \$1,500.
- 7, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 4-7-1, 5,407, \$1,300.
- 8, BJ Moore III, Greensburg, Pa., 6-5-1, 5,381, \$1,250.
- 9, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 5-7, 5,361, \$1,200.
- 10, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 5-7, 5,328, \$1,175.
- 11, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 4-8, 5,288, \$1,150.
- 12, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 6-6, 5,271, \$1,100.
- 13, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 5-7, 5,265, \$1,075.
- 14, Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 6-6, 5,222, \$1,050.
- 15, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 3-9, 5,158, \$1,025.
- 16, Isaac Kim, Lebanon, Pa., 3-9, 4,992, \$1,000.

Monacelli Keeps Focus After Open Frames to Take First Round Lead in PBA50 Northern California Classic

PBA Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli didn't let a few open frames keep him from averaging 241 to take the first round lead Monday in the PBA50 Northern California Classic presented by MOTIV.

Monacelli led the first round with a 1,933 eight-game pinfall total bowling games of 256, 279, 232, 236, 223, 245, 224 and 238 at Harvest Park Bowl.

"I had a lot of open frames including a few pocket 7-10s (splits) but I didn't let it bother me," said Monacelli, who has worked extensively on his mental game the past two seasons. "I've learned to bowl through those moments and just keep focused on the adjustments I need to make."

The 20-time PBA Tour and seven-time PBA50 Tour titlist also credited adjustments to his delivery which have improved his physical game.

"This year I've been working on keeping my shoulders more square to the line," said the 2015 Northern California Classic winner. "I know it doesn't look like I could do that but I need to work on using a straighter line and still keep the rotation (on the ball) so that I can improve my pin carry."

This season Monacelli has three top-10 finishes with a best of fourth in the Johnny Petraglia BVL Open.

Monacelli holds a 19-pin lead over Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio, who finished the round in second with 1,914, followed by Brian Cooper of Henderson, Nev., 1,899; two-time PBA50 Player of the Year Ron Mohr of Las Vegas, 1,885, and Kenny Parks of Hammond, Ind., rounding out the top five with 1,858.

Defending champion Noel Vazquez of Sacramento, Calif., finished the first round in eighth with a 1,800 pinfall.

After Tuesday's second round the top 16 players will advance directly into Wednesday's match play rounds with an additional eight players advancing to match play after a cashers round Wednesday morning.

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PBA50 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CLASSIC

Presented by MOTIV

Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood, Calif., Monday

FIRST ROUND

(after 8 games)

- 1, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,933.
- 2, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,914.
- 3, Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 1,899.
- 4, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1,885.
- 5, ss-Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 1,858.
- 6, Andrew Frawley, Australia, 1,830.
- 7, Rob Rice, Sunnyside, Wash., 1,807.
- 8, Noel Vazquez, Sacramento, Calif., 1,800.
- 9, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,785.
- 10, Mike Keough, Stockton, Calif., 1,782.
- 11, Dennis Horan Jr., Oakley, Calif., 1,776.
- 12, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 1,761.
- 13, ss-n-Paul Appling, Camarillo, Calif., 1,750.
- 14, ss-Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,740.
- 15, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,731.
- 16, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,730.
- 17, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,720.
- 18, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,719.
- 19, ss-Dale Eagle, Twin Falls, Idaho, 1,717.
- 20, (tie) ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., and Scott Hansel, Stockton, Calif., 1,710.
- 22, ss-Skip Pavone, San Jose, Calif., 1,703.
- 23, ss-Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 1,701.
- 24, ss-Willie Wells, Arlington, Texas, 1,696.
- 25, Doug Kempt, Arcadia, Calif., 1,691.
- 26, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1,690.

27, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,688.
28, (tie) Joseph Petrovich, Tracy, Calif, and ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1,685.
30, Marty Deh, San Jose, Calif., 1,678.
31, (tie) Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., and Craig Miller, Tracy, Calif., 1,675.
33, ss-Patrick King, Yankton, S.D., 1,674.
34, ss-Jim Hageman, San Jose, Calif, 1,668.
35, (tie) ss-Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., and ss-n-Dennis Jones, Fremont, Calif., 1,665.
37, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,653.
38, Joe Goldstein Sr., San Bruno, Calif., 1,650.
38, ss-Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 1,650.
40, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 1,647.
41, n-Joe Baca, Elk Grove, Calif., 1,627.
42, ss-Steve Davis, Manteca, Calif., 1,626.
43, Peter Knopp, Germany, 1,623.
44, n-Scott Luba, Dublin, Calif., 1,618.
45, ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 1,609.
46, n-Al Bella, Pittsburg, Calif., 1,607.
47, Dave Dayton, Reno, Nev., 1,605.
48, ss-Nick Morgan, Sacramento, Calif., 1,603.
49, ss-Ty Dawson, Sunnyvale, Calif., 1,597.
50, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 1,594.
51, (tie) ss-Stan Winters, Simi Valley, Calif., and Rick Meneley, Santa Maria, Calif., 1,591.
53, (tie) Mark McCreary, Livermore, Calif., and Rodney Garrick, San Francisco, 1,590.
55, n-Don Sutherland, San Jose, Calif., 1,589.
56, ss-Eddie Katz, Lakewood, Calif., 1,587.
57, Mark Mazzulla, Brentwood, Calif., 1,585.
58, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,582.
59, Juergen Siemers, Brentwood, Calif., 1,580.
60, (tie) Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., and David Bolles, Stockton, Calif., 1,572.
62, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 1,566.
63, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 1,563.
64, Pete Thomas, Oklahoma City, Okla., 1,542.
65, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,541.
66, ss-Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., 1,536.

- 67, ss-Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 1,527.
- 68, ss-Timothy Bell, Sacramento, Calif., 1,525.
- 69, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 1,524.
- 70, n-Steven Soto, Port Orchard, Wash., 1,521.
- 71, Joe Beck, Montgomery, Ala., 1,519.
- 72, n-Troy Silfies, Pine Grove, Calif., 1,516.
- 73, Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 1,510.
- 74, (tie) ss-Gerald Calvin, Thousand Oaks, Calif., and ss-Larry Galloway, Lakewood, Calif., 1,504.
- 76, ss-n-John Dorsett, Concord, Calif., 1,501.
- 77, ss-Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,478.
- 78, ss-Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 1,473.
- 79, ss-Lew Elting, Carlsbad, Calif., 1,470.
- 80, ss-Jim Gordin, Modesto, Calif., 1,453.
- 81, ss-Bill Hewlett, Las Vegas, 1,434.
- 82, ss-Mark Fennell, Seattle, 1,420.
- 83, ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 1,416.
- 84, ss-Fred Cole, Visalia, Calif., 1,406.
- 85, Mike Watson, Grass Valley, Calif., 1,387.
- 86, ss-Mike Saraiva, Napa, Calif., 1,350.
- 87, ss-Don Lane, San Francisco, 1,322.
- 88, Francesco Favaloro, Brentwood, Calif., 1,271.
- 89, ss-Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 1,267.
- 90, ss-Dan Sasaki, Richmond, Calif., 996.

300 games (1) – Brian Cooper

n-non-member

ss-PBA60 players ages 60 and over

Monacelli Averages 234 to Lead PBA50 Northern California Classic Qualifying

Amleto Monacelli averaged 234 to take top qualifier honors after the second round of the PBA50 Northern California Classic presented by MOTIV Tuesday at Harvest Park Bowl.

The PBA Hall of Famer finished qualifying with a 3,751 16-game pinfall total bowling 1,818 for eight games in Tuesday's second round after leading the first round with 1,933. He bowled games of 259, 217, 238, 225, 258, 255, 188 and 178 in the second round.

Monacelli found it difficult to adjust to the changing lane conditions in the last two games of the round but bowled well enough early to retain his lead.

“It seemed like the oil was really pushing down the lane,” said the 20-time PBA Tour and seven-time PBA50 Tour titlist. “Everything was going well for the first six games but then when I moved inside the ball wouldn’t hook back and if I moved right it would hook early.

“It was a good learning experience because I learned that I need to be very open-minded for match play,” the 55-year-old added. “It’s possible I may need to use totally different equipment and make adjustments that I haven’t had to make yet.”

The top 16 players advanced directly into Wednesday’s match play rounds with an additional 22 players advancing to a cashers round Wednesday morning that will determine eight additional match play spots. After match play, the top five players will advance to the stepladder finals that will get underway at 6:30 p.m. PT.

Monacelli, the 2015 Northern California Classic winner, has three top-10 finishes this season with a best of fourth in the Johnny Petraglia BVL Open. His last PBA50 Tour win came in the 2016 PBA50 National Championship.

Monacelli finished 34 pins ahead of Kenny Parks of Hammond, Ind., in second with 3,717. Brian Cooper of Henderson, Nev., finished qualifying in third with 3,715, followed by two-time PBA50 Player of the Year Ron Mohr of Las Vegas with 3,714, and Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio, with 3,679, to round out the top five.

Defending champion Noel Vazquez of Sacramento, Calif. qualified 18th with 3,452 to advance to the cashers round.

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PBA50 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CLASSIC

Presented by MOTIV

Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood, Calif., Tuesday

SECOND ROUND

(after 16 games. Top 16 advance to match play. 17th-30th places plus eight PBA60 players advance to cashers round which determines eight additional match play finalists)

- 1, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,751.
- 2, Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 3,717.
- 3, Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 3,715.
- 4, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,714.

- 5, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3,679.
- 6, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3,611.
- 7, Mike Keough, Stockton, Calif., 3,583.
- 8, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3,580.
- 9, Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 3,579.
- 10, (tie) Dennis Horan Jr., Oakley, Calif., and Andrew Frawley, Australia, 3,553.
- 12, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,540.
- 13, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3,500.
- 14, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 3,481.
- 15, Rob Rice, Sunnyside, Wash., 3,479.
- 16, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 3,464.
- 17, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,462.
- 18, Noel Vazquez, Sacramento, Calif., 3,452.
- 19, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 3,434.
- 20, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3,430.
- 21, Scott Hansel, Stockton, Calif., 3,425.
- 22, Dale Eagle, Twin Falls, Idaho, 3,389.
- 23, Skip Pavone, San Jose, Calif., 3,384.
- 24, n-Scott Luba, Dublin, Calif., 3,383.
- 25, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 3,378.
- 26, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3,367.
- 27, Joe Goldstein Sr., San Bruno, Calif., 3,366.
- 28, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 3,365.
- 29, Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 3,337.
- 30, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 3,316.
- 31, Craig Miller, Tracy, Calif., 3,315.
- 32, (tie) Marty Deh, San Jose, Calif., and ss-n-Paul Appling, Camarillo, Calif., 3,314.
- 34, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3,309.
- 35, (tie) Rick Meneley, Santa Maria, Calif., and Nick Morgan, Sacramento, Calif., 3,298.

37, Peter Knopp, Germany, 3,297.

38, (tie) Joseph Petrovich, Tracy, Calif, and ss-Willie Wells, Arlington, Texas, 3,288.

40, n-Joe Baca, Elk Grove, Calif., 3,283.

41, ss-Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 3,281.

42, David Bolles, Stockton, Calif., 3,280.

43, n-Al Bella, Pittsburg, Calif., 3,268.

44, Pete Thomas, Oklahoma City, Okla., 3,262.

45, Mark Mazzulla, Brentwood, Calif., 3,245.

46, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3,242.

47, ss-Ty Dawson, Sunnyvale, Calif., 3,241.

48, Rodney Garrick, San Francisco, 3,233.

49, ss-Jim Hageman, San Jose, Calif, 3,224.

50, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 3,221.

51, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 3,207.

52, ss-Eddie Katz, Lakewood, Calif., 3,201.

53, Doug Kempt, Arcadia, Calif., 3,198.

54, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 3,188.

55, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 3,187.

56, Juergen Siemers, Brentwood, Calif., 3,166.

57, Patrick King, Yankton, S.D., 3,164.

58, (tie) n-Don Sutherland, San Jose, Calif., Mark McCreary, Livermore, Calif., and Dave Dayton, Reno, Nev., 3,161.

61, n-Dennis Jones, Fremont, Calif., 3,153.

62, Timothy Bell, Sacramento, Calif., 3,150.

63, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 3,139.

64, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 3,137.

65, Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 3,118.

66, Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 3,100.

67, Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 3,089.

- 68, n-Steven Soto, Port Orchard, Wash., 3,088.
- 69, n-Troy Silfies, Pine Grove, CA, 3,078.
- 70, Jim Gordin, Modesto, Calif., 3,074.
- 71, Steve Davis, Manteca, Calif., 3,070.
- 72, Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., 3,061.
- 73, Lew Elting, Carlsbad, Calif., 3,055.
- 74, Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 3,023.
- 75, James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 3,015.
- 76, Stan Winters, Simi Valley, Calif., 2,993.
- 77, Joe Beck, Montgomery, Ala., 2,986.
- 78, Bill Hewlett, Las Vegas, 2,970.
- 79, Fred Cole, Visalia, Calif., 2,952.
- 80, Mark Fennell, Seattle, 2,924.
- 81, Larry Galloway, Lakewood, Calif., 2,903.
- 82, Gerald Calvin, Thousand Oaks, Calif., 2,896.
- 83, n-John Dorsett, Concord, Calif., 2,894.
- 84, Mike Watson, Grass Valley, Calif., 2,844.
- 85, Don Lane, San Francisco, 2,824.
- 86, Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 2,784.
- 87, Francesco Favalaro, Brentwood, Calif., 2,738.
- 88, Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 2,158.
- 89, Mike Saraiva, Napa, Calif., 1,350.
- 90, Dan Sasaki, Richmond, Calif., 996.

300 games (1) – Walter Ray Williams Jr.

n-non-member ss-PBA60 players ages 60 and over advancing to cashers round

Jesper Svensson, EJ Tackett Pace Opening Round of Inaugural Main Event PBA Tour Finals

ORLANDO, Fla. – Sweden's Jesper Svensson, a six-time PBA Tour winner at age 22, and EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., PBA's reigning Player of the Year at age 24, paced the opening round of round robin match play qualifying in the inaugural Main Event PBA Tour Finals at Main Event Entertainment Orlando. The first two rounds of match play aired Tuesday night on CBS Sports Network.

Svensson, a two-handed left-handed player and PBA's 2015 Rookie of the Year, easily defeated fellow two-hander Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas, 268-233, and Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., 268-217, in his first two matches in the Group One bracket. Tackett, a high-rev right-handed power player, got past Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., 237-222, and Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., 227-200, in his first two matches in Group Two.

With his 2-0 start and grand total of 636 pins, including 50 bonus pins for each match win, Svensson jumped into a 132-pin lead over Rash in the race for seeding positions for the Group One stepladder finals that will air on Tuesday, June 13. Australia's Jason Belmonte was third in Group One with a 1-1 match play record and 485 total pins. Simonsen was winless in his first two matches and sat in fourth place with 436 pins.

"I moved my hand position a little after my first three shots," said Svensson of the three single pins he left and converted before throwing strikes on his next nine shots against Simonsen. "That did it. After that, I just tried to throw the ball good and hoped it would strike."

Tackett finished the opening round with 564 total pins, 53 pins ahead of England's Dom Barrett with fourth with a 1-1 match play record and 511 pins. Ciminelli was third with a 1-1 record and 486 pins, and Jones, who lost both of his matches, was fourth with a 467 total.

Tackett, who left eight single pins to go along with 16 strikes in his two matches, said, "There were a couple of shots where I got around the ball a bit, but I haven't had anything worse than a nine-count. Basically, in this format you have to win matches. If you win all four, you don't have to bowl big games to be in it at the end."

Round One qualifying will conclude with Svensson meeting Belmonte and Rash bowling Simonsen in Group One, and Tackett vs. Barrett and Ciminelli vs. Jones in Group Two, followed by a position-round matches in each group. The final Round One matches will air on CBS Sports Network on Tuesday, June 6, at 9:30 p.m. EDT. Group One and Group Two stepladder finals will air on June 13 and June 20, respectively, followed by the Main Event PBA Tour Finals telecast on June 27.

MAIN EVENT PBA TOUR FINALS

Main Event, Orlando, Fla. (aired Tuesday on CBS Sports Network)

Round One, Round Robin Standings (after two matches, including 50 bonus pins for matches won):

Group One:

- 1, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 2-0, 636.
- 2, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1-1, 504.
- 3, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1-1, 485.
- 4, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 0-2, 436.

Match Play Results:

Rash def. Belmonte, 237-215.

Svensson def. Simonsen, 268-233.

Belmonte def. Simonsen, 220-203.

Svensson def. Rash, 268-217.

Group Two:

- 1, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2-0, 564.
- 2, Dom Barrett, England, 1-1, 511.

3, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1-1, 486.
4, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 0-2, 467.

Match Play Results:

Tackett def. Jones, 237-222.
Ciminelli def. Barrett, 236-212.
Tackett def. Ciminelli, 227-200.
Barrett def. Jones, 249-245.

Tommy Jones to Defend Title in PBA Xtra Frame Greater Jonesboro Open

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Tommy Jones to Defend Title in PBA Xtra Frame Greater Jonesboro Open

JONESBORO, Ark. – Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., who converted his victory in the 2016 PBA Xtra Frame Greater Jonesboro Open into the end-of-season Xtra Frame points championship, will return to Jonesboro Bowling Center Saturday and Sunday to defend his title against a potent field of PBA Tour champions, international players and future stars of professional bowling.

Jones, who defeated top qualifier Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C., 237-228, to win in Jonesboro in 2016, is one of 29 PBA Tour title winners who will compete for the \$12,500 first prize and a PBA Tour title this weekend.

PBA Tour champions among the early entries include Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C.; DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas; Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas; Dom Barrett, England; Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz.; Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn.; Jacob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz.; Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y.; Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla.; Graham Fach, Canada; Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn.; Andres Gomez, Colombia; Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa; Jones; Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash.; Francois Lavoie, Canada; Robert Lawrence, Austin, Texas; Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio; Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas; Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa.; Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev.; Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill.; Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind.; Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas; Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla.; EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind.; Troup; Stuart Williams, England, and Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind.

Challenging the 29 players who have already won PBA Tour titles will be a talented group of young players who are looking to make a name for themselves among the roster of PBA champions, including a handful of players who are involved in what is expected to be a tightly-contested PBA Rookie of the Year race, not to mention the PBA Player of the Year competition.

To add a bit more spice to the event, international players are entered from Argentina, England, Australia, Canada, Japan, Colombia and Malaysia in addition to the U.S.

Another special aspect of the Greater Jonesboro Open is that all PBA members will be competing for Xtra Frame Storm Cup points, awarded to players who finish among the top 20. Jonesboro is the third of seven Storm Cup events that will reward the top five players at the end of the series with shares of \$50,000 in bonus prize money.

The tournament gets underway at 8 a.m. Saturday with the first of two eight-game qualifying squads. The other half of the field will bowl its qualifying round at 2:30 p.m., with the top one-third of the field advancing to a five-game cashers round Sunday at 8:30 a.m. The top 16 players after 13 games will bowl an eight-game match play round at noon, and the top four after 21 games will compete in the stepladder finals Sunday at 3:45 p.m. All times are Central.

All of Saturday's and Sunday's action will be streamed live on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel. In addition to monthly and annual subscription packages, a three-day subscription is available for only \$3.99 (visit xtraframe.tv to sign up).

In addition to the PBA competition, Jonesboro area grassroots bowlers will have an opportunity to bowl with the PBA stars in a pro-am on Friday at 6 and 8:30 p.m. For pro-am information, call Jonesboro Bowling Center at (870) 972-5270.

PBA XTRA FRAME GREATER JONESBORO OPEN

Jonesboro Bowling Center, Jonesboro, Ark., June 2-4 (all times CDT)

Friday, June 2

1 p.m. - Practice session

6, 8:30 p.m. – Pro-Am squads

Saturday, June 3

8 a.m. - A Squad, 8 qualifying games

2:30 p.m. – B Squad, 8 qualifying games

Top one-third of field after 8 games advances to cashers round

Sunday, June 4

8:30 a.m. – Top one-third of field, five games

Top 16 after 13 games advance to match play

Noon – Top 16, eight games modified round robin match play

Top four after 21 games advance to stepladder finals

3:45 p.m. - Top four based on 21-game composite pinfall advance to a stepladder finals

PBA XTRA FRAME STORM CUP POINTS STANDINGS (after two of seven events)

1, Dom Barrett, England, 34

2, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 33

3, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 28

4 (tie), Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, and Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 25

6, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 20

7 (tie), Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., and AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 19

9, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 18

10 (tie), Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., and Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 17

12, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 15

13 (tie), BJ Moore III, Greensburg, Pa., and Chris Spoo, Boynton Beach, Fla., 13

15 (tie), Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., and Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 12

17 (tie), Shota Kawazoe, Japan, and Jeff Piroozshad, Coral Springs, Fla., 11

19, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 10

20 (tie), Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., and Cristian Azcona, Lake Wales, Fla., 9

22 (tie), Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., and Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 7

24, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 6

25 (tie), Isaac Kim, Lebanon, Pa., and Michael Azcarate, Coral Springs, Fla., 5

27, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 4
29 (tie), Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., and Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 3
31 (tie), Michael Schlabach, Goshen, Ind., and Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo., 2
32 (tie), Connor Pickford, Plano, Texas, and Darren Tang, San Francisco, 1

Monacelli Wins PBA50 Northern California Classic for Eighth Career PBA50 Tour Title

Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli kept his focus after a split and open in the seventh frame of the championship match to win the PBA50 Northern California Classic presented by MOTIV Wednesday for his eighth career PBA50 Tour title.

The 55-year-old Monacelli won his first title of the season by beating stepladder finals top qualifier Hugh Miller of Mercer Island, Wash., 229-198 at Harvest Park Bowl in Brentwood, Calif..

“It was a good test because I didn’t let it bother me,” said Monacelli, who left the 6-7 split in the seventh frame. “I let it go real quick and kept myself pumped up. I had the lead at that point but I was able to recover and did what I needed to do in the last three frames to win.”

Miller, who was trying for his fourth PBA50 Tour title, rocketed to the tournament lead when he rolled back-to-back 300 games in the first two games of the final match play round and posted a 6-0 record. He was still in contention in the title match until he also left a split (4-6) in the seventh frame and was unable to challenge Monacelli after that.

Monacelli, who won the 2015 Northern California Classic, advanced to the title match by defeating Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio, in the semi-final 9-6 in a one-ball roll-off after tying 233-233.

The second match was a strike-fest with Monacelli defeating Chris Warren of Grants Pass, Ore., 296-280. Monacelli and Warren set a new mark for highest scoring match in a PBA50 Tour championship round eclipsing the previous high scoring match set by tournament winner John Hricsina who defeated Mike Durbin 276-267 in the 1998 Vermont PBA Senior Classic. Monacelli’s bid for a 300 fell short when he left the 1-2-8-10 washout on the final shot of the 10th frame.

“Even after all the years I’ve been bowling professionally, I’m still learning,” said Monacelli, who also owns 20 PBA Tour titles. “Everything changes so quickly and it’s a challenge to keep up with those changes. That’s why I work so hard on both my mental and physical game.”

In the opening stepladder match, Warren beat two-time PBA50 Player of the Year Ron Mohr of Las Vegas, 245-213. Warren, a four-time PBA Tour winner was trying for his first PBA50 Tour title and Mohr was trying for his ninth PBA50 Tour win.

The PBA50 Tour travels to Las Vegas for the USBC Super Senior Classic, for players 60 and over, at Sam’s Town which begins with qualifying on June 2 and concludes with the stepladder finals on June 4 at 11 a.m. PT. Following the Super Senior Classic will be the USBC Senior Masters, the season’s second major, which begins with qualifying on June 6 and concludes with the stepladder finals on June 11 at 10 a.m.

After the Senior Masters, the PBA50 Tour moves across town to the Suncoast Bowling Center for the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm, the season’s final major, which begins with qualifying on June 12 and concludes June 16 with the stepladder finals scheduled for 4 p.m.

PBA50 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CLASSIC

Presented by MOTIV

Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood, Calif., Wednesday

Final Standings

1, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, \$8,000.

2, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., \$4,500.

3, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, \$2,500.

4, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., \$2,000.

5, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, \$1,750.

Stepladder Results

Match One – Warren def. Mohr, 245-213.

Match Two – Monacelli def. Warren, 296-280.

Semifinal Match – Monacelli def. Kretzer, 233-233 (Monacelli won one-ball roll-off, 9-6).

Championship – Monacelli def. Miller, 229-198.

Match Play Round 2 (after six games, including match play record and bonus pins. Top five advanced to stepladder finals)

1, ss-Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 6-0, 1,701.

2, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 4-2 1,555.

3, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 2-3-1, 1,530.

- 4, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 4-2, 1,504.
- 5, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3-3, 1,481.
- 6, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 4-2, 1,458, \$1,500.
- 7, Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 4-2, 1,453, \$1,600.
- 8, Andrew Frawley, Australia, 3-3, 1,442, \$1,500.
- 9, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3-3, 1,441, \$1,400.
- 10, ss-Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 3-3, 1,439, \$1,300.
- 11, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 3-3, 1,370, \$1,300.
- 12, Dennis Horan Jr., Oakley, Calif., 3-3, 1,364, \$1,300.
- 13, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1-4-1, 1,341, \$1,300.
- 14, Joe Goldstein Sr., San Bruno, Calif., 1-5, 1,325, \$1,300.
- 15, Mike Keough, Stockton, Calif., 2-4, 1,226, \$1,300.
- 16, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 1-5, 1,216, \$1,300.

Match Play Round 1

(after five games including match play record and bonus pins)

- 17, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3-2, 1,189, \$1,150.
- 18, ss-Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 3-2, 1,171, \$1,150.
- 19, Rob Rice, Sunnyside, Wash., 1-4, 1,157, \$1,150.
- 20, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3-2, 1,152, \$1,150.
- 21, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 2-2-1, 1,143, \$1,150.
- 22, Scott Hansel, Stockton, Calif., 0-5, 1,014, \$1,150.
- 23, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 1-4, 972, \$1,150.
- 24, ss-Willie Wells, Arlington, Texas, 1-4, 936, \$1,150.

Other Cashers (after five-game cashers' round)

- 25, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,081, \$1,000.
- 26, Joe Goldstein Sr., San Bruno, Calif., 1,045, \$1,000.
- 27, ss-n-Paul Appling, Camarillo, Calif., 1,037, \$1,000.

28, ss-Ty Dawson, Sunnyvale, Calif., 1,030, \$1,000.

29, n-Scott Luba, Dublin, Calif., 1,014, \$1,000.

30, ss-Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 1,013, \$1,000.

31, ss-Eddie Katz, Lakewood, Calif., 992, \$1,000.

32, ss-Nick Morgan, Sacramento, Calif., 987, \$1,000.

33, Noel Vazquez, Sacramento, Calif., 980, \$1,000.

34, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 969, \$1,000.

35, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 949, \$1,000.

36, ss-Dale Eagle, Twin Falls, Idaho, 935, \$1,000.

37, ss-Skip Pavone, San Jose, Calif., 918, \$1,000.

38, ss-Jim Hageman, San Jose, Calif, 863, \$1,000.

300 games - Hugh Miller (2)

ss-PBA60 players ages 60 and over; n-non-member

Weber Looking Forward to USBC Senior Masters Title Defense

The best senior bowlers in the world are headed to the Sam's Town Bowling Center in Las Vegas for the upcoming United States Bowling Congress Senior Masters and Super Senior Classic.

The Super Senior Classic, for USBC members age 60 and older, will hit the lanes first, with competition running Friday through Sunday. The 2017 USBC Senior Masters, open to USBC members 50 and older, will be held June 6-11.

USBC and PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber returns to defend his Senior Masters title. Last year, he took a nail-biting 266-263 win against Paul McCordic of Sugar Land, Texas, for the fifth of his record six titles during the 2016 PBA50 Tour season.

But, the 54-year-old right-hander doesn't quite have the same momentum heading into the 2017 event.

Weber recently was forced to withdraw from match play at the PBA50 Miller Lite Players Championship after tweaking his back, and the last two weeks have been about rest and light exercise.

"We've got back-to-back majors coming up, and I gear up for any majors," said Weber, who owns a record-tying 10 major wins on the PBA Tour and four major victories on the PBA50 Tour. "I haven't made

a show yet this season, and I felt like something was off, so I've been working with my brother, Rich. He said he doesn't see anything wrong, so that tells me I'm throwing the ball well, at least."

Weber indeed has a proven track record in the majors, including finishing among the top 16 at the USBC Masters in Las Vegas in February, despite aggravating a nagging hip injury.

The 37-time PBA Tour champion, also a 10-time PBA50 Tour winner, is ready for the marathon return to Las Vegas, which will include the Senior Masters, an event many consider two tournaments in one, followed by the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm.

"It's a couple of big events coming up in the Masters and U.S. Open, and I know I can't focus on what I've done in the past or earlier this year," said Weber, one of six two-time winners at the Senior Masters. "I'll stay focused on what I have to do at that particular time, and when it comes to the bracket part of the Masters, it will only be about what I have to do in those three games."

The Senior Masters again will feature 15 games of qualifying over three days, before the field is cut to the top 63, plus Weber, who is guaranteed at least the No. 64 seed as the defending champion, for the traditional double-elimination match-play bracket. All matches prior to the stepladder will be three games, with total pinfall determining the winner.

All qualifying and match play rounds at the Senior Masters will be broadcast on BOWL.com's BowlTV, beginning Tuesday at 11 a.m. Eastern. The stepladder finals will take place June 11 at 1 p.m. Eastern.

At the Super Senior Classic, Japan's Junichi Yajima looks to defend his title. In 2016, he became the first international player to win the event.

The 2017 Super Senior Classic starts Friday at noon Eastern, with the cashers' round and round-robin match play being broadcast live on BowlTV beginning Saturday at noon Eastern. The stepladder finals will be broadcast live on BowlTV on Sunday at 2 p.m. Eastern.

The Super Senior Classic will feature a new format in 2017, mimicking what is being used on the PWBA Tour.

All competitors will bowl 12 games of qualifying Friday, before the field is cut to the top 25 percent for Saturday's six-game cashers' round. At the completion of 18 games, total pinfall will determine the 12 bowlers who will advance to round-robin match play Saturday afternoon.

Match-play competitors then will be divided into two groups - Group 1 will include the odd seeds, and Group 2 will include the even seeds - for six games of match play.

The leader of each group after 24 games, bonus pins from match play included, automatically will advance to the stepladder finals. The bowler with the higher pinfall total will be the top seed for the championship round, and the other will be No. 2.

The second, third and fourth bowlers in each group will advance to their respective group stepladders, with each winner also advancing to the finals. Seeding for the two spots will be based on average for the event.

PBA Spare Shots: England's Dom Barrett Takes Lead in PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup Points Race

England's Dom Barrett, with a fifth-place finish in the PBA Xtra Frame Wilmington Open after a third-place finish in the Xtra Frame Reality Check Classic in March, has taken the lead in the Xtra Frame Storm Cup points standings after two of seven events.

Barrett, who owns five PBA Tour titles including the 2013 PBA World Championship, earned 18 points in Tamarac, Fla., and 16 points in Wilmington, N.C., for a total of 34 points and a one-point lead over Reality Check Classic winner Josh Blanchard of Mesa, Ariz. Blanchard earned 25 points for his win in Tamarac, Fla., and another eight points for finishing 13th in Wilmington.

In each Xtra Frame Storm Cup event, the top 20 players earn points toward a pool of \$50,000 in bonus prize money that will be awarded to the top five players. The winner of each Storm Cup event receives 25 points. Second place is worth 19 points, third 18 points with points diminishing by one through 20th place, which is worth a single point.

Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Fla., is third with 28 points after finishing seventh in both of the first two events. Wilmington winner Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas, is tied for fourth place with Venezuela's Ildemaro Ruiz with 25 points, but he didn't bowl in Tamarac.

Rounding out the top 10 are Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., in sixth place with 20 points; AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., and Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 19; EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 18; and Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., and Shawn Maldonado, Houston, tied for 10th with 17 points each.

MONGOLIA'S OCHBAYAR MUNKHGEREL MAKES PBA DEBUT IN WILMINGTON

Ochbayar Munkhgerel became the first bowler from Mongolia to bowl in a PBA Tour event when he entered the Xtra Frame Wilmington Open. Mongolia was one of seven countries represented in Wilmington, including England, Venezuela, Japan, Canada, Indonesia and the U.S.

Munkhgerel, 29, is a three-time national champion in his home country, and has been president of the Mongolian Professional Bowling Association since 2006. The married father of one has a college degree in international trade and noted his boyhood bowling hero was Pete Weber. "Och," as he prefers to be called, finished 91st in the field of 96 in his PBA debut.

GRAND CASINO HOTEL & RESORT PBA OKLAHOMA OPEN TICKETS ON SALE

Tickets for the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Oklahoma Open, which will be conducted June 26-July 2 in Shawnee, are now available by visiting www.grandboxoffice.com. Daily passes are \$20 for competition at the FireLake Bowling Center. VIP weekend passes are \$35 for both days of stepladder finals at the Grand Casino Event Center and will allow admittance 30 minutes earlier than day pass holders for priority seating.

A field of 96 PBA Tour players is expected to compete in the inaugural tournament which is the 13th stop of the 2017 PBA Tour season. Among those entered is reigning PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett who won the FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions in Shawnee in February.

Competition will include qualifying rounds June 27, 28 and 29 at the FireLake Bowling Center. The top 33 players after 24 games will advance to another eight-game qualifying round on June 30 which will determine nine players who will compete in the unique two-day live ESPN stepladder finals which will be televised July 1 and 2 from a specially built two-lane installation in the Grand Casino Event Center. Telecasts will air at 1 p.m. EDT (noon CDT) on both days.

The July 1 telecast will include four stepladder matches which will begin with the no. 9 qualifier bowling the no. 8 qualifier. The July 2 telecast will include the final four matches for the championship.

SENIOR MASTERS, SENIOR U.S. OPEN HIGHLIGHT JUNE'S VIDEO STREAMING SCHEDULE

PBA50 players head into the home stretch of their 2017 season with a pair of major championships in Las Vegas, both of which will be live streamed. USBC's bowl.tv will provide coverage of USBC's Super Senior Classic for players ages 60 and older, June 1-3, followed by the PBA50 Tour's second major of the year, the USBC Senior Masters, June 4-10. Both events will be held at Sam's Town Bowling Center.

PBA's Xtra Frame will then provide start-to-finish coverage of the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm, June 12-16, from Suncoast Bowling Center in Las Vegas, before the PBA50 Tour returns to the Midwest for its final four events of the year.

The PBA Tour will continue its busy summer schedule of Xtra Frame events with the PBA Xtra Frame Greater Jonesboro Open from Jonesboro Bowling Center in Jonesboro, Ark., June 3-4, and the PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open presented by Ebonite from South Plains Lanes in Lubbock, Texas, June 10-11. Both are PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup events and each will be covered live, exclusively on Xtra Frame, from first ball to last.

Upcoming PWBA Tour coverage includes qualifying and match play rounds of the Wichita Open from Northrock Lanes in Wichita, Kan., Friday and Saturday; the Pepsi Lincoln Open from Sun Valley Lanes in Lincoln, Neb., June 9-10; the Greater Detroit Open from Super Bowl in Canton, Mich., June 16-17, and the Go Bowling PWBA Players Championship from The Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley in Green Bay, Wis., June 22-24.

Xtra Frame subscription packages are available for three days, 30 days and a full year. To sign up, visit xtraframe.tv for details.

PBA fans also are reminded they can follow real-time results for PBA50 and PBA Xtra Frame Tour events by visiting the "live scoring" feature on pba.com. PWBA live scoring is available on pwba.com.

THIS WEEK: "PICK THE HAMMER BALL" FOR PBA BOWLING CHALLENGE GAME

Concrete Software's 10-week "pick the ball" survey for PBA Bowling Challenge mobile game concludes this week with players invited to select a new Hammer ball from among three options which have been provided for each PBA-participating brand.

Based on fan voting which begins Thursday (click here: http://bit.ly/Hammer_17 to cast your vote), the "winning" Hammer will be available for play on June 16.

A code to purchase the ball for 50% off (the code will be available on PBA's and the specific companies' social media pages) will be posted. Each company also will have a flashback weekend where all its previous balls will be available for that weekend only.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: MICHIGAN'S WILDS TOPS 93-PLAYER CHALLENGE FIELD

Tyler Wilds of Three Rivers, Mich., defeated amateur Bob Kammer Jr. of Crown Point, Ind., 266-195, to win his first PBA title in the Celeste Walker Midwest Challenge at Strike N Spare II in Lockport, Ill., on Saturday.

Wilds, who earned \$1,400, topped a field of 93 players in the PBA Challenge event, which was open to bowlers who had not previously won a PBA title. Wilds defeated Jason Miller of Houston, Texas, 216-166, in the semifinal round to advance to the title match while Kammer eliminated amateur Jacob Boresch (the son of PBA50 champion Lennie Boresch Jr.) of Kenosha, Wis., 213-195, in the other semifinal round match.

- Ernie Lukacs Jr. of Manville, N.J., defeated Darren Andretta of New Hyde Park, N.Y., 209-170, to win his first PBA title in the PBA Colony Park Lanes Eastern Challenge on Saturday in York, Pa.

It was the first time either finalist had been in position to win a PBA title. Lukacs, a six-year member, had a best career finish of fifth place prior to this event. Andretta, a seven-year member, had a best career finish of seventh prior to the weekend. Lukacs also earned \$1,500 for the win.

PBA Challenge events are open to any member or non-member who have not won a PBA title.

- PBA Regional activity in June gets underway over the June 9-11 weekend with the Wine Country West/Northwest Open presented by Roto Grip at Double Decker Lanes in Rohnert Park, Calif.
- The June 16-18 PBA Regional calendar includes the Homefield Bowl Eastern Open presented by MOTIV in Yonkers, N.Y.; the Greater Marion Central Open presented by MOTIV at BlueFusion Fun Center in Marion, Ohio; the Glo Bowl Midwest Open presented by Sam Adams and 900 Global in Marengo, Ill., and the Tommy See Memorial South Open presented by MOTIV at Nassau Bowling Center in Yulee, Fla.
- A busy schedule of PBA Regional events is on tap for the June 23-24 weekend, including the Pro Bowl West Central/Midwest Challenge presented by Roto Grip in Fort Wayne, Ind.; the PBA50 Ultimate Inserts Midwest Open presented by Hammer at Lakeside Lanes in Davis, Ill., and the PBA/PBA50 Sands Regency Doubles presented by MOTIV at High Sierra Lanes in Reno, Nev.
- The June PBA Regional calendar closes and July begins with the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Southwest Doubles at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla., on June 30, preceding the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Oklahoma Open. Also scheduled for the June 30-July 2 weekend is the PBA and PBA50 Vanessa Brown Homes West Opens, both presented by Columbia 300 at Yosemite Lanes, in Modesto, Calif.
- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES

- Fifteen-time PBA Regional titlist Tyler Jensen became Dexter Bowling's new vice president, effective June 1. The company's South Central sales representative since 2012, Jensen will succeed current vice president Bud Clapsaddle, who will be retiring at the end of this year. Jensen, a 33-year-old Wichita State University graduate, has been a PBA member since 2002.
- Walter Ray Williams Jr. rolled his 105th career 300 game in PBA competition during Tuesday's qualifying in the PBA50 Northern California Classic at Harvest Park Bowl in Brentwood, Calif. He's now within six perfect games of all-time leader Parker Bohn III who has rolled 111 300 games in PBA events.
- Zane Hollander of Las Vegas wins a new DV8 ball; Tom Griffin of Piscataway, N.J., will receive a new high-performance Brunswick ball, and Howard Towers of Norwalk, Conn., wins a new high-performance MOTIV ball as May sweepstakes prizes for subscribing to Xtra Frame. The monthly sweepstakes is sponsored by the respective PBA Product Registered partners. Monthly winners are selected from among new Xtra Frame subscribers, who are automatically entered when they enroll as a monthly or Xtra Frame Season Ticket (full year) subscriber.
- Last call: Applications for the 2017 PBA Billy Welu Scholarship, recognizing exemplary qualities in male or female college students who compete in bowling, are due by June 15. Candidates must be currently attending college and maintaining at least a 2.5/4.0 GPA or equivalent. The two-part application can be retrieved using this link: <http://www.pba.com/Corporate/Scholarships>.

New York's Ryan Ciminelli Races into PBA Xtra Frame Greater Jonesboro Open Lead

JONESBORO, Ark. – Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., averaged 234.25 for eight games Saturday to take a 195-pin over Dick Allen of Columbia, S.C., in the PBA Xtra Frame Greater Jonesboro Open at Jonesboro Bowling Center.

Ciminelli, a 31-year-old left-hander and seven-time PBA Tour champion, rolled games of 226, 199, 210, 279, 235, 245, 234 and 236 for a 1,874 pinfall total. No one else in the field of 113 bowlers averaged as high as 210 on the challenging lane condition. Allen averaged 209.88 to finish with 1,679 pins and join the group of 37 top qualifiers who advanced to Sunday's cashers round.

In third place was Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, with 1,670 followed by Xtra Frame Storm Cup points leader Dom Barrett of England with a 1,663 total and Kyle Sherman of O'Fallon, Mo., with 1,661 pins.

The top 37 qualifiers advance to Sunday's five-game cashers round at 8:30 a.m. The top 16 after 13 games will bowl an eight-game match play round at noon, and the top four after 21 games will compete in the stepladder finals Sunday at 3:45 p.m. All times are Central.

At stake for the winner is a \$12,500 first prize, a PBA Tour title and 25 points in the Xtra Frame Storm Cup standings. All PBA members who finish among the top 20 earn Xtra Frame Storm Cup points. The Greater Jonesboro Open is the third event of the seven-tournament Storm Cup series.

All of Sunday's action will be streamed live on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel. In addition to monthly and annual subscription packages, a three-day subscription is available for only \$3.99 (visit xtraframe.tv to sign up).

PBA XTRA FRAME GREATER JONESBORO OPEN

Jonesboro Bowling Center, Jonesboro, Ark., June 3

Final Qualifying Standings (after 8 games; top 37 advance to cashers round)

- 1, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,874.
- 2, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,679.
- 3, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,670.
- 4, Dom Barrett, England, 1,663.
- 5, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 1,661.
- 6 (tie), Ryan Lakota, Shorewood, Ill., and Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,642.
- 8, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 1,639.
- 9, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,638.
- 10, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 1,619.
- 11, Robert Lawrence, Austin, Texas, 1,615.
- 12, Jeff Hatt, Oklahoma City, 1,613.
- 13, n-Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 1,612.
- 14, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 1,609.
- 15, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,606.
- 16, n-David Krol, Branson, Mo., 1,604.
- 17, Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo., 1,602.
- 18 (tie), Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, and, n-Michael Tang, San Francisco, Calif., 1,600.
- 20, James Watson, Austin, Texas, 1,598.
- 21 (tie), Jared Wolf, Lowell, Ark., and Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,594.
- 23 (tie), Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, and AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,590.
- 25, Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas, 1,588.

- 26, Lucas Legnani, Argentina, 1,586.
- 27, Stuart Williams, England, 1,585.
- 28, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,583.
- 29, Curt Dupre IV, Destrehan, La., 1,582.
- 30 (tie), Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., and Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 1,581.
- 32 (tie), David Krol, Nixa, Mo., and Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 1,580.
- 34, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,565.
- 35, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 1,564.
- 36, Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 1,561.
- 37, Matthew Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 1,558.

Failed to advance:

- 38 (tie), Sam Cooley, Australia, and James Cantere, Oklahoma City, Okla., 1,555.
- 40 (tie), Chris Arcaro, Carolina Beach, N.C.; CJ Kirchner, Herrin, Ill., and Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 1,553.
- 43 (tie), Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., and Darren Tang, San Francisco, 1,552.
- 45, Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C., 1,550.
- 46, Gabriel Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1,549.
- 47 (tie), n-Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., and Anthony Coats, Pflugerville, Tex, 1,547.
- 49, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 1,544.
- 50, Tyson Branagan, Fort Worth, Texas, 1,538.
- 51, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz, 1,535.
- 52, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 1,531.
- 53, n-Massimiliano Fridegotto, Aruba, 1,526.
- 54, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,524.
- 55, n-Anthony Richmond, Sanford, Fla., 1,523.
- 56, Kristian Sieradzki, Seminole, Fla., 1,522.
- 57, Andrew Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 1,521.
- 58, Kristian Rogers, Salisbury, N.C., 1,517.

59, Brad Brooks, Monticello, Ark., 1,513.

59, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,513.

61, Graham Fach, Canada, 1,509.

62, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 1,508.

63, Mike Bailey, Irving, Texas, 1,496.

64, n-Matt Gasn, Laurel, Md., 1,492.

65, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 1,491.

66, Kristopher Prather, Milton, Fla., 1,488.

67, Trevor Roberts, Crystal River, Fla., 1,487.

68, n-Kenneth Corley, Memphis, Tenn., 1,476.

69 (tie), Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn.; Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., and n-Blake Starr, Oklahoma City, 1,474.

72, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,470.

73, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,468.

74 (tie), n-Jordan Malott, Pflugerville, Tex., and Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,466.

76, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 1,465.

77, Connor Pickford, Plano, Texas, 1,447.

78, n-Michael Shirley, North Little Rock, Ark., 1,446.

79, Roger Petrin, Arlington, Texas, 1,444.

80, n-Matthew Hicks, Cabot, Ark., 1,441.

81, Philip Wong, Houston, 1,429.

82, Mike Williams II, Montgomery, Ala., 1,428.

83, Dylan Burns, Lawrence, Kan., 1,421.

84, Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 1,419.

85, n-Skyler Glanovsky, Fort Smith, Ark., 1,405.

86 (tie), Aaron Ramsden, Pleasant Valley, Mo., and David Adcox Jr., Shawnee, Kan., 1,398.

88, Warren Blankenship, Ardmore, Okla., 1,394.

89 (tie), Rameses Chambers, Kansas City, Mo., and Paul Brewbaker, Midwest City, Okla., 1,385.

91, n-Troy White, Carolina Beach, N.C., 1,382.

- 92, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 1,381.
- 93 (tie), Stephen Keblish, Oklahoma City, Okla., and n-Michael Dailey, Memphis, Tenn., 1,378.
- 95, Adam Pogge, Austin, Texas, 1,376.
- 96, Jarek Vincent, Fort Smith, Ark., 1,366.
- 97, Agustin Aranguren, Argentina, 1,365.
- 98, Isaac Russell, Malaysia, 1,353.
- 99, Hunter Brooks IV, Smyrna, Tenn., 1,346.
- 100, Scott Stofko, Flower Mound, Texas, 1,345.
- 101, AJ Chapman, Wichita, Kan., 1,324.
- 102, Dalton Gallion, Jonesboro, Ark., 1,310.
- 103, Christopher Lequerica, Bluford, Ill., 1,296.
- 104, Jonathan McMahon, Moticello, Ark., 1,268.
- 105, n-John Rutigliano, Cordova, Tenn, 1,266.
- 106, Michael Schlabach, Goshen, Ind., 1,253.
- 107, n-Anthony Turner, Stephens Point, Wis., 1,245.
- 108, Marcus Hays, Wilmar, Ark., 1,190.
- 109, n-Robert Adams, Paragould Ark., 1,183.
- 110, n-Blane Baugh, Jonesboro, Ark., 1,182.
- 111, n-Doug Mason, Eldorado, Ark., 1,164.
- 112, n-Matt Glodowski, Stephens Point, Wis., 1,163.
- 113, n-Lynn Martin, Tupelo, Mis., 1,093.

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Mohr Finds Redemption With Super Senior Classic Win

As the top seed for the finals at the 2017 Super Senior Classic, Ron Mohr of North Las Vegas, Nevada, found himself one win away from redemption and his first national victory in nearly five years, and he refused to be denied either Sunday at the Sam's Town Bowling Center.

In a rematch of the 2016 title tilt in the same venue, Mohr was able to best defending champion Junichi Yajima of Japan, 230-188, to record the win and claim the \$7,000 top prize.

Yajima, who was looking to become the first player to successfully defend a title at the Super Senior Classic, earned \$5,500 for the second-place finish. Yajima defeated Mohr in the 2016 final, 248-218.

Mohr earned the top seed for the stepladder finals for the second consecutive year and started the title match with three consecutive strikes, before leaving a washout in the fourth frame, which he was unable to convert. Yajima returned the open in the fourth frame with a 7-10 split, giving Mohr a 16-pin advantage halfway through the game.

Yajima opened for a second time in the eighth frame, allowing Mohr to mark in the ninth and 10th frames to lock up the title. Mohr, a 61-year-old right-hander, sealed the win with strikes on both attempts.

"I liked the right lane, since it hooked a little more, so I knew I could go away with it a little bit and be OK," said Mohr, an eight-time PBA50 Tour champion. "I threw it well in the ninth, but stepping up in the 10th on the left lane, I had the fourth frame in the back of my mind. I told myself I just needed to stay slow and let the ball read and get there. I didn't need to make it get there. When the ball picked up in the midlane and turned over, I knew it was going to be a good shot. To get the ball off my hand that well, especially in that situation, is as good as it gets."

The win ended a recent run of 12 championship-round appearances without a victory for Mohr, who collected his last PBA50 Tour title in 2012.

"After winning eight titles in a little over four years, I thought I could start getting pretty used to this," Mohr said. "When you go winless for a couple of years, you start to wonder if you're ever going to experience the winner's circle again. The talent keeps getting better and better, and I'm not getting any younger, so you never know if it's the last time. I don't know if I've ever teared up for a victory before, but I started to today. It's pretty special, especially with my wife here and in front of my hometown fans."

The semifinal match Sunday also featured a rematch from the 2016 event as Yajima met United States Bowling Congress and PBA Hall of Famer John Petraglia of Jackson, New Jersey. Yajima again prevailed, this time by a score of 256-235.

Petraglia, down by a pin to start the 10th frame, left a 5-10 split on his first offering, which he was able to convert, but Yajima sealed the win with a strike on his first delivery.

In the opening match of the stepladder, Yajima started with six consecutive strikes on his way to a 241-192 victory against Kevin Croucher of Grants Pass, Oregon.

Croucher and Yajima earned their spots in the finals after winning their respective group stepladders Sunday morning.

Croucher made his way out of the Group A stepladder by defeating Bill Nichols of Bella Vista, Arkansas, 246-202. Nichols won the opening match against Dick Baker of Henderson, Nevada, 234-183.

Yajima won the Group B stepladder by besting Paul McCordic of Sugar Land, Texas, 225-183. Yajima defeated USBC and PBA Hall of Famer Tom Baker of King, North Carolina, in the opening match, 200-158.

The 2017 Super Senior Classic featured a sold-out field of 140 competitors, and the field was cut to the top 35 players after 12 games of qualifying. The field was reduced from 35 to 12 after six additional games for round-robin match play.

Match play featured two groups simultaneously bowling an additional six games, including a position round. The top seeds from each group automatically were seeded into the stepladder finals, with total pinfall, including bonus pins, determining the top seed.

The second, third and fourth qualifiers in each group were placed into a group stepladder to determine the No. 3 and No. 4 seeds for the main championship round.

Sam's Town now will host the 2017 USBC Senior Masters, with competition beginning Tuesday with the opening round of qualifying. BowlTV will provide wire-to-wire coverage of the event.

2017 SUPER SENIOR CLASSIC

At Sam's Town Bowling Center, Las Vegas

Sunday's results

Final standings

- 1, Ron Mohr, North Las Vegas, Nev., 230 (one game), \$7,000
- 2, Junichi Yajima, Japan, 685 (three games), \$5,500
- 3, John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 235 (one game), \$4,000
- 4, Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 192 (one game), \$3,000

Stepladder results

Match No. 1: Yajima def. Croucher, 241-192

Semifinal: Yajima def. Petraglia, 256-235

Final: Mohr def. Yajima, 230-188

Group A Stepladder

Semifinal: Bill Nichols, Bella Vista, Ark., def. Dick Baker, Henderson, Nev., 234-183 (D. Baker finishes tied for seventh, earns \$2,050).

Final: Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., def. Nichols, 246-202 (Nichols finishes tied for fifth, earns \$2,400).

Group B Stepladder

Semifinal: Junichi Yajima, Japan, def. Tom Baker, King, N.C., 200-158 (T. Baker finishes tied for seventh, earns \$2,050).

Final: Yajima def. Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 225-183 (McCordic finishes tied for fifth, earns \$2,400).

Error-Free Game Helps Canada's Francois Lavoie Win PBA Xtra Frame Greater Jonesboro Open Title

JONESBORO, Ark. – In a tournament that put a premium on spare shooting, Quebec City native Francois Lavoie threw an error-free game to upset top qualifier Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., Sunday, 224-152, to win the PBA Xtra Frame Greater Jonesboro Open at Jonesboro Bowling Center.

Lavoie, PBA's 2016 Rookie of the Year and the 2016 U.S. Open champion, converted four spares and threw in a string of four strikes late in the game to knock off Ciminelli, who had otherwise dominated the event.

Ciminelli, a 31-year-old left-hander, cruised to Saturday's qualifying lead by out-averaging his closest competitor by nearly 25 pins per game. Despite slowing his scoring pace to an overall 223 average on Sunday, he qualified no. 1 for the four-man stepladder finals by 304 pins over England's Stuart Williams.

But the title match was his downfall. After failing to convert the 3-7 split in the second frame, Ciminelli also failed to convert the 3-5-6-9 in the eighth frame and missed a 6 pin in the ninth.

"I reminded myself of what I do best, and that's keep the ball in play," Lavoie said. "I don't strike as much as some of the guys out here, so I have to do what I do best. In the title match, "I was just trying to fluff the ball and leave makeable spares," he added. "I figured that would put me in a good position."

It was the same philosophy that got Lavoie into the stepladder in the first place. He defeated Japan's Shota Kawazoe in his final two matches, shooting 200 in game seven and 238 in his final match to advance to the stepladder finals where he broke open a tied match with [Wes Malott](#) of Pflugerville, Texas, with three strikes, a spare and a

double to win, 210-178. He then struck on six of his first seven shots to eliminate Williams, 232-196, to advance to the title match.

Lavoie won \$12,500, his third PBA Tour title and 25 points in the PBA's Xtra Frame Storm Cup points competition.

PBA's Xtra Frame Storm Cup series continues next Saturday and Sunday with the PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open at South Plains Lanes in Lubbock, Texas, where Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., is defending champion. All of the Lubbock action will be streamed live on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel. In addition to monthly and annual subscription packages, a three-day subscription is available for only \$3.99 (visit xtraframe.tv to sign up).

PBA XTRA FRAME GREATER JONESBORO OPEN

Jonesboro Bowling Center, Jonesboro, Ark., June 4

Final Standings:

- 1, Francois Lavoie, Canada, \$12,500.
- 2, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., \$7,000.
- 3, Stuart Williams, England, \$4,000.
- 4, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, \$2,500.

Stepladder Results:

Match One: Lavoie def. Malott, 210-178.

Semifinal Match: Lavoie def. Williams, 232-196.

Championship: Lavoie def. Ciminelli, 224-152.

Final Match Play Standings (after 21 games, including match play bonus pins):

- 1, Ciminelli, 4-4, 4,805.
- 2, Williams, 5-3, 4,501.
- 3, Malott, 4-4, 4,500.
- 4, Lavoie, 5-2-1, 4,485.
- 5, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 5-3, 4,427, \$2,000.
- 6, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 6-2, 4,414, \$1,800.
- 7, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 6-2, 4,391, \$1,550.
- 8, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 4-4, 4,332, \$1,415.
- 9, Dom Barrett, England, 4-4, 4,329, \$1,350.
- 10, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 4-4, 4,327, \$1,300.
- 11, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 3-5, 4,269, \$1,250.
- 12, Ryan Lakota, Shorewood, Ill., 3-4-1, 4,234, \$1,200.
- 13, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 2-6, 4,222, \$1,150.
- 14, n-Michael Tang, San Francisco, Calif., 3-5, 4,208, \$1,100.

15, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 2-6, 4,177, \$1,050.

16, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 3-5, 4,112, \$1,000.

Other Cashers (after 13 games):

17, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 2,602, \$780.

18, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,592, \$760.

19, n-Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 2,590, \$740.

20, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 2,581, \$720.

21, James Watson, Austin, Texas, 2,571, \$700.

22, Curt Dupre IV, Destrehan, La., 2,569, \$680.

23, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 2,566, \$670.

24, Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas, 2,547, \$665.

25, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 2,544, \$660.

26, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 2,541, \$650.

27, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 2,538, \$645.

28, Lucas Legnani, Argentina, 2,531, \$640.

29, Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo., 2,524, \$640.

30, Jared Wolf, Lowell, Ark., 2,520, \$635.

31, Robert Lawrence, Austin, Texas, 2,519, \$630.

32, Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 2,516, \$625.

33, Jeff Hatt, Oklahoma City, 2,513, \$620.

34, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., 2,479, \$615.

35, n-David Krol, Branson, Mo., 2,462, \$610.

36, Matthew Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 2,438, \$605.

37, David Krol, Nixa, Mo., 2,396, \$600.

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EJ Tackett, Jesper Svensson Earn No. 1 Berths for Main Event PBA Tour Finals Stepladder Rounds

ORLANDO, Fla. – Reigning PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., and Sweden's Jesper SvOenSSon, two of the PBA's rising 20-something stars, put themselves into prime position to advance to the championship round in the inaugural Main Event PBA Tour Finals at Main Event Entertainment Orlando.

The final round of head-to-head match play qualifying aired Tuesday night on CBS Sports Network.

The 24-year-old Tackett, with a 3-1 match play record and 1,144 pins including a 299 game, held off Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., by 33 pins to earn the no. 1 berth in the Group Two stepladder finals that will air on CBS Sports Network on June 20 at 9:30 p.m. EDT. Ciminelli ended Tackett's bid for an unbeaten record in match play with a 268-231 win in their position round, also finishing with a 3-1 record and 1,111 pins.

Tackett In his loss to Ciminelli in the final match, Tackett finally missed the pocket for the first time in four matches. A 4 pin cost him a 300 vs. Barrett in match three, but three single-pin spares plus a 2-4-8-10 split (which he failed to convert) led to his only loss, to Ciminelli, in position round.

Ciminelli looked back to his 227-200 loss to Tackett in his opening match, when he missed a 10 pin and left a 3-6-7-9 split as the reason he was unable to finish at the top of the Group Two pod.

“What killed me was following Jesper (on that pair),” Ciminelli said. “I left easy spares, but the easy spares are the ones you miss when you’re busy thinking about what you need to do. That really caught me. I had a good look in practice, but all of a sudden they got really tight down-lane and it caught me off guard. We don’t have a lot of tournament games in this format so you don’t see the transition, and that’s really what ended up costing me the lead.”

England’s Dom Barrett qualified third in Group Two with a 1-3 match play record and 999 total pins, relegating Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C. (1-3, 965 pins) to fourth place in their Group. Barrett and Jones will bowl the opening match in the Group Two stepladder finals, with Ciminelli taking on the winner and Tackett awaiting the survivor of that match for the two-game, total pinfall finale.

Svensson, 22, continued to dominate Group One, defeating Australia’s Jason Belmonte, 279-258, after winning his first two matches with 268 games. But Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., ended the Swedish two-hander’s bid for an unbeaten record, 234-222, in their position round match. Svensson still won the group with a 3-1 record and 1,187 pins.

With his position round win that included 50 bonus pins, Rash claimed the no. 2 berth for the Group One stepladder finals, airing on CBS Sports Network on June 13 at 9:30 p.m. EDT, with a 3-1 record and 1,062 pins. Belmonte, no. 3 with a 1-3 record and 988 total pins, will bowl the opening match against no. 4 Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas, who finished with a 1-3 record and 940 pins. Simonsen avoided a winless match play record and helped derail Belmonte’s bid for the no. 2 berth, winning their position round showdown, 259-245.

Belmonte, who came into the PBA Tour Finals as the earnings leader over the 30-month span, said he tried a variety of approaches – urethane and reactive balls, outside and inside angles to the pocket, less speed and more speed – to develop a game plan for the Group One stepladder finals and, hopefully, the championship round.

“I wasn’t sure anyone was going to shoot under 220,” he said after his four matches, “but you also have to think long-term. If I could beat Anthony and beat Sean, I’d still had to beat Jesper (in the two-game stepladder finale) and I needed a good ball reaction if I was going to keep going. So that’s why I ended up going back to reactive.”

The stepladder rounds will be pivotal in determining who wins the inaugural Main Event PBA Tour Finals, along with its \$30,000 top prize and PBA Tour title. The winners of the Group One and Group Two stepladder events will bowl for the PBA Tour finals in a three-game, total pinfall match that will air on CBS Sports Network on June 27 at 9:30 p.m. EDT. The stepladder runners-up will bowl a one-game preliminary match on the final show to determine third and fourth place finishes in the event

MAIN EVENT PBA TOUR FINALS

Main Event, Orlando, Fla. (aired Tuesday on CBS Sports Network)

Final Round Robin Match Play Standings (after four matches, including 50 bonus pins for matches won):

Group One Final:

- 1, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 3-1, 1,187.
- 2, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3-1, 1,062.
- 3, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1-3, 988.
- 4, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 1-3, 940.

Match Play Results:

Svensson def. Belmonte, 279-258.

Rash def. Simonsen, 224-195.

Rash def. Svensson, 234-222.

Simonsen def. Belmonte, 259-245.

Group One Stepladder Finals Pairings (to air on CBS Sports Network on June 13 at 9:30 p.m. EDT)

Match One: Jason Belmonte vs. Anthony Simonsen.

Semifinal Match: Sean Rash vs. Match One winner.

Championship (two games, total pinfall): Jesper Svensson vs. Semifinal Match winner.

Group Two Final:

- 1, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 3-1, 1,144.
- 2, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 3-1, 1,111.
- 3, Dom Barrett, England, 1-3, 999.
- 4, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1-3, 965.

Match Play Results:

Tackett def. Barrett, 299-266.

Ciminelli def. Jones, 257-221.

Ciminelli def. Tackett, 268-231.

Jones def. Barrett, 227-222.

Group Two Stepladder Finals Pairings (to air on CBS Sports Network on June 20 at 9:30 p.m. EDT)

Match One: Dom Barrett vs. Tommy Jones.

Semifinal Match: Ryan Ciminelli vs. Match One winner.

Championship (two games, total pinfall): EJ Tackett vs. Semifinal Match winner.

Monacelli Averages 254.8 to Lead USBC Senior Masters First Round

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While generations of bowling fans may see the familiar and seemingly effortless style of Venezuela's Amleto Monacelli as timeless and unchanged, even decades after his most dominant years on the PBA Tour, the 55-year-old right-hander has a secret.

His bowling game actually is a constant work in progress as he tries to stay relevant on the lanes, despite changes in his body as he ages and advancements in the sport, and he proved Tuesday at the 2017 United States Bowling Congress Senior Masters that recent changes to his game are starting to pay dividends.

Monacelli is a week removed from his eighth PBA50 Tour title and emerged as the opening-round leader at the USBC Senior Masters with a 1,274 five-game total, a 254.8 average.

He used a 289 final game to catapult to the top of the standings after Tuesday's burn squad, and it proved to be just enough as USBC Hall of Famer Sam Lantto of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, and Brian LeClair of Delmar, New York, a two-time winner on the PBA50 Tour this season, nearly chased him down on the final squad of the day at the Sam's Town Bowling Center.

Lantto started his five game block with games of 278, 290 and 242 for an 810 series, before adding 203 and 258 for a 1,271 total. LeClair was more consistent, posting a low game of 238 and a high game of 268 (twice), to match Lantto's effort.

Michael Tountas of Tucson, Arizona, is fourth after the first of three days of Senior Masters qualifying with a 1,243 total, while John Dougherty III of Fort Walton Beach, Florida, owner of one of the two perfect games Tuesday at Sam's Town, is fifth with 1,210.

"I've been working a lot on my game lately, concentrating on angles, axis rotation and ball motion, and I think the muscle memory for all the changes is starting to kick in," said Monacelli, a USBC and PBA Hall of Famer who also owns 20 PBA Tour titles. "I had a couple of recent weeks where I was close, and then last week I was able to get the win. That shows me the changes are starting to work and pay off."

More open-minded later in his career, the 1989 and 1990 PBA Player of the Year has been willing to adapt his physical game as bowling technology - from lane oils with more viscosity to stronger and stronger balls - has changed. He's also known for all the time he spends making sure he's in peak physical condition, which helps him endure the different event formats.

Monacelli's recent win at the PBA50 Northern California Classic, presented by MOTIV included a 229-198 win over Hugh Miller of Mercer Island, Washington, in the championships match, and helped him enter this week's Senior Masters more confident about his preparation and more relaxed on the lanes.

On the first day of the 2017 Senior Masters, Monacelli found success by staying slow and taking his time, while also taking advantage of a favorable ball reaction on the 41-foot oil pattern being used at the Sam's Town Bowling Center this week.

The lanes only will be oiled once each day, with all competitors getting the chance to experience the three phases of the pattern - fresh, burn and double-burn - with five games being bowled each day.

"At this event, with qualifying and match play being so different, you really just have to focus on the things you're doing well and continuing to make the right decisions," said Monacelli, who beat an undefeated Pete Weber of St. Ann, Missouri, twice in the championship round to win the 2015 Senior Masters. "Eventually, you'll have to consider who you're bowling and where you're bowling them, but even then, you still have to make the right choices and decisions to succeed."

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Weber hopes to become the Senior U.S. Open's first three-time winner when he will be among a field of approximately 175 players who will return to the Suncoast Bowling Center for the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm, the third and final major of the season for players 50 and over, June 11-16.

In 2016, Weber, the top qualifier for the stepladder finals, defeated three-time PBA50 Tour winner Harry Sullins of Chesterfield Township, Mich., 223-184, to set the consecutive titles mark. He had shared the previous record of three consecutive titles with fellow Hall of Famer Tom Baker who achieved the feat in 2006.

Weber also won the USBC Senior Masters and PBA50 South Shore Open later in the year to set the record for most PBA50 Tour titles in a season with six, and notched his 10th PBA50 Tour title to go along with his 37 on the PBA Tour.

Weber is hoping to get back on track after a slow start to the 2017 season in which his best finish is ninth in the first five tournaments.

Two other Hall of Famers who will be trying for a record third Senior U.S. Open title are Amleto Monacelli and Baker.

Monacelli, who won the recent PBA50 Northern California Classic for his eighth PBA50 Tour title, won his Senior U.S. Open titles back-to-back in 2012 and 2013. Baker, who is tied for second on the all-time PBA50 Tour titles list with 12, won his Senior U.S. Open titles back-to-back in 2005 and 2006. Baker, a four-time PBA50 Player of the Year, won the PBA60 Killer 'B' Open for players 60 and older to open the 2017 season.

Other Hall of Famers entered are 2014 winner Norm Duke, 2010 winner Mark Williams, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Johnny Petraglia, Parker Bohn III, and Bryan Goebel. Goebel won the PBA50 Miller Lite Players Championship, the season's first major in May, for his first PBA50 Tour title.

At the halfway mark of the season, Brian LeClair of Delmar, N.Y., tops the PBA50 Player of the Year race with the help of wins in the Pasco County Florida Open and Johnny Petraglia BVL Open. He currently is the only player with multiple wins in 2017.

The Senior U.S. Open will also continue a demanding stretch for PBA50 Tour players coming immediately after the USBC Senior Masters, the second major of the season, currently being held at Sam's Town in Las Vegas.

In addition to Player of the Year honors, PBA50 players are battling to become one of the top eight players in competition points who will advance to the PBA50 Challenge event that will be held in conjunction with the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX set for Nov. 7-19 in Reno, Nev. Those eight players also will receive paid entries to compete in WSOB IX.

The Senior U.S. Open begins with six-game qualifying rounds June 12, 13 and 14 at 7 a.m. PDT (10 a.m. EDT). Match play gets underway June 15 and continues June 16 to determine the five players who will advance to the stepladder finals scheduled for 4 p.m. (7 p.m. EDT). All rounds of the tournament, including the five-player stepladder finals, will be live streamed exclusively on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel. To sign up for an Xtra Frame subscription, visit xtraframe.tv.

SUNCOAST PBA SENIOR U.S. OPEN PRESENTED BY STORM SCHEDULE

Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas (all times Pacific)

Sunday, June 11

8-9 a.m. – A squad practice

9:15-10:15 a.m. – B squad practice

10:30-11:30 a.m. – C squad practice

Pro-am to follow practice

Monday, June 12

7 a.m. – A squad qualifying (six games)

10:45 a.m. – B squad qualifying (six games)

2:30 p.m. – C squad qualifying (six games)

Tuesday, June 13

7 a.m. – B squad qualifying (six games)

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Wednesday, June 14

7 a.m. – C squad qualifying (six games)

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Thursday, June 15

8 a.m. – Match play round 1 (6 games)

1 p.m. – Match play round 2 (6 games)

Friday, June 16

7:30 a.m. – Match play round 3 (6 games)

Noon – Match play round 4 (6 games)

Top five advance to stepladder finals

4 p.m. – Stepladder finals

HISTORY OF SENIOR U.S. OPEN WINNERS

2016 Pete Weber
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Monacelli Averages 254.8 to Lead USBC Senior Masters First Round

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His bowling game actually is a constant work in progress as he tries to stay relevant on the lanes, despite changes in his body as he ages and advancements in the sport, and he proved Tuesday at the 2017 United States Bowling Congress Senior Masters that recent changes to his game are starting to pay dividends.

Monacelli is a week removed from his eighth PBA50 Tour title and emerged as the opening-round leader at the USBC Senior Masters with a 1,274 five-game total, a 254.8 average.

He used a 289 final game to catapult to the top of the standings after Tuesday's burn squad, and it proved to be just enough as USBC Hall of Famer Sam Lantto of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, and Brian LeClair of Delmar, New York, a two-time winner on the PBA50 Tour this season, nearly chased him down on the final squad of the day at the Sam's Town Bowling Center.

Lantto started his five game block with games of 278, 290 and 242 for an 810 series, before adding 203 and 258 for a 1,271 total. LeClair was more consistent, posting a low game of 238 and a high game of 268 (twice), to match Lantto's effort.

Michael Tountas of Tucson, Arizona, is fourth after the first of three days of Senior Masters qualifying with a 1,243 total, while John Dougherty III of Fort Walton Beach, Florida, owner of one of the two perfect games Tuesday at Sam's Town, is fifth with 1,210.

"I've been working a lot on my game lately, concentrating on angles, axis rotation and ball motion, and I think the muscle memory for all the changes is starting to kick in," said Monacelli, a USBC and PBA Hall of Famer who also owns 20 PBA Tour titles. "I had a couple of recent weeks where I was close, and then last week I was able to get the win. That shows me the changes are starting to work and pay off."

More open-minded later in his career, the 1989 and 1990 PBA Player of the Year has been willing to adapt his physical game as bowling technology - from lane oils with more viscosity to stronger and stronger balls - has changed. He's also known for all the time he spends making sure he's in peak physical condition, which helps him endure the different event formats.

Monacelli's recent win at the PBA50 Northern California Classic, presented by MOTIV included a 229-198 win over Hugh Miller of Mercer Island, Washington, in the championships match, and helped him enter this week's Senior Masters more confident about his preparation and more relaxed on the lanes.

On the first day of the 2017 Senior Masters, Monacelli found success by staying slow and taking his time, while also taking advantage of a favorable ball reaction on the 41-foot oil pattern being used at the Sam's Town Bowling Center this week.

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Arizona's Jakob Butturff to Defend Title in PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open This Weekend

LUBBOCK, Texas – Left-hander Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., will return to South Plains Lanes Saturday and Sunday to defend his PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open title against a potent field of PBA Tour champions, international players and future stars of professional bowling.

Butturff, who defeated two-hander Shawn Maldonado of Houston, Texas, 207-205, to win his first PBA Tour title in Lubbock a year ago, returns a year older at age 23 and as a two-time titlist after also winning the PBA Xtra Frame Las Vegas Open in 2016 along with a PBA record-tying eight regional titles. He will be among a group of 20 PBA Tour title winners who will compete for the \$12,500 first prize, a PBA Tour title and valuable points in the Xtra Frame Storm Cup race this weekend.

PBA Tour champions among the early entries include Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C.; DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas; Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas; Dom Barrett, England; Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz.; Butturff; Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla.; Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn.; Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C.; Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash.; Francois Lavoie, Canada; Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas; Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y.; Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev.; Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill.; Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas; Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla.; EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind.; Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., and Stuart Williams, England.

Challenging the 20 entrants who have already won PBA Tour titles will be a talented group of young players who are looking to make a name for themselves among the roster of PBA champions, including a handful of players who are involved in what is expected to be a tightly-contested PBA Rookie of the Year race, not to mention the PBA Player of the Year competition.

To add even more spice to the event, players are entered from Argentina, England, Australia, Canada, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Sweden and Venezuela as well as the U.S.

Another special aspect of the Lubbock Sports Open is that all PBA members will be competing for Xtra Frame Storm Cup points, awarded to players who finish among the top 20. Lubbock is the fourth of seven Storm Cup events that will reward the top five players at the end of the series with shares of \$50,000 in bonus prize money. England's Barrett currently tops the Storm Cup points race with 46 points, 12 ahead of Tackett, the reigning PBA Player of the Year, who has 34.

The tournament gets underway at 8:30 a.m. Saturday with the first of two eight-game qualifying squads. The other half of the field will bowl its qualifying round at 3:30 p.m., with the top one-third of the field advancing to a six-game cashers round Sunday at 8:30 a.m. The top 16 players after 14 games will bowl

an eight-game match play round at 12:15 p.m., and the top four after 22 games will compete in the stepladder finals Sunday at 4:15 p.m. All times are Central.

All of Saturday's and Sunday's action will be streamed live on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel. In addition to monthly and annual subscription packages, a three-day subscription is available for only \$3.99 (visit xtraframe.tv to sign up).

In addition to the PBA competition, Lubbock area grassroots bowlers will have an opportunity to bowl with the PBA stars in a pro-am on Friday at 7 p.m. For pro-am information, call South Plains Lanes at (806) 794-4844.

PBA XTRA FRAME LUBBOCK SPORTS OPEN presented by Ebonite

South Plains Lanes, Lubbock, Texas, June 9-11 (all times CDT)

Friday, June 9

3:30 p.m. - Practice session

7 p.m. – Pro-Am squads

Saturday, June 10

8:30 a.m. - A Squad, 8 qualifying games

3:30 p.m. – B Squad, 8 qualifying games

Top one-third of field after 8 games advance to cashers round

Sunday, June 11

8:30 a.m. – Top one-third of field, six games

Top 16 after 14 games advance to match play

12:15 p.m. – Top 16, eight games modified round robin match play

Top four after 22 games advance to stepladder finals

4:15 p.m. - Top four based on 22-game composite pinfall advance to a stepladder finals

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PBA Spare Shots: Who's Got Next? Fans to Select Wes Malott's Next King of Bowling Opponent

Who'll be the next player to challenge Wes Malott as "King of Bowling?" PBA fans are invited to help decide "who's got next" in trying to remove Malott's crown in the renewal of the PBA's exclusive Xtra Frame pay-per-view competition that will take place on Monday, June 26, at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla., preceding the start of PBA's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Oklahoma Open.

Malott, who dominated the original King of Bowling series held at Kegel Training Center in Lake Wales, Fla., in 2009, successfully defended his throne – and kept his crown – when he won the revival of the competition on April 12 in Portland, Maine, defeating reigning PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett and Australia's Jason Belmonte, PBA Player of the Year the three previous years, with a 721 series. Tackett had a 664 series and Belmonte a 640 in the three-game, total pinfall contest.

Malott, now 40, kept his streak alive in Portland eight years after dispatching Parker Bohn III, Chris Barnes, Patrick Allen, Walter Ray Williams Jr. and Rhino Page in five consecutive King of Bowling matches back in 2009 – the same year "Big Nasty" also was selected as PBA Player of the Year.

Fans will be asked to pick Malott's next challenger from among a roster of recent PBA Players of the Year, except for Tackett and Belmonte. Beginning Monday (June 12), fans are invited to visit pba.com or PBA's Twitter account to vote for their choice of Tommy Jones (2006), Chris Barnes (2008), Walter Ray Williams Jr. (2010), Sean Rash (2012) or two-time PBA50 Player of the Year Pete Weber as Malott's opponent. Fan voting will close at 3 a.m. EDT (midnight PDT) on Friday, June 16).

The pay-per-view match will begin with a pre-game show at 7:40 p.m. EDT on Monday, June 26, with the match starting at 8 p.m. Fans can sign up to watch the match for \$2.99 on xtraframe.tv. All money generated from PPV fees will be awarded as prize money to the winning bowler.

SPEAKING OF WES MALOTT...

Wes Malott finished fourth in the PBA Xtra Frame Greater Jonesboro Open Sunday in Jonesboro, Ark., but the most interesting story about Malott's participation in the tournament had to do with his 13-year-old son Jordan Malott finishing in a tie for 74th place in his first PBA tournament appearance.

"It's kinda funny," father Wes said. "I signed (Jordan) up and I didn't tell him. I don't think I even told my wife. He didn't know he was bowling until we were on the road and stopped to eat. He asked me why I brought his equipment along. He told me he didn't want to bowl, but he'd been hounding me about entering local events, so I signed him up.

"It was good for him; it got everyone talking."

Jordan Malott, Dad said, is already almost six feet tall. "He's wearing size 13 shoes, just like me."

Jordan will bowl in USBC's Junior Gold Championships in July. The past two years he finished in the fifth through eighth group in the U12 Division. This year he'll move up to U15 but "he'll hold his own," Dad said.

Regarding Jordan's experience in Jonesboro, Wes said, "He's used to winning, so he had a hard time. After three games, he was in third or fourth place. He beat me the first four games, I know that. But in games six and seven he shot 140s.

“He knows a lot of those guys,” Wes continued. “He watches them on TV. He has a lot of respect for them, but I told him there’s no reason to be afraid; just go out and bowl, and he did.”

Now the problem in the Malott household, Wes said, is that middle son Camden is already asking when he’ll get his turn. Camden turns 10 in August. And “Brooke is seven, but she’s already showing signs, too.” When or if Jordan will bowl in another PBA event is an unknown because now it’s baseball season, Dad said, and “he’s a very good baseball player, too.”

EJ TACKETT DETAILS PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WIN ON XTRA FRAME “SPECIAL”

Xtra Frame Productions has produced a “Player’s Perspective” video with EJ Tackett in which Tackett takes the viewer through each frame of his 2016 PBA World Championship victory with his own narration/commentary.

Here is a link to a preview of the video, which is currently available in its entirety only on Xtra Frame:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gKNfIB2nwUQ&t=11s>

Xtra Frame Productions will do more “Player Perspective” videos in the near future with other PBA Tour champions. To subscribe to Xtra Frame, visit xtraframe.tv for options and enrollment information.

ENGLAND’S DOM BARRETT RETAINS LEAD IN XTRA FRAME STORM CUP POINTS RACE

England’s Dom Barrett, with a ninth-place finish in the PBA Xtra Frame Greater Jonesboro Open after third- and fifth-place finishes in the first two, has retained his lead in the Xtra Frame Storm Cup points standings after three of the seven events.

Barrett earned 18 points in Tamarac, Fla.; 16 points in Wilmington, N.C., and 12 more in Jonesboro for a total of 46 points and a 12-point lead over EJ Tackett, who has finished third (18 points) and fifth (16) in the last two events. Reality Check Classic winner Josh Blanchard is third, one point behind Tackett.

In each Xtra Frame Storm Cup event, the top 20 players earn points toward a pool of \$50,000 in bonus prize money that will be awarded to the top five players at the end of the series. To date 41 players have earned points.

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SENIOR MASTERS, SENIOR U.S. OPEN HIGHLIGHT JUNE'S VIDEO STREAMING SCHEDULE

The final two major championships on the 2017 PBA50 Tour schedule highlight June's live streaming schedule. USBC's coverage of the Senior Masters today through Saturday at Sam's Town Bowling Center in Las Vegas is streaming on BowlTV on YouTube.

PBA's Xtra Frame will provide start-to-finish coverage of the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm beginning Monday from Suncoast Bowling Center in Las Vegas. Coverage of qualifying squads will begin at approximately 10 a.m., 1:45 and 5:30 p.m. (EDT) Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday followed by match play rounds at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Thursday, June 15, and 10:30 and 3 p.m. on Friday, June 16. The stepladder finals will air at 6:45 p.m. on Friday.

PBA Tour coverage will feature the PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open presented by Ebonite from South Plains Lanes in Lubbock, Texas, Saturday and Sunday. The fourth of seven PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup events will include qualifying round coverage Saturday at 9:20 a.m. and 4:20 p.m., followed by the cashers round at 9:20 a.m. Sunday, match play at 1 p.m. and the stepladder finals at 4:45 p.m. All times are EDT.

PWBA Tour coverage includes qualifying and match play rounds of the Pepsi Lincoln Open from Sun Valley Lanes in Lincoln, Neb., Friday and Saturday; the Greater Detroit Open from Super Bowl in Canton, Mich., June 16-17, and the Go Bowling PWBA Players Championship from The Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley in Green Bay, Wis., June 22-24.

Xtra Frame subscription packages are available for three days, 30 days and a full year. To sign up, visit xtraframe.tv for details.

PBA fans also are reminded they can follow real-time results for PBA50 and PBA Xtra Frame Tour events by visiting the “live scoring” feature on pba.com. PWBA live scoring is available on pwba.com.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: WINE COUNTRY OPEN SET FOR THIS WEEKEND

PBA’s only regional activity this weekend will be the Wine Country West/Northwest Open presented by Roto Grip at Double Decker Lanes in Rohnert Park, Calif.

- The June 16-18 PBA Regional calendar includes the Homefield Bowl Eastern Open presented by MOTIV in Yonkers, N.Y.; the Greater Marion Central Open presented by MOTIV at BlueFusion Fun Center in Marion, Ohio; the Glo Bowl Midwest Open presented by Sam Adams and 900 Global in Marengo, Ill., and the Tommy See Memorial South Open presented by MOTIV at Nassau Bowling Center in Yulee, Fla.
- A busy schedule of PBA Regional events is on tap for the June 23-24 weekend, including the Pro Bowl West Central/Midwest Challenge presented by Roto Grip in Fort Wayne, Ind.; the PBA50 Ultimate Inserts Midwest Open presented by Hammer at Lakeside Lanes in Davis, Ill., and the PBA/PBA50 Sands Regency Doubles presented by MOTIV at High Sierra Lanes in Reno, Nev.
- The June PBA Regional calendar closes and July begins with the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Southwest Doubles at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla., on June 30, preceding the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Oklahoma Open. Also scheduled for the June 30-July 2 weekend is the PBA and PBA50 Vanessa Brown Homes West Opens, both presented by Columbia 300 at Yosemite Lanes, in Modesto, Calif.
- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the “schedules” tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES

- Pat Brown is the May winner of a \$200 HotelPlanner.com certificate, redeemable for future lodging expenses, compliments of PBA’s official travel partner. The monthly sweepstakes is open to anyone who books a hotel through the HotelPlanner.com link on pba.com. Those who book through HotelPlanner.com are automatically entered.

Mika Koivuniemi is making his debut as a PBA50 competitor in the USBC Senior Masters this week in Las Vegas. The Finnish native, who turned 50 on April 6, is a four-time PBA Tour champion including three majors. He retired from full-time PBA Tour competition after the 2015 season to become head coach of the United Arab Emirates bowling team. Koivuniemi, who won the USBC Masters in 2000, advanced to double-elimination match play in his Senior Masters debut after qualifying in 32nd place.

Defending Champion Weber Among Undefeated After First Day of USBC Senior Masters Match Play

While the final scores may have been significantly different, the situations were identical, and defending champion Pete Weber rose to the occasion in both instances to remain undefeated after two rounds of match play at the 2017 USBC Senior Masters.

The 54-year-old right-hander, who was the undefeated top seed for the stepladder finals at the USBC Senior Masters in 2015 and 2016, is one of 16 unbeaten players this week at the Sam's Town Bowling Center.

Among the other winners are USBC Hall of Famers Lennie Boesch Jr. of Kenosha, Wisconsin, Norm Duke of Clermont, Florida, Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Florida, Sam Lantto of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, and international stars Mika Koivuniemi of Finland and Junichi Yajima of Japan.

Competition resumes Saturday at noon Eastern with both winners-bracket and elimination-bracket matches.

Weber doubled in the final frame of each of his three-game matches Friday to secure wins over Robert Worrall of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Chris Warren of Grants Pass, Oregon, but he will be the first to tell you his success in those moments was as much about fortune as it was about skillfully handling pressure situations.

"This tournament, and the regular (USBC) Masters, are a lot about luck of the draw, who you bowl and when, and what each pair of lanes is giving you at that time," said Weber, the 2013 and 2016 Senior Masters champion. "But, more than anything, if you don't get some breaks along the way, you're probably going to have a hard time winning. Today, I was fortunate to get a few breaks, and I was able to capitalize on those."

On the second shot of his final frame against Worrall, the 1981 QubicaAMF Bowling World Cup champion, Weber's ball drifted high and had as much chance of being a 4-6-7-10 split as it did being a match-winning strike. He escaped with a 588-579 victory.

The Weber-Warren match was much different, with Weber entering the final game with a 555-526 advantage, following 300 in Game 2. Warren, the 1990 USBC Masters champion, also started that game with eight consecutive strikes, before a 10 pin in the ninth frame ended his run.

In the finale, Weber failed to strike on the right lane in his first four attempts, but a Brooklyn strike in the ninth frame gave him a break he was glad to take advantage of. He added a double in the 10th frame to lock out Warren and advance with a 781-774 win.

"Robert and I both struggled in the first match, and I was lucky enough to come away with the win, but I knew I needed to quickly refocus heading into the match with Chris," said Weber, a USBC and PBA Hall of Famer. "I just lost the look on the right lane the last game. I moved left in the ninth frame and thought I threw it well, and I ended up going Brooklyn. When the 6 pin went down late, I felt really bad, but I didn't. You need breaks like that if you're going to be successful at this tournament. What I did after that was capitalize on it."

Weber will face Scott Krave of La Habra, California, in his first match Saturday morning.

Koivuniemi, who turned 50 in April, also experienced some good fortune in his second match Friday, leaving a 2 pin on the first shot of his final frame against USBC and PBA Hall of Famer Brian Voss of Centennial, Colorado. It was Koivuniemi's third consecutive strike and gave him the chance to shut out Voss.

Koivuniemi left a 10 pin on his second offering and converted it, forcing Voss to throw three strikes for a one-pin victory. Voss left a 10 pin on his first shot to fall, 702-692.

Competition hasn't been Koivuniemi's priority in recent years, as he has turned his attention toward coaching. He is the head coach of the United Arab Emirates national team.

"I haven't bowled much in the last two years, but I practiced for about four weeks in preparation for this and the (Suncoast PBA Senior) U.S. Open," Koivuniemi said. "I feel pretty good, but I've lost some of my touch, which makes certain things difficult. I'm happy because my game is pretty simple, and my lines are straight, so I can still hit my target pretty well when I'm throwing it well. I'm still in the winners bracket, which is good, but I have another tough match coming up with one of the best in Walter Ray."

The two-time PBA Player of the Year and 2000 Masters champion will face Williams, the 2014 Senior Masters champion, in Saturday's third round.

All rounds of qualifying and match play are being broadcast live on BowlTV, and the five players who advance through the bracket will battle for the title and \$16,000 top prize in the stepladder finals Sunday at 1 p.m. Eastern.

For complete Senior Masters results visit

https://www.bowl.com/Senior_Masters/Senior_Masters_Home/Results/

Sean Lavery-Spahr Averages 243 to Pace Qualifiers in PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open

LUBBOCK, Texas – Sean Lavery-Spahr, a 26-year-old three-time PBA Regional title winner from Pasadena, Texas, averaged 243.75 for eight games Saturday to lead the

PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open field of 160 bowlers through qualifying at South Plains Lanes.

Lavery-Spahr (at left), who is trying for his first PBA Tour title, rolled games of 242, 278, 236, 198, 235, 244, 269 and 248 for a 1,950 pinfall total and a 29-pin lead over reigning PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., who finished with a 1,921 total. Tackett is trying for his third PBA Tour title of the year and the eighth of his young career.

In third place heading into Sunday's six-game cashers round was Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, with 1,885 pins followed by Australia's Sam Cooley with 1,872 pins and Dick Allen of Columbia, S.C., with a 1,862 total.

The top 53 players advancing to the cashers round included the three previous PBA Xtra Frame Tour winners from earlier in the year. Xtra Frame Reality Check Classic winner Josh Blanchard of Tempe, Ariz., advanced in 26th place; Wilmington Open winner Anthony Simonsen was in 22nd place and last week's Greater Jonesboro Open winner Francois Lavoie was tied for 34th place. After the cashers round, the top 16 will advance to the eight-game modified round-robin match play round leading up to the four-player stepladder finals.

Also advancing to the cashers round was defending Lubbock champion Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., who was in 11th place at the end of qualifying; Xtra Frame Storm Cup points leader Dom Barrett of England was tied for 34th, and Lavery-Spahr's twin brother, Anthony, in 23rd place.

At stake Sunday is a \$12,500 first prize, a PBA Tour title and 25 points in the Storm Cup points race to the winner.

The Lubbock Sports Open is the fourth of seven Storm Cup events which will reward the top five players in points with a total of \$50,000 in bonus money at the end of the season, including \$20,000 to the points champion. The top 20 in each Storm Cup event earn points. For details about the program, visit:

<https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/XtraFrameTourPoints/95>

Sunday's cashers round, match play and stepladder finals will be streamed live on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel at 8:30 a.m., 12:15 and 4:15 p.m. CDT,

respectively. In addition to monthly and annual subscription packages, a three-day subscription is available for only \$3.99 (visit xtraframe.tv to sign up).

PBA XTRA FRAME LUBBOCK SPORTS OPEN presented by Ebonite

South Plains Lanes, Lubbock, Texas, June 10

Final Qualifying Standings (after 8 games; top 53 advance to Sunday's cashers round):

- 1, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,950.
- 2, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,921.
- 3, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,885.
- 4, Sam Cooley, Australia, 1,872.
- 5, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,862.
- 6, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,846.
- 7 (tie), Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., and Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,844.
- 9, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 1,822.
- 10, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 1,819.
- 11, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 1,814.
- 12 (tie), Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, and n-Peter Hellstrom, Sweden, 1,799.
- 14, Dylan Burns, Lawrence, Kan., 1,798.
- 15, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,795.
- 16, Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo., 1,792.
- 17, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,791.
- 18 (tie), Kris Koeltzow, Wheat Ridge, Colo., and Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 1,785.
- 20 (tie), Trevor Roberts, Crystal River, Fla., and Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 1,783.
- 22, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 1,774.
- 23, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,772.
- 24, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 1,769.
- 25, Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 1,756.
- 26, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz, 1,755.
- 27, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,748.
- 28, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 1,746.
- 29, Kenneth Harlan, Lubbock, Texas, 1,744.
- 30, Stuart Williams, England, 1,740.
- 31 (tie), Tyson Branagan, Fort Worth, Texas, and n-Kyle Duster, Phoenix, Ariz., 1,737.
- 33, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,733.

- 34 (tie), Dom Barrett, England, and Francois Lavoie, Canada, 1,729.
- 36, Kristopher Prather, Milton, Fla., 1,725.
- 37, Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 1,724.
- 38, n-Scotty Pope Jr., Odessa, Texas, 1,722.
- 39, n-Trey Sledge, Amarillo, Texas, 1,721.
- 40, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 1,717.
- 41, Markus Jansson, Sweden, 1,708.
- 42, Zulmazran Zulkifli, Malaysia, 1,706.
- 43, Lucas Legnani, Argentina, 1,704.
- 44 (tie), n-John Baeten, Topeka, Kan., and Donald Davis, Jr., W. Tawakoni, Texas, 1,694.
- 46, n-Tyler Albracht, Amarillo, Texas, 1,693.
- 47, n-Sean Sadat, Houston, Texas, 1,690.
- 48, Jorge Gutierrez, Las Cruces, N.M., 1,689.
- 49, Isaac Russell, Malaysia, 1,685.
- 50, Martin Bedford, Gasport New York, 1,683.
- 50, n-Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 1,683.
- 52, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,682.
- 53, Gabriel Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1,677.

Failed to advance:

- 54, Anthony Coats, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,676.
- 55, Jeremy Fowler, Odessa, Texas, 1,675.
- 56, Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 1,672.
- 57 (tie), n-John Pierce, Denton, Texas, and Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 1,669.
- 59, George Duke, Vidor, Texas, 1,667.
- 60, Kevin Andes, Wichita, Kan., 1,666.
- 61, Connor Pickford, Plano, Texas, 1,663.
- 62, Adam Pogge, Austin, Texas, 1,661.
- 63, Matthew Stephens, Houston, Texas, 1,659.
- 64, n-Cody Meiers, Lubbock, Texas, 1,652.
- 65, n-Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 1,651.
- 66, Aaron Ramsden, Pleasant Valley, Mo., 1,649.
- 67, Derek Acuff, Glendale, Ariz., 1,647.
- 68, Dylan Macon, Lubbock, Texas, 1,646.
- 69 (tie), n-Julio Rodriguez, New Braunfels, Texas, and n-Will Hoge, Sand Springs, Okla., 1,645.

- 71, Lee White, Odessa, Texas, 1,639.
- 72, Beau Peterson, Newton, Kan., 1,637.
- 73, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 1,635.
- 74, Julio Cesar Blancas, Mexico, 1,630.
- 75, Brett Cunningham, Clay, N.Y., 1,626.
- 76 (tie), George Brooks, Loveland, Colo., and n-Dalton Kimzey, Lubbock, Texas, 1,623.
- 78 (tie), Kristian Rogers, Salisbury, N.C.; n-Blake Starr, Oklahoma City; Colby White, Willis, Texas, and n-Michael Smith, Centennial, Colo., 1,622.
- 82, n-Charlie Whittle, Midland, Texas, 1,620.
- 83, n-Juan Garza, Lubbock, Texas, 1,618.
- 84 (tie), n-Mike White, Midland, Texas, and n-Levi Fintel, Lubbock, Texas, 1,615.
- 86, Brett Cooper, Denver, 1,612.
- 87, n-Jason Tidwell, Odessa, Texas, 1,611.
- 88 (tie), Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., and n-Hunter Inzer, Odessa, Texas, 1,608.
- 90, n-Russ Oviatt, Tempe, Ariz., 1,606.
- 91, Andy Patterson, Tyler, Texas, 1,605.
- 92, Travis Tribolet, San Angelo, Texas, 1,599.
- 93, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 1,596.
- 94 (tie), Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., and n-Kyle Biggs, Sapulpa, Okla., 1,594.
- 96, Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C., 1,593.
- 97, Toby Sambueno, Henderson, Nev., 1,589.
- 98, Paul Brewbaker, Midwest City, Okla., 1,582.
- 99, n-Cole Schroyer, Stanton, Texas, 1,581.
- 100, n-Scott McCleery, Lubbock, Texas, 1,576.
- 101, Kyle King, Glendale, Ariz., 1,572.
- 102, n-Sean Hamrock, Littleton, Colo., 1,567.
- 103, Mark Payne Sr., Amarillo, Texas, 1,565.
- 104, Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas, 1,563.
- 105, David Wilson, Amarillo, Texas, 1,562.
- 106, Vaughn Cruz, Helotes, Texas, 1,561.
- 107, Rameses Chambers, Kansas City, Mo., 1,559.
- 108, Scott Stofko, Flower Mound, Texas, 1,556.
- 109 (tie), Mason Edmondson, Amarillo, Texas, and n-Madeleine McDuff, Katy, Texas, 1,552.
- 111, Alan Blankenship, Denison, Texas, 1,545.
- 112, n-Zach Wojciechowski, Lubbock, Texas, 1,543.
- 113, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 1,540.

114, Massimiliano Fridegotto, Venezuela, 1,536.
115, Scott Crawford, Allen, Texas, 1,533.
116, n-Daniel Hall, Wolfforth, Texas, 1,528.
117, n-Mark Myers, Phoenix, Ariz., 1,526.
118, David Peterson, Plano, Texas, 1,523.
119, Daniel Carabajal, Las Cruces, N.M., 1,519.
120, Eric Wigger, Oklahoma City, Okla., 1,515.
121, Kenneth Bland Jr., Jacksonville, Texas, 1,512.
122, Michael Steele, Abilene, Texas, 1,504.
123, Agustin Aranguren, Argentina, 1,503.
124, n-Martin Velasquez, Andrews, Texas, 1,493.
125, n-Edward Thorman, Albuquerque, N.M., 1,492.
126, Carl See, Amarillo, Texas, 1,491.
127, Marshal Morrison, Wills Point, Texas, 1,485.
128, James Watson, Austin, Texas, 1,484.
129, n-Walid Letayf, Mexico, 1,483.
130, n-J.R. Vaughn, Edmond, OK, 1,479.
131, n-Victor De La Garza, Mexico, 1,466.
132, n-Russell Williams, Wolfforth, Texas, 1,465.
133, Cody Copeland, Abilene, Texas, 1,458.
134 (tie), Charles Ganem, Jr., Hutto, Texas; Gabriel Yanes, Shertz, Texas, and n-Edwin Case, Albuquerque, N.M., 1,454.
137, n-Austin Williams, Odessa, Texas, 1,452.
138, n-Matteo Bergonzi, Lubbock, Texas, 1,451.
139, n-Zach Bazyk, Artesia, N.M., 1,446.
140 (tie), Zachary Wright, Roseburg, Ore., and Matthew Calabresi, Liberty Hall, Texas, 1,428.
142, n-Blayne Hurst, Amarillo, Texas, 1,427.
143, n-Stefan Wood, Lubbock, Texas, 1,425.
144, n-Rand Lightsey, Abilene, Texas, 1,420.
145, n-Tyler Wilbanks, Abernathy, Texas, 1,414.
145, Shane Martin, Lubbock, Texas, 1,414.
147, Francis Russo, Richmond, Texas, 1,411.
148, n-Katie Rush, Lubbock, Texas, 1,408.
149, Christopher Hull, Odessa, Texas, 1,401.
150 (tie), n-Don Blankenship, Odessa, Texas, and James Mayer, Richmond, Texas, 1,392.

152, Mathew Grundy, Grand Prairie, Texas, 1,391.
153, n-Jeremy Evans, Houston, 1,388.
154, n-Stephen Bell, Lubbock, Texas, 1,387.
155, n-Nick Hoang, Amarillo, Texas, 1,360.
155, n-John O'Connor, Clovis, N.M., 1,360.
155, n-Darren Olson, Austin, Texas, 1,360.
158, n-Homer B Cook, Abilene, Texas, 1,354.
159, n-Clinton Watkins, Andrews, Texas, 1,349.
160, n-Rikki Meiers, Lubbock, Texas, 1,345.

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Walter Ray Williams Jr. Adds Another Milestone to Legendary Career With USBC Senior Masters Win

There isn't much USBC Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Florida, hasn't accomplished in his bowling career, but he grabbed one more spot in the record book Sunday by becoming the first competitor to win the USBC Senior Masters and USBC Masters twice apiece.

The 57-year-old right-hander entered the championship round at the 2017 Senior Masters as the top seed and defeated left-hander Andy Neuer of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, 248-199, to claim the coveted title and \$16,000 top prize at the Sam's Town Bowling Center.

The championship meeting was a rematch of the title tilt at the 1994 Bud Light Hall of Fame Championship, where Neuer claimed his lone Professional Bowlers Association Tour title.

This time, though, back-to-back splits in the fifth and sixth frames proved to be the undoing for Neuer, while Williams struck four consecutive times, starting in the fourth frame, to pull away for good.

"I knew I had a pretty good reaction on the pair going into the match," said Williams, also a member of the PBA Hall of Fame. "The left lane was a lot tighter for me, but it was the same way yesterday, so it wasn't too much of a surprise. I had plenty of time to

get lined up and have a good read on what the pair was doing, so it was just a matter of going out and executing and hoping the pins fell."

On the way to his 7-0 record at Sam's Town this week, Williams averaged more than 244, and his run included a 707-626 win over defending champion Pete Weber of St. Ann, Missouri, to earn the No. 1 seed for the stepladder.

Williams won his first Senior Masters title in 2014, also in Las Vegas, and now is one of seven two-time winners at the event. His Masters victories came in 2004 and 2010, both at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada.

The win Sunday marked the 11th PBA50 Tour win for Williams, who owns a record 47 PBA Tour titles, and it gives him some much-needed momentum heading into this week's Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open, Presented by Storm at the nearby Suncoast Bowling Center which starts Monday.

"This is awesome, and it will help everything moving forward in the season," said Williams, the runner-up at the Senior Masters in 2010 and 2011. "Every win is nice, and it's really nice to now have as many firsts as seconds in this event. I also have a couple of seconds in the Senior U.S. Open, so hopefully I can execute like I have the past couple of days and get a win there, too."

Neuer battled a challenging right lane throughout the stepladder but capitalized on a great look on the left, finishing each of his first three matches there, averaging 253 along the way.

On the way to the meeting with Williams, Neuer followed a first-frame split with seven consecutive strikes to get past Weber, 247-213. He denied the hall of famer the opportunity to become the event's first three-time winner.

Weber won the Senior Masters in 2013 and was the runner-up to Amleto Monacelli of Venezuela in 2015. Weber has made the stepladder in each of his five Senior Masters appearances.

Neuer, the only left-hander to reach the championship round this year, started the day with a pair of 256 games and wins against Bob Learn Jr. of Boynton Beach, Florida, and Norm Duke of Clermont, Florida.

Duke and Neuer both started their match with four consecutive strikes, before a 7-10 split in the fifth frame slowed Duke's chance of becoming the third bowler in history to win both the Masters and Senior Masters. Neuer prevailed, 256-225.

Duke, a USBC and PBA Hall of Famer, is the 1993 Masters champion and owns 38 PBA Tour titles, including seven majors. He also has four PBA50 Tour wins.

Neuer finished fifth in his Senior Masters debut in 2016 and started Sunday's stepladder with a 256-237 win over Learn, who rolled a perfect game in Saturday's shootout round to solidify his own spot in the stepladder. Neuer and Duke also advanced through the four-player shootout.

Neuer was the first to finish in his match against Learn and left a 2-4-7 combination on his fill ball to give Learn the chance to throw three strikes in the 10th frame to win by a pin. Learn left a 9 pin on his first offering to fall short.

2017 USBC SENIOR MASTERS

At Sam's Town Bowling Center, Las Vegas

Sunday's Results

Final standings

- 1, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 248 (one game), \$16,000
- 2, Andy Neuer, Lewisburg, Pa., 958 (four games), \$9,000
- 3, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 213 (one game), \$7,000
- 4, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 225 (one game), \$5,000
- 5, Bob Learn Jr., Boynton Beach, Fla., 237 (one game), \$4,000

Stepladder results

Match One - Neuer def. Learn, 256-237

Match Two - Neuer def. Duke, 256-225

Semifinal - Neuer def. Weber, 247-213

Championship - Williams def. Neuer, 248-199

Marshall Kent Wins PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open for First PBA Tour Singles Title on U.S. Soil

LUBBOCK, Texas – In a duel of past PBA Rookies of the Year, Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., ended a personal quest for his first PBA singles title in the U.S. Sunday, defeating EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., 233-194, in the PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open presented by Ebonite at South Plains Lanes Saturday.

Kent, who won his only previous PBA Tour singles title in Saudi Arabia in 2014, locked out Tackett with a string of six strikes to finish the title match after Tackett struggled until the ninth and 10th frames to throw two strikes in a row.

“I had a game plan going in to do what I did all week, which basically meant making moves to the left and making good shots,” Kent said. “It looks like I made enough good shots down the stretch to get the job done.

“I’m still trying to process the win,” he added. “It means the world. It’s been a long time. It feels unbelievable. I haven’t been bowling that well lately, so I spent 15 hours last week practicing, putting in the extra time to get ready.”

The Lubbock Sports Open were a showcase for the PBA’s youth movement. Tackett, PBA’s reigning Player of the Year and Lubbock’s top qualifier, was the oldest of three 24-year-olds in the stepladder field, just a few weeks older than Kent and fourth-place finisher AJ Johnson of Oswego, Ill. Third-place finisher Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., is 23. Tackett was PBA’s 2013 Rookie of the Year; Kent won that honor in 2014.

Kent kicked off the four-man stepladder finals with a string of six strikes on his way to a 259-228 victory over Johnson. He then took advantage of Butturff’s inability to carry strikes early in the semifinal match, posting a 222-217 victory to advance to the title match against Tackett, who helped Kent win his second PBA Tour title as Merica Rooster Illusion teammates in winning the PBA Team Challenge in Las Vegas last fall.

Butturff, the defending champion and the only left-hander among the top 16, made a big move during the six-game cashers round, averaging 259.5 behind games of 259, 258, 258, 234, 259 and 289 to charge out of 11th place into the lead heading into the eight-game match play round. The Tempe, Ariz., resident held the lead until his final position round match where he lost to Tackett, 228-165, dropping to second place for the stepladder finals and eventually finishing third.

With his second-place finish, Tackett took the lead in the Xtra Frame Storm Cup points race, picking up 19 points for a 53-point total to move ahead of previous leader Dom Barrett of England who finished in a tie for 28th, failing to add to his 46-point total. Lubbock was the fourth event in the seven-tournament Xtra Frame Storm Cup series that will reward the top five points leaders with shares of a \$50,000 bonus prize pool.

After a 13-day break, PBA's 2017 Xtra Frame Tour continues June 24-25 with the "throwback" PBA Xtra Frame Billy Hardwick Memorial Open at Billy Hardwick's All Star Lanes in Memphis, Tenn. The tournament will allow each player to use only two limited-technology polyester plastic balls, more in the tradition of technology used by the late PBA Hall of Famer during the early years of the PBA. All of the Memphis action will be streamed live on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel. Three-day, 30-day and annual subscription packages are available. Visit xtraframe.tv for details.

**PBA XTRA FRAME LUBBOCK SPORTS OPEN presented by Ebonite
South Plains Lanes, Lubbock, Texas, June 11**

Final Standings:

- 1, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., \$12,500.
- 2, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., \$7,000.
- 3, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., \$4,000.
- 4, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., \$2,500.

Stepladder Results:

- Match One: Kent def. Johnson, 259-228.
Semifinal Match: Kent def. Butturff, 222-217.
Championship: Kent def. Tackett, 233 -194.

Final Match Play Standings (after 22 games, including match play bonus pins):

- 1, Tackett, 7-1, 5,332.
- 2, Butturff, 3-5, 5,279.
- 3, Johnson, 5-3, 5,267.
- 4, Kent, 5-3, 5,253.
- 5, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 6-1-1, 5,242, \$2,200.
- 6, Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 4-4, 5,240, \$1,900.
- 7, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 5-3, 5,186, \$1,700.
- 8, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 4-4, 5,154, \$1,550.

- 9, Kris Koeltzow, Wheat Ridge, Colo., 4-4, 5,148, \$1,400.
- 10, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 2-6, 5,144, \$1,300.
- 11, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 5-3, 5,143, \$1,250.
- 12, Anthony Lavery-Spah, Pasadena, Texas, 5-3, 5,106, \$1,200.
- 13, Trevor Roberts, Crystal River, Fla., 3-5, 5,095, \$1,150.
- 14, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz, 3-5, 5,051, \$1,100.
- 15, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1-6-1, 5,000, \$1,050.
- 16, Sam Cooley, Australia, 1-7, 4,846, \$1,000.

Other Cashers (after 14 games):

- 17, Markus Jansson, Sweden, 3,131, \$850.
- 18, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,129, \$840.
- 19 (tie), Kris Prather, Milton, Fla., and Francois Lavoie, Canada, 3,118, \$825.
- 21, Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo., 3,109, \$810.
- 22 (tie), Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., and Dylan Burns, Lawrence, Kan., 3,107, \$795.
- 24, n-Kyle Duster, Phoenix, Ariz., 3,104, \$780.
- 25, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 3,101, \$770.
- 26 (tie), DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, and Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 3,100, \$755.
- 28 (tie), Dom Barrett, England, and Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 3,065, \$735.
- 30, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 3,054, \$720.
- 31, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 3,047, \$710.
- 32, Tyson Branagan, Fort Worth, Texas, 3,033, \$705.
- 33, n-Peter Hellstrom, Sweden, 3,031, \$700.
- 34 (tie), Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, and Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 3,023, \$693.
- 36, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 3,021, \$685.
- 37, Donald Davis Jr., W. Tawakoni, Texas, 3,006, \$680.
- 38, Stuart Williams, England, 3,000, \$675.
- 39, Lucas Legnani, Argentina, 2,998, \$670.
- 40, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 2,995, \$665.
- 41, n-Tyler Albracht, Amarillo, Texas, 2,978, \$660.
- 42, Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 2,967, \$655.
- 43 (tie), Zulmazran Zulkifli, Malaysia, and n-Trey Sledge, Amarillo, Texas, 2,962, \$648.
- 45, n-Sean Sadat, Houston, Texas, 2,932, \$640.
- 46, Isaac Russell, Malaysia, 2,909, \$635.
- 47, n-Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 2,895, \$630.

- 48, n-Scotty Pope Jr., Odessa, Texas, 2,860, \$625.
- 49, Gabriel Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 2,857, \$620.
- 50, Kenneth Harlan, Lubbock, Texas, 2,810, \$615.
- 51, Jorge Gutierrez, Las Cruces, N.M., 2,784, \$610.
- 52, n-John Baeten, Topeka, Kan., 2,760, \$605.
- 53, Martin Bedford, Gasport New York, 2,752, \$600.

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Tuesday on CBS Sports Network: Sweden's Jesper Svensson Leads Main Event PBA Tour Finals Group One into Stepladder Finals Round

ORLANDO, Fla. – After dominating Group One's round-robin match play qualifying portion of the inaugural Main Event PBA Tour Finals, Sweden's Jesper Svensson needs to win one more match to advance to the championship match of the Professional Bowlers Association's newest showcase event.

The four-player Group One stepladder round will air next Tuesday at 9:30 p.m. EDT on CBS Sports Network, with no. 3 qualifier Jason Belmonte of Australia opening the finals in a one-game match with fellow two-handed player and no. 4 qualifier Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas. The Belmonte-Simonsen winner will then meet no. 2 qualifier Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., in a one-game match to determine Svensson's opponent in the two-game, total pinfall final match.

Svensson, a 22-year-old two-handed left-hander, rolled games of 268, 268, 279 and 222 in the match play portion of the tournament, winning his first three matches before losing to Rash's 234 in his final match. The young Swede still won the top berth in the Group One stepladder finals by 125 pins over Rash.

The Main Event PBA Tour Finals features the eight leading players in combined earnings over a span of the past 30 months. The two pods of four stars each have completed match play qualifying, which determined seeding positions for the respective group stepladder rounds. The seeding positions for Group Two, which will air on CBS Sports Network on Tuesday, June 20 at 9:30 p.m. EDT, are no. 1 EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind.; no. 2 Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y.; no. 3 Dom Barrett of England, and no. 4 Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C.

The winners of the Group One and Group Two stepladder rounds will advance to a three-game, total pinfall championship match on June 27 at 9:30 p.m. EDT. The stepladder runners-up will bowl a one-

game preliminary match to decide third and fourth places. First prize in the new PBA Tour event is \$30,000 plus a PBA Tour title.

Each of the CBS Sports Network telecasts will be re-broadcast. Check your local listings for times and dates.

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You're invited to help decide who the next player to challenge Wes Malott in the exclusive Xtra Frame pay-per-view competition PBA King of Bowling.

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To cast your vote use:

#ChrisBarnes

#TommyJones

#SeanRash

#Pete Weber

#WalterRayWilliamsJr.

The pay-per-view match will begin with a pre-game show at 7:40 p.m. EDT on Monday, June 26, with the match starting at 8 p.m. Fans can sign up to watch the match for \$2.99 on xtraframe.tv. All money generated from PPV fees will be awarded as prize money to the winning bowler.

Voting will close at 3 a.m. EDT (midnight PDT) on Friday, June 16).

Mike Scroggins Regains Competitive Edge To Take Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open First Round Lead

Bowling in just his second PBA50 Tour tournament of the season, 2017 Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Fame inductee Mike Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas, averaged 235 to lead the first round of the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm.

Scroggins bowled a 1,411 six-game pinfall total with games of 246, 235, 226, 227, 210 and 267 at the Suncoast Bowling Center Monday to lead the 167-player field in the third and final major of the season for players 50 years and older.

“I just stuck to the basics,” said the eight-time PBA Tour and three-time PBA50 Tour winner. “I picked the right ball from the start and then it was a matter of hitting my marks, making good shots, and just keeping the ball in play. It really wasn’t more complicated than that.”

After his induction into the PBA Hall of Fame in February, Scroggins decided to take a break from the game as a way to reflect on what he had accomplished during his career.

“After getting that tremendous honor I really didn’t know what to do,” Scroggins said. “To make the Hall of Fame was a lifetime dream and I felt like I had reached the top of the mountain.

“I took some time off and was just bowling once a week in league after that,” he continued. “Then, I looked at the calendar and saw the (USBC) Senior Masters and the Senior U.S. Open coming up and the competitive juices started flowing again. I practiced pretty hard before coming out here and I feel great.”

The 53-year-old Scroggins holds a 46-pin lead over Dave Cirigliano of Phoenix, Ariz., bowling as a non-member, who finished second with a 1,365 pinfall total.

Also bowling in his second PBA50 Tour tournament of the season, 13-time PBA Tour titlist Mika Koivuniemi finished the round in third with 1,353. Koivuniemi, a native of Finland who retired from full-time PBA Tour competition in 2015, is currently the head coach for the United Arab Emirates bowling team.

Finishing in a three-way tie for fourth were four-time PBA50 Tour winner and 2014 Senior U.S. Open champion Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., three-time PBA50 Tour winner Brian LeClair of Delmar, N.Y., and three-time PBA Tour winner Joe Salvemini of Nevada City, Calif., with 1,347.

Finishing in seventh was PBA50 Tour veteran Tom Carter of Columbus, Ohio with 1,341.

Two-time defending Senior U.S. Open champion Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., got off to a slow start finishing the round in 43rd with a 1,217 pinfall. The 2015 and 2016 PBA50 Player of the Year is trying to become the tournament's first three-time winner.

Eight-time PBA50 Tour winner Amleto Monacelli of Venezuela, also trying to become the tournament's first three-time winner after taking the 2012 and 2013 titles, finished tied for 28th with 1,249.

Walter Ray Williams Jr., who won his second United States Bowling Congress Senior Masters title Sunday finished 23rd with 1,265. It was the hall of famer's 11th career PBA50 Tour title to go along with his all-time leading 47 wins on the PBA Tour.

The Senior U.S. Open continues with six-game qualifying rounds Tuesday and Wednesday beginning at 7 a.m. PDT (10 a.m. EDT). Match play gets underway Thursday and continues Friday to determine the five players who will advance to the stepladder finals scheduled for 4 p.m. (7 p.m. EDT). All rounds of the tournament, including the stepladder finals, are streamed live exclusively on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel. To sign up for an Xtra Frame subscription, visit xtraframe.tv.

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SUNCOAST PBA SENIOR U.S. OPEN

Presented by Storm

Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Monday

FIRST ROUND (after six games)

1, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 1,411.

2, n-Dave Cirigliano, Phoenix, 1,365.

3, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 1,353.

4, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 1,347, and ss-n-Joe Salvemini, Nevada City, Calif., 1,347.

7, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,341.

8, n-Andrew Neuer, Lewisburg, Pa., 1,324.

9, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1,315.

10, Greg McDaniel, Kimball, Neb., 1,308.

11, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 1,300.

12, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,299.

13, ss-Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,293.

- 14, Terry Rohrer, Ft. Wayne, Ind., 1,292.
- 15, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,290.
- 16, (tie) Andrew Frawley, Australia, and ss-n-Jeff Jamison, Boulder City, Nev., 1,277.
- 18, Rick Steelsmith, Wichita, Kan., 1,273.
- 19, (tie) ss-Olle Svenson, Sweden, 1,272, and Peter Knopp, Germany, 1,272.
- 21, Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 1,270.
- 22, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1,266.
- 23, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,265.
- 24, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 1,263.
- 25, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 1,258.
- 26, (tie) ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., and Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,253.
- 28, (tie) ss-Junichi Yajima, Japan, and Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,249.
- 30, (tie) Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., and Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,245.
- 32, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 1,241.
- 33, ss-n-Bill Oakes, Lawton, Okla, 1,240.
- 34, (tie) ss-Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis. and Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,237.
- 36, ss-Mitchell Vernon, Olympia, Wash., 1,230.
- 37, Mark Mazzulla, Brentwood, Calif., 1,228.
- 38, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 1,227.
- 39, (tie) ss-Mike Schmid, St. Paul, Minn., and ss-n-Roger Kossert, Lithia, Fla., 1,223.
- 41, Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 1,222.
- 42, ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 1,220.
- 43, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,217.
- 44, Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 1,216.
- 45, ss-n-Alvin Lou, El Cajon, Calif., 1,214.
- 46, Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 1,213.
- 47, n-John West, Milwaukie, Ore., 1,209.
- 48, (tie) ss-n-Dave Washburn, Las Vegas, ss-Don Lane, San Francisco, and n-Lloyd Burleson, San Diego, 1,205.

51, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 1,204.

52, n-David Waswo, Lee's Summit, Mo., 1,202.

53, n-Dennis Samsel, Colorado Springs, Colo, and ss-n-John Shreve Sr., Sheffield Village, Ohio, 1,201.

55, (tie) n-Michael Karch, Edgewood, Wash., and ss-Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 1,200.

57, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,198.

58, n-John DeBenedetta Jr., Las Vegas, 1,196.

59, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 1,195.

60, n-Paul Renteria, Henderson, Nev., 1,194.

61, ss-Rick Minier, Houston, 1,190.

62, Koichiro Tamaki, Japan, 1,189.

63, ss-Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 1,186.

64, (tie) Robert Leonard Sr, Lockwood, N.Y., and Robert Lawrence, Austin, Texas, 1,178.

66, Rob Rice, Sunnyside, Wash., 1,177.

67, Robert Nelson, Las Vegas, Nev., 1,176.

68, n-Tish Johnson, Colorado Springs, Colo., Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., and Tommy Martin, Olive Branch, Miss., 1,175.

71, Patrick Shipley, Spring Valley, Calif., 1,173.

72, n-Charles Allen Jr., Pell City, Ala., 1,170.

73, ss-Willie Wells, Dallas, Texas, 1,169.

74, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 1,168.

75, (tie) Randy Turner, Shallowater, Texas, and Jim Montgomery, Byron, Ill., 1,167.

77, (tie) Joe Goldstein Sr., San Bruno, Calif., and Rodney Remmers, Moore, Texas, 1,164.

79, ss-n-David Graber, Las Vegas, 1,162.

80, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,155.

81, (tie) n-James Wallace, Hicksville, N.Y., ss-n-Kerry Fulford, Ft. Worth, Texas, and Craig Miller, Tracy, Calif., 1,152.

84, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 1,151.

85, ss-Mark Fennell, Seattle, 1,149.

86, (tie) Doug Kempt, Arcadia, Calif., and Lennie Boesch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,148.

88, ss-Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 1,146.

89, (tie) Marv Sargent, Temecula, Calif., and Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 1,144.

91, (tie) Marty Deh, San Jose, Calif., and Christer Petersson, Sweden, 1,142.

93, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,140.

94, (tie) Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., and ss-n-Darwin Wimer, Mesquite, Nev., 1,137.

96, Dave Sill, Titusville, Fla., 1,136.

97, ss-Lew Elting, Carlsbad, Calif., 1,135.

98, (tie) Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., and Scott Greiner, Platte City, Mo., 1,133.

100, (tie) ss-John Parry, Oak Park, Calif., and ss-Russ Simmons, Fontana, Calif., 1,132.

102, (tie) ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., ss-David Axon, Bellevue, Neb., and ss-John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 1,130.

105, n-Dean Hebner, Vancouver, Wash., 1,127.

106, n-Pete Toth, Simi Valley, Calif., 1,126.

107, Darron Peters, Temecula, Calif., 1,123.

108, Joe Beck, Montgomery, Ala., 1,121.

109, (tie) n-Laurence Corrigan, Henderson, Nev., ss-Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, and Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 1,115.

112, Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 1,113.

113, Tim Shirlock, Las Vegas, 1,111.

114, ss-Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 1,109.

115, Nile Konicek, Gilbert, Ariz., 1,107.

116, n-Steven DiMartino, Upper Saddle River, N.J., 1,106.

117, Norm Spurlock, Kenner, La., 1,105.

118, ss-n-Paul Appling, Camarillo, Calif., 1,101.

119, Derek Gregory, Chowchilla, Calif., 1,100.

120, (tie) Daniel Miyamoto, Mililani, Hawaii, and ss-Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 1,099.

122, Tony Adkins, Port Orange, Fla., 1,095.

123, ss-Sal Bongiorno, Las Vegas, 1,092.

124, (tie) Robert Petruschak, Athens, Pa., ss-Ron Hosler, Denver, and n-Stephen Hardy, Raymond, Mass., 1,091.

127, ss-Robert Donovan, Prattsville, N.Y., 1,089.

128, ss-Nelson Sand, Maple Valley, Wash., 1,085.

129, Ron Anderson, Canyon Country, Calif., 1,084.

129, n-John Thompson, Sarasota, Fla., 1,084.

131, ss-Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 1,083.

132, ss-Stan Winters, Simi Valley, Calif., 1,082.

133, (tie) n-John Hricsina Jr., Las Vegas, ss-Michael Lucente, Warren, Mich., and Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 1,078.

136, (tie) n-Frank Rose Jr, Bellaire, Texas, and n-Scott Crane, Broken Arrow, Okla., 1,073.

138, John Kidwell, Indianapolis, Ind., 1,071.

139, Mike Watson, Grass Valley, Calif., 1,070.

140, (tie) ss-Rudy Garcia, Ft. Worth, Texas, and ss-Eddie Katz, Lakewood, Calif., 1,069.

142, ss-Gerald Calvin, Thousand Oaks, Calif., 1,066.

143, n-Warren Eales, Chandler, Ariz., 1,061.

144, John Austin Jr., League City, Texas, 1,060.

145, (tie) Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., and ss-Ray Cobb, Highland, Calif., 1,051.

147, Joseph Petrovich, Tracy, Calif, 1,046.

148, ss-n-Russ Davies, Las Vegas, 1,042.

149, ss-Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., 1,040.

150, ss-John Younger, Winston-Salem, N.C., 1,039.

151, ss-Robert Walters, North Las Vegas, Nev., 1,035.

152, ss-n-Jay Gneiting, Aberdeen, Idaho, 1,034.

153, Barry McCown, Chula Vista, Calif., 1,031.

154, ss-Garry Blanton, Owensboro, Ky., 1,025.

155, (tie) ss-George Lord, Lakeland, Fla., and n-Bob Baer, Henderson, Nev., 1,016.

157, ss-n-Gabriel Luchetta, Golden, Colo., 1,015.

158, Lenny Guccione, Las Vegas, 1,014.

159, (tie) ss-James Hutchinson, Ludlow Falls, Ohio, and Darryl Dempsey, Pinellas Park, Fla., 1,009.

161, Michael Klosin, Windham, N.H., 1,008.

162, n-Andrew Warren, Austin, Tex., 1,006.

163, n-Glenn Ito, Torrence, Calif., 1,003.

164, ss-n-Mark Goldstein, Northridge, Calif., 987.

165, Raymond Scrivens, Jr., Athens, Pa., 983.

166, n-Dennis Ferguson, Bellingham, Wash., 977.

167, ss-Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 903.

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ss-PBA60 players ages 60 and over

Duke Not Taking Anything For Granted As Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open Leader After Second Round

Even though Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Norm Duke takes a 63-pin lead into third round qualifying in the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm, he'll be the first to tell you there's nothing you can take for granted.

Duke, the 2014 Senior U.S. Open winner, bowled a 1,437 six-game pinfall total in Tuesday's second round at the Suncoast Bowling Center in Las Vegas with games of 244, 237, 269, 201, 279 and 207 to bring his overall pinfall for two rounds to 2,784 (232 average) leading fellow Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr., in second with 2,721.

"I'm not looking for any vindication – I just don't want history to repeat itself," said Duke, recalling his 11th-place finish in the 2016 Senior U.S. Open. "I got off to a good start in qualifying but let the tournament get away from me in match play."

Considered one of the toughest tests in professional bowling, the U.S. Open format requires the top five players to bowl 42 games in qualifying and match play on demanding lane conditions to make it to the stepladder finals.

"I need to anticipate better and stay ahead of the game," Duke continued. "In this tournament you can drop (in the standings) 10 times quicker than you can climb. Nobody's above it out here. It never disappoints in how much it can humble you."

The 38-time PBA Tour titlist is trying for his fifth career PBA50 Tour title and second title of the season after winning the Race City Open in April.

Coming off his win in the USBC Senior Masters Sunday for his 11th career PBA50 Tour title, Williams bowled games of 258, 213, 257, 247, 256 and 225 in the second round.

"All of the sudden everything really seems like it's coming together," said the PBA Tour's all-time titles leader with 47 wins. "Up until I won the Senior Masters I was getting pretty frustrated out here so that

win was good for my confidence. I'm hoping my confidence feeds on itself and I'll continue to execute the way I feel I'm capable of."

Third after the second round was Brian LeClair of Delmar, N.Y., who finished with 2,717. The three-time PBA50 Tour winner is the season's only multiple winner capturing titles in the Johnny Petraglia BVL pen and Pasco County Florida Open.

Two-time defending champion PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber surged from 43rd in the first round to seventh with 2,636 for 12 games thanks to a 1,413 second round pinfall total. The 2015 and 2016 PBA50 Player of the Year is trying to become the Senior U.S. Open's first three-time winner.

The tournament's other two-time winner PBA Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli, who won back-to-back in 2012 and 2013, finished the round in eighth with a 2,614 pinfall total.

The third and final major of the season continues with another six-game qualifying round Wednesday beginning at 7 a.m. PDT (10 a.m. EDT). After the third round, the top 40 players will advance to match play competition which gets underway Thursday. After Thursday's match play the field will be cut to the top 20 for Friday's match play rounds that will determine the five players who will advance to the stepladder finals scheduled for 4 p.m. (7 p.m. EDT). All rounds of the tournament, including the stepladder finals, are streamed live exclusively on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel. To sign up for an Xtra Frame subscription, visit www.xtraframe.tv.

2016 PBA50 Awards Presented

During a break in Tuesday's action, the 2016 PBA50 Player of the Year, Rookie of the Year, PBA60 Player of the Year and Dick Weber Sportsmanship awards were presented at the Suncoast Bowling Center.

PBA50 Tour veteran Kerry Fulford was the Dick Weber award recipient. Ron Mohr, who had eight top five finishes with a best of second earned the PBA60 Player of the Year honor. Eddie Graham, who had one title in his rookie season, earned the PBA50 Rookie of the Year Award. Pete Weber, who had a record breaking season with four consecutive wins including the Senior U.S. Open and six overall victories earned the PBA50 Player of the Year Award.

SUNCOAST PBA SENIOR U.S. OPEN

Presented by Storm

Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Tuesday

SECOND ROUND (after 12 games)

- 1, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,784.
- 2, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 2,721.
- 3, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 2,717.
- 4, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 2,673.

- 5, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 2,660.
- 6, n-Andrew Neuer, Lewisburg, Pa., 2,650.
- 7, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2,636.
- 8, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 2,614.
- 9, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 2,606.
- 10, ss-Olle Svenson, Sweden, 2,597.
- 11, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, Ariz., 2,588.
- 12, Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 2,574.
- 13, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 2,562.
- 14, Rick Steelsmith, Wichita, Kan., 2,553.
- 15, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 2,546.
- 16, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 2,544.
- 17, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 2,542.
- 18, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 2,541.
- 19, n-Dave Cirigliano, Phoenix, Ariz., 2,536.
- 20, ss-Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 2,515.
- 21, ss-Rick Minier, Houston, 2,514.
- 21, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 2,514.
- 23, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 2,499.
- 24, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 2,495.
- 25, (tie) Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., and ss-n-Jeff Jamison, Boulder City, Nev., 2,494.
- 27, n-John DeBenedetta Jr., Las Vegas, 2,489.
- 28, Greg McDaniel, Kimball, Neb., 2,483.
- 29, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 2,478.
- 30, Andrew Frawley, Australia, 2,476.
- 31, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 2,474.
- 32, n-Paul Renteria, Henderson, Nev., 2,473.
- 33, Robert Lawrence, Austin, Texas, 2,470.
- 34, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 2,467.

35, Joe Goldstein, San Bruno, Calif., 2,465.
36, ss-David Axon, Bellevue, Neb., 2,463.
37, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 2,462.
38, Peter Knopp, Germany, 2,455.
39, Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 2,453.
40, ss-Willie Wells, Dallas, Texas, 2,449.
41, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 2,444.
42, ss-Koichiro Tamaki, Japan, 2,442.
43, ss-n-Joe Salvemini, Nevada City, Calif., 2,441.
44, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 2,440.
45, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 2,438.
46, (tie) ss-n-Alvin Lou, El Cajon, Calif., and ss-Junichi Yajima, Japan, 2,436.
48, ss-Don Lane, San Francisco, 2,433.
49, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 2,432.
50, Marty Deh, San Jose, Calif., 2,427.
51, (tie) Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., and ss-Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 2,423.
53, (tie) Doug Kempt, Arcadia, Calif., and ss-Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 2,420.
55, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 2,416.
56, Marv Sargent, Temecula, Calif., 2,414.
57, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 2,411.
58, ss-Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 2,393.
59, (tie) ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., and Mark Mazzulla, Brentwood, Calif., 2,388.
61, ss-n-John Shreve Sr., Sheffield Village, Ohio, 2,386.
62, Tim Shirlock, Las Vegas, 2,385.
63, Scott Greiner, Platte City, Mo., 2,383.
64, Darron Peters, Temecula, Calif., 2,381.
65, ss-Randy Turner, Shallowater, Texas, 2,378.
66, (tie) Tommy Martin, Olive Branch, Miss., and Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 2,374.
68, ss-Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 2,373.

69, ss-n-Dave Washburn, Las Vegas, 2,372.
70, ss-n-Roger Kossert, Lithia, Fla., 2,369.
71, ss-Mike Schmid, St. Paul, Minn., 2,362.
72, Robert Leonard, Lockwood, N.Y., 2,361.
73, n-John West, Milwaukie, Ore., 2,359.
74, Terry Rohrer, Ft. Wayne, Ind., 2,358.
75, Rob Rice, Sunnyside, Wash., 2,354.
76, Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 2,353.
77, Christer Petersson, Sweden, 2,352.
77, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 2,352.
79, Craig Miller, Tracy, Calif., 2,351.
80, Patrick Shipley, Spring Valley, Calif., 2,348.
81, n-Michael Karch, Edgewood, Wash., 2,347.
82, n-James Wallace, Hicksville, N.Y., 2,340.
83, ss-n-Bill Oakes, Lawton, Okla, 2,339.
84, ss-Mitchell Vernon, Olympia, Wash., 2,336.
85, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 2,334.
86, n-Dennis Samsel, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2,333.
87, ss-Michael Lucente, Warren, Mich., 2,332.
88, ss-Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 2,331.
89, n-Laurence Corrigan, Henderson, Nev., 2,330.
90, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2,329.
91, ss-n-Darwin Wimer, Mesquite, Nev., 2,322.
92, Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 2,318.
93, Tony Adkins, Port Orange, Fla., 2,315.
94, Rodney Remmers, Moore, Texas, 2,312.
95, ss-Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 2,311.
96, (tie) n-Stephen Hardy, Raymond, Mass., and Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 2,307.
98, n-Sтивен DiMartino, Upper Saddle River, N.J., 2,303.

99, Dave Sill, Titusville, Fla., 2,299.

100, Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 2,297.

101, ss-n-David Graber, Las Vegas, 2,295.

101, Jim Montgomery, Byron, Ill., 2,295.

103, n-Tish Johnson, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2,293.

104, ss-Lew Elting, Carlsbad, Calif., 2,291.

105, Norm Spurlock, Kenner, La., 2,289.

106, Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 2,275.

107, n-John Thompson, Sarasota, Fla., 2,274.

108, ss-Gerald Calvin, Thousand Oaks, Calif., 2,267.

109, Michael Klosin, Windham, N.H., 2,263.

110, n-John Hricsina Jr., Las Vegas, 2,260.

111, (tie) Daniel Miyamoto, Mililani, Hawaii, ss-n-Paul Appling, Camarillo, Calif., and Nile Konicek, Gilbert, Ariz., 2,258.

114, (tie) Joe Beck, Montgomery, Ala., and Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 2,256.

116, Robert Petruschak, Athens, Pa., 2,252.

117, ss-n-Kerry Fulford, Fort Worth, Texas, 2,251.

118, n-David Waswo, Lee's Summit, Mo., 2,247.

119, ss-Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 2,246.

120, ss-Ron Hosler, Denver, 2,243.

121, ss-Russ Simmons, Fontana, Calif., 2,240.

122, ss-John Parry, Oak Park, Calif., 2,234.

123, ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 2,228.

124, (tie) Derek Gregory, Chowchilla, Calif., and n-Lloyd Burleson, San Diego, 2,227.

126, ss-Stan Winters, Simi Valley, Calif., 2,226.

127, n-Scott Crane, Broken Arrow, Okla., 2,222.

128, ss-Robert Donovan, Prattsville, N.Y., 2,221.

129, ss-Sal Bongiorno, Las Vegas, 2,212.

130, (tie) ss-Rudy Garcia, Ft. Worth, Texas, and n-Dean Hebner, Vancouver, Wash., 2,209.

132, ss-Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 2,207.
133, ss-Robert Walters, North Las Vegas, Nev., 2,203.
134, ss-n-Jay Gneiting, Aberdeen, Idaho, 2,194.
135, n-Charles Allen Jr., Pell City, Ala., 2,191.
136, ss-George Lord, Lakeland, Fla., 2,188.
137, Mike Watson, Grass Valley, Calif., 2,187.
138, ss-Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 2,186.
139, n-Andrew Warren, Austin, Tex., 2,185.
140, n-Pete Toth, Simi Valley, Calif., 2,183.
141, (tie) n-Frank Rose Jr, Bellaire, Texas, and ss-Mark Fennell, Seattle, 2,166.
143, John Kidwell, Indianapolis, Ind., 2,158.
144, John Austin Jr., League City, Texas, 2,146.
145, n-Bob Baer, Henderson, Nev., 2,140.
146, ss-Nelson Sand, Maple Valley, Wash., 2,138.
147, ss-James Hutchinson, Ludlow Falls, Ohio, 2,125.
148, n-Glenn Ito, Torrance, Calif., 2,124.
148, ss-Garry Blanton, Owensboro, Ky., 2,124.
150, ss-Eddie Katz, Lakewood, Calif., 2,122.
151, ss-Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., 2,121.
152, Ron Anderson, Canyon Country, Calif., 2,114.
153, Raymond Scrivens, Jr., Athens, Pa., 2,111.
154, ss-John Younger, Winston-Salem, N.C., 2,110.
155, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 2,104.
156, Joseph Petrovich, Tracy, Calif., 2,074.
157, Darryl Dempsey, Pinellas Park, Fla., 2,064.
158, Barry McCown, Chula Vista, Calif., 2,052.
159, ss-n-Mark Goldstein, Northridge, Calif., 2,000.
160, ss-n-Gabriel Luchetta, Golden, Colo., 1,976.
161, n-Dennis Ferguson, Bellingham, Wash., 1,934.

162, ss-Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 1,842.

163, ss-Ray Cobb, Highland, Calif., 2,196, withdrew

164, ss-n-Russ Davies, Las Vegas, 1,563, withdrew

165, Lenny Guccione, Las Vegas, 1,343, withdrew

166, Robert Nelson, Las Vegas, Nev., 1,176, withdrew

167, n-Warren Eales, Chandler, Ariz., 1,061, withdrew

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Jason Belmonte Upsets Jesper Svensson, Advances to Main Event PBA Tour Finals Championship Match

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ORLANDO, Fla. – Australia’s veteran two-handed star, Jason Belmonte, rediscovered his magic just in time to upset his youthful Swedish protégé, 22-year-old Jesper Svensson, and advance to the championship match of the inaugural Main Event PBA Tour Finals at Main Event Entertainment.

The Main Event PBA Tour Finals is a new event featuring the top eight PBA members in total earnings over the past 30 months, divided into two pods of four players for a combination of round-robin match play and stepladder matches. The Group One stepladder finals round aired Tuesday on CBS Sports Network. The Group Two stepladder finals round will air on Tuesday, June 20, at 9:30 p.m. EDT.

Belmonte, a nine-year PBA Tour veteran at age 33, used lessons learned from his experimentation in the round-robin match play qualifying portion of the elite tournament to narrow his choices of equipment and angle of attack to overpower three opponents in the Group One stepladder round.

The three-time PBA Player of the Year and winner of 14 PBA Tour titles, including eight majors, roared out of the starting gate with eight consecutive strikes to eliminate no. 4 qualifier Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas, 262-215. Belmonte’s bid for a 300 game ended when he left the 3-4-6-7-10 split in the ninth frame, but just to add to the excitement, he converted the split.

Belmonte, the no. 3 qualifier, was almost as good in eliminating no. 2 qualifier Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., in the second match. Striking nine times on his first 11 shots – and leaving 10 pins which he converted in both non-strike frames, Belmonte eliminated Rash, 255-221. Rash’s downfall came in the fifth frame when he left the 4-6-7-9-10 “Greek church” split, which he failed to convert.

The two-game, total pinfall final match was a thriller. Svensson gained a one-pin advantage after the first game, winning 258-257 only because Belmonte left a 10 pin on his final shot. The decisive second game tilted in Belmonte’s favor when Svensson left a 7-10 split in his third frame. Belmonte then left a 9 pin in the fifth frame, and another in the ninth, converting both, but the single pins disrupted strings of strikes while Svensson was mounting a six-strike rally.

Heading into the 10th frame, Belmonte led by three pins. Svensson's rally ended when his ball came into the pocket a touch too high and left a 6-8 split, which he failed to convert. Even though Belmonte left a 7-10 split on his first shot in the 10th frame, he had enough to win the game, 225-221, and the match, 482-479.

"Look at our games and we were almost equally lucky and unlucky," Belmonte said. "(Jesper) threw a couple of shots that weren't great and got away with them, and then he threw an unbelievable shot and left a 9 pin (in game one). And I did the same thing.

"It was a good match, especially because the scoring pace was low in the second game, but sometimes you've got to bring these young kids down a little bit," Belmonte added with a smile. "Listen, he's going to be around a lot longer than I am so he should just let me have a few extra wins now, and he can get them all back when I retire."

The second half of the elite Main Event PBA Tour Finals field will bowl its stepladder round next Tuesday to determine the player who will meet Belmonte in the three-game championship match on Tuesday, June 27, at 9:30 p.m., as well as the runner-up who will bowl the one-game preliminary match against Svensson to determine third and fourth places.

The Group Two stepladder round will begin with no. 4 qualifier Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., bowling no. 3 Dom Barrett of England. The winner will meet no. 2 qualifier Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y. The semifinal match winner will bowl top qualifier EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., in the two-game, total pinfall final match. The winner will advance to the championship match against Belmonte while the loser will meet Svensson in the third-fourth place preliminary match.

First prize in the Main Event is \$30,000 top prize plus a PBA Tour title.

MAIN EVENT PBA TOUR FINALS

Main Event, Orlando, Fla. (aired Tuesday on CBS Sports Network)

Group One Stepladder Round:

Match One (loser earned \$3,000): Jason Belmonte, Australia, def. Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 262-215.

Semifinal Match (loser earned \$3,000): Belmonte def. Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 255-221.

Group One Final Match (two games, total pinfall): Belmonte (257-225) def. Jesper Svensson (258-221), Sweden, 482-479. (Belmonte advances to the championship match; Svensson advances to the third- and fourth-place match).

Group Two Stepladder Round Pairings (to air on CBS Sports Network on June 20 at 9:30 p.m. EDT)

Match One: Dom Barrett vs. Tommy Jones.

Semifinal Match: Ryan Ciminelli vs. Match One winner.

Championship (two games, total pinfall): EJ Tackett vs. Semifinal Match winner.

Championship Finals Pairings (to air on CBS Sports Network on June 27 at 9:30 p.m. EDT)

Third-Fourth Place Match: Jesper Svensson vs. Group Two runner-up.

Championship (three games, total pinfall): Jason Belmonte vs. Group Two champion.

Brian LeClair Averages 222 to Top Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open Qualifying

Brian LeClair, of Delmar, N.Y., the 2017 PBA50 Tour season's only multiple winner, averaged 222 to earn top qualifier honors Wednesday in the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm.

The 52-year-old LeClair finished qualifying with a 3,998 18-game pinfall total at the Suncoast Bowling Center in Las Vegas to lead a field of 40 players into the match play portion of the season's third and final major for players 50 years and older.

LeClair, with two titles this season – the Pasco County Florida Open and Johnny Petraglia BVL Open – got off to a good start in Wednesday's third round with games of 239, 226, 203, 258, but then struggled in the final two with 186 and 169.

“That’s about as disappointed as I’ve ever been to be the tournament leader,” said LeClair. “I’m extremely happy to be where I’m at but at the same time frustrated that I could have had a lot more.

“For the most part I was doing everything right,” the three-time PBA50 Tour titlist added. “The whole round I was hitting the pocket consistently but just wasn’t striking in the last two games.”

LeClair admitted that adjusting to the demanding U.S. Open lane conditions has been the ultimate test for his ability to adjust.

“This tournament was kind of a red flag for me because the U.S. Open lane condition can be my nemesis,” LeClair said. “I need to improve my versatility so I’m just going to have to continue to figure it out for the rest of the tournament.”

Right behind LeClair are two of PBA's all-time greats, 2014 Senior U.S. Open winner Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla. and Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., who finished qualifying in second and third, respectively.

Duke, who led after the second round, finished just three pins behind LeClair with a 3,995 pinfall total bowling games of 190, 200, 223, 192, 203 and 203 in the third round. The 38-time PBA Tour winner won the Race City Open earlier this season for his fourth career PBA50 Tour title.

Williams, the PBA's all-time titles leader with 47 wins, finished third 27 pins back with a 3,971 pinfall total finishing with games of 212, 195, 223, 211, 195 and 214 in the third round.

Williams is trying for his second consecutive PBA50 major title of the season after winning last week's United States Bowling Congress Senior Masters for his 11th career PBA50 Tour title.

Two-time defending champion PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., advanced to match play but dropped from seventh to 17th finishing with a 3,808 pinfall total. The tournament's other two-time winner Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli bowled the tournament's first 300 game and qualified ninth with a 3,848 pinfall. The Venezuelan won the Senior U.S. Open back-to-back in 2012 and 2013.

Both Weber and Monacelli are trying to become the Senior U.S. Open's first three-time winner.

After Thursday's match play rounds the field will be cut to the top 20 for Friday's match play which will determine the top five who will advance to the stepladder finals scheduled for 4 p.m. (7 p.m. EDT). All rounds of the tournament, including the stepladder finals, are streamed live exclusively on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel. To sign up for an Xtra Frame subscription, visit www.xtraframe.tv.

SUNCOAST PBA SENIOR U.S. OPEN

Presented by Storm

Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Wednesday

THIRD ROUND (after 18 games. Top 40 players advance to Thursday's match play rounds)

- 1, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 3,998.
- 2, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,995.
- 3, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,971.
- 4, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 3,952.
- 5, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3,915.
- 6, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3,893.
- 7, Joe Goldstein Sr., San Bruno, Calif., 3,886.
- 8, Andrew Frawley, Australia, 3,865.
- 9, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,848.
- 10, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 3,835.
- 11, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,832.
- 12, n-Dave Cirigliano, Phoenix, 3,831.
- 13, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,826.
- 14, Olle Svenson, Sweden, 3,816.
- 15, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 3,812.
- 16, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 3,809.
- 17, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,808.
- 18, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 3,801.
- 19, n-Andrew Neuer, Lewisburg, Pa., 3,796.
- 20, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3,790.
- 21, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 3,785.
- 22, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 3,767.
- 23, Rick Minier, Houston, 3,762.
- 24, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 3,759.
- 25, (tie) n-Paul Renteria, Henderson, Nev., and Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 3,758.
- 27, Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 3,755.
- 28, (tie) Greg McDaniel, Kimball, Neb., and Rick Steelsmith, Wichita, Kan., 3,753.
- 30, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,748.
- 31, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3,739.

- 32, Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 3,735.
- 33, Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 3,732.
- 34, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 3,729.
- 35, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3,717.
- 36, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 3,703.
- 37, Willie Wells, Dallas, Texas, 3,702.
- 38, Tommy Martin, Olive Branch, Miss., 3,684.
- 39, Robert Lawrence, Austin, Texas, 3,676.
- 40, Peter Knopp, Germany, 3,671.

Did not advance

- 41, Darron Peters, Temecula, Calif., 3,670, \$1,000.
- 42, ss-n-Bill Oakes, Lawton, Okla, 3,668, \$1,000.
- 43, Marty Deh, San Jose, Calif., 3,665.
- 44, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 3,663.
- 45, ss-Junichi Yajima, Japan, 3,657, \$1,000.
- 46, ss-Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 3,645, \$1,000.
- 47, ss-n-Roger Kossert, Lithia, Fla., 3,644, \$1,000.
- 48, ss-Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 3,642, \$1,000.
- 49, ss-David Axon, Bellevue, Neb., 3,638, \$1,000.
- 50, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 3,636.
- 51, Patrick Shipley, Spring Valley, Calif., 3,628.
- 52, ss-Don Lane, San Francisco, 3,626, \$1,000.
- 53, ss-Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 3,624, \$1,000.
- 54, (tie) Mitchell Vernon, Olympia, Wash., and Robert Leonard, Lockwood, N.Y., 3,614.
- 56, Derek Gregory, Chowchilla, Calif., 3,612.
- 57, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 3,610.

58, Koichiro Tamaki, Japan, 3,604.

59, (tie) Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., and n-Jeff Jamison, Boulder City, Nev., 3,603.

61, Scott Greiner, Platte City, Mo., 3,602.

62, n-John DeBenedetta Jr., Las Vegas, 3,597.

63, Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 3,595.

64, Mark Mazzulla, Brentwood, Calif., 3,593.

65, Doug Kempt, Arcadia, Calif., 3,586.

66, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3,584.

67, Christer Petersson, Sweden, 3,578.

68, n-Dave Washburn, Las Vegas, 3,573.

69, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,572.

70, (tie) Tony Adkins, Port Orange, Fla., and n-John Shreve, Sheffield Village, Ohio, 3,566.

72, n-Joe Salvemini, Nevada City, Calif., 3,564.

73, n-James Wallace, Hicksville, N.Y., 3,562.

74, n-John West, Milwaukie, Ore., 3,559.

75, n-Alvin Lou, El Cajon, Calif., 3,557.

76, Craig Miller, Tracy, Calif., 3,554.

77, Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 3,551.

78, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 3,546.

79, Marv Sargent, Temecula, Calif., 3,528.

80, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 3,524.

81, Ron Hosler, Denver, 3,519.

82, Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 3,516.

83, (tie) n-Michael Karch, Edgewood, Wash., and Rob Rice, Sunnyside, Wash., 3,512.

85, Michael Lucente, Warren, Mich., 3,506.

86, Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 3,501.

87, Randy Turner, Shallowater, Texas, 3,495.

88, Tim Shirlock, Las Vegas, 3,488.

89, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 3,476.

- 90, Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 3,474.
- 91, Daniel Miyamoto, Mililani, Hawaii, 3,473.
- 92, (tie) n-John Thompson, Sarasota, Fla., and n-Stephen Hardy, Raymond, Mass., 3,464.
- 94, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 3,462.
- 95, Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 3,456.
- 96, n-Steven DiMartino, Upper Saddle River, N.J., 3,448.
- 97, Norm Spurlock, Kenner, La., 3,447.
- 98, n-Dennis Samsel, Colorado Springs, Colo., 3,445.
- 99, (tie) n-Lloyd Burleson, San Diego, Lew Elting, Carlsbad, Calif., and Mike Schmid, St. Paul, Minn., 3,444.
- 102, Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 3,443.
- 103, n-David Waswo, Lee's Summit, Mo., 3,437.
- 104, Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 3,421.
- 105, n-Darwin Wimer, Mesquite, Nev., 3,411.
- 106, Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 3,410.
- 107, (tie) Michael Klosin, Windham, N.H., and Rodney Remmers, Moore, Texas, 3,409.
- 109, Nile Konicek, Gilbert, Ariz., 3,397.
- 110, (tie) Joe Beck, Montgomery, Ala., and Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 3,392.
- 112, n-David Graber, Las Vegas, 3,390.
- 113, John Parry, Oak Park, Calif., 3,369.
- 114, n-Dean Hebner, Vancouver, Wash., 3,366.
- 115, James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 3,364.
- 116, Rudy Garcia, Fort Worth, Texas, 3,360.
- 117, n-Jay Gneiting, Aberdeen, Idaho, 3,357.
- 118, Terry Rohrer, Ft. Wayne, Ind., 3,356.
- 119, Sal Bongiorno, Las Vegas, 3,351.
- 120, n-Paul Appling, Camarillo, Calif., 3,348.
- 121, n-Bob Baer, Henderson, Nev., 3,344.
- 122, (tie) n-Tish Johnson, Colorado Springs, Colo., and n-Laurence Corrigan, Henderson, Nev., 3,343.

- 124, Jim Montgomery, Byron, Ill., 3,339.
- 125, Robert Petruschak, Athens, Pa., 3,337.
- 126, Gerald Calvin, Thousand Oaks, Calif., 3,306.
- 127, Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 3,301.
- 128, n-Kerry Fulford, Ft. Worth, Texas, 3,294.
- 129, George Lord, Lakeland, Fla., 3,281.
- 130, Joseph Petrovich, Tracy, Calif, 3,270.
- 131, n-Frank Rose Jr, Bellaire, Texas, 3,264.
- 132, (tie) Stan Winters, Simi Valley, Calif., and Russ Simmons, Fontana, Calif., 3,259.
- 134, n-Pete Toth, Simi Valley, Calif., 3,253.
- 135, (tie) John Kidwell, Indianapolis, Ind., and n-John Hricsina Jr., Las Vegas, 3,243.
- 137, Robert Walters, North Las Vegas, Nev., 3,242.
- 138, n-D. Scott Crane, Broken Arrow, Okla., 3,231.
- 139, James Hutchinson, Ludlow Falls, Ohio, 3,230.
- 140, Eddie Katz, Lakewood, Calif., 3,228.
- 141, Robert Donovan, Prattsville, N.Y., 3,222.
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160, Dave Sill, Titusville, Fla., 2,760.

161, Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 2,517.

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Select Wes Malott's Next King of Bowling Opponent

You're invited to help decide who the next player to challenge Wes Malott in the exclusive Xtra Frame pay-per-view competition PBA King of Bowling.

KOB_XFHead over to Twitter to pick Malott's next challenger from among a roster of recent PBA Players of the Year including Tommy Jones (2006), Chris Barnes (2008), Walter Ray Williams Jr. (2010), Sean Rash (2012) or two-time PBA50 Player of the Year Pete Weber as Malott's opponent.

To cast your vote use:

#ChrisBarnes

#TommyJones

#SeanRash

#PeteWeber

#WalterRayWilliamsJr.

The pay-per-view match will begin with a pre-game show at 7:40 p.m. EDT on Monday, June 26, with the match starting at 8 p.m. Fans can sign up to watch the match for \$2.99 on xtraframe.tv. All money generated from PPV fees will be awarded as prize money to the winning bowler.

Voting will close at 3 a.m. EDT (midnight PDT) on Friday, June 16).

PBA Spare Shots: EJ Tackett Overtakes Dom Barrett for Xtra Frame Storm Cup Points Lead

With his second-place finish in the PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open Sunday, EJ Tackett overtook England's Dom Barrett for the lead in the Xtra Frame Storm Cup points standings after four of the seven events. Tackett earned 19 points as runner-up in Lubbock for a total of 53 points for the season. He previously earned 18 points for third place in the XF Wilmington Open and 16 for fifth place in the Greater Jonesboro Open.

Barrett, who finished 28th, failed to add to his point total. He is now tied for second place with Sunday's XF Lubbock Sports Open winner, Marshall Kent, who earned 25 points. Kent and Barrett both have 46 points through four events.

Josh Blanchard, who won the XF Reality Check Classic to kick off the Storm Cup series, picked up seven points with his 14th-place finish in Lubbock to move into fourth place with a 40-point total and AJ Johnson, with a fourth-place finish for 17 points, is now fifth with 37 points (two points ahead of Japan's Shota Kawazoe and three ahead of Dick Allen of Columbia, S.C.) in a tightly-contested battle for the top five spots.

In each Xtra Frame Storm Cup event, the top 20 players earn points toward a pool of \$50,000 in bonus prize money that will be awarded to the top five players at the end of the series. The end-of-season points champion will collect a \$20,000 share of the bonus money. To date 50 players have earned at least one point.

The remaining events in the PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup series include the PBA XF Chesapeake Open at AMF Western Branch in Chesapeake, Va., Aug. 12-13; the PBA XF Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic at Mid-

County Bowling & Entertainment in Middletown, Del., Aug. 19-20, and the PBA XF Lefeld Implement Central Classic at Pla-Mor Lanes in Coldwater, Ohio, Aug. 26-27.

Xtra Frame PBA Tour Storm Cup Points Standings (after four of seven events)

(Each Storm Cup event winner receives 25 points, second place 19 points, third place 18 points, etc., through 20th place receives one point. Bonus prize money payable at the end of the season will include \$20,000 for first place, \$10,000 for second place, \$8,000 for third, \$7,000 for fourth and \$5,000 for fifth place.)

- 1, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 53
- 2 (tie), Dom Barrett, England, and Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 46
- 4, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 40
- 5, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 37
- 6, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 35
- 7, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 34
- 8, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 29
- 9, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 28
- 10, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 27
- 11 (tie), Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C.; Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., and Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 26
- 14 (tie), Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, and Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 25
- 16, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 24
- 17, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 19
- 18 (tie), Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., and Stuart Williams, England, 18
- 20 (tie), Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla.; Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, and Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 17
- 23, Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 15
- 24, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 14
- 25 (tie), Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas; BJ Moore III, Greensburg, Pa., and Chris Spoo, Boynton Beach, Fla., 13
- 28 (tie), Kris Koeltzow, Wheat Ridge, Colo.; Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., and Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 12
- 31, Jeff Piroozshad, Coral Springs, Fla., 11

32 (tie), Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas; Cristian Azcona, Lake Wales, Fla., and Ryan Lakota, Shorewood, Ill., 9

35, Trevor Roberts, Crystal River, Fla., 8

36, Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 7

37, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 6

38 (tie), Sam Cooley, Australia; Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio; Isaac Kim, Lebanon, Pa., and Michael Azcarate, Coral Springs, Fla., 5

42 (tie), Markus Jansson, Sweden, and DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 4

44 (tie), Arturo Quintero, Mexico, and Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 3

46 (tie), Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo., and Michael Schlabach, Goshen, Ind., 2

48 (tie), Kris Prather, Milton, Fla.; Connor Pickford, Plano, Texas, and Darren Tang, San Francisco, 1

WHO'S GOT NEXT? VOTING ENDS FRIDAY TO SELECT WES MALOTT'S NEXT OPPONENT

Voting is now underway to allow PBA fans to select the next player to challenge Wes Malott as “King of Bowling” when the next chapter of PBA’s exclusive Xtra Frame pay-per-view competition takes place on Monday, June 26, at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla., leading into PBA’s Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Oklahoma Open.

Malott, who has successfully defended his King of Bowling crown six consecutive times, dating back to the original series held at Kegel Training Center in Lake Wales, Fla., in 2009. Most recently he won the revival of the competition in April in Portland, Maine, where he rolled a 721 series to defeat reigning PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett (664) and Australia’s Jason Belmonte, PBA Player of the Year the three previous years (640).

In the next confrontation, fans are being asked to pick Malott’s challenger from among a roster of recent PBA Players of the Year including Tommy Jones (2006), Chris Barnes (2008), Walter Ray Williams Jr. (2010), Sean Rash (2012) or two-time PBA50 Player of the Year Pete Weber. Fans can visit pba.com or PBA’s Twitter account to vote for their choice of opponents now through 3 a.m. EDT (midnight PDT) on Friday.

The pay-per-view match will begin with a pre-game show at 7:40 p.m. EDT on Monday, June 26, with the match starting at 8 p.m. Fans can sign up to watch the match for \$2.99 on xtraframe.tv. All money generated from PPV fees will be awarded as prize money to the winning bowler.

SENIOR U.S. OPEN HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK'S XTRA FRAME SCHEDULE

The final major championship on the 2017 PBA50 Tour schedule highlights this week's Xtra Frame live streaming schedule. Start-to-finish coverage of the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm got underway Monday from Suncoast Bowling Center in Las Vegas and will continue all week, including match play rounds at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. EDT on Thursday, and 10:30 and 3 p.m. on Friday leading into the stepladder finals at 6:45 p.m. on Friday.

This week's PWBA Tour coverage will include qualifying and match play rounds of the Greater Detroit Open from Super Bowl in Canton, Mich., Friday and Saturday. Coverage of the Go Bowling PWBA Players Championship from The Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley in Green Bay, Wis., is set for June 22-24, followed by the Orlando Open June 30-July 1.

Upcoming PBA Tour coverage on Xtra Frame will include the "throwback" PBA Xtra Frame Billy Hardwick Memorial from Billy Hardwick's All Star Lanes in Memphis, Tenn., June 24-25, where all players will be limited to using two polyester plastic balls each. Xtra Frame will then provide qualifying round coverage of the PBA Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Oklahoma Open from FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla., June 27-30.

Xtra Frame's July schedule includes the Teen Masters from Richmond, Va., July 5-7; the PWBA St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open from Seminole, Fla., July 7-8; the Proprietors Cup from Beavercreek, Ohio, July 8-9; the Nationwide PWBA Rochester (N.Y.) Open, July 14-15; the PBA50 South Shore Open from Hammond, Ind., July 25-27; the XF Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles from Copperfield Bowl in Houston, Texas, July 28-30, which will award PBA and PWBA Tour titles; and the PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic from Anderson, Ind., July 30-Aug. 1. For broadcast time and other details, check under the "schedules" tab on pba.com.

Xtra Frame subscription packages are available for three days, 30 days and a full year. To sign up, visit xtraframe.tv for details.

PBA fans also can follow real-time results for PBA50, PBA Xtra Frame Tour and all PBA Regional events by visiting the "live scoring" feature on pba.com. PWBA live scoring is available on pwba.com.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: CAMERON WEIER WINS WINE COUNTRY REGIONAL TITLE

Cameron Weier of Tacoma, Wash., defeated amateur Michael Tang of San Francisco by 128 pins to win the PBA Wine Country West/Northwest Open presented by Roto Grip at Double Decker Lanes in Rohnert Park, Calif., Sunday.

Weier finished with an 8-2 match play record and a total of 4,044 pins for 18 games, including match play bonus pins, to win the \$2,000 first prize. The win was Weier's first of the year and the third of his career.

- The June 16-18 PBA Regional calendar includes the Homefield Bowl Eastern Open presented by MOTIV in Yonkers, N.Y.; the Greater Marion Central Open presented by MOTIV at BlueFusion Fun Center in Marion, Ohio; the Glo Bowl Midwest Open presented by Sam Adams and 900 Global in Marengo, Ill., and the Tommy See Memorial South Open presented by MOTIV at Nassau Bowling Center in Yulee, Fla.

- A busy schedule of PBA Regional events is on tap for the June 23-24 weekend, including the Pro Bowl West Central/Midwest Challenge presented by Roto Grip in Fort Wayne, Ind.; the PBA50 Ultimate Inserts Midwest Open presented by Hammer at Lakeside Lanes in Davis, Ill., and the PBA/PBA50 Sands Regency Doubles presented by MOTIV at High Sierra Lanes in Reno, Nev.

- The June PBA Regional calendar closes and July begins with the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Southwest Doubles at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla., on June 30, preceding the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Oklahoma Open. Also scheduled for the June 30-July 2 weekend is the PBA and PBA50 Vanessa Brown Homes West Opens, both presented by Columbia 300 at Yosemite Lanes, in Modesto, Calif.

- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES

- In his "Extra Mustard" column on Si.com, Dan Gartland discusses "The Best Kellys in Sports History," and Gartland ranks 2010 PBA Tournament of Champions winner Kelly Kulick as the second-best athlete ever named Kelly – behind only Boston Celtics' star Kelly Olynyk. For details, visit: <https://www.si.com/extra-mustard/2017/05/15/best-sports-kellys-kelly-olynyk-one-true-god>.

Michael Haugen Jr. Posts 9-3 Match Play Record and Averages 225 to Move Into Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open Lead

PBA50 Tour rookie Michael Haugen Jr., of Phoenix compiled a 9-3 match play record and averaged 225 for 12 games Thursday to move into the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm lead at the Suncoast Bowling Center.

Bowling in his first season on PBA's tour for players 50 and over after a nearly two-decade career on the PBA Tour where he won five titles including the 2008 PBA Tournament of Champions, Haugen finished with a 6,865 30-game pinfall total (including 30 bonus pins for each match win) to lead 20 players who advanced to Friday's match play.

"I've been in this position before," said Haugen, who finished second in the PBA Tour's U.S. Open in 2003. "I just need to rely on my experience and hopefully catch a break at the right time and just believe good things will happen.

"This feels like the regular tour to me," Haugen added. "It's a demanding tournament with a lot of great bowlers so I don't mind telling you that I'm pretty exhausted right now."

Friday's two six-game match play rounds will determine the top five players for the stepladder finals for the season's final major set to start at 4 p.m. PT (7 p.m. ET).

Haugen got off to a strong start going 6-0 in Thursday morning's first match play round and followed it up with a 3-3 record in the second round.

"The key for me has been to pay close attention to what my ball is doing and make the necessary equipment and lane adjustments," Haugen said. "Just keep trying to knock all the pins down the first time, and if not, knock down whatever is left."

So far this season Haugen has three top-five finishes with a best of third which came in the PBA50 Players Championship and the Pasco County Florida Open.

Haugen holds a 14-pin lead over qualifying leader Brian LeClair of Delmar, N.Y., in second with a 6,851 pinfall. LeClair, who has won two titles this season, also posted a 9-3 record in Thursday's match play.

Rounding out the top five were three-time PBA50 Tour winner Bob Learn Jr. of Erie, Pa., who finished the day with a 7-5 record and 6,834 pinfall; PBA Hall of Famer Doug Kent of Newark, N.Y., 8-4, and 6,749 pinfall, and Andrew Frawley of Australia, 9-2-1, and 6,743 pinfall.

Two-time defending champion, PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., advanced to Friday's match play finishing 10th with a 6,640 pinfall. The 2015 and 2016 PBA50 Player of the Year posted a 7-5 match play record for the day.

Two-time Senior U.S. Open winner, PBA Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli of Venezuela, bowled his second 300 game of the tournament in the second match play round. The 2012 and 2013 Senior U.S. Open winner who finished the round in 12th with 6,572, defeated two-time PBA50 Player of the Year Ron Mohr of Las Vegas, 300-210, in the second game of the second match play round.

Both Weber and Monacelli are trying to become the Senior U.S. Open's first three-time winner.

PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., who won his second USBC Senior Masters title last week, also advanced to Friday's match play finishing ninth with a 6-6 record and 6,656 pinfall.

All rounds of the tournament, including the stepladder finals, are streamed live exclusively on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel. To sign up for an Xtra Frame subscription, visit www.xtraframe.tv.

SUNCOAST PBA SENIOR U.S. OPEN

Presented by Storm

Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Thursday

FIFTH ROUND (after 30 games. Includes match play record and total pinfall including match win bonus pins. Top 20 advance to Friday's match play)

- 1, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 9-3, 6,865.
- 2, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 9-3, 6,851.
- 3, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 7-5, 6,834.
- 4, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 8-4, 6,749.
- 5, Andrew Frawley, Australia, 9-2-1, 6,743.
- 6, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 7-5, 6,721.
- 7, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 7-5, 6,714.
- 8, Lennie Boesch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 9-2-1, 6,671.
- 9, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 6-6, 6,656.
- 10, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 7-5, 6,640.
- 11, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 7-5, 6,637.
- 12, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 5-7, 6,572.
- 13, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3-8-1, 6,564.
- 14, Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 6-6, 6,563.
- 15, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 6-5-1, 6,559.
- 16, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 4-8, 6,515.
- 17, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 7-5, 6,480.
- 18, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 5-7, 6,476.
- 19, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 8-4, 6,449.
- 20, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 6-6, 6,445.

Did not advance

- 21, Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 6-6, 6,439, \$1,400.
- 22, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 7-5, 6,400, \$1,380.
- 23, n-Dave Cirigliano, Phoenix, 4-8, 6,376, \$1,370.

- 24, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 7-5, 6,373, \$1,360.
- 25, Joe Goldstein, San Bruno, Calif., 3-9, 6,372, \$1,350.
- 26, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 7-5, 6,368, \$1,340.
- 27, Greg McDaniel, Kimball, Neb., 5-7, 6,338, \$1,330.
- 28, Rick Minier, Houston, 4-8, 6,332, \$1,320.
- 29, n-Paul Renteria, Henderson, Nev., 7-4-1, 6,328, \$1,310.
- 30, Rick Steelsmith, Wichita, Kan., 5-7, 6,303, \$1,300.
- 31, (tie) Robert Lawrence, Austin, Texas, 6-6, 6,284, and Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 5-7, 6,284, \$1,285.
- 33, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 4-8, 6,278, \$1,270.
- 34, n-Andrew Neuer, Lewisburg, Pa., 4-8, 6,275, \$1,260.
- 35, Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 7-5, 6,270, \$1,250.
- 36, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 5-7, 6,238, \$1,240.
- 37, Olle Svenson, Lerum, Sweden, 3-9, 6,215, \$1,230.
- 38, Peter Knopp, Germany, 5-6-1, 6,162, \$1,220.
- 39, Willie Wells, Dallas, Texas, 5-7, 6,143, \$1,210.
- 40, Tommy Martin, Olive Branch, Miss., 3-9, 5,960, \$1,200.

Fans Choose Tommy Jones as Wes Malott's Challenger For Next King of Bowling Xtra Frame Competition

The fans have spoken and 18-time PBA Tour winner Tommy Jones will be next in line to challenge Wes Malott for the title of "King of Bowling."

PBA fans were invited to help decide "who's got next" in trying to remove Malott's crown in the renewal of the PBA's exclusive Xtra Frame pay-per-view competition that will take place on Monday, June 26, at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla., preceding the start of PBA's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Oklahoma Open.

The results of the voting were as follows: Tommy Jones won with 26% of the vote followed by Chris Barnes (24%), Sean Rash (24%), Pete Weber (20%) and Walter Ray Williams Jr. (6%). All of the players on the ballot were former PBA Players of the Year in the last 10 years plus Weber, who is the reigning PBA50 Player of the Year.

The pay-per-view match will begin with a pre-game show at 7:40 p.m. EDT on Monday, June 26, with the match starting at 8 p.m. Fans can sign up next week to watch the match for \$2.99 on xtraframe.tv. All money generated from PPV fees will be awarded as prize money to the winning bowler.

Malott, a 10-time PBA Tour winner, who dominated the original King of Bowling series held at Kegel Training Center in Lake Wales, Fla., in 2009, successfully defended his throne – and kept his crown – when he won the revival of the competition on April 12 in Portland, Maine, defeating reigning PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett and Australia’s Jason Belmonte, PBA Player of the Year the three previous years, with a 721 series. Tackett had a 664 series and Belmonte a 640 in the three-game, total pinfall contest.

Fans were asked to pick Malott’s next challenger through pba.com or PBA’s Twitter account voting which started on June 12.

Michael Haugen Jr. Wins Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open For First PBA50 Tour Title

PBA50 Tour rookie Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix, a five-time winner on the PBA Tour, won the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm Friday for his first title on PBA’s tour for players 50 and over.

In a championship where both players could not find a consistent line to the pocket, Haugen defeated Brian LeClair of Delmar, N.Y., 173-158, in the championship match at the Suncoast Bowling Center in Las Vegas.

“It wasn’t pretty but winning ugly is part of the deal in this sport, too,” said Haugen, who was the top qualifier for the finals. “I didn’t do it the way I wanted but a win is a win.”

Both players opened in the first frame which was a sign of what was to come for the rest of the match. LeClair, who was trying for his third win of the season, handed the match to Haugen when he left the 3-6 in the eighth frame and missed both pins on his spare attempt.

“While I was waiting for the title match I could see the lanes (conditions) were changing quickly and it was going to be a challenge,” Haugen said. “For the first part of the game I usually play the pins and then I start playing my opponent.”

“When Brian missed that spare I had to make an educated guess and try to make something happen. Fortunately, I guessed right, got the strike in the ninth and finally felt comfortable about keeping the ball in play to finish the match.”

It was Haugen’s second major title on the national stage with his first coming in PBA’s signature tournament, the Tournament of Champions in 2008. In 2003, he finished second to PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. in the PBA Tour’s U.S. Open.

“When you’re bowling for a major title like this, strange things can happen,” Haugen added. “You just call on all the experience you have and hope it’s enough.”

Previously this season, Haugen had three championship round appearances with best finishes of third in the PBA50 Players Championship and Pasco County Florida Open. He also finished fifth in the Race City Open.

LeClair, the no. 4 qualifier got off to a strong start winning the opening stepladder match, 224-193, against Australian Andrew Frawley. He then went on to beat three-time PBA50 Tour winner Lennie Boresch Jr. of Kenosha, Wis., 220-191, before edging out Harry Sullins of Chesterfield Twp., Mich. in the semi-final, 185-183.

Sullins’ third-place finish was his fifth top-five in the Senior U.S. Open. In addition to a runner-up finish in 2016, he has another third-place finish, which came in 2011, fourth in 2009 and fifth in 2010. He was trying for his second PBA50 major title with his first coming in the 2009 PBA Senior World Championship.

Trying for his third consecutive Senior U.S. Open title, Hall of Famer Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., faded in the final round of match play finishing 13th for the tournament.

The season’s other PBA50 major winners were Bryan Goebel of Shawnee, Kan., who won the PBA50 Players Championship, and Williams, who won last week’s USBC Senior Masters.

The PBA50 Tour takes a five-week break before resuming July 24-27 with the PBA50 South Shore Open presented by DV8 at Olympia Bowl in Hammond, Ind.

SUNCOAST PBA SENIOR U.S. OPEN

Presented by Storm

Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Friday

Final Standings

1, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, \$10,000.

2, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., \$6,000.

3, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., \$4,500.

4, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., \$4,000.

5, Andrew Frawley, Australia, \$3,500.

Stepladder Results

Match One – LeClair def. Frawley, 224-193.

Match Two – LeClair def. Boresch, 220-191.

Semi-final Match – LeClair def. Sullins, 185-183.

Championship – Haugen def. LeClair, 173-158.

SEVENTH ROUND (after 42 games. Includes match play record and total pinfall including match win bonus pins. Top five advanced to stepladder finals)

1, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 18-6, 9,802.

2, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 15-8-1, 9,683.

- 3, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 16-7-1, 9,659.
- 4, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 13-10-1, 9,588.
- 5, Andrew Frawley, Australia, 14-9-1, 9,554.
- 6, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 11-12-1, 9,540, \$3,000.
- 7, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 13-10-1, 9,520, \$2,700.
- 8, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 12-11-1, 9,517, \$2,400.
- 9, Mika Koivuniemi, finland, 12-11-1, 9,510, \$2,200.
- 10, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 13-11, 9,501, \$2,000.
- 11, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 12-12, 9,469, \$1,950.
- 12, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 14-10-0, 9,467, \$1,900.
- 13, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 13-11, 9,435, \$1,850.
- 14, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 9-15, 9,420, \$1,800.
- 15, Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 12-12, 9,341, \$1,750.
- 16, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 14-10, 9,287, \$1,700.
- 17, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 12-12, 9,255, \$1,650.
- 18, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 11-12-1, 9,247, \$1,600.
- 19, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 11-12-1, 9,173, \$1,550.
- 20, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 7-17, 8,954, \$1,500.

SIXTH ROUND (after 36 games. All players advanced to seventh round)

- 1, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 13-5, 8,351.
- 2, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 13-5, 8,298.
- 3, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 11-6-1, 8,242.
- 4, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 10-7-1, 8,196.
- 5, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 11-7, 8,175.
- 6, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 12-6, 8,170
- 7, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 12-5-1, 8,161
- 8, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 8-9-1, 8,159.

- 9, Andrew Frawley, Australia, 11-6-1, 8,121.
- 10, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 10-8, 8,106.
- 11, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 9-9, 8,084.
- 12, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 8-9-1, 8,046.
- 13, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 9-9, 8,012.
- 14, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 6-12, 7,982.
- 15, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 9-9, 7,929.
- 16, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 8-9-1, 7,915.
- 17, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 9-8-1, 7,876.
- 18, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 11-7, 7,838.
- 19, Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 7-11, 7,808.
- 20, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 6-12, 7,748.

PBA Returns to Memphis for “Throwback” Tournament Honoring the Late PBA Hall of Famer Billy Hardwick

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – The Professional Bowlers Association will make a unique appearance in Memphis June 23-25 for the inaugural PBA Xtra Frame Billy Hardwick Memorial Open presented by Chris Hardwick, a tournament that will honor the late PBA Hall of Famer by requiring the top bowlers in the world to compete in a limited technology event that will present them with a one-of-a-kind challenge.

Billy Hardwick’s All Star Lanes will host the event, which will be covered from first ball to last by PBA’s Xtra Frame, an online live streaming service that will reach a global bowling audience. It will be the first PBA Tour event in Memphis since 2002 when Brian Voss won the Memphis Open at Winchester Lanes.

One of the unique aspects of the tournament is that all players will be limited to using two bowling balls each, and those balls must be approved polyester plastic that were state-of-the-art more than 30 years ago. The restriction on the number of balls a player can use, and limitations on technology involved in the balls, will place a premium on shot-making, accuracy and the ability to make adjustments without simply changing to a different ball or a different ball drilling configuration.

The bowling ball restrictions, in combination with a low-volume application of oil on the lanes, is expected to create scoring conditions similar to those Hardwick faced when he became an 18-time champion, and PBA’s first Triple Crown winner, in the early years of organized professional bowling.

Hardwick, who was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in 1977, died in 2013 at age 73. Hardwick was ranked No. 12 – right behind the legendary Don Carter – on the list of the 50 Greatest Players in PBA History during the organization’s 50th anniversary celebration in 2009.

The Billy Hardwick Memorial will be a revival of the PBA Plastic Ball Championship events held in 2008 (Jeff Carter), 2009 (amateur Brian Ziesig) and 2010 (Jason Couch). A full field of 80 bowlers is expected to compete for the \$10,000 first prize. Among the early entries are bowlers from Sweden, Thailand, The Netherlands, Japan, Canada, Denmark, South Africa, Ireland, Australia and Malaysia.

PBA Tour title-winners among the early entries include Memphis’ Gary Faulkner Jr., the 2015 PBA World Champion; Dick Allen of Columbia, S.C.; Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas; Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y.; PBA Hall of Famer Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla.; Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Fla.; Graham Fach of Canada; Thomas Larsen of Denmark; Chris Loschetter of Avon, Ohio; Jake Peters of Henderson, Nev.; Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas; Jesper Svensson of Sweden; Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C.; Dave Wodka of Beavercreek, Ohio, and Mike Wolfe of New Albany, Ind.

All nine of the PBA’s Xtra Frame tournaments during the 2017 season will be covered live in their entirety, exclusively by PBA’s Xtra Frame live streaming service, which is seen by bowling fans around the world. For Xtra Frame subscriptions, visit xtraframe.tv. Subscription packages are available for three days (\$2.99), 30 days (\$7.99) and a full year (about \$1.25 a week).

Competition begins on Saturday, June 24, with eight-game qualifying beginning at 1 p.m. CDT. After qualifying, the top one-third of the field will advance to a four-game cashers round at 8 a.m. Sunday, followed by the top 16 players advancing to three-game single-elimination match play rounds at 11 a.m. (qualifiers 9-16), 1:30 p.m. (winners plus qualifiers 5-8), and 4 p.m. (winners plus qualifiers 1-4). The four survivors will bowl a one-game match at 6:30 p.m., with the top two scores advancing to the one-game championship match at 7 p.m. All times are Central

A practice session is scheduled for 3-5 p.m. on Friday, June 23, and a pro-am event where grassroots amateur bowlers can bowl with the pros will be conducted at 6 p.m. For tournament pro-am and admission information contact Billy Hardwick’s All Star Lanes at (901) 683-2695.

PBA XTRA FRAME BILLY HARDWICK MEMORIAL OPEN SCHEDULE

presented by Chris Hardwick

Billy Hardwick’s All Star Lanes, Memphis, Tenn. (All times Central)

Friday, June 23

3-5 p.m. - Practice Session

6 p.m. - Pro-am

Saturday, June 24

1 p.m. - Eight qualifying games

Top 1/3 advance to Cashers Round

Sunday, June 25

8 a.m. - Cashers Round (four games)

Top 16 advance

11 a.m. – Round One: Qualifiers 9-16, three-games total pinfall single-elimination matches

1:30 p.m. – Round Two: Qualifiers 5-8 plus Round One winners, three-games total pinfall single-elimination matches

4 p.m. – Round Three: Qualifiers 1-4 plus Round Two winners, three-games total pinfall single-elimination matches

6:30 p.m. – Round Four: Round Three winners, one game, top two advance

7:30p.m. Round Four winners, one game

PBA Tour Returns to Shawnee to Kick Off Second Half of 2017 Season with Grand Casino Hotel & Resort
PBA Oklahoma Open

The Professional Bowlers Association returns to Shawnee, Okla., to kick off the second half of its 2017 season with a field of stars representing 16 countries competing in the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Oklahoma Open.

The Oklahoma Open will culminate with a unique nine-player, two-day live ESPN stepladder finals airing on July 1 and 2 conducted on specially-built lanes in the Grand Event Center inside the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort.

After qualifying rounds that will be contested June 27-30 at nearby FireLake Bowling Center, players qualifying fifth through ninth will begin the stepladder eliminations on Saturday, July 1 at noon CDT (1 p.m. EDT). The player who survives Saturday's competition will advance to the five-player stepladder finals on Sunday, July 2 at noon CDT that will decide the championship.

Qualifying and match play rounds will be webcast live on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. For subscription and schedule information visit xtraframe.tv.

A capacity field of 96 PBA Tour players is expected to compete in the inaugural tournament which marks the 13th stop of the 2017 PBA Tour season. The Tour made its first appearance of the season in Shawnee in February for the FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions which was won by reigning PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind.

Countries represented, in addition to the U.S. are Australia, Bahrain, Canada, Denmark, Ecuador, England, Finland, Ireland, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, South Africa, Sweden, Thailand and Venezuela.

The week will kick off on June 26 at 7 p.m. CDT (8 p.m. ET) with the Xtra Frame PBA King of Bowling Challenge special Pay-Per-View event which will pit reigning "King" and 10-time PBA Tour winner Wes Malott against 18-time Tour winner Tommy Jones. Both players, who are former Players of the Year, will compete in a best-of-three match to decide who will continue on as "King" in the series. Xtra Frame coverage will begin with a pre-game show at 6:40 p.m. CDT (7:40 p.m. EDT). As a special Pay Per View event, the King of Bowling is \$2.99 (including for those who already have an Xtra Frame subscription) with all subscription money going to the prize fund of the event.

Oklahoma Open competition will include eight-game qualifying rounds June 27, 28 and 29 on the PBA's Wolf, Bear and Badger lane conditioning patterns at the FireLake Bowling Center. The top 33 players based on 24-game pinfall totals will advance to another eight-game qualifying round on the Oklahoma Open lane condition June 30 which will determine nine players who will compete in the July 1 and 2

finals. The leading qualifier will have the right to select which of the four lane conditions will be used for the stepladder finals.

In addition to the live ESPN telecasts, the finals will be available to bowling fans on ESPN3 and the WatchESPN app as they happen.

Daily passes for qualifying and match play rounds at the FireLake Bowling Center June 27-30 are \$10. Daily passes for both days of stepladder finals at the Grand Casino Event Center are \$20. VIP weekend passes are \$35 and will allow admittance 30 minutes earlier than day pass holders for priority seating. Additional admission and ticket information is available by visiting www.grandboxoffice.com.

GRAND CASINO HOTEL & RESORT PBA OKLAHOMA OPEN SCHEDULE

FireLake Bowling Center/Grand Event Center, Shawnee, Okla. (all times are Central)

Monday, June 26

FireLake Bowling Center

2 p.m. – Practice session A

5 p.m. – Practice session B

7 p.m. – King of Bowling competition on Xtra Frame

Tuesday, June 27

FireLake Bowling Center

10 a.m. – A squad qualifying (8 games)

4 p.m. – B squad qualifying (8 games)

Wednesday, June 28

FireLake Bowling Center

10 a.m. – A squad qualifying (8 games)

4 p.m. – B squad qualifying (8 games)

Thursday, June 29

FireLake Bowling Center

10 a.m. – A squad qualifying (8 games)

4 p.m. – B squad qualifying (8 games)

Top 33 after 24 games advance to cashers round

Friday, June 30

FireLake Bowling Center

8:30 a.m. – Cashers qualifying round (8 games)

Top 9 players after 32 games advance to live ESPN stepladder finals

Saturday, July 1

Grand Event Center

Noon – Live ESPN stepladder finals (to determine places 6-9)

Sunday, July 2

Grand Event Center

Noon – Live ESPN stepladder finals (to determine places 1-5)

Nidiffer Wins PBA Greater Marion Central Open

Marion, Ohio (June 18, 2017) – Craig Nidiffer of Trenton, Mich., defeated Matt Sanders of Evansville, Ind., 279-268, to win the Professional Bowlers Association's Greater Marion Central Open presented by MOTIV at BlueFusion Fun Center Sunday.

Nidiffer claimed his fourth career PBA region title along with the \$2,500 first prize.

Sanders defeated Kyle Cook of Centerville, Ohio, 289-247, to advance to the championship match. In the first stepladder match, Cook downed J.R. Raymond of Clinton Twp., Mich., 235-216.

Sanders earned \$1,300 for second place, Cook won \$ 1,100 for third and Raymond \$900 for fourth.

The next PBA Central Region event will be the Pro Bowl West Non-Champions Central/Midwest Challenge in Ft. Wayne, Ind., June 23-24.

PBA GREATER MARION CENTRAL OPEN PRESENTED BY MOTIV

BluFusion Fun Center, Marion, Ohio, Sunday

Final Standings: 1, Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich. \$2,500. 2, Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind. \$1,300.
3, n-Kyle Cook, Centerville, Ohio, \$1,100. 4, J.R. Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich. \$900.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Cook def. Raymond, 235-216.

Semifinal Match – Sanders def. Cook, 289-247.

Championship – Nidiffer def. Sanders, 279-268.

Final Match Play Standings (after 20 games, including match play bonus pins):

1, Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 10-2, 5,081. 2, Matthew Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 8-3-1, 4,908.

3, J.R. Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 7-5, 4,848. 4, n-Kyle Cook, Centerville, Ohio, 7-5, 4,846.

5, Graham Fach, Canada, 6-5-1, 4,829, \$800. 6, Joe Bailey, Wooster, Ohio, 7-5, 4,771, \$750.

7, Matthew Staninger, Highland, Ind., 5-6-1, 4,637, \$725. 8, Mason Brantley, Detroit, 6-6, 4,535, \$700.

9, Kyle Bigelow, Troy, Ohio, 5-6-1, 4,506, \$675. 10, Michael Schlabach, Goshen, Ind., 5-7, 4,501, \$650.

11, Zachery Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2-8-2, 4,413, \$625. 12, s-Neil Kassel, Beavercreek, Ohio, 1-11, 4,245, \$600.

s-denotes PBA50

n-denotes non-member

Tackett, Belmonte to Meet in Main Event PBA Tour Finals Title Match

by JSchneider | Tuesday, June 20, 8:22 PM

EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., dominated the Group Two finals match against Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., setting up a showdown with Australia's Jason Belmonte to decide the title in the inaugural Main Event PBA Tour Finals at Main Event Entertainment.

The Group Two finals aired Tuesday on CBS Sports Network. The Main Event PBA Tour Finals will air next Tuesday at 9:30 p.m. EDT.

Tackett, PBA's reigning Player of the Year and a seven-time PBA Tour title winner at age 24, soundly defeated Jones in a two-game, total pinfall match, 470-396, to advance to the championship match along with Belmonte, who eliminated Sweden's 22-year-old Jesper Svensson, 482-479, in the Group One final match.

The Main Event PBA Tour Finals is a new event featuring the top eight PBA members in total earnings over the past 30 months, divided into two pods of four players for a combination of round-robin match play and stepladder matches. Belmonte earned his place in the elite field of eight by leading all PBA players in total earnings over the past two-and-a-half years with \$352,967 while Tackett was second with \$319,690.

While Belmonte had to dispatch three opponents, including Svensson, to win the Group One berth in the finals, Tackett only had to beat one player, but Jones appeared poised to pull off the same kind of upset Belmonte accomplished. After struggling through the four-game match play portion of the event, Jones came into the Group Two stepladder round as the no. 4 qualifier. In the opening match, Jones nipped no. 3 Dom Barrett of England, 214-212, when Barrett left the 4-7-10 split in the 10th frame for his only mistake in the match.

Fueled by his good fortune in match one, Jones was nearly perfect in the semifinal match against no. 2 qualifier Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., winning, 290-248. Jones' only flaw was leaving a 10 pin in the first frame, which he converted.

It looked like Jones was going to continue his torrid pace against Tackett in the two-game final match, striking on four of his first five shots to take a 31-pin lead after five frames. But then he missed a 10 pin in the sixth frame and failed to convert the 3-4-6-7 split in the sixth. Tackett missed a 4 pin in his fourth frame, but then threw six consecutive strikes to erase his deficit and take a 26-pin lead after game one, 236-210.

Tackett then blew the match open, starting game two with four strikes while Jones couldn't solve the changing lane conditions. Two big splits resulted in open frames for Jones and Tackett rolled to a 234-186 win to lock up his berth in the Main Event PBA Tour Finals championship match, where he'll face an adversary he has yet to beat in a nationally-televised title match.

"I bowled a good game against Ryan (Ciminelli) and then EJ broke the lanes down a little different," Jones said. "His rev rate is so high and I moved right into his traffic, and from there I didn't make very good choices."

"We both had our struggles but I was able to figure it out a little better than Tommy. That's the way it is sometimes," Tackett said. "I wound up playing a little deeper than him – maybe just a board or two – but it was enough to make him start guessing a little bit. A couple of shots got a little high, but at that point it was just a matter of making better shots."

Belmonte, a nine-year PBA Tour veteran at age 33, was PBA Player of the Year three straight years before Tackett ended his streak in 2016. The Australian two-handed star owns 14 PBA Tour titles including eight majors. One of the majors was the 2014 USBC Masters when he defeated the top-seeded Tackett in the title match. Belmonte also defeated Tackett, the no. 1 qualifier, in the 2014 Oklahoma Open title match.

Going into the Main Event title match, Belmonte and Tackett have each won two titles in 2017. In addition to a \$30,000 first prize, one of the two will become the PBA Tour's first three-title winner in 2017 and take an early edge in the PBA Player of the Year race heading into the second half of season.

MAIN EVENT PBA TOUR FINALS

Main Event, Orlando, Fla., (aired Tuesday on CBS Sports Network)

Group Two Stepladder Round:

Match One (loser earns \$3,000): Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., def. Dom Barrett, England, 214-212.

Match Two (loser earns \$3,000): Jones def. Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 290-248.

Group Two Final Match (two games, total pinfall): EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind. (236-234) def. Jones (210-186), 470-396. (Tackett advances to the championship match; Jones advances to the third- and fourth-place match).

Championship Finals Pairings (to air on CBS Sports Network on June 27 at 9:30 p.m. EDT)

Third-Fourth Place Match: Jesper Svensson vs. Tommy Jones.

Championship (three games, total pinfall): Jason Belmonte vs. EJ Tackett.

Belmonte, Tackett and Lavoie Nominated for 2017 Best Bowler ESPY Award

Three of PBA's standout performers over the past year – reigning GEICO Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett, three-time Player of the Year Jason Belmonte, and 2016 Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year Francois Lavoie – have been nominated by ESPN for the 2017 Best Bowler ESPY Award.

The ESPYs honor excellence in sports performance and achievements in several categories over the past year, as decided in popular voting by fans. Voting is now open for bowling fans to choose their favorite by clicking on http://www.espn.com/espy/story/_/page/voting37/best-bowler

Awards will be announced Wednesday, July 12 during the ESPYs telecast in Los Angeles beginning at 8 p.m. EDT on ABC. Voting will be open until the start of the ESPYs telecast.

Belmonte, Australia's two-handed star, is hoping for his third consecutive ESPY Award and fourth overall. After a strong season without winning a title in 2016, Belmonte reasserted his dominance in PBA Tour major championships early in 2017, winning a record fourth USBC Masters title and the Barbasol PBA Players Championship to bring his total to eight career majors. His 2016 season included five top-five finishes in the second half of 2016 including a fourth-place finish in the PBA World Championship.

Tackett was the dominant player in the second half of 2016, highlighted by his first major in the PBA World Championship. He continued his hot streak into 2017, winning his second major title in the 2017 FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions after capturing the DHC Japan Invitational title.

In 2016 Lavoie became the first Canadian to earn Rookie of the Year honors and the second Canadian to win a PBA Tour title. The Quebec City native not only won Bowling's U.S. Open, but became the first player in the tournament's history to bowl a nationally-televised 300 on his way to the win. He captured his second title in the 2016 PBA Shark Open, and his third early in 2017 in the PBA Xtra Frame Greater Jonesboro Open.

HISTORY OF ESPY BEST BOWLER AWARD WINNERS

2016 – Jason Belmonte

2015 – Jason Belmonte

2014 - Pete Weber

2013 – Pete Weber

2012 – Sean Rash

2011 – Jason Belmonte

2010 – Walter Ray Williams Jr.

2009 – Norm Duke
2008 – Norm Duke
2007 – Norm Duke
2006 – Walter Ray Williams Jr.
2005 – Walter Ray Williams Jr.
2004 – Pete Weber
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2001 – Walter Ray Williams Jr.
2000 – Parker Bohn III
1999 – Walter Ray Williams Jr.
1998 – Walter Ray Williams Jr.
1997 – Bob Learn Jr.
1996 – Mike Aulby
1995 – Norm Duke

Bowling Proprietors, PBA Join Hands to Create Go Bowling! PBA Tour

NASHVILLE, Tenn. -- In a landmark partnership between bowling organizations, the Professional Bowlers Association and Bowling Proprietors' Association of America have announced that GoBowling.com will be the umbrella sponsor of the Go Bowling! PBA Tour between December 2017 and July 2018, with an option to renew for an additional year.

The partnership was announced by BPAA Executive Director Frank DeSocio, BPAA President Nancy Schenk and PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark during International Bowl Expo in Nashville, Tenn.

As part of the partnership agreement, The Go Bowling! PBA Tour will be showcased on 18 ESPN telecasts, beginning with programming from the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IV in Reno in December, and extending through July 2018 to include five CBS Sports Network telecasts. Additionally, The Go Bowling! PBA Tour will have a significant presence on at least eight PBA Xtra Frame Tour events in 2018, all of which will be live-streamed exclusively via PBA's online bowling channel.

"This partnership gives GoBowling.com a full-year marketing platform to talk to bowlers and non-bowlers through the PBA Tour," DeSocio said.

"The more people who go bowling, the more we all benefit," Schenk added. "That's what we're looking to achieve."

GoBowling.com, created by BPAA as the go-to website for millions of Americans looking for a place to go bowling, has been recently revamped to provide an even stronger connection between bowlers young and old, novice or professional, worldwide, providing news, tips, videos, contests and promotional offers as well as the sport's most comprehensive guide to help people find information about more than 1,800 BPAA-member bowling centers across America.

"Working together with GoBowling.com, Strike Ten Entertainment and BPAA bowling centers to promote the PBA is great for the game and illustrates positive bowling industry unity," Clark said. "We appreciate BPAA Executive Director Frank DeSocio, BPAA President Nancy Schenk and the entire board's shared vision that investing in the PBA and promoting the sport together will make for a spectacular year.

"The PBA is experiencing an electrifying surge of young talent while the greats of the game continue to contend from event to event, making for interesting events and historic accomplishments on the lanes, Clark added. "We can't wait to get started."

As part of the partnership, the Go Bowling! message will receive a wide variety of additional benefits, including:

- Commercial spots, billboards and signage during PBA telecasts and on all Xtra Frame events;
- Title sponsorship for two PBA Tour events to be determined, plus presenting sponsorship of the 2018 Chris Paul CP3 Celebrity Invitational;
- Sponsorship of a PBA League team;
- Logo identification on six top PBA Tour players;
- Introduction of a new Go Bowling! fan engagement segment during each telecast;
- Extensive exposure to mainstream news media and PBA's global social media audience through all aspects of the PBA Network.

Another special benefit will be subscriptions to PBA's Xtra Frame online video subscription service to any BPAA-member bowling center that requests a subscription, courtesy of Strike Ten Entertainment. The pre-paid subscriptions will allow participating bowling centers to provide their customers with hundreds of hours of exclusive programming, including preliminary rounds of all PBA and PWBA Tour events, start-to-finish coverage of the PBA50 Tour and PBA Xtra Frame Tour tournaments, and much more.

At BPAA's option, the Go Bowling! PBA Tour program may be renewed for an additional year.

PBA Spare Shots: Will Tommy Jones Remove Wes Malott's Crown in Pay-Per-View King of Bowling Duel?
by bvint | Friday, June 23, 1:07 PM

PBA Spare Shots: Will Tommy Jones Remove Wes Malott's Crown in Pay-Per-View King of Bowling Duel?
The question of the week is, can Wes Malott retain his "King of Bowling" crown one more time against a sure-fire future PBA Hall of Famer, South Carolina's Tommy Jones?

In an online vote, PBA fans selected Jones – an 18-time PBA Tour titlist, former Rookie and Player of the Year – as Malott's opponent for the next chapter of PBA's King of Bowling challenge series. The exclusive best-of-three-game Xtra Frame pay-per-view match will take place Monday at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla., prior to the start of PBA's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Oklahoma Open.

The pay-per-view match will begin with a pre-game show at 7:40 p.m. EDT on Monday with the match starting at 8 p.m. It's easy to sign up and costs only \$2.99. All money generated from PPV fees will be awarded as prize money to the winning bowler. (Xtra Frame subscribers please note: this is a special event and is not included in your subscription package).

To sign up, click here: http://www.xtraframe.tv/#!liveevent?EV_pid=3794

Malott, nicknamed "Big Nasty" and "Sir Strikes-a-Lot," has successfully defended his King of Bowling crown six consecutive times, dating back to the original series held at Kegel Training Center in Lake Wales, Fla., in 2009. Most recently he won the revival of the competition in April in Portland, Maine, where he rolled a 721 series to defeat reigning PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett (664) and Australia's Jason Belmonte, PBA Player of the Year the three previous years (640). Malott's victims in Lake Wales included, in order: Chris Barnes, 268-214; Patrick Allen, 258-234; Walter Ray Williams Jr., 300-238; Rhino Page, 257-233, and Parker Bohn III, 300-223.

PBA Hall of Famer Randy Pedersen will man the Xtra Frame announce booth and Chris Barnes, the first player Malott dispatched to start his winning streak, will work the event as Xtra Frame's "sideline reporter." Barnes will be in the settee with the players asking them questions before, during and after the match.

XTRA FRAME SCHEDULE INCLUDES HARDWICK OPEN, OKLAHOMA PRELIMS, PWBA ACTION

Headlining Xtra Frame's upcoming live streaming schedule will be the "throwback" PBA Xtra Frame Billy Hardwick Memorial Open presented by his son, Chris Hardwick, from Billy Hardwick's All Star Lanes in Memphis, Tenn., Saturday and Sunday, followed by qualifying round coverage of the PBA Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Oklahoma Open from FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla., June 27-30.

Two days of live ESPN coverage of the Oklahoma Open's nine-player stepladder finals is set for Saturday and Sunday, July 1-2, at 1 p.m. EDT both days. Live ESPN coverage also will be available on ESPN and the WatchESPN app.

The Hardwick Memorial Open, which will limit all players to using two low-tech polyester plastic bowling balls for the duration of the tournament, is the sixth PBA Xtra Frame Tour event of the season, offering a \$10,000 first prize and a PBA Tour title if the winner is a PBA member.

This week's PWBA Tour coverage focuses on the qualifying and match play rounds of the Go Bowling PWBA Players Championship from The Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley in Green Bay, Wis. today and Saturday, leading to the live CBS Sports Network stepladder finals Sunday at 10 a.m. CDT. Coverage of PWBA's Orlando Open will follow June 30-July 1.

Xtra Frame's July schedule includes the Teen Masters from Richmond, Va., July 5-7; the PWBA St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open from Seminole, Fla., July 7-8; the Proprietors Cup from Beavercreek, Ohio, July 8-9; the Nationwide PWBA Rochester (N.Y.) Open, July 14-15; the PBA50 South Shore Open from Hammond, Ind., July 25-27; the XF Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles from Copperfield Bowl in Houston, Texas, July 28-30, which will award PBA and PWBA Tour titles; and the PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic from Anderson, Ind., July 30-Aug. 1. For broadcast time and other details, check under the "schedules" tab on pba.com.

Xtra Frame subscription packages are available for three days, 30 days and a full year. To sign up, visit xtraframe.tv for details.

PBA fans also can follow real-time results for PBA50, PBA Xtra Frame Tour and all PBA Regional events by visiting the "live scoring" feature on pba.com. PWBA live scoring is available on pwba.com.

WORLD BOWLING TOUR FINALS ADDED TO GEICO PBA WSOB IX SCHEDULE

Due to the re-scheduling of World Bowling Men's World Championships and end-of-year World Bowling Tour events in the Middle East, the World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals presented by the PBA have been added to the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX ESPN television schedule.

The WBT Finals, featuring the three men and three women who are leading PBA International-World Bowling Tour points lists at the end of the PBA World Championship in Reno, will be held following the PBA World Championship stepladder finals at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno on Sunday, Nov. 19.

WBT points events yet to be contested include the Sweden WBT in Malmo, Sweden, Aug. 14-28, and the Thailand WBT in Bangkok, Sept.30-Oct.

Construction of a new Kuwait Bowling Center in Kuwait City has been delayed, forcing World Bowling to move its Men's World Championship to the South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas, Nov. 24-Dec. 4, following PBA's WSOB IX in Reno. The Kuwait construction issue also led to the cancellation of planned WBT events in Bahrain and Saudi Arabia. World Bowling has awarded the 2021 World Championships to Kuwait.

USBC HONORS LONG-TIME PBA REGIONAL COMPETITOR BOB HILEMAN

Bob Hileman of Portage, Ind., a three-time PBA Midwest Region Pat Patterson Award winner, has been named recipient of the 2017 Jim Jaryszak Laneman Award by the United States Bowling Congress Equipment Specifications and Certifications team in recognition of his behind-the-scenes work as a laneman.

"It was a total surprise," said Hileman, who competed in 205 PBA Regional events, winning his only title in Raytown, Mo., in 2002. "I'm deeply honored and humbled at the same time. Jim Jaryszak and I were very good friends, and I miss him dearly. To have my name associated with all the lanemen in the world – Lenny Nicholson, John Davis, everyone – I'm quite honored."

Hileman has been the laneman at Stardust Bowl II in Merrillville, Ind., for more than 35 years. He was instrumental in running PBA national and regional events held at Stardust Bowl, including the PBA Tour Trials. He earned his Pat Patterson Awards for individual contributions toward the PBA Midwest Region program.

Past recipients include Sam Baca, the PBA's first Director of Lane Maintenance; Kegel founder John Davis, and PBA Tour titlist John Forst, who died hours after receiving his award in 2016 of circumstances related to terminal brain cancer. Len Nicholson, also a former PBA director of lane maintenance and a member of the PBA Hall of Fame, was the first recipient of the award.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: DARREN ANDRETTA ENDS SEVEN-YEAR TITLE QUEST

Darren Andretta of New Hyde Park, N.Y., defeated Matt O'Grady of Rahway, N.J., 258-230, to win the PBA Homefield Bowl Open presented by MOTIV at Homefield Bowl in Yonkers, N.Y., Sunday.

The win, his first in seven years of membership, proved a perfect Father's Day gift to his father Bob. His father, also a PBA member, arrived during the match play finals along with the rest of the Andretta family.

Andretta, who earned \$3,000, compiled a 10-2 match play record to qualify second. He defeated Jon Van Hees of Charlestown, R.I., 257-209, in the semifinal match to advance to the championship game. Van Hees eliminated defending champion Billy Asbury of Odenton, Md., 224-205, in the preliminary match.

● Brian Menini from Brookfield, Mo., thwarted David Beres' bid for his eighth PBA Regional title, 258-172, and won the second annual Glo Bowl Midwest Open, presented by Samuel Adams and Global 900, in Marengo, Ill.

The match turned in Menini's favor when he converted the 3-4-6-7 split in the sixth frame. Beres was unable to string strikes and when he left a 7 pin in the ninth frame, Menini doubled in the 10th to claim his second PBA Regional title and the \$2,300 winner's check.

Menini, who finished qualifying in eighth place, defeated top qualifier AJ Johnson of Oswego, Ill., 3-1, in the best-of-five-game Round of 8 and earned his way to the championship match by defeating Nathan Michalowski of Brookfield, Wis., 2-0, in the best-of-three semifinal round. Beres advanced by defeating Christopher Hill of Franklin, Wis., 3-1, in the Round of 8 and defending champion Tom Hess of Urbandale, Iowa, 2-0, in the semifinal round.

● Greg Young of Viera, Fla., rallied to defeat Orlando's Shawn Naumann, 195-247, 258-236, 234-177, in a best-of-three-game championship match between amateur players to win the PBA Timmy See Memorial South Open presented by MOTIV at Nassau Bowling Lanes in Yulee, Fla., Sunday.

Young, a former three-time Junior Team USA member, earned \$2,500 for the win but he doesn't get credit for a PBA title because he's a non-member.

In the semifinal round, Young defeated Brandon Curtis of Manson, N.C., 2-1, while Naumann also rallied from a 1-0 deficit to defeat Jeff Evans of Supply, N.C., 2-1, in the semifinal round.

● Craig Nidiffer of Trenton, Mich., defeated Matt Sanders of Evansville, Ind., 279-268, to win the PBA Greater Marion Central Open presented by MOTIV at BlueFusion Fun Center in Marion, Ohio, Sunday. Nidiffer claimed his fourth career PBA region title along with the \$2,500 first prize.

Sanders defeated Kyle Cook of Centerville, Ohio, 289-247, to advance to the championship match. In the first stepladder match, Cook downed J.R. Raymond of Clinton Twp., Mich., 235-216.

● A busy schedule of PBA Regional events is on tap for the June 23-24 weekend, including the Pro Bowl West Central/Midwest Challenge presented by Roto Grip in Fort Wayne, Ind.; the PBA50 Ultimate Inserts Midwest Open presented by Hammer at Lakeside Lanes in Davis, Ill., and the PBA/PBA50 Sands Regency Doubles presented by MOTIV at High Sierra Lanes in Reno, Nev.

● The June PBA Regional calendar closes and July begins with the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Southwest Doubles at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla., on June 30, preceding the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Oklahoma Open. Also scheduled for the June 30-July 2 weekend is the PBA and PBA50 Vanessa Brown Homes West Opens, both presented by Columbia 300 at Yosemite Lanes, in Modesto, Calif.

● For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

Kris Prather Averages 239 to Lead Qualifying in PBA Xtra Frame Billy Hardwick Memorial Open

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – Florida native Kris Prather, newly-relocated to Plainfield, Ill., averaged 239 for eight games Saturday to lead the top 24 qualifiers into Sunday's final rounds in the Professional Bowlers Association's Xtra Frame Billy Hardwick Memorial Open presented by Chris Hardwick at Billy Hardwick's All Star Lanes.

Prather, a former Wichita State University collegiate star who is trying for his first title, fired games of 199, 289, 206, 244, 193 and 223 before closing his round with games of 168 and 290 for a 1,912 total and a 70-pin lead over 40-year-old PBA Tour veteran Mike Wolfe of New Albany, Ind. Wolfe is a five-time PBA Tour titlist; Prather, 25, is trying for his first title in his third year as a touring pro.

Australia's Sam Cooley was third with 1,794 pins followed by Dick Allen of Columbia, S.C., at 1,792 and Cody Shoemaker of Hanover, Pa., with a 1,786 total.

The Hardwick Open is a "throwback" tournament named in honor of the late PBA Hall of Famer. It presents players with a one-of-a-kind challenge, requiring all bowlers to compete with only two polyester plastic bowling balls which lack the aggressive hooking power of contemporary high-tech balls.

The parity created by the plastic ball restriction was evident at the "cut" number where Johnathan Bower of Middletown, Pa., and amateur Mykel Holliman of Collierville, Tenn., tied for the last advancing spot for Sunday's cashers round with 1,663 pins, a modest 207.8 average. Another 11 players were within 30 pins of the cut number.

The tournament is one of nine PBA Xtra Frame events in 2017 season that are being covered live in their entirety, exclusively by PBA's Xtra Frame live streaming service, which is seen by bowling fans around the world. For Xtra Frame subscriptions, visit xtraframe.tv. Subscription packages are available for three days (\$2.99), 30 days (\$7.99) and a full year (about \$1.25 a week).

Sunday's finals will begin with a four-game cashers round at 8 a.m. CDT, followed by the top 16 players advancing to three-game single-elimination match play rounds at 11 a.m. (qualifiers 9-16), 1:30 p.m. (winners plus qualifiers 5-8), and 4 p.m. (winners plus qualifiers 1-4). The four survivors will bowl a one-game match at 6:30 p.m., with the top two scores advancing to the one-game championship match at 7 p.m. All times are Central

PBA XTRA FRAME BILLY HARDWICK MEMORIAL OPEN

presented by Chris Hardwick

Billy Hardwick's All Star Lanes, Memphis, Tenn., Saturday

Final Qualifying Standings (after 8 games)

- 1, Kristopher Prather, Milton, Fla., 1,912.
- 2, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 1,842.
- 3, Sam Cooley, Australia, 1,794.
- 4, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,792.
- 5, Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., 1,786.
- 6, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,753.
- 7, Isaac Kim, Lebanon, Pa., 1,739.
- 8, n-Wesley Low Jr., Palmdale, Calif., 1,730.
- 9, Trevor Roberts, Crystal River, Fla., 1,729.
- 10, Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 1,727.

- 11, Zulmazran Zulkifli, Malaysia, 1,724.
- 12, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,723.
- 13, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 1,720.
- 14, Francois Louw, South Africa, 1,719.
- 15, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 1,706.
- 16, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,705.
- 17 (tie), Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., and n-Tommy Berish III, Cordova, Tenn., 1,683.
- 19, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,674.
- 20, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 1,672.
- 21, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 1,670.
- 22, AJ Chapman, Wichita, Kan., 1,668.
- 23 (tie), Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., and n-Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 1,663.

Failed to advance:

- 25, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,659.
- 26, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 1,656.
- 27, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 1,655.
- 28, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 1,653.
- 29, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 1,650.
- 30, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,648.
- 31, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 1,638.
- 32, n-Michael Brewer, Memphis, Tenn., 1,636.
- 33, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 1,633.
- 34, Graham Fach, Canada, 1,625.
- 35, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 1,623.
- 36, Matt Taylor, Youngsville, N.C., 1,615.
- 37, n-Vic Culbreth, Cordova, Tenn., 1,614.
- 38, Kristian Sieradzki, Seminole, Fla., 1,607.
- 39, Adam Monks, Conway, S.C., 1,606.
- 40, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 1,601.
- 41, CJ Kirchner, Herrin, Ill., 1,600.
- 42 (tie), David Krol, Nixa, Mo., and n-Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 1,579.
- 44, n-Jeff Atkins, Hot Springs Village, Ark., 1,563.
- 45 (tie), Dave Wodka, Beavercreek, Ohio, and Mark Smith, Memphis, Tenn., 1,562.
- 47, n-Christopher Forrester, Memphis, Tenn., 1,554.
- 48, Michael Houtz, Myerstown, Pa., 1,548.
- 49, Ramon Hilferink, Netherlands, 1,544.
- 50 (tie), Zachary Wright, Roseburg, Ore., and Thomas Berish Jr., Cordova, Tenn., 1,542.
- 52, n-Ross Jenner, Collierville, Tenn., 1,523.
- 53 (tie), n-Michael Brownlee, Memphis, Tenn., and Tommy Martin, Olive Branch, Miss., 1,522.
- 55, Christian Smith, Cordova, Tenn., 1,503.
- 56, n-David White, Collierville, Tenn., 1,500.
- 57, Wendell Barger, Dry Ridge, Ky., 1,499.
- 58, n-Rudy Kasimakis, Baldwin, Miss., 1,491.
- 59, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 1,482.
- 60, n-Richard Howell, Collierville, Tenn., 1,478.
- 61, Seth Hillis, Lebanon, Tenn., 1,476.
- 62, n-John Rutigliano, Cordova, Tenn., 1,467.
- 63, n-Tim Hartigan, Tupelo, Miss., 1,456.
- 64, n-Chucky Minter, Jackson, Tenn., 1,450.
- 65, n-Kenneth Corley, Memphis, Tenn., 1,428.

66, n-Josh Turberville, Tupelo, Miss., 1,402.
67, n-Chris Goodwin, Southaven, Miss., 1,396.
68, n-Danny Schubert, Byhalia, Miss., 1,392.
69, n-Matt Hartigan, Tupelo, Miss., 1,378.
70, n-Jimbo Martin, Covington, Tenn., 1,356.
71, n-Tim Parlow, Memphis, Tenn., 1,341.
72, Mark Payne Sr., Amarillo, Texas, 1,339.
73, n-Russ Wheeler, Memphis, Tenn., 1,336.
n-denotes non-member.

/ Indiana Rookie Matt Sanders Wins PBA Xtra Frame Billy Hardwick Memorial Open for First PBA Title MEMPHIS, Tenn. – Matt Sanders, a 23-year-old rookie from Evansville, Ind., bowling in his third national tournament as a member, defeated Brian LeClair of Delmar, N.Y., 243-237, to win the Professional Bowlers Association’s Xtra Frame Billy Hardwick Memorial Open presented by Chris Hardwick at Billy Hardwick’s All Star Lanes.

Sanders, who had his best PBA finish a week ago when he lost to Craig Nidiffer of Trenton, Mich., 279-268, in the PBA Greater Marion Central Open title match in Marion, Ohio. The former two-time All-American with Marion University-Indiana earned \$10,000 – enough to finance his tour activities for the rest of the 2017 season – along with his first title.

“That was my first plastic ball tournament so, so far so good,” he said with a smile. “I had an okay day in qualifying, but I think I figured the lanes out going into today and today I got locked in.

“I was extremely nervous before we started the title match, but I told myself I’ve done this a few times before, so after we got started, there was no reason to be nervous. I wanted to win.”

The loss was another disappointment for LeClair, a 33-year PBA member who has not won a PBA Tour title in 434 events. The 52-year-old has won three times since joining the PBA50 Tour in 2015, but it hurt to have this one slip through his fingers.

“This may have been my last shot at a ‘junior tour’ title,” LeClair said. “Bowling on the senior tour is the same in a lot of ways as it was earlier in my career. My life is a lot more stable, which helps, but it would be nice to have that one missing title.”

Sanders earned his trip to the title match with a 253-223 victory over fellow rookie Francois Louw of South Africa. In his previous three-game total pinfall matches, Sanders eliminated top qualifier Kris Prather of Plainfield, Ill., 707-679; rookie Zulmazran Zulkifli of Malaysia, 632-602, and Trevor Roberts of Crystal River, Fla., 683-675.

LeClair advanced to the title match with a 237-236 victory over Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, when Barnes’ rally ended with a 4 pin on his first shot in the 10th frame. In his two preliminary matches, LeClair defeated Cody Shoemaker of Hanover, Pa., 656-584, and amateur Wesley Low Jr. of Palmdale, Calif., 641-624.

Next up on PBA’s Xtra Frame live streaming service is a special pay-per-view (\$2.99) King of Bowling challenge match Monday starting at 7:40 p.m. EDT when reigning KOB Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, will meet challenger Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., in a best-of-three-game match. To sign up for the special event, use this link: http://www.xtraframe.tv/#!/liveevent?EV_pid=3794.

Following the King of Bowling match, Xtra Frame will provide live coverage of the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Oklahoma Open qualifying rounds Tuesday through Friday, leading up to ESPN’s coverage of the unique Oklahoma Open nine-player stepladder finals Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m. EDT both days. ESPN2 and the WatchESPN app will also provide simultaneous live streaming coverage.

The PBA Xtra Frame Tour’s next event will be the XF Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles from Copperfield Bowl in Houston, Texas, July 28-30, which will award PBA and PWBA Tour titles.

For Xtra Frame subscriptions, visit xtraframe.tv. Subscription packages are available for three days (\$2.99), 30 days (\$7.99) and a full year (about \$1.25 a week).

PBA XTRA FRAME BILLY HARDWICK MEMORIAL OPEN

presented by Chris Hardwick

Billy Hardwick's All Star Lanes, Memphis, Tenn., Sunday
Championship:

Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind. (\$10,000) def. Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y. (\$5,500), 243-237.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$2,500):

Sanders def. Francois Louw, South Africa, 253-223.

LeClair def. Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 237-236.

Round Three (qualifiers 1-4 vs. Round Two winners; three games total pinfall, losers earned \$1,350):

Sanders def. Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 707-679.

Barnes def. Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 662-657.

LeClair def. Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., 656-584.

Louw def. Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 629-525.

Round Two (qualifiers 5-8 vs. Round One winners; three games total pinfall, losers earned \$1,150):

Sanders def. Zulmazran Zulkifli, Malaysia, 632-602.

Allen def. Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 714-675.

LeClair def. n-Wesley Low Jr., Palmdale, Calif., 641-624.

Louw def. Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 669-598.

Round One: (qualifiers 9-16, three games total pinfall, losers earned \$1,000):

Sanders def. Trevor Roberts, Crystal River, Fla., 683-675.

Bolleby def. Sam Cooley, Australia, 716-680.

Low def. Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 685-596.

Couch def. Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 645-634.

Cashers Round Standings (after 12 games; top 16 advanced to match play):

1, Prather, 2,754.

2, Barnes, 2,697.

3, Shoemaker, 2,670.

4, Wolfe, 2,660.

5, Louw, 2,654.

6 Itie), LeClair and Allen, 2,652.

8, Zulkifli, 2,648.

9, Sanders, 2,645.

10, Cooley, 2,643.

11, Low, 2,617.

12, Troup, 2,581.

13, Couch, 2,580.

14, Evans, 2,561.

15, Bolleby, 2,554.

16, Roberts, 2,552.

Other Cashers (after 12 games):

17, n-Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 2,539, \$650.

18, Isaac Kim, Lebanon, Pa., 2,534, \$650.

19, AJ Chapman, Wichita, Kan., 2,522, \$650.

20, n-Tommy Berish III, Cordova, Tenn., 2,492, \$625.

21, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 2,478, \$625.

22, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 2,473, \$625.

23, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 2,469, \$600.

24, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 2,432, \$600.

n-denotes non-member.

Tuesday on CBS Sports Network: Indiana's EJ Tackett Meets Australia's Jason Belmonte in Main Event PBA Tour Finals Championship Match

ORLANDO, Fla. – Reigning PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., will meet Australia's Jason Belmonte in the three-game total pinfall match to decide the title in the inaugural Main Event PBA Tour Finals, the Professional Bowlers Association's newest showcase event, Tuesday at 9:30 p.m. EDT on CBS Sports Network.

The PBA Tour Finals will air following a one-game contest between Group One runner-up Jesper Svensson of Sweden and Group Two runner-up Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., to decide third- and fourth-place in the elite eight-player tournament. Tackett and Belmonte earned their berths in the title match as the winners of the Group Two and Group One stepladder rounds leading up to the finale.

Tackett and Belmonte, two of five players in the PBA's 58-year history to win both Rookie and Player of the Year awards, have met twice previously in title matches with Belmonte winning both times. Belmonte defeated the previously undefeated Tackett in the title match of the 2014 USBC Masters in North Brunswick, N.J., 221-177, and later in the same year, beat Tackett in the PBA Oklahoma Open title match in Shawnee, Okla., 193-145.

Entering the championship match, Tackett and Belmonte also are early leaders in the 2017 PBA Player of the Year competition as two-time titlists. Tackett won the DHC Japan Invitational in January and the FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions in February. Belmonte won his seventh and eighth PBA major championships in the Barbasol PBA Players Championship followed by the USBC Masters two weeks later where he became the Masters' first four-time winner.

At stake in the PBA Tour Finals title match is a \$30,000 first prize plus a third 2017 PBA Tour title for the winner.

Each of the CBS Sports Network telecasts will be re-broadcast. Check your local listings for times and dates.

Malott Defeats Jones to Retain King of Bowling Crown

Ten-time PBA Tour winner Wes Malott defended his King of Bowling crown Monday for the second time in a best-of-three-game Xtra Frame pay-per-view showdown by defeating 18-time Tour winner Tommy Jones at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla.

In the third installment of the King of Bowling challenge series, Malott came back from a loss in the first game and won the next two to beat Jones 2-1 for the title contested on the 44-foot Oklahoma Open lane condition.

Jones got off to a strong start winning the first match 278-200, but Malott was able to come back with a 258-238 win in the second game and a 212-204 win in the third game for the title. Jones had a 34-pin lead in the third game but had back-to-back splits in the sixth and seventh frames that he did not convert which turned the momentum back to Malott.

“Those were the best matches I’ve bowled in a long time,” said Malott. “I consider myself fortunate to come away with a win with the start Tommy had.

“You never give up in a match like this because you have the opportunity to come back,” Malott added. “I’m just happy to win it again and now I’m ready for the next opponent.”

Despite the slow start Malott made the decision to stay with the same ball and just make the necessary physical adjustments to his delivery.

“Bowling in general is a guess,” he said. “I wasn’t 100 percent sure what ball would be best so I went with the ball I felt most comfortable with. Fortunately, it was a ball that I could make the right adjustments with.”

Malott, who dominated the original King of Bowling series held at Kegel Training Center in Lake Wales, Fla., in 2009, successfully defended his throne when he won the revival of the competition on April 12 in Portland, Maine, defeating reigning PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett and Australia’s Jason Belmonte, PBA Player of the Year the three previous years, with a 721 series. Tackett had a 664 series and Belmonte a 640 in the three-game, total pinfall contest.

Jones was selected as Malott’s challenger through fan voting on pba.com and PBA’s Twitter account which concluded on June 16.

The King of Bowling event was a prelude to The Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Oklahoma Open which gets underway at the FireLake Bowling Center Tuesday with first round qualifying at 10 a.m. CDT (11 a.m. ET). Xtra Frame will provide live coverage of all Oklahoma Open qualifying action Tuesday through Friday leading up to the live ESPN stepladder finals from the Grand Hotel Event Center Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m. EDT (noon CDT).

Marshall Kent and Malaysia's Zulkifli Lead After First Round in Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Oklahoma Open

Three-time PBA Tour winner Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., and Zulmazran Zulkifli of Malaysia, a relatively recent convert to the two-handed bowling style, averaged 234.8 to tie for the first round lead in the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Oklahoma Open Tuesday at FireLake Bowling Center.

Kent and Zulkifli both bowled a 1,879 eight-game pinfall total to lead the 91-player field on the PBA's 32-foot Wolf pattern lane condition.

Kent recovered from games of 166 and 172 to start the round but caught fire with games of 239, 279, 237, 237, 260 and 289. Zulkifli, or ZZ as he is more commonly called, bowled games of 211, 203, 213, 258, 287, 266, 226 and 215.

"I tried to make a urethane ball work to start the round but that wasn't going to work," said Kent, who won the PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open earlier this month for his third career title. "I changed to a reactive ball in the third game and started striking.

"Past experience on this pattern told me that urethane would be a good choice but there seemed to be too much oil (on the lanes) for what I was trying to do," he added. "I really wasn't comfortable using reactive either but it turned out to be the right change to make."

IMG_2044At a point in his career when he was ready to give up the sport, Zulkifli, a 13-time winner on the Asian Bowling Tour, decided to make the change to a two-handed delivery about 18 months ago because he felt he was no longer competitive using the normal one-handed delivery.

"I was about to quit the game because it just wasn't fun anymore," said the 34-year-old Zulkifli. "I just couldn't get the power I needed using one hand so I thought what do I have to lose, I'll give it a try.

"I tried it once for about 15 minutes and felt I could make it work," he continued. "For me, I need to make the ball hook and using the two-handed delivery was the answer."

Since he started using the two-handed delivery, it's been a lot of practice – up to six hours a day and watching a lot of video of players like other two-handed stars Jason Belmonte and Osku Palermaa.

“I still look at myself as a beginner using this style because it still doesn't feel natural to me,” Zulkifli said. “I really have to concentrate hard on every shot. At this point in my career I can't stay home and practice until I'm ready. I have to learn while I'm bowling at the highest level of competition because I'm getting older.”

Another two-hander six-time Tour winner Jesper Svensson of Sweden finished the round in third just nine pins back with a 1,870 pinfall.

Rounding out the top five were 16-year-old PBA member Trey Ford III of Bartlesville, Okla., who finished fourth with a 1,834 pinfall and two-time Tour winner Thomas Larsen of Denmark who finished the round in fifth with 1,826.

Oklahoma Open competition continues with eight-game qualifying rounds Wednesday and Thursday on the PBA's Bear and Badger lane conditioning patterns. The top 33 players based on 24-game pinfall totals will advance to another eight-game qualifying round on the Oklahoma Open lane condition Friday which will determine nine players who will compete in the live ESPN stepladder finals Saturday and Sunday at the Grand Casino Hotel Event Center. The leading qualifier will have the right to select which of the four lane conditions will be used for the stepladder finals.

All qualifying rounds are streamed live on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. For subscription and schedule information click on www.xtraframe.tv.

GRAND CASINO HOTEL & RESORT PBA OKLAHOMA OPEN

FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla., Tuesday

First Round (after 8 games)

- 1, (tie) Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., and Zulmazran Zulkifli, Malaysia, 1,879.
- 3, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 1,870.
- 4, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 1,834.
- 5, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,826.
- 6, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 1,811.
- 7, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,794.
- 8, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,788.
- 9, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,786.
- 10, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 1,785.
- 11, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 1,782.
- 12, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,763.
- 13, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 1,756.
- 14, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,753.
- 15, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,749.
- 16, Ahmed Alawadhi, Bahrain, 1,742.
- 17, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,739.
- 18, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,733.
- 19, Kristopher Prather, Milton, Fla., 1,731.
- 20, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,728.
- 21, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 1,720.
- 22, Sam Cooley, Australia, 1,719.
- 23, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,715.
- 24, (tie) AJ Chapman, Wichita, Kan., Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., and Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 1,708.
- 27, Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 1,701.
- 28, Dom Barrett, England, 1,700.
- 29, Francois Louw, South Africa, 1,697.
- 30, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 1,687.

- 31, Richie Teece, England, 1,674.
- 32, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 1,672.
- 33, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,671.
- 34, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,661.
- 35, (tie) Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., and Francois Lavoie, Canada, 1,654.
- 37, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 1,651.
- 38, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,646.
- 39, James Cantere, Oklahoma City, 1,645.
- 40, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,644.
- 41, Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y., 1,638.
- 42, Omar Rashid, Bahrain, 1,637.
- 43, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,632.
- 44, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,628.
- 45, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 1,625.
- 46, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,624.
- 47, Dylan Burns, Lawrence, Kan., 1,623.
- 48, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,622.
- 49, J.R. Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 1,619.
- 50, Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 1,611.
- 51, Isaac Russell, Malaysia, 1,610.
- 52, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,609.
- 53, Stuart Williams, England, 1,608.
- 54, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,607.
- 55, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,603.
- 56, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 1,602.
- 57, Tom Sorce, Blasdell, N.Y., 1,592.
- 58, John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 1,589.
- 59, (tie) Gabriel Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., and Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 1,588.
- 61, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 1,585.

- 62, Dylan Macon, Lubbock, Texas, 1,582.
- 63, (tie) Osama Hassan, Bahrain, and Matthew Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 1,574.
- 65, (tie) Isaac Kim, Lebanon, Pa., and Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,563.
- 67, Graham Fach, Canada, 1,558.
- 68, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,556.
- 69, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 1,551.
- 70, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 1,550.
- 71, Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., 1,543.
- 72, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 1,540.
- 73, (tie) Patrick Allen, Elmwood Park, N.J., and Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 1,534.
- 75, Michael Houtz, Myerstown, Pa., 1,532.
- 76, Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo., 1,528.
- 77, Jeff Hatt, Oklahoma City, 1,499.
- 78, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 1,498.
- 79, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 1,497.
- 80, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 1,488.
- 81, Ramon Hilferink, Netherlands, 1,461.
- 82, Armando Santacruz, Ecuador, 1,440.
- 83, Kenneth Bland Jr., Jacksonville, Texas, 1,433.
- 84, Paul Brewbaker, Midwest City, Okla., 1,427.
- 85, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 1,408.
- 86, Tyson Branagan, Fort Worth, Texas, 1,374.
- 87, William Tarpein, McDonough, Ga., 1,350.
- 88, Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., 1,331.
- 89, Jose Rosero, Ecuador, 1,243.
- 90, Yebgueni Velez, Ecuador, 1,156.
- 91, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 531, withdrew.

300 games (2) – Ronnie Russell, Thomas Larsen

Indiana's EJ Tackett Wins Inaugural Main Event PBA Tour Finals for Third 2017 Title

ORLANDO, Fla. – After winning his first GEICO Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year Award in 2016 at age 24, EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., has indicated he's not ready to relinquish his role as the Professional Bowlers Association's premier player.

ej trophyTackett (at left with Main Event Senior Promotions Manager Jeremy Carter) became the 2017 season's first three-time title winner when he defeated Australia's Jason Belmonte, 666-628, in the three-game total pinfall title match in the inaugural Main Event PBA Tour Finals at Main Event Entertainment.

The finals aired Tuesday on CBS Sports Network. Tackett earned \$30,000 (along with his eighth career PBA Tour title) which will go toward his two-year earnings total in his ongoing bid for a return trip to the 2018 Main Event PBA Tour Finals.

Tackett won his berth in the title match as winner of the Group Two preliminary rounds, topping 18-time PBA Tour champion Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C.; Dom Barrett of England, and Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y. Belmonte had an uphill battle in his four-player pod, but led Group One over competitors Jesper Svensson of Sweden; Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., and Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas.

In the title match against Belmonte, who had held the PBA Player of the Year title for three years in a row before Tackett overtook him in 2016, Belmonte took a one-pin lead after the first game, 225-224. Tackett then took charge, winning game two, 222-191, when Belmonte failed to convert two difficult splits. The young Indiana high-rev player kept Belmonte at bay throughout game three, winning again, 220-212, for a 38-pin margin of victory.

"The lanes were a little weird at times," Tackett said of the title match. "I don't know if it was from Tommy (Jones) or Belmo, or a little of both of them moving the oil around. But I threw a couple of shots that I thought were really, really good, and I had a solid 10 pin on one and a stone 9 pin on the other that I didn't see coming at all. I really thought I had struck.

"I also threw a couple of bad shots that shouldn't have struck, and did, so it all evens out," he added. "It was back and forth, not only with pin carry but bad shot making. I missed a couple of spares; he

missed a couple. I had chances to take the lead in both 10th frames in the first two games but didn't. In the second game I could have taken a huge lead but left that stone 9 pin. That's stuff you can't control.

"The last game I threw a couple of bad shots, but down the stretch I threw probably my best two shots of the tournament in the eighth and ninth frames," Tackett continued. "I knew getting those two strikes would force (Belmonte) to strike out to force me to spare, so they were very important."

The win was Tackett's first against Belmonte after losses in 2014 title matches in the USBC Masters and the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Oklahoma Open, so a fledgling rivalry has taken root.

"I beat (Belmonte) in the Detroit King of the Swing, but that doesn't count," Tackett said of the 2016 non-title special event, "so now I'm 1-2 against him. We'll have to meet more and see where the record goes."

In the preliminary match to decide third and fourth places, Jones started with five strikes, but Svensson started with six and never slowed down in winning 267-224.

Going into the Main Event title match, Tackett had won 2017 titles in the DHC PBA Japan Invitational and the FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions. Belmonte also had won two titles in 2017, both majors – the USBC Masters and the Barbasol PBA Players Championship – setting the stage for an exciting PBA Player of the Year race as the PBA Tour heads into the second half of season.

Next up is the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Oklahoma Open at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla., which will conclude Saturday and Sunday with a unique nine-player, two-day live ESPN stepladder finals from a special installation in Grand Casino's Event Center. Both telecasts, which will be live streamed simultaneously on ESPN3 and the WatchESPN app, begin Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m. EDT.

MAIN EVENT PBA TOUR FINALS

Main Event, Orlando, Fla., (aired Tuesday on CBS Sports Network)

Final Standings:

- 1, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., \$30,000.
- 2, Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$18,000
- 3, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, \$10,000.
- 4, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., \$5,000.

Stepladder Results:

Third-Place Match: Svensson def. Jones, 267-224.

Championship (three games, total pinfall): Tackett (224-222-220) def. Belmonte (225-191-212), 666-628.

Denmark's Thomas Larsen Averages 226 After Two Rounds to Lead Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Oklahoma Open

by JSchneider | Wednesday, June 28, 8:20 PM

Denmark's Thomas Larsen proved to be the most versatile player after two rounds averaging 226 on two different PBA lane condition patterns to take the lead in the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Oklahoma Open Wednesday at FireLake Bowling Center.

Still trying for his first PBA Tour title on U.S. soil, Larsen leads after the second round with a 3,619 16-game pinfall total. He bowled a 1,826 pinfall total in Tuesday's first eight-game round on the 32-foot Wolf pattern lane condition and followed it up with 1,793 in Wednesday's second round bowling games of 219, 226, 257, 193, 253, 194 and 217 and 234 on the 40-foot Bear lane condition pattern.

"I was nervous about today," Larsen said. "In practice on Monday on this lane condition, everything was good for the first 20 frames but then all of the sudden the lanes started hooking a ton.

"The (lane condition) transition was quick so I ended up using a few balls in the round and kept moving left. I was fortunate that I was able to keep up with the quick-changing lane conditions."

Larsen owns two PBA Tour titles which came in PBA/World Bowling Tour events – the 2013 Abu Dhabi Open and 2014 Kuwait International Open. His best U.S. finishes have been third-place finishes in the 2015 and 2016 Chameleon Championships.

"I've done well in tournaments where you have to be versatile," the 27-year-old Larsen added. "When you bowl all over the world you have to learn to bowl on everything."

Larsen's home country of Denmark is one of 16 nations represented in the Oklahoma Open.

Larsen holds a 57-pin lead over 18-time Tour winner Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, in second with a 3,562 pinfall. First-round co-leader three-time Tour winner Marshall Kent of Yakama, Wash., finished the day in third with 3,558.

Reigning PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., moved from seventh in the first round to fourth with 3,516. Tackett won the FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions which was held in Shawnee in February. He won the inaugural Main Event PBA Tour Finals which aired on the CBS Sports Network Tuesday evening to become the season's first three-time winner.

Trey Ford III, a 16-year-old PBA member from Bartlesville, Okla., rounded out the top five with a 3,511 pinfall total. The high school sophomore, who is competing in a field of 90 of the best bowlers in the world bowled games of 226, 174, 231, 191, 233, 223, 266 before faltering in the final game with 133.

Ford, who has been a PBA member since age 13, has best finishes of sixth, seventh and ninth in PBA regional competition.

Malaysia's Zulmazran Zulkifli, who held the first round lead with Kent, finished the day in sixth with a 3,504 pinfall total.

Qualifying continues Thursday with another eight-game round on PBA's 52-foot Badger lane conditioning pattern. The top 33 players based on 24-game pinfall totals will advance to another eight-game qualifying round on the Oklahoma Open lane condition Friday which will determine nine players who will compete in the live ESPN stepladder finals at the Grand Casino Hotel Event Center Saturday and Sunday at noon CDT (1 p.m. ET).

Saturday's stepladder round will feature players who qualified fifth through ninth with the winner advancing to the no. 5 qualifying position for Sunday's stepladder final.

All qualifying rounds are streamed live on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. For subscription and schedule information click on www.xtraframe.tv.

GRAND CASINO HOTEL & RESORT PBA OKLAHOMA OPEN

FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla., Wednesday

Second Round (after 16 games)

- 1, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 3,619.
- 2, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 3,562.
- 3, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 3,558.
- 4, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 3,516.
- 5, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 3,511.
- 6, Zulmazran Zulkifli, Malaysia, 3,504.
- 7, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 3,479.

- 8, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 3,466.
- 9, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 3,458.
- 10, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 3,449.
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- 12, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 3,414.
- 13, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 3,402.
- 14, (tie) Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., and Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 3,383.
- 16, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 3,380.
- 17, Anthony Lavery-Spah, Pasadena, Texas, 3,374.
- 18, Dom Barrett, England, 3,373.
- 19, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 3,366.
- 20, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 3,363.
- 21, Richie Teece, England, 3,347.
- 22, Ahmed Alawadhi, Bahrain, 3,344.
- 23, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 3,342.
- 24, J.R. Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 3,330.
- 25, (tie) John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., and Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,327.
- 27, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 3,323.
- 28, (tie) Stuart Williams, England, and Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3,321.
- 30, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 3,319.
- 31, James Cantere, Oklahoma City, 3,311.
- 32, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3,310.
- 33, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 3,304.
- 34, Kristopher Prather, Milton, Fla., 3,302.
- 35, (tie) Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., and Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 3,297.
- 37, (tie) AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., and Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 3,289.
- 39, Dylan Burns, Lawrence, Kan., 3,274.
- 40, Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., 3,268.
- 41, Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 3,266.

- 42, (tie) DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, and Francois Louw, South Africa, 3,264.
- 44, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 3,262.
- 45, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,247.
- 46, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 3,246.
- 47, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 3,243.
- 48, AJ Chapman, Wichita, Kan., 3,241.
- 49, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 3,239.
- 50, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,233.
- 51, (tie) Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., Gabriel Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., and Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 3,230.
- 54, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 3,217.
- 55, (tie) Osama Hassan, Bahrain, and Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 3,214.
- 57, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 3,202.
- 58, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 3,196.
- 59, Brian LeClair, Athens, NY, 3,185.
- 60, Patrick Allen, Elmwood Park, N.J., 3,183.
- 61, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 3,177.
- 62, (tie) Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., and Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 3,173.
- 64, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 3,171.
- 65, Isaac Russell, Malaysia, 3,162.
- 66, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 3,160.
- 67, Matthew Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 3,155.
- 68, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 3,131.
- 69, Tom Sorce, Blasdell, N.Y., 3,128.
- 70, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 3,124.
- 71, Ramon Hilferink, Netherlands, 3,121.
- 72, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3,119.
- 73, Michael Houtz, Myerstown, Pa., 3,104.
- 74, Dylan Macon, Lubbock, Texas, 3,100.

- 75, Isaac Kim, Lebanon, Pa., 3,098.
- 76, Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo., 3,093.
- 77, Paul Brewbaker, Midwest City, Okla., 3,092.
- 78, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 3,084.
- 79, Graham Fach, Canada, 3,081.
- 80, Omar Rashid, Bahrain, 3,071.
- 81, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 3,042.
- 82, Jeff Hatt, Oklahoma City, 2,988.
- 83, Kenneth Bland Jr., Jacksonville, Texas, 2,950.
- 84, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 2,937.
- 85, Tyson Branagan, Fort Worth, Texas, 2,882.
- 86, Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., 2,824.
- 87, Armando Santacruz, Ecuador, 2,799.
- 88, Jose Rosero, Ecuador, 2,715.
- 89, William Tarpein, McDonough, Ga., 2,669.
- 90, Yebgueni Velez, Ecuador, 2,502.

PBA Unveils Ultimate Fan Experience Packages for GEICO World Series of Bowling IX in Reno

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RENO, Nev. – The Professional Bowlers Association has announced new Ultimate WSOB Fan Experience Packages for fans who would like to watch the world’s greatest bowlers compete for nationally-televised titles in the sport’s premier showcase, the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX Nov. 17-19 at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno.

In addition to the special packages for fans, PBA and the Eldorado Resorts Reno Properties’ three properties – Silver Legacy, Eldorado and Circus Circus – have announced reservations are now being accepted for WSOB IX competitors.

The Ultimate Fan Experience Packages include a two-night “Strike” package and a three-night “300 Game” package. Prices depend on the accommodations each fan prefers, but the basics of each package include the following:

STRIKE PACKAGE (starting at \$200)

- Two (2) nights' accommodation at Silver Legacy Resort & Casino.
- Two VIP tickets to all ESPN shows including the PBA World Championship.
- Round trip transportation to and from the Reno-Tahoe International Airport and Silver Legacy.

300 GAME PACKAGE (starting at \$340)

- Three (3) nights' accommodation at Silver Legacy Resort & Casino.
- Two VIP tickets to all ESPN shows including the PBA World Championship.
- Behind the scenes tour of PBA Player Services Trucks and ESPN Production Truck.
- Official autographed PBA Tour bowling pin.
- Official WSOB t-shirt.
- Round trip transportation to and from the Reno-Tahoe International Airport and Silver Legacy.

GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling Ultimate Experience Fan packages are available at www.pba.com/tickets.

PBA members and others attending the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX Nov. 7-19 can now make standard room reservations at their choice of any of the three Eldorado Resorts Reno properties. Special room rates also are available not only to players, but to news media representatives, family members, fans, manufacturers and any other interested parties. Room rates, reservation code and telephone/online reservation contacts for each property are listed below.

Silver Legacy: Room rates: \$50 Sunday–Thursday, \$70 Friday & Saturday. Silver Legacy code ISPBA17. Reservations phone number: 800-687-8733. Online reservations: <https://silverlegacyreno.reztrip.com/ext/promoRate?property=1080&mode=b&pm=true&sr=242404&vr=3&accessCode=ISPBA17>

Eldorado: Room rates \$50 Sunday–Thursday; \$80 Friday & Saturday. Eldorado code IEPBA17. Reservations phone number: 800-879-8879. Online reservations: <https://eldoradoreno.reztrip.com/ext/promoRate?property=1079&mode=b&pm=true&sr=242406&vr=3&accessCode=IEPBA17>

Circus Circus: Room rates: \$38 Sunday–Thursday; \$60 Friday & Saturday. Circus Circus code ICPBA17. Reservations phone number: 800-648-5010. Online reservations: <https://circusreno.reztrip.com/ext/promoRate?property=1081&mode=b&pm=true&sr=242416&vr=3&accessCode=ICPBA17>

Entries into the World Series, which are available exclusively to PBA Members, will be accepted beginning July 10. Players will be asked to confirm their hotel reservations at the time of entry.

PBA Spare Shots: PBA's Influence on International Bowling Community Continues to Grow

Bowlers from around the world have always considered the PBA as the gold standard. If you wanted to find out how good you are, you had to bowl against – and beat – the world's best. For decades, that was a difficult decision to make because the Fédération Internationale des Quilleurs, the international governing body in the eyes of the International Olympic Committee, banned professionals from its ranks.

(Feature photo, from left: Members of the victorious international team in the inaugural USA Vs. The World team match held during PBA World Series of Bowling II in Las Vegas in 2010 were Finland's Osku Palermaa, Kimmo Lehtonen and Mika Koivuniemi, Canada's Dan MacLelland, Australia's Jason Belmonte and Venezuela's Amleto Monacelli)

That policy changed in 2008, when the World Tenpin Bowling Association (WTBA) – now World Bowling – became the official governing body of tenpin bowling and opened its doors to professionals in the hopes of advancing bowling's hope to gain Olympic acceptance, meaning that international players would no longer jeopardize eligibility to represent their national teams if they joined the PBA.

The introduction of the multi-event PBA World Series of Bowling concept a year later brought a veritable flood of international players into PBA competition. While notable players like PBA Tour champions Amleto Monacelli of Venezuela (1982), Sweden's Mats Karlsson (1983) and Finland's Mika Koivuniemi (1999), among a handful of others, had ventured into the PBA arena prior to 2008, the inaugural WSOB included an unprecedented 28 players from 14 different countries.

flagsThe WSOB has continued to welcome players from around the world. Since 2009, 38 different countries have been represented in the World Series, including a record 23 countries and 55 international players last year in Reno. The same sort of trend has had an impact on the recently-resurrected Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour, which has featured a strong influx of international players.

In 2017, the PBA has seen international competition grow in events not previously known for global appeal, such as the Xtra Frame PBA Tour program and, this week, the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Oklahoma Open, which includes 16 nations and 26 international players in its field of 91.

It's an exciting trend for bowling, especially as the sport continues to seek the attention of the IOC and bowling manufacturers continue to expand their global markets. It's good for bowling fans around the world, who can cheer for their home-country favorites thanks to the advent of Xtra Frame, pba.com and

other social media outlets with world-wide accessibility. And it's good for competition, because the level of talent in PBA competition has never been stronger, which only adds to the prestige of winning a PBA Tour title.

XTRA FRAME SCHEDULE INCLUDES OKLAHOMA PRELIMS, PWBA ACTION

This week's Xtra Frame's live streaming schedule will feature qualifying round coverage of the PBA Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Oklahoma Open from FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla., through Friday, leading up to two days of live ESPN coverage of the Oklahoma Open's nine-player stepladder finals Saturday and Sunday, July 1-2, at 1 p.m. EDT both days. The Oklahoma Open finals also will be live streamed on ESPN and the WatchESPN app.

This week's PWBA Tour coverage features the Orlando Open Friday and Saturday.

Heading into July, Xtra Frame's schedule includes the Teen Masters from Richmond, Va., July 5-7; the PWBA St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open from Seminole, Fla., July 7-8; the Proprietors Cup from Beaver Creek, Ohio, July 8-9; the Nationwide PWBA Rochester (N.Y.) Open, July 14-15; the PBA50 South Shore Open from Hammond, Ind., July 25-27; the XF Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles from Copperfield Bowl in Houston, Texas, July 28-30, which will award PBA and PWBA Tour titles; and the PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic from Anderson, Ind., July 30-Aug. 1. For broadcast time and other details, check under the "schedules" tab on pba.com.

PBA fans also can follow real-time results for PBA50, PBA Xtra Frame Tour and all PBA Regional events by visiting the "live scoring" feature on pba.com. PWBA live scoring is available on pwba.com.

Xtra Frame subscription packages are available for three days, 30 days and a full year. To sign up, visit xtraframe.tv for details.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: WARREN, TANG WIN PBA50/PBA DOUBLES TITLE IN RENO

PBA50 competitor Chris Warren of Grants Pass, Ore., teamed up with Darren Tang of San Francisco to win the PBA50/PBA Sands Regency West/Northwest Doubles Open, presented by MOTIV, at High Sierra Lanes Sunday over PBA50 rookie Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix and Tang's younger brother, amateur Michael Tang, 449-422.

Warren and Darren Tang took an early lead and a costly open late in the game by Michael Tang, combined with Haugen's inability to carry pocket hits, resulted in Warren claiming his fourth PBA50 Regional title while Darren Tang picked up his second title since becoming a member a year ago.

In the single elimination match play leading up to the title match, the Warren/Tang team swept Utah amateurs Clay Rees from Riverton and Craig Harrington of Harriman, 3-0. Warren/Tang then defeated the San Jose, Calif., team of Gregory Thompson Jr. and Marty Deh in the semifinal match, 490-416, while the Haugen/Tang team survived a semifinal round shootout against PJ Haggerty from Roseville, Calif., and Las Vegas Ron Mohr, 546-545.

- PBA rookie Andrew Anderson of Holly, Mich., defeated Chandler Stevens of Archbold, Ohio, 216-177, to win his first PBA title in the PBA Pro Bowl West Central/Midwest Challenge presented by Roto Grip at Pro Bowl West on Saturday.

Challenge events are open to PBA members without a PBA title or non-members who have never won a PBA event. In addition to his first title, Anderson won \$1,500.

Anderson downed Frank Snodgrass of Center Line, Mich., 228-161, in the semifinal round while Stevens topped Charlie Brown of Grandville, Mich., 208-159, to set up the championship match.

- Keith Lesko of Chicago defeated Mark Sullivan of Indianapolis, 222-202, to win the PBA50 Ultimate Inserts Midwest Open presented by Hammer at Lakeside Lanes in Davis, Ill., Sunday.

Lesko, who led qualifying, took each of the preliminary matches to the maximum number of games. He defeated Jeff Johnson of Freeport, Ill. 3-2, in the best-of-five-game Round of 8, and then defeated R.J. Alman of Murrysville, Pa., 2-1, in the best-of-three semifinal round. Sullivan bested his travelling partner Danny Clark of New Palestine, Ind. 3-2, before beating Dave Traber of Hebron, Ill., 2-1, in his semifinal match.

Along with his third PBA Regional title Lesko received \$1,700.

- The July PBA Regional calendar begins with the PBA and PBA50 Vanessa Brown Homes West Opens, both presented by Columbia 300 at Yosemite Lanes, in Modesto, Calif.

- On the July 7-9 weekend schedule is the PBA50 Cecil Raymond Memorial presented by Columbia 300 at 30 Strikes Bowling Pub & Pizza in Stratford, N.J.

- July 14-16 weekend activity for PBA Regional players includes the Albany Strikers South Open at in Albany, Ga., and the St. Charles Lanes Midwest Open presented by Storm in St. Charles, Mo. The PBA Central Region will conduct a mid-week event, the PBA50 Fairborn Central Classic at Bowl 10 Fairborn in Fairborn, Ohio, July 18-20.

- On the busy July 21-22 PBA Regional calendar are the PBA50 Parkway Lanes Open and the PWBA/PBA Parkway Lanes Open in Elmwood Park, N.J.; the Angola Central/Midwest Open at Angola Bowl in Angola, Ind.; the PBA50 Beverly Lanes Midwest/Central Open presented by Roto Grip in Arlington Heights, Ill.; the Spring Hill South Open at Spring Hill Lanes in Spring Hill, Fla.; the Fort Sill Southwest Open at Twins Oaks Bowling Center in Fort Sill, Okla., and the Secoma Lanes Northwest/West Open, PBA50 Northwest/West Open and PWBA/PBA Open, all presented by Storm, in Federal Way, Wash.

- Also in July are the PBA Japan Region's first events of 2017, the PBA Chameleon Open on July 23 followed by the Women's Chameleon Championship on July 30, both at Shinsayama Grand Bowl in Sayama.

- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES:

- Chris Paul's blockbuster trade to the Houston Rockets this week also means the annual CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational will move to Houston in 2018. Details will be announced later.

- PBA West/Northwest Region manager Gary Mage was inducted into the Washington State USBC Hall of Fame Saturday at the Lucky Eagle Casino and Hotel in Rochester, Wash.

- Now available in the PBA Store (<http://pba.firelakedesigns.com/>), the Marshall Holman t-shirt and polo joins the Signature Collection which already includes Earl Anthony, Mark Roth and Dick Weber signature apparel.

Denmark's Larsen Meeting Challenge of Multiple Lane Conditions To Retain Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Oklahoma Open Lead

In a tournament that puts a premium on a player's ability to adjust to vastly different lane conditions, third-round leader Thomas Larsen of Denmark feels he's as prepared as he can be to meet the challenges of competing in the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Oklahoma Open.

After three rounds bowled on three different PBA lane condition patterns, the two-time PBA Tour and four-time European Bowling Tour winner, leads a field of 33 players who advanced to Friday's final round at the FireLake Bowling Center with a 5,398 24-game pinfall (224.9 average).

The players advancing to the fourth round will be put to the test on the 44-foot Oklahoma Open lane condition and will battle to be among the top nine who will advance to the live ESPN stepladder finals Saturday and Sunday at noon CDT (1 p.m. ET) at the Grand Casino Hotel Event Center in Shawnee.

Larsen bowled eight-game pinfall totals of 1,826 on the 32-foot Wolf pattern lane condition in the first round, 1,793 on the 40-foot Bear pattern in the second round and 1,779 on the 52-foot Badger pattern in Thursday's third round with games of 223, 190, 246, 200, 244, 219, 219 and 238.

"It was another successful day today," said the 27-year-old Larsen who led after the second round. "You never know what will happen when you're bowling on a completely new lane condition but I was ready for the challenge.

"I used a lot of balls again today in the round," he continued. "Just like in yesterday's round I used several balls and had to make changes in my ball speed and hand position at the release – the changes were just different today."

Larsen is trying for his first PBA Tour title on U.S. soil. His Tour titles came in the 2013 Abu Dhabi Open and 2014 Kuwait International Open.

Larsen holds a 45-pin lead over 18-time PBA Tour titlist Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, in second with a 5,353 pinfall. Three-time PBA Tour winner Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., is third with 5,346.

Trey Ford III, the 16-year-old PBA member from Bartlesville, Okla., advanced to the fourth round with a 10th-place 5,199 pinfall total. He bowled games of 234, 218, 235, 163, 213, 183, 236 and 206 in the third round.

“I’m a little surprised how well I’m doing because when I practiced on these conditions at home I didn’t do that well,” said the high school sophomore who uses the unique two-handed delivery. “Generally, I feel comfortable making the adjustments I need to make – I’m just trying to learn as much as I can.

“If I have a bad game or get a split, I just have to remember that there are more opportunities and more bowling to go.”

Ford has been a PBA member since age 13 and has three top-10 finishes in PBA regional competition with a best of sixth.

Saturday’s stepladder round will feature players who qualified fifth through ninth with the winner advancing to the no. 5 qualifying position to join the tournament’s top four qualifiers for Sunday’s stepladder final.

Friday’s final qualifying round will be streamed live on PBA’s online bowling channel Xtra Frame beginning at 9:30 EDT (8:30 CT). For subscription and schedule information click on www.xtraframe.tv.

GRAND CASINO HOTEL & RESORT PBA OKLAHOMA OPEN

FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla., Thursday

Third Round (after 24 games. Top 33 players advance to Friday’s fourth round)

- 1, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 5,398.
- 2, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 5,353.
- 3, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 5,346.
- 4, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 5,277.
- 5, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 5,274.
- 6, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 5,266.
- 7, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 5,243.
- 8, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 5,213.
- 9, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 5,203.
- 10, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 5,199.
- 11, Sam Cooley, Australia, 5,187.
- 12, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 5,158.
- 13, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 5,157.
- 14, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 5,150.
- 15, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 5,139.
- 16, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 5,127.
- 16, Zulmazran Zulkifli, Malaysia, 5,127.
- 18, John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 5,116.
- 19, Dom Barrett, England, 5,088.
- 20, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 5,087.
- 21, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 5,085.
- 22, Stuart Williams, England, 5,083.
- 23, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 5,081.
- 24, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 5,071.
- 25, Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 5,064.
- 26, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 5,061.
- 27, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 5,057.
- 28, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 5,045.

29, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 5,030.

30, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 5,019.

31, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 5,014.

32, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 4,999.

33, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 4,998.

Did not advance

34, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 4,993.

35, Kristopher Prather, Milton, Fla., 4,991.

36, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 4,979.

37, Dylan Burns, Lawrence, Kan., 4,975.

38, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 4,965.

39, Richie Teece, England, 4,963.

40, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 4,951.

41, (tie) DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, and Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 4,947.

43, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 4,944.

44, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 4,943.

45, (tie) Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., and Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 4,932.

47, J.R. Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 4,927.

48, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 4,923.

49, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 4,917.

50, Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., 4,916.

51, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 4,904.

52, Gabriel Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 4,901.

53, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 4,879.

54, Graham Fach, Canada, 4,876.

55, AJ Chapman, Wichita, Kan., 4,875.

56, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 4,873.

57, Ahmed Alawadhi, Bahrain, 4,870.

- 58, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 4,868.
- 59, Francois Louw, South Africa, 4,867.
- 60, Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 4,860.
- 61, (tie) Patrick Allen, Elmwood Park, N.J., Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, and James Cantere, Oklahoma City, 4,858.
- 64, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 4,851.
- 65, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 4,844.
- 66, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 4,841.
- 67, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 4,812.
- 68, Brian LeClair, Athens, NY, 4,792.
- 69, Osama Hassan, Bahrain, 4,789.
- 70, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 4,783.
- 71, Tom Sorce, Blasdell, N.Y., 4,780.
- 72, Ramon Hilferink, Netherlands, 4,761.
- 73, Dylan Macon, Lubbock, Texas, 4,737.
- 74, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 4,735.
- 75, Paul Brewbaker, Midwest City, Okla., 4,732.
- 76, Matthew Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 4,708.
- 77, Isaac Kim, Lebanon, Pa., 4,660.
- 78, Jeff Hatt, Oklahoma City, 4,655.
- 79, (tie) Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo., and Isaac Russell, Malaysia, 4,654.
- 81, Michael Houtz, Myerstown, Pa., 4,575.
- 82, Kenneth Bland Jr., Jacksonville, Texas, 4,549.
- 83, Omar Rashid, Bahrain, 4,522.
- 84, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 4,376.
- 85, Tyson Branagan, Fort Worth, Texas, 4,358.
- 86, Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., 4,304.
- 87, Armando Santacruz, Ecuador, 4,296.
- 88, William Tarpein, McDonough, Ga., 4,058.

89, Jose Rosero, Ecuador, 4,009.

90, Yebgueni Velez, Ecuador, 3,885.

300 games (1) – Walter Ray Williams Jr.

Marshall Kent Leads Nine Players Set for Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Oklahoma Open Finals

Three-time PBA Tour titlist Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., averaged 227 over four rounds on different lane conditions to lead a field of nine players who advanced to this weekend's stepladder finals of the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Oklahoma Open.

ESPN's live coverage begins Saturday at noon CDT (1 p.m. ET) from the Grand Hotel Event Center when qualifiers five through nine will compete on two specially-installed lanes with the winner advancing to the no. 5 qualifying position who will join the tournament's top four qualifiers for Sunday's stepladder finals telecast which also gets underway at noon local time.

Kent compiled a 7,278 32-game pinfall total bowled on PBA's 32-foot Wolf, 40-foot Bear, 52-foot Badger and 44-foot Oklahoma Open lane condition patterns over the four days of qualifying at the FireLake Bowling Center. He bowled games of 237, 274, 266, 257, 236, 220, 235 and 207 in Friday's final round on the Oklahoma condition.

IMG_2060 Despite starting the tournament with games of 160 and 170 in the first round on the Wolf condition Tuesday, Kent relied on his ability to adjust to quickly rebound.

"I was a little frustrated but I reminded myself it's a marathon, not a sprint," he said. "In a tournament like this you have to look at the big picture. I was a little frustrated but I knew I had 30 games to go.

"I think overall my versatility showed in this tournament," the 24-year-old Kent continued. "I didn't have a good start but it didn't worry me."

As top qualifier, Kent earned the right to select the lane condition pattern for both stepladder telecasts this weekend and has selected the Bear pattern. He does have the option to change the pattern selection after Saturday's telecast for Sunday's competition.

"I feel that the Bear pattern is the best pattern for rewarding the player who makes the best shot," Kent said. "My gut right now is to stick with it for both days."

Climbing from 28th after the first round and 12th after Thursday's third round, three-time PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia averaged 256 in the final round to rocket to the no. 2 qualifying position and finish with a 7,208 pinfall. The two-hander will be trying for this third win of the season after winning the USBC Masters and Barbasol PBA Players Championship.

Joining Kent and Belmonte in Sunday's finals will be no. 3 qualifier three-time Tour winner Rhino Page of Orlando who finished with a 7,191 pinfall and no. 4 qualifier 18-time Tour champion Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, who finished with 7,181.

IMG_2057 "I knew the pattern today would be easier than what we had been bowling on," said Belmonte, who owns 14 career PBA Tour titles. "You still have to execute because pin carry becomes something you

have to deal with. I went into this round taking it shot by shot and wasn't going to be afraid of what was going to happen down lane."

Players who qualified fifth through ninth bowling in Saturday's stepladder round to determine the no. 5 qualifier for Sunday's stepladder finals telecast will be two-time tour winner Thomas Larsen of Denmark, reigning PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., Jesper Svensson of Sweden, Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., and Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Fla.

Trey Ford III, the 16-year-old PBA member from Bartlesville, Okla., fell short of making the top nine by 94 pins finishing 11th with a 6,941 pinfall (216.9 average) to record his highest PBA Tour finish.

GRAND CASINO HOTEL & RESORT PBA OKLAHOMA OPEN

FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla., Friday

Fourth Round

(after 32 games. Positions 1-4 advance to Sunday's stepladder finals. Positions 5-9 advance to stepladder round on Saturday that will determine no. 5 qualifier for Sunday's finals)

- 1, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 7,278.
- 2, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 7,208.
- 3, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 7,191.
- 4, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 7,181.
- 5, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 7,108.
- 6, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 7,101.
- 7, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 7,055.
- 8, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 7,042.
- 9, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 7,035.
- 10, Stuart Williams, England, 6,948, \$4,000.
- 11, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 6,941, \$3,500.
- 12, Dom Barrett, England, 6,923, \$3,000.
- 13, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 6,913, \$2,900.
- 14, (tie) Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 6,898, and Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 6,898, \$2,500.
- 16, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 6,889, \$2,200.
- 17, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 6,883, \$2,000.
- 18, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 6,881, \$1,900.
- 19, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 6,873, \$1,800.
- 20, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 6,869, \$1,700.
- 21, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 6,848, \$1,700.
- 22, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 6,835, \$1,500.
- 23, Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 6,814, \$1,450.
- 24, Zulmazran Zulkifli, Malaysia, 6,812, \$1,400.
- 25, Sam Cooley, Australia, 6,805, \$1,350.
- 26, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 6,792, \$1,300.
- 27, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 6,786, \$1,250.
- 28, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 6,771, \$1,200.
- 29, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 6,761, \$1,150.
- 30, John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 6,735, \$1,100.
- 31, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 6,732, \$1,050.
- 32, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 6,677, \$1,025.

33, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 6,561, \$1,000.

Kent Outlasts Barnes in Championship Match To Win Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Oklahoma Open

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In a title match that featured five lead changes, Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., outlasted 18-time PBA Tour winner Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, to win the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Oklahoma Open Sunday for his second title of the season and fourth of his career.

With both players struggling to start the match, Kent fired four consecutive strikes in the ninth and 10th frames to defeat Barnes, 194-188, during the ESPN telecast contested on two specially-installed lanes in the Grand Hotel Event Center for his first win on national television.

“That was a lot harder than I wanted to work,” said the 24-year-old Kent, “but I’m grateful to be standing here as the winner. It’s a dream come true.”

With both players hampered by splits, Barnes held a 12-pin lead in the eighth frame but Kent was able to come back with strikes in the eighth, ninth and the first two in the 10th to clinch the win.

“The first half of the game I just didn’t throw the ball well,” Kent said. “I knew after the seventh frame I still had a chance but I had to buckle down and make good shots. Finally, I executed the way I should have and was fortunate to put those strikes together.”

Kent, who was the top qualifier for the finals, averaging 227.4 for the tournament contested on four different PBA lane conditions, earned the opportunity to choose the lane conditions for both Saturday’s semi-final and Sunday’s championship stepladder rounds. He chose the 40-foot Bear lane condition for Saturday’s round but changed his selection to the 32-foot Wolf condition for the championship round.

“In the semi-final the right side (of the lane) got a little ugly and the guys were struggling,” Kent said. “It just didn’t develop the way I thought and felt I would have a

more consistent reaction on the Wolf. I was good with my decision, I just had to execute.”

Kent had not won a match on television in six appearances which included three runner-up finishes that came in the 2016 U.S. Open, 2015 Wolf Open and 2013 Scorpion Open.

“This win was important for my confidence,” Kent said. “I proved I have the versatility to compete on a variety of lane conditions and I can win in a pressure situation.”

In the opening match, Barnes, who qualified fourth for the finals, defeated six-time Tour winner Jesper Svensson of Sweden, 190-149, who earned his berth in the championship round by winning Saturday’s semi-final round.

In the second match Barnes beat four-time Tour winner and No. 3 qualifier Rhino Page of Orlando, 206-185, to advance to the semi-final match where he beat three-time PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia, 256-218.

After a slow start in the tournament, finishing 28th after the first round and 12th after the third round earlier in the week, Belmonte surged to the no. 2 qualifying spot for the finals by averaging 256 in the fourth round on the 44-foot Oklahoma lane condition.

The next stop for the PBA Tour will be the Storm PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles July 27-30 in Houston.

GRAND CASINO HOTEL & RESORT PBA OKLAHOMA OPEN

Grand Hotel Event Center, Shawnee, Okla., Sunday

Championship Round Standings

- 1, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., \$30,000.
- 2, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas \$15,000.
- 3, Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$12,000.
- 4, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., \$10,000.

5, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, \$9,000.

Stepladder Results

Match One – Barnes def. Svensson, 190-149.

Match Two – Barnes def. Page, 206-185.

Match Three – Barnes def. Belmonte, 256-218.

Match Four – Kent def. Barnes, 194-188.

Saturday's Semi-final Stepladder Round Standings

5, Jesper Svensson, Sweden (advanced to fifth qualifying position for Sunday's stepladder finals)

6, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, \$8,000.

7, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., \$7,000.

8, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., \$6,000.

9, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., \$5,000.

Stepladder Results

Match One – Smallwood def. Daugherty, 232-211.

Match Two – Svensson def. Smallwood, 213-201.

Match Three – Svensson def. Tackett, 179-150.

Match Four – Svensson def. Larsen, 192-160.

PBA Spare Shots: Australia's Jason Belmonte Becomes "Super Sub" in USBC Open Championships Debut

Australia's Jason Belmonte, a three-time PBA Player of the Year and USBC's only four-time Masters champion, joined a significant group of PBA Tour champions who got an opportunity to bowl in the USBC Open Championships this year at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas, thanks to a change in USBC Open eligibility rules.

Having never bowled in the USBC Open Championships, and really having limited knowledge about how the event works, "Belmo" got an unusual, but very warm, introduction to the event on Wednesday.

According to USBC personnel, it happened like this:

Belmonte, who hadn't made plans to bowl in the tournament, was still in the U.S. after bowling in the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Oklahoma Open, so he made a stop in Las Vegas and decided to put his name on the "sub board," offering to fill in if a team needed a last-minute bowler. That turned into a very good situation for Rich Belcher, captain of "Round the Corner 1" from Naples, Fla., who happened to be searching the board while Belmonte was filling out his "sub slip." So Belcher immediately asked Belmo if he'd like to bowl with his group (which included "Round the Corner 2" companion team members Peter Falzo, Jeffrey Jones, Kevin Day, Thomas Baker and Victor Serrano). Belcher quickly called his team members to see if it was okay with them...and Belmo had his team.

In his USBC Open Championships debut, Belmonte contributed games of 170, 225 and 257 (a 652 series) to "Round the Corner 1" (Belcher, Jacob Flicker, Richard Rathjen and Jeffrey Hogan). Belmonte concluded his USBC Open experience with a 716 series in doubles (with Belcher as his partner) and 705 in singles for a 2,073 all-events total, ranking 16th in the Regular Division standings.

USBC Public Relations Manager Matt Cannizzaro also noted, "Funny thing: we take the event for granted, but he's never seen it. I realized that when he asked where to put his equipment after (ball weigh-in at) the scales. We told him about the march out. He said he thought that only was for opening ceremonies.

"As (USBC media representative) Aaron Smith noted, 'Every day is opening day' at the USBC Open Championships."

JULY OFFERS BUSY AND VARIED XTRA FRAME SCHEDULE

Who says bowling slows down during the summer months. According to the PBA's Xtra Frame schedule, summer – and July in particular – is filled with a variety of bowling events for fans of all kinds.

July's schedule gets underway with live coverage of many of the nation's premier youth bowlers competing in the Teen Masters finals at AMF Hanover Lanes in Richmond, Va., today. The world's top women bowlers will compete in the PWBA St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open from Seminole, Fla., today and Saturday, and PBA and amateur bowlers will be featured on Xtra Frame in the Proprietors Cup from Beavercreek, Ohio, Saturday and Sunday.

Action continues in July with the Nationwide PWBA Rochester (N.Y.) Open, July 14-15; the return of the PBA50 Tour as it begins the final leg of its 2017 season in the South Shore Open from Hammond, Ind., July 25-27; the XF Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles from Copperfield Bowl in Houston, Texas, July 28-30, which will award PBA and PWBA Tour titles; and the PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic from Anderson, Ind., July 30-Aug. 1.

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PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: CHRIS WARREN TIES PETE WEBER'S REGIONAL TITLES RECORD

Warren.Chris 2017A week after winning his fourth PBA50 Regional title in Reno, Chris Warren (left) of Grants Pass, Ore., returned to standard PBA Regional competition in Modesto, Calif., defeating PJ Haggerty of Roseville, Calif., 268-235, to win his 47th title the Vanessa Brown Homes West Open presented by Columbia 300 at Yosemite Lanes to tie PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber's record for standard PBA Regional titles.

Including his four PBA50 Regional wins, Warren now has a composite total of 51 PBA regional titles, one shy of the overall record shared by Weber and fellow PBA Midwest Region veteran Dale Traber of Cedarburg, Wis.

Warren also won \$2,000 in Modesto, where Warren Nelson of Hemet, Calif., won the PBA50 half of the doubleheader, defeating Skip Pavone of San Jose, Calif., 255-232, for his first PBA50 regional title and a \$1,500 first prize.

Chris Warren advanced to the title match in the standard event by defeating amateur Wesley Low Jr. of Palmdale, Calif., 248-180, in the semifinal round while Haggerty advanced by defeating Will Garber of Modesto, Calif., 234-185. In the PBA50 semifinal round, Nelson eliminated Rick Meneley of Santa Maria, Calif., 200-192, and Pavone defeated Joe Petrovich of Tracy, Calif., 239-207, in their respective semifinal matches.

● Darren Tang of San Francisco and Chris Via of Springfield, Ohio, teamed up to win the PBA FireLake Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Southwest Doubles at FireLake Bowling Center Sunday.

Tang's win was his third in PBA Regional competition, and all three have come in doubles events. Via's win was his first as a PBA member. Each collected \$2,500 in the companion event following the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Oklahoma Open.

Tang and Via defeated the international team of England's Stuart Williams and Canadian Francois Lavoie, 514-469, to claim the title.

● On the July 7-9 weekend schedule is the PBA50 Cecil Raymond Memorial presented by Columbia 300 at 30 Strikes Bowling Pub & Pizza in Stratford, N.J.

● July 14-16 weekend activity for PBA Regional players includes the Albany Strikers South Open at in Albany, Ga., and the St. Charles Lanes Midwest Open presented by Storm in St. Charles, Mo. The PBA Central Region will conduct a mid-week event, the PBA50 Fairborn Central Classic at Bowl 10 Fairborn in Fairborn, Ohio, July 18-20.

● On the busy July 21-22 PBA Regional calendar are the PBA50 Parkway Lanes Open and the PWBA/PBA Parkway Lanes Open in Elmwood Park, N.J.; the Angola Central/Midwest Open at Angola Bowl in Angola, Ind.; the PBA50 Beverly Lanes Midwest/Central Open presented by Roto Grip in Arlington Heights, Ill.; the Spring Hill South Open at Spring Hill Lanes in Spring Hill, Fla.; the Fort Sill Southwest Open at Twins Oaks Bowling Center in Fort Sill, Okla., and the Secoma Lanes Northwest/West Open, PBA50 Northwest/West Open and PWBA/PBA Open, all presented by Storm, in Federal Way, Wash.

● Also in July are the PBA Japan Region's first events of 2017, the PBA Chameleon Open on July 23 followed by the Women's Chameleon Championship on July 30, both at Shinsayama Grand Bowl in Sayama.

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QUICK NOTES:

● Douglas Lee of Irwin, Pa., wins a new high-performance MOTIV ball; Joan Talamantez of Santa Rosa, Calif., wins a new Brunswick ball, and Richard Howard of Lady Lake, Fla., will receive a new high-performance ball from DV8 as June sweepstakes prizes for subscribing to Xtra Frame. The monthly sweepstakes is sponsored by the respective PBA Product Registered partners. Monthly winners are selected from among new Xtra Frame subscribers, who are automatically entered when they enroll as a monthly or Xtra Frame Season Ticket (full year) subscriber.

● Roger Connolly is the June winner of a \$200 HotelPlanner.com certificate, redeemable for future lodging expenses, compliments of PBA's official travel partner. The monthly sweepstakes is open to anyone who books a hotel through the HotelPlanner.com link on pba.com. Those who book through HotelPlanner.com are automatically entered.

PBA Spare Shots: PBA Stars EJ Tackett, Sean Rash, Wes Malott Visit White House Lanes

Thanks to more than a little help from a PBA member with government insider connections, PBA stars EJ Tackett, Sean Rash and Wes Malott got a chance to bowl on the Harry S. Truman Bowling Alley in the White House complex recently.

2017 White House_memory ball PBA member Chris Holmes, who works for the U.S. Department of the Interior, was asked by another government friend if Holmes would show his staff what "real bowling" looks like...so Holmes figured that would be a great chance to get some real bowlers to lend a hand. After getting appropriate approvals, Holmes invited Tackett through MOTIV, Rash and tour rep Chuck Gardner through Brunswick and Malott through Roto Grip to visit the White House lanes.

Under the condition that the players' visit would remain confidential until after the fact, the players got a chance to bowl and discuss the sport with a few members of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy while Holmes shot some video and recorded some interviews. Some of Holmes' content aired on WUSA-TV in Washington, D.C. Each of the players also will have access to some of the content for their own social media outlets.

JULY OFFERS BUSY AND VARIED XTRA FRAME SCHEDULE

Xtra Frame's exclusive video streaming action continues this week with the Nationwide PWBA Rochester (N.Y.) Open, Friday and Saturday, and then the PBA50 Tour begins the final leg of its 2017 season in the South Shore Open from Hammond, Ind., July 25-27; the XF Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles from Copperfield Bowl in Houston, Texas, July 28-30, which will award PBA and PWBA Tour titles; and the PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic from Anderson, Ind., July 30-Aug. 1.

The PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup will become August's focal point when the final three events in the 2017 series are on the calendar: the Xtra Frame Chesapeake Open from AMF Western Branch in Chesapeake, Va., Aug. 12-13; the Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic from Mid-County Bowling and Entertainment in Middletown, Del., Aug. 19-20, and the series finale, the Xtra Frame Lefeld Implement Central Classic from Pla-Mor Lanes in Coldwater, Ohio, Aug. 26-27.

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PBA SOUTHWEST MANAGER PETE McCORDIC STILL HAS SOME BOWLING SKILLS

All of the PBA Regional managers have demonstrated some bowling skills over the years, but they all have set their PBA aspirations aside and no longer compete in PBA competition to avoid any conflicts of interest. But when opportunities outside of the PBA are available, some of them still like to lace up their shoes and get their competitive juices flowing, like PBA Southwest Region Pete McCordic of Katy, Texas, did in the Bowlers Journal Championships presented by USBC earlier this week.

McCordic, a two-time PBA Tour titlist who bowled a nationally-televised 300 game during his peak playing days, returned to South Point Bowling Center in Las Vegas Monday and claimed the lead in Senior Singles Tuesday with an 812 series. The 63-year-old right-hander rolled games of 279, 290 and 243 to take the lead from Bo Goergen of Stanford, Mich., who previously led with a 769 effort. McCordic and partner Les Shirwindt also missed taking the Senior Doubles lead by a single pin. McCordic had a 745 series and Shirwindt 670 for a 1,415 total, one pin shy of the 1,416 rolled earlier by Robert Brown of Cody, Wyo., and Billy Langford of Lone Grove, Okla.

The "BJ" and the USBC Open Championships end Saturday.

MASSACHUSETTS, OHIO TEENS WIN TEEN MASTERS TITLES

Tom Hankey, 17, of Great Barrington, Mass., and Allie Leiendecker, 16, of Wooster, Ohio, won the boys' and girls' Teen Masters titles Friday in Mechanicsville, Va. The final three days of the event were streamed live on Xtra Frame.

Hankey, who posted a 9-6-2 match play record and a 9,092 pinfall total for 42 games, defeated Wyatt Smith of Cape Coral, Fla., 278-170, in his final match to lockup his \$6,000 scholarship. The final game dropped Smith into third place behind runner-up Hunter Kempton of Buzzards Bay, Mass. Tyler Gromlovits of Junction City, Kan., finished fourth and Roscoe Pretlow of Chesapeake, Va., was fifth in the boys' division.

Leiendecker ran away with the girls' title, winning her division and a \$6,000 scholarship by 221 pins over Crystal Elliott of Melbourne, Fla. After 24 qualifying games, Leiendecker was in fourth place, 121 pins behind leader Natalie Koprowitz of Girard, Ill., but she closed her first match play round with a 279 game and then rolled games of 300 (the first perfect game ever by a girl in Teen Masters competition), 233, 220, 168, 200 and 200 to establish a huge lead. She finished the event with a 13-5 match play record and 8,867 total pins. Mabel Cummins of Elburn, Ill., the 2016 U14 winner, finished third; Koprowitz was fourth and Adrianna Stacy of Sebring, Fla., rounded out the top five.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: RED-HOT RAY EDWARDS WINS 22ND REGIONAL TITLE

Ray Edwards of Middle Island, N.Y., concluded the PBA50 Cecil Raymond Memorial presented by Columbia 300 with an 877 series Sunday at 30 Strikes, defeating Jay Davis of Silver Spring, Md., 279-231, in the final match for his 22nd overall PBA Regional title.

Edwards, the reigning PBA50 East Region Player of the Year, averaged 259 during the Sunday's finals, throwing games of 298, 300 and 279 to conclude the day and spoil Davis's bid for his first PBA title. Edwards, who won \$1,500, eliminated Howard Snyder of Hunt Valley, Md., 300-188, in the semifinal round while Davis defeated Steve Jones of Berlin, Md., 238-236.

The Cecil Raymond tournament, which began in 2004, was renamed in 2014 to honor Raymond after he passed away in January 2014. Raymond was the 2013 recipient of the East Region's Pat Patterson Award for outstanding contributions to the region.

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QUICK NOTES:

- On Tuesday, one day after entries opened for the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, set for Nov. 7-19 at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, reservations have already been received from eight countries, including the U.S. Entries, or intentions-to-enter, have been received so far from Norway, Denmark, Australia, Canada, Malaysia, Bahrain and Colombia. WSOB IX is presented by Eldorado Resorts Reno properties (Eldorado Resort Casino, Silver Legacy Resort Casino and Circus Circus Reno) in cooperation with Reno Tahoe USA.

- Long-time Brunswick executive Milt Rudo, the first bowling manufacturers' representative granted PBA Honorary Membership in 1979, died on July 4 at age 98. Rudo, who got his start in bowling as a laborer constructing lanes in 1938, advanced through the ranks to become president of the Brunswick Bowling Division in 1965 and spearheaded the introduction of Brunswick's first automatic scoring system two years later.

Jason Belmonte Wins Third Consecutive Best Bowler ESPY

Australia's Jason Belmonte received his third consecutive Best Bowler ESPY Award Wednesday evening during the 2017 ESPY Awards ceremony at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles.

Belmonte, who now owns four ESPY awards, became the second player to earn three consecutive ESPYs joining PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke who won three consecutively in 2007, '08 and '09.

Belmonte, a three-time PBA Player of the Year, was among winners in a variety of sports and special moment categories that were determined by fan voting on espn.com with the winners announced during ABC-TV's live ESPY Awards telecast.

In 2017, Belmonte won the USBC Masters for a record fourth time and brought his PBA major win total to eight by winning the Barbasol PBA Players Championship.

Since last summer Belmonte also has compiled eight other top-10 finishes including seventh in the 2017 FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions and fourth in the 2016 PBA World Championship. Most recently, he finished second in the inaugural Main Event PBA Tour Finals and third in the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Oklahoma Open.

"I'm absolutely stoked about winning this year's ESPY award," said Belmonte, who won his first ESPY in 2011. "I can't thank the fans enough for voting for me. The support and passion I receive from people all around the world is a huge motivation to keep pushing myself to raise the bar.

"To show my fans the appreciation I have for them, I will continue to work hard on and off the lanes and be as interactive as possible with them through social media and appearances. In addition to the fans I'd also like to thank ESPN for establishing an award that honors outstanding achievement in our sport."

Also nominated in the Best Bowler category were 2016 PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind. and 2016 PBA Rookie of the Year Francois Lavoie of Canada.

Among Tackett's wins in 2017 were the Tournament of Champions, DHC Japan Invitational and the recent Main Event PBA Tour Finals. In the last half of 2016, he won the PBA World Championship, Bear Open and was a member of the winning Merica Rooster Illusion PBA Team Challenge team.

Lavoie became only the second foreign-born winner of the U.S. Open when he beat Marshall Kent 228-194 in the title match last November. During the stepladder finals he also bowled the 26th televised 300 game when he beat Shawn Maldonado 300-211 in the semi-final match. In June, Lavoie won the Xtra Frame Jonesboro Open for his third career PBA Tour title.

Belmonte is tied with Duke and PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber for second with four Best Bowler ESPY awards trailing PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. who tops the list with seven.

HISTORY OF ESPY BEST BOWLER AWARD WINNERS

2017 – Jason Belmonte

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2014 - Pete Weber

2013 – Pete Weber
2012 – Sean Rash
2011 – Jason Belmonte
2010 – Walter Ray Williams Jr.
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1997 – Bob Learn Jr.
1996 – Mike Aulby
1995 – Norm Duke

PBA Introduces Official PBA App That Will Provide Immediate Access to Live Scoring for PBA Events

The PBA has introduced an official PBA app available through the Apple App Store which will provide fans with immediate access to live scoring for the PBA Tour, PBA50 Tour and all PBA Regional events.

The new PBA app will provide users with quick access to live scoring when any of the PBA events are underway, plus access to the latest PBA news, schedules, bowler profiles and more – all at no cost.

The app is a companion app to the popular Xtra Frame app, which allows fans to watch live bowling from their mobile and tablet devices, as well as the PBA Bowling Challenge mobile game app which has 18 million users.

The PBA app, which is currently only available through the Apple App Store, will be available in Google Play soon.

The newest product is one more addition to the PBA Network, which provides PBA fans around the world with access to PBA news and information through a comprehensive system of mass-media and social media outlets.

To download the apps use the links provided below:

PBA50 Tour Begins Stretch Run in Indiana With the PBA50 South Shore Open July 24-27

After a four-week break, the 2017 PBA50 Tour season makes its stretch run with three tournaments in Indiana to close the season beginning with its traditional stop in Hammond, Ind., for the PBA50 South Shore Open presented by DV8 at Olympia Lanes July 24-27.

Heading into the South Shore Open, Brian LeClair of Delmar, N.Y., who is the season's only multiple winner with two titles, holds a healthy lead in the PBA50 Player of the Year points race over 2017 Senior U.S. Open winner Michael Haugen Jr. – who also leads the Rookie of the Year race – in second, and USBC Senior Masters winner Walter Ray Williams Jr. in third place.

PBA fans will be able to follow all the action streamed live on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. In addition to following the action on pba.com, Apple users will be able to use the new PBA app, available through the Apple App store, to access live scoring.

In 2016, two-time defending PBA50 Player of the Year Pete Weber defeated tournament top qualifier Lennie Boesch Jr., 241-203, in the title match to win the South Shore Open to finish the season with a record six PBA50 Tour victories that included a record string of four in a row. It was also his 99th title overall in PBA competition.

Weber, who is winless this season, is hoping to win his elusive 100th career title in Hammond. He has won 37 PBA Tour, 10 PBA50 Tour, 48 PBA regional and four PBA50 regional titles which ranks second all-time to fellow Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. who owns 101 titles in PBA competition.

Also among the field of 90 players will be fellow Hall of Famers Tom Baker, 2017 PBA50 Players Championship winner Bryan Goebel, Amleto Monacelli and Parker Bohn III.

The South Shore Open could also play an important role in determining the top eight players from the season's points list who will have the opportunity to advance to the PBA Challenge held in conjunction with the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX presented by Eldorado Reno Properties this November in Reno, Nev.

South Shore Open competition begins with the first eight-game qualifying round on Tuesday, July 25 to be followed by the second eight-game round on Wednesday, July 26. Match play begins Thursday, July 27 which will determine the top five for the stepladder finals scheduled for 7 p.m. Central Time. The official practice session is scheduled for 9 a.m. – noon on Monday, July 24 followed by pro-am squads conducted at 1, 3 and 6 p.m. For pro-am entry information call Olympia Lanes at (219) 933-6677.

After the South Shore Open, the PBA50 Tour heads to Anderson, Ind., for the Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic presented by Roto Grip July 29 – Aug. 1 to be followed by the DeHayes Insurance Group Championship presented by Pro Bowl West and Ebonite in Fort Wayne, Aug. 5-8.

The season wraps up with the PBA60 Dick Weber Championship presented by Hammer, for players 60 and older, Aug. 10-12 also at Pro Bowl West in Fort Wayne.

PBA50 SOUTH SHORE OPEN PRESENTED BY DV8 SCHEDULE

Olympia Lanes, Hammond, Ind.
(all times are Central)

Monday, July 24

9 a.m. – noon – Practice session.
Pro-am squads - 1, 3, and 6 p.m.

Tuesday, July 25

10 a.m. – A squad qualifying (8 games)
3:30 p.m. - B squad qualifying (8 games)

Wednesday, July 26

10 a.m. - B squad qualifying (8 games)
3:30 p.m. - A squad qualifying (8 games)

Thursday, July 27

8:30 a.m. - Cashers round (5 games)
Noon – Match Play Round 1 (5 games)
3 p.m. – Match Play Round 2 (6 games)
Top five bowlers advance to stepladder finals
7 p.m. - Stepladder Finals

PBA Spare Shots: Marshall Kent Moves into Lead in World Bowling Tour Men's Finals Points Standings

Marshall Kent's win in the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Oklahoma Open moved him into first place on the World Bowling Tour points list over England's Dom Barrett . Sweden's Martin Larsen retained third place on the list with stops in Malmo, Sweden; Bangkok, Thailand, and PBA World Championship in Reno remaining on the 2017 schedule leading into the three-man WBT Men's Finals presented by PBA in November in Reno.

The top 10 on the 2017 points list are: Kent 273; Barrett 249; Martin Larsen 224; Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 210; EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 203; Stuart Williams, 174; Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 172; Jason Belmonte, Australia, 170; Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 165, and Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 162.

The current WBT Women's Finals points leaders are Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 653; Liz Johnson, Deerfield, Ill., 521; Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 354; Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 319, and Cheri Tan, Singapore, 307.

The WBT Men's and Women's Finals presented by the PBA will be held on Sunday, Nov. 19, at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno for airing on ESPN on Sunday, Jan. 7, at 1 p.m. ET.

PBA50 RETURNS TO XTRA FRAME AS FINAL LEG OF 2017 SEASON BEGINS

The final leg of the 2017 PBA50 Tour highlights the July and early August Xtra Frame schedule. The final three PBA50 events, plus the PBA60 Dick Weber Championship presented by Hammer, will close out the PBA50 Tour's regular season. The concluding events of 2017 begin with the South Shore Open presented by DV8 from Hammond, Ind., July 25-27, followed by the Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic presented by Roto Grip July 30-Aug. 1 and the DeHayes Insurance Group Championship presented by Pro Bowl West and Ebonite Aug. 6-8. The PBA60 Dick Weber Championship airs Aug. 10-12.

Also on tap is the Xtra Frame Storm Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles from Copperfield Bowl in Houston, Texas, July 28-30, which will award PBA and PWBA Tour titles, followed by the preliminary rounds of the U.S. Women's Open from Plano Super Bowl in Plano, Texas, Aug. 1-5. The U.S. Women's Open finals will air live on CBS Sports Network on Sunday, Aug. 6, at noon EDT.

The PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup will become August's focal point when the final three events in the 2017 series are on the calendar: the Xtra Frame Chesapeake Open from AMF Western Branch in Chesapeake, Va., Aug. 12-13; the Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic from Mid-County Bowling and Entertainment in Middletown, Del., Aug. 19-20, and the series finale, the Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic from Pla-Mor Lanes in Coldwater, Ohio, Aug. 26-27.

For live streaming time and other details, check under the "schedules" tab on pba.com. Xtra Frame subscription packages are available for three days, 30 days and a full year. To sign up, visit xtraframe.tv for details.

PBA fans also can follow real-time results for PBA50, PBA Xtra Frame Tour and all PBA Regional events by visiting the "live scoring" feature on pba.com or by downloading the new PBA app on Apple devices. PWBA live scoring is available on pwba.com.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: PUERTO RICO'S AZCONA WINS IN ALBANY, GEORGIA

Puerto Rico's Cristian Azcona defeated Chris Arcaro of Carolina Beach, N.C., 199-196, 227-196, in the best-of-three-game championship match to win the inaugural PBA Albany Strikers South Open title at Albany Strikers Lanes in Albany, Ga., Sunday.

Azcona, a rookie currently living in Lake Wales, Fla., collected \$2,300 for his second win following his victory in Myrtle Beach, S.C. in April. In the semifinal round, Arcaro eliminated Dwight Adams of Greensboro, N.C., 217-172, 202-172, while Azcona defeated Jeff Evans of Supply, N.C., 198-192, 207-198, in the other best-of-three bracket.

● AJ Johnson of Oswego, Ill., defeated PBA rookie Nick Kruml of Downers Grove, Ill., 219-181, to win the PBA St. Charles Lanes Midwest Region Open at St. Charles Lanes Sunday. Johnson collected his third regional title along with \$2,300.

Johnson defeated Brad Miller of Kansas City, Mo., 247-203, in the semifinal game to advance to the championship match. Miller defeated Kyle Krol of Tinley Park, Ill., 234-197, in the first match.

● Over the upcoming weekend, PBA Regional calendar includes the PBA50 Parkway Lanes Open and the PWBA/PBA Parkway Lanes Open in Elmwood Park, N.J.; the Angola Central/Midwest Open at Angola Bowl in Angola, Ind.; the PBA50 Beverly Lanes Midwest/Central Open presented by Roto Grip in Arlington Heights, Ill.; the Spring Hill South Open at Spring Hill Lanes in Spring Hill, Fla.; the Fort Sill Southwest Open at Twins Oaks Bowling Center in Fort Sill, Okla., and the Secoma Lanes Northwest/West Open, PBA50 Northwest/West Open and PWBA/PBA Open, all presented by Storm, in Federal Way, Wash.

● Also in July are the PBA Japan Region's first events of 2017, the PBA Chameleon Open on July 23 followed by the Women's Chameleon Championship on July 30, both at Shinsayama Grand Bowl in Sayama.

● For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on pba.com (easily accessible for Apple device users using the new PBA app).

QUICK NOTES:

● If you'd like to know more about the visit to the Harry S. Truman Bowling Alley at the White House involving PBA stars EJ Tackett, Sean Rash and Wes Malott, and organized by PBA member Chris Holmes, click here: <http://www.wusa9.com/sports/local/country-s-top-bowlers-plate-at-the-white-house-/456485505>.

● Several PBA members will be among the international players competing in the World Games at Sky Bowling in Wroclaw, Poland, Friday through Monday, in men's and women's singles and doubles. For results when the events are completed, click here: <https://worldgames2017.sportresult.com/nh/en/-120/Comp/Info/EventSummary/BWM201000>

● For the latest in new PBA products and designs, visit the PBA Store on pba.com:

<http://pba.firelakedesigns.com/>

McCordic Wins PBA50 Fairborn Central Classic

Fairborn, Ohio (July 20, 2017) – Paul McCordic of Sugar Land, Tex., defeated Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Tom Baker of King, N.C. by 50 pins to win the PBA50 Fairborn Central Classic at Bowl 10 Fairborn Thursday.

McCordic, who averaged 218.7 for the tournament, claimed his second career PBA50 regional title along with the \$1,500 first prize.

In a unique format, the top 14 players after qualifying bowled 10 games of round robin match play where the winner received 10 bonus pins.

After the 10th position round game, the top four advanced to a two-game, four-man match play final where bonus pins were given based on score. The top scorer received 12 bonus pins, second received eight bonus pins, third four bonus pins and fourth received no bonus pins.

Baker, a 12-time PBA50 Tour and 10-time PBA Tour winner, earned \$1,000 for second place, Don Herrington of Ballston Lake, N.Y. won \$800 for third and PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams of Oxford, Fla. took home \$750 for fourth.

The next PBA Central Region event will be the PBA Angola Central/Midwest Open in Angola, Ind., July 21-23.

PBA50 FAIRBORN CENTRAL CLASSIC
Bowl 10 Fairborn, Fairborn, Ohio, Thursday

Final Standings: 1, Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Tex., \$1,500. 2, Tom Baker, King, N.C., \$1,000.
3, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y. \$800. 4, Walter Ray Williams, Oxford, Fla., \$750.

Final Match Play Standings (after 18 games, including match play bonus pins):

1, ss-Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 9-1, 4,208. 2, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 4-6, 4,135.
3, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 7-3, 4,123. 4, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 6-4, 4,086.
5, Neil Kassel, Beavercreek, Ohio, 5-5, 4,077, \$700. 6, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 5-5, 4,017, \$650.
7, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 4-6, 4,013, \$600. 8, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 5-5, 4,005,
\$575. 9, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 6-4, 3,985, \$550. 10, n-William Ramsey, Cincinnati, Ohio, 3-
7, 3,952, \$540. 11, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 5-5, 3,951, \$530.
12, ss-Michael Chrzanowski, Shepherd, Mich., 3-7, 3,854, \$520. 13, Tim Hartley, Englewood, Ohio, 4-6,
3,796, \$510. 14, ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 4-6, 3,728, \$500.

ss-denotes PBA60

n-denotes non-member

Duke Averages 261 to Lead PBA50 South Shore Open First Round

PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., made it look easy by averaging 261 for eight games Tuesday to dominate first round qualifying in the PBA50 South Shore Open presented by DV8 at Olympia Lanes.

Duke, who is trying for his second win of the season on the tour for players 50 and older, bowled games of 237, 279, 279, 246, 265, 268, 289 and 225 for a 2,088 pinfall total falling 72 pins short of the eight-game round record of 2,160 set by Ron Mohr in the 2010 Senior Columbus (Ohio) Open.

"When 225 is your bad game you can't complain about that," said the 53-year-old Duke, who won the Race City Open in Mooresville, N.C. in May for his fourth PBA50 Tour title. "That was a monster block for me. It would be asking a lot to repeat one like that but I'll try – I always do.

Duke credited a change to a less aggressive ball after the fourth game for being able to maintain his high-scoring pace.

"I was fortunate that I was able to anticipate a change in my ball reaction," Duke said. "Sometimes you wait too long and get that subpar game before you realize you need to do something different. I could see a little wiggle that I didn't like as my ball was going down the lane at the end of the fourth game so that was a sign that maybe it was time for a change."

Finishing the round 85 pins behind Duke in second was defending champion and fellow hall of famer Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., who bowled a 2,003 pinfall (250 average). The two-time defending PBA50 Player of the Year, who has yet to win this season, had games of 197, 245, 257, 300, 243, 214, 268 and 279.

In 2016 Weber won the South Shore Open to finish the season with a record six PBA50 Tour wins.

Rounding out the top five after the first round were three-time PBA50 Tour winner Bob Learn Jr. of Erie, Pa., 1,966; Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 1,902, and USBC Hall of Famer Lennie Boesch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,884.

After Wednesday's second round the top 24 players will advance to Thursday's match play rounds with eight players advancing to match play after a cashers round Thursday morning. After match play, the top five players will advance to the stepladder finals at 7 p.m. CDT.

In addition to following the action on pba.com, Apple users can download the new PBA app, available through the Apple App store, to access live scoring.

PBA50 SOUTH SHORE OPEN PRESENTED BY DV8

Olympia Lanes, Hammond, Ind., Tuesday

FIRST ROUND (after eight games)

1, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,088.

2, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2,003.

3, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,966.

- 4, ss-Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 1,902.
- 5, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,884.
- 6, John Kidwell, Indianapolis, Ind., 1,882.
- 7, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,873.
- 8, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 1,872.
- 9, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 1,847.
- 10, ss-Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 1,844.
- 11, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,832.
- 12, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 1,824.
- 13, (tie) Keith Lesko, Chicago, and ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,812.
- 15, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 1,811.
- 16, Gary Schluchter, Femont, Ohio, 1,810.
- 17, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 1,801.
- 18, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,792.
- 19, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 1,786.
- 20, (tie) ss-Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., and Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,784.
- 22, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1,782.
- 23, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 1,773.
- 24, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 1,772.
- 25, ss-Sam Maccarone, Blackwood, N.J., 1,768.
- 26, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 1,764.
- 27, Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio, 1,761.
- 28, Billy Froberg, St Joseph, Mich., 1,760.
- 29, ss-n-Leroy Johnson, Chicago, 1,756.
- 30, ss-Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 1,753.
- 31, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,751.
- 32, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 1,749.
- 33, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,748.
- 34, Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 1,739.
- 35, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,738.
- 36, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,732.
- 37, (tie) ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., and Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,728.
- 39, ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 1,727.
- 40, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 1,725.
- 41, ss-Michael Chrzanowski, Shepherd, Mich., 1,722.
- 42, ss-Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 1,721.
- 43, Steve Kenyon, Dade City, Fla., 1,712.
- 44, ss-Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 1,711.
- 45, Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 1,706.
- 46, n-John Chapman, Canada, 1,704.
- 47, ss-Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 1,702.
- 48, ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 1,699.
- 49, ss-Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 1,696.
- 50, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 1,681.
- 51, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,680.
- 52, ss-Marc Lineberry, Camanche, Iowa, 1,674.
- 53, Harry Wright, Venice, Fla., 1,668.
- 54, Tommy Martin, Millington, Tenn., 1,665.
- 55, Craig O'Reilly, Orland Hills, Ill., 1,661.
- 56, ss-Richard Hunt, Valparaiso, Ind., 1,655.
- 57, John Brockland, St. Charles, Mo., 1,646.
- 58, n-Gregg Zicha, Glen Ellyn, Ill., 1,643.
- 59, Scott Greiner, Platte City, Mo., 1,637.

- 60, ss-Daniel Twomey, Hammond, Ind., 1,634.
- 61, Patrick Shipley, Spring Valley, Calif., 1,632.
- 62, Ernie Segura, Taylor, Mich., 1,629.
- 63, n-John Thompson, Sarasota, Fla., 1,628.
- 64, Robert Kicmal, LaGrange, Ill., 1,625.
- 65, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1,623.
- 66, ss-Vince Honeycutt, Franklin, N.C., 1,622.
- 67, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1,619.
- 68, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 1,617.
- 69, ss-Emilio Mora Sr, Defiance, Ohio, 1,607.
- 70, ss-William Banks, Laurel Hill, N.C., 1,606.
- 71, ss-Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 1,600.
- 72, (tie) ss-Nile Konicek, Gilbert, Ariz., and s-Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 1,595.
- 74, Rick Woloszyn, Griffith, Ind., 1,592.
- 75, Todd Haney, Boiling Springs, S.C., 1,587.
- 76, Warren Burr, Wilmington, Del., 1,586.
- 77, ss-Michael Truitt, New Port Richey, Fla., 1,582.
- 78, (tie) ss-Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., and Jeffery Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 1,580.
- 80, ss-Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 1,574.
- 81, n-Jeff Richgels, Madison, Wis., 1,551.
- 82, Doug O'Bryant, Ball Ground, Ga., 1,550.
- 83, ss-Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 1,543.
- 84, Fred Phillips, Canada, 1,539.
- 85, Mike Keough, Stockton, Calif., 1,535.
- 86, ss-Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 1,533.
- 86, Mike Watson, Grass Valley, Calif., 1,533.
- 88, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 1,521.
- 89, ss-Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 1,516.
- 90, n-Jerry Krause, Mudelein, Ill., 1,514.
- 91, Greg McDaniel, Kimball, Neb., 1,513.
- 92, ss-Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., 1,511.
- 93, ss-Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,504.
- 94, ss-Bill Argenbright, New Hope, Va., 1,489.
- 95, ss-Garry Blanton, Owensboro, Ky., 1,464.
- 96, Brian Dunn, Plainfield, Ill, 1,397.
- 97, ss-Allen Meskan, Addison, Ill., 1,309.

300 games (1) – Pete Weber

n-non-member

ss-PBA60 player ages 60 and older

O'Keefe, O'Neill Bid for Fourth Title in PBA-PWBA Xtra Frame Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles

HOUSTON, Texas – Remembering back to 1999, when Donna Connors decided to launch a tribute bowling tournament to honor the memory of her late friend, breast cancer victim Luci Bonneau, some people might think the event has now achieved success beyond Connors' wildest dreams.

But that wouldn't be true, because Donna Connors dreams big. The on-going success of the PBA-PWBA Xtra Frame Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles tournament, sponsored by Storm, has made it the most successful tournament of its kind, but if Connors has her way, it still has room to get bigger and better.

For the third year in a row, bowling fans around the world will be able to follow the event from start to finish, live on PBA's Xtra Frame online video-streaming service. To subscribe to Xtra Frame, xtraframe.tv. A three-day subscription is available for \$3.99, a 30-day subscription is \$7.99 and a full year XF Season Ticket costs less than \$1.25 a week.

This year's step forward involves a new home – Houston's Copperfield Bowl – and a capacity field of 160 teams representing a stellar field of Professional Bowlers Association, Professional Women's Bowlers Association, collegiate, amateur and international champions from 14 different countries (Aruba, Australia, Colombia, England, Latvia, Lithuania, Mexico, Netherlands, Poland, Puerto Rico, Sweden, Ukraine, Venezuela plus the U.S.).

The field will attempt to de-throne two-time defending champions Shannon O'Keefe of O'Fallon, Ill., and Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa. O'Keefe is a PWBA champion who also recently coached the McKendree University women to both NCAA and USBC Intercollegiate Team Championships. She will be trying for an unprecedented fifth women's title in the tournament affectionately called "The Luci." She and O'Neill, an eight-time PBA Tour titlist, will be trying for a fourth title as teammates, which would tie the tournament record currently held by Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio, and Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C. Pluhowsky and Jones won the event in 2007, '08, '10 and '11. O'Keefe and O'Neill won in 2013, '15 and '16, and O'Keefe also won in 2012 with her husband, Bryan.

While the tournament will feature the strongest mixed doubles field found anywhere in the world, it also will include a number of grassroots league bowlers who have participated in the event since it began in 2000 in support of Connors' cause. The tournament, which also features an exceptional pro-am, has surpassed \$800,000 in contributions for breast cancer research and assistance for those who may not be able to afford proper care.

Balancing her fund-raising goals, Connors continues to enhance the tournament to attract a large contingent of world-class competitors. The \$15,000 guaranteed first prize for the winning team is a nice carrot to dangle in front of the players, but bowlers from around the world show up regardless of the prize money to support the cause named for a beloved former competitor. The winners, if PBA and/or PWBA members, also will win PBA and/or PWBA Tour titles.

Amateur bowlers also play a significant role, bowling with PBA and PWBA stars as pro-am partners for a variety of merchandise prizes donated by a number of Houston area retailers, bowling industry companies and the players themselves. All of the activities are aimed at raising money for The Rose, a Houston-based organization that helps women who can't afford breast care treatment or mammograms, and the Huntsman Group, a cancer research based in Utah.

The tournament gets underway with practice sessions Thursday at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Competition begins Friday and Saturday with qualifying squads bowling seven games. Forty teams will bowl at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. on each day, with the top 40 teams after all four squads advancing to Sunday's five-game cashers' round at 8:30 a.m. After 12 games, the top eight teams will advance to the eight-game round-robin match play finals at 12:30 p.m. Final standings will be based on total pinfall for 20 combined team games (40 individual games).

"My mission statement is that you have to have players to bowl the tournament. If you don't have the players, you don't have a pro-am," Connors said. "If you don't have a pro-am, you can't raise money. It's all about the players. That's the rule we live by. The players are great; they make it happen."

For those who would like to support Connors' efforts, but can't attend the event, visit <http://www.strikingagainstabreastcancer.org/> to make a contribution online.

PBA/PWBA XTRA FRAME STRIKING AGAINST BREAST CANCER MIXED DOUBLES SCHEDULE

Copperfield Bowl, Houston, Texas, July 27-30

Thursday, July 27

9 a.m. and 1 p.m. – Open practice sessions

Friday, July 28

8 a.m. – A Squad, 7 qualifying games

2 p.m. - B Squad, 7 qualifying games

8 p.m. - Pro-am squad

Saturday, July 29

8 a.m. - C Squad, 7 qualifying games

2 p.m. - D Squad, 7 qualifying games

Top 40 teams after 7 games advance to cashers' round

8 p.m. - Pro-am squad

Sunday, July 30

8:30 a.m. - Top 38 teams, 5-game cashers' round

Top 8 teams after 12 games advance to round-robin match play

12:30 - Top 8 teams, 8 games round robin match play

HISTORY OF STRIKING AGAINST BREAST CANCER

(LUCI BONNEAU MEMORIAL) MIXED DOUBLES WINNERS

2000 - Donna Connors/Mark Scroggins

2001 - Amy Dillon/Chris Barnes

2002 - Diandra (Hyman) Asbaty/Dino Castillo

2003 - Genie Franklin/Wes Malott

2004 - Krystal Scott/Russ Wilson

2005 - Rachel Perez/Paul Fleming

2006 - Carolyn Dorin-Ballard/Marc Laracuente

2007 - Shannon Pluhowsky/Tommy Jones

2008 - Shannon Pluhowsky/Tommy Jones

2009 - Carolyn Dorin-Ballard/Parker Bohn III

2010 - Shannon Pluhowsky/Tommy Jones

2011 - Shannon Pluhowsky/Tommy Jones

2012 - Shannon O'Keefe/Bryan O'Keefe

2013 - Shannon O'Keefe/Bill O'Neill

2014 - Missy Parkin/Scott Norton

2015 – Shannon O'Keefe/Bill O'Neill

2016 – Shannon O'Keefe/Bill O'Neill

Duke Has Roller Coaster Second Round But Still Dominates PBA50 South Shore Open Qualifying

PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke's second round in the PBA50 South Shore Open presented by DV8 felt like a roller coaster ride but he still managed to dominate qualifying finishing with a 4,007 16-game pinfall total Wednesday at Olympia Lanes in Hammond, Ind.

Duke, who is trying for his second PBA50 Tour title of the season, followed up his monster 2,088 eight-game pinfall in Tuesday's first round with 1,919 in the second round bowling games of 187, 180, 279, 279, 275, 194, 248 and 277.

"Boy, that was either feast or famine," said Duke, who averaged 250 in qualifying. "I waited a little longer than I should have to go to another ball after those first two games but I had a game plan to turn it around.

"I couldn't have predicted coming back with three 270 games but going to a different ball and making a few other adjustments was going to result in something a lot better than 180."

Duke holds a 190-pin lead over fellow hall of famer and tournament defending champion Pete Weber who finished qualifying in second with a 3,817 pinfall.

Weber, the 2016 and 2015 PBA50 Player of the Year, had a 1,814 pinfall in the second round with games of 233, 207, 257, 259, 214, 185, 224 and 235, after finishing second behind Duke in the first round with 2,003.

Weber, who is winless this season, won the 2016 South Shore Open to finish the season with a record six PBA50 Tour titles.

If Weber can win this year's event, he will reach 100 PBA titles overall for his career which includes wins in PBA Tour, PBA50 Tour, PBA Regional and PBA50 Regional competition. PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr., who qualified seventh with 3,692, holds the record with 102 wins overall.

Brian LeClair of Delmar, N.Y., the season's only multiple winner with two titles, finished qualifying in third with a 3,776 pinfall.

LeClair, who currently leads the PBA50 Player of the Year point standings, had games of 217, 222, 246, 300, 211, 246 and 254 in the second round after finishing 12th in the first round with 1,824.

Rounding out the top five were three-time PBA50 Tour winner Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,766 and Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3,752.

The top 24 players advanced directly to Thursday's match play. Eight additional spots will be determined through a casher's round Thursday morning. After match play the top five players will advance to the stepladder finals scheduled for 7 p.m. CDT.

Fans can catch all of Thursday's action on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. For subscription and schedule information visit www.xtraframe.tv.

PBA50 SOUTH SHORE OPEN PRESENTED BY DV8

Olympia Lanes, Hammond, Ind., Wednesday

Second Round

(After 16 games. top 24 advance to match play; 25th-32nd plus eight PBA60 players advance to cashers round which determines eight additional match play spots)

- 1, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 4,007.
- 2, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,817.
- 3, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 3,776.
- 4, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,766.
- 5, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3,752.
- 6, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3,701.
- 7, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,692.
- 8, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,687.

- 9, (tie) Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., and Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 3,677.
- 11, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3,670.
- 12, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 3,667.
- 13, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,660.
- 14, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 3,654.
- 15, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3,631.
- 16, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 3,595.
- 17, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3,584.
- 18, Michael Chrzanowski, Shepherd, Mich., 3,573.
- 19, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 3,571.
- 20, Sam Maccarone, Blackwood, N.J., 3,561.
- 21, Keith Lesko, Chicago, 3,557.
- 22, Gary Schluchter, Femont, Ohio, 3,556.
- 23, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 3,549.
- 24, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 3,548.
- 25, n-Leroy Johnson, Chicago, 3,545.
- 26, Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 3,530.
- 27, (tie) James Storts, Westfield, Ind., and Billy Froberg, St Joseph, Mich., 3,519.
- 29, Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 3,516.
- 30, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,502.
- 31, Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 3,483.
- 32, Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 3,462.
- 33, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 3,457.
- 34, John Kidwell, Indianapolis, Ind., 3,451.
- 35, n-Gregg Zicha, Glen Ellyn, Ill., 3,444.
- 36, ss-Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 3,442.
- 37, ss-Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 3,437.
- 38, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,424.
- 39, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3,422.
- 40, n-John Chapman, Canada, 3,421.
- 41, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3,414.
- 42, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3,398.
- 43, Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio, 3,394.
- 44, ss-Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 3,390.
- 45, Todd Haney, Boiling Springs, S.C., 3,385.
- 46, Steve Kenyon, Dade City, Fla., 3,381.
- 47, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 3,376.
- 48, ss-Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 3,374.
- 49, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 3,372.
- 50, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 3,370.
- 51, Ernie Segura, Taylor, Mich., 3,369.
- 52, ss-Emilio Mora Sr, Defiance, Ohio, 3,355.
- 53, Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 3,353.
- 54, Craig O'Reilly, Orland Hills, Ill., 3,352.
- 55, ss-Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., 3,347.
- 56, Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 3,345.
- 57, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 3,340.
- 58, (tie) n-Jeff Richgels, Madison, Wis., and Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 3,333.
- 60, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 3,331.
- 61, (tie) John Brockland, St. Charles, Mo., and Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 3,327.
- 63, Greg McDaniel, Kimball, Neb., 3,313.
- 64, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 3,311.
- 65, Marc Lineberry, Camanche, Iowa, 3,292.

- 66, Warren Burr, Wilmington, Del., 3,289.
- 67, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 3,276.
- 68, Jeffery Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 3,274.
- 69, (tie) Mike Keough, Stockton, Calif., and Richard Hunt, Valparaiso, Ind., 3,254.
- 71, Scott Greiner, Platte City, Mo., 3,251.
- 72, Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 3,248.
- 73, Harry Wright, Venice, Fla., 3,235.
- 74, Tommy Martin, Millington, Tenn., 3,232.
- 75, Patrick Shipley, Spring Valley, Calif., 3,225.
- 76, Fred Phillips, Canada, 3,218.
- 77, n-John Thompson, Sarasota, Fla., 3,217.
- 78, Rick Woloszyn, Griffith, Ind., 3,211.
- 79, Daniel Twomey, Teaneck, N.J., 3,201.
- 80, Robert Kicmal, LaGrange, Ill., 3,198.
- 81, Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 3,183.
- 82, Nile Konicek, Gilbert, Ariz., 3,180.
- 83, Vince Honeycutt, Franklin, N.C., 3,179.
- 84, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 3,177.
- 85, Bill Argenbright, New Hope, Va., 3,160.
- 86, Doug O'Bryant, Ball Ground, Ga., 3,156.
- 87, Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 3,122.
- 88, William Banks, Laurel Hill, N.C., 3,107.
- 89, n-Jerry Krause, Mudelein, Ill., 3,106.
- 90, Michael Truitt, New Port Richey, Fla., 3,080.
- 91, Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 3,065.
- 92, Mike Watson, Grass Valley, Calif., 2,988.
- 93, Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., 2,949.
- 94, Garry Blanton, Owensboro, Ky., 2,926.
- 95, Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 2,874.
- 96, Brian Dunn, Plainfield, Ill., 2,836.
- 97, Allen Meskan, Addison, Ill., 2,684.

300 games (2) – Brian LeClair, Gary Faulkner

n-non-member

ss-PBA60 players advancing to casher's round

Ron Mohr Ends Five-Year Title Drought, Wins Ninth Career Title in PBA50 South Shore Open

HAMMOND, Ind. – Ron Mohr of Las Vegas, a two-time PBA50 Tour Player of the Year, ended a five-year title drought Thursday, winning the PBA50 South Shore Open presented by DV8 at Olympia Lanes for his ninth career PBA50 Tour title with a 213-194 victory over Bob Learn of Erie, Pa.

Mohr, now a 61-year-old "super senior," threw five strikes on his first six attempts to build a 41-pin lead over Learn and he held on despite leaving a 4-6-7-10 split in the ninth frame. Learn's inability to put two strikes together until the final two frames gave Mohr a big cushion, and he sealed the win with a strike on his first attempt in the 10th frame.

"That's nine titles, and it's nine more than I expected when I came out here to bowl," said Mohr, who retired from his career as an air traffic controller in Alaska to try his hand in professional bowling. "It's great to win, but when it's over, you still have to go home and mow the lawn and pick up dog poop. It's not life changing to win out here, but it sure is nice."

The turning point in Mohr's title quest actually came in the semifinal match, when it looked like PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., was going to extend Mohr's frustrating streak of 15 championship round appearances in the past two years without a title. Needing a strike in the 10th frame to complete a comeback victory against Mohr, Duke left a pocket 7-10 split, handing Mohr a 210-200 victory and a berth in the championship match.

"You never expect that from Norm," Mohr said. "If all Norm needs is a mark to win, he'll never miss. He was by far the best bowler in the tournament this week, but I guess it was my turn. To get past Norm was a real blessing. He just got a really bad break, but I've been on that side myself."

In the opening match, PBA50 rookie Gary Faulkner of Norfolk, Va., a two-time PBA Regional title winner bowling in his sixth event as a "senior" player, struck on eight of his first nine shots (leaving a pocket 7-10 split on his only non-strike shot). But a 4-7-10 split in the 10th frame gave Venezuela's Amleto Monacelli a chance to win with two strikes in his 10th frame. Monacelli, who was trying for his ninth PBA50 Tour title and second of the year, got the first strike, but left his fourth 10 pin of the game in a 229-225 loss to Faulkner.

Duke ended Faulkner's title hopes in the second game, 278-247, throwing nine strikes before leaving a 10 pin on his first shot in the 10th frame. Faulkner didn't miss the pocket on his first nine shots, but a pair of single pins prevented him from keeping pace the 38-time PBA Tour title winner.

The tour's next stop is the PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic presented by Roto Grip in Anderson, Ind., beginning Sunday and concluding on Wednesday, Aug. 2. The PBA50 Tour will then complete its season with the DeHayes Insurance Group Championship presented by Pro Bowl West and Ebonite Aug. 6-8. The final senior event of the year will be the PBA60 Dick Weber Championship for players 60 and older Aug. 10-12 at Pro Bowl West.

All three events will be covered from start to finish live, exclusively on PBA's online bowling channel. Xtra Frame. For subscription information, visit xtraframe.tv.

PBA50 SOUTH SHORE OPEN

presented by DV8

Olympia Lanes, Hammond, Ind., Thursday

Final Standings:

- 1, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, \$7,500.
- 2, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., \$4,000.
- 3, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., \$2,500.
- 4, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., \$2,000.
- 5, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, \$1,750.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Faulkner def. Monacelli, 229-225.

Match Two – Duke def. Faulkner, 278-247.

Semifinal Match – Mohr def. Duke, 210-200.

Championship Match – Mohr def. Learn, 213-194.

Modified Match Play Round 2 (after six games, including match play bonus pins:

- 1, Learn, 4-2, 1,662.
- 2, Mohr, 5-1, 1,646.
- 3, Duke, 5-1, 1,630.

- 4, Monacelli, 5-1, 1,593.
- 5, Faulkner, 3-3, 1,561.
- 6, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3-3, 1,531, \$1,500.
- 7, Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 5-1, 1,528, \$1,500.
- 8, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 3-3, 1,520, \$1,500.
- 9, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 2-4, 1,499, \$1,300.
- 10, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3-2-1, 1,445, \$1,300.
- 11, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 2-3-1, 1,399, \$1,300.
- 12, ss-Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 2-4, 1,376, \$1,300.
- 13, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2-4, 1,361, \$1,300.
- 14, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 2-4, 1,276, \$1,300.
- 15, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 1-5, 1,264, \$1,300.
- 16, ss-Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 0-6, 1,173, \$1,300.

Modified Match Play Round 1 (other cashers after five games, including match play bonus pins):

- 17, ss-Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 3-2, 1,199, \$1,100.
- 18, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 2-3, 1,192, \$1,100.
- 19, ss-Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 3-2, 1,191, \$1,100.
- 20, Keith Lesko, Chicago, 2-3, 1,151, \$1,100.
- 21, Gary Schluchter, Fremont, Ohio, 2-3, 1,144, \$1,100.
- 22 (tie), Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 2-3, and Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 2-3, 1,116, \$1,100.
- 24, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 2-3, 1,102, \$1,100.
- 25, ss-Sam MacCarone, Blackwood, N.J., 2-3, 1,093, \$1,050.
- 26, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 3-2, 1,086, \$1,050.
- 27, ss-Michael Chrzanowski, Shepherd, Mich., 3-2, 1,085, \$1,050.
- 28, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 1-4, 1,078, \$1,050.
- 29, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 3-2, 1,075, \$1,050.
- 30, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 1-4, 1,011, \$1,050.
- 31, ss-Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 3-2, 1,000, \$1,050.
- 32, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 1-4, 954, \$1,050.

Other Cashers (after five-game cashers' round, \$1,000 each):

- 33, ss-n-Leroy Johnson, Chicago, 1,005.
- 34, ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 958.
- 35, ss-Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., 954.
- 36, ss-Emilio Mora Sr, Defiance, Ohio, 950.
- 37, ss-Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 943.
- 38, Billy Froberg, St Joseph, Mich., 942.
- 39, ss-Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 937.
- 40, ss-Ed Silva, Manteca, Calif., 904.

ss-denotes PBA60 player.

300 Games: Pete Weber, Brian LeClair, Gary Faulkner, Eddie Graham.

Natalie Cortese, Brad Miller Lead PBA-PWBA Xtra Frame Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles Qualifiers; Shannon O'Keefe, Bill O'Neill Keep Title Hopes Alive by a Single Pin

HOUSTON, Texas – Two-time defending champions Shannon O'Keefe and Bill O'Neill kept their hopes for a third consecutive PBA-PBA Xtra Frame Striking Against Breast

Cancer Mixed Doubles title alive by a single pin Saturday as Brad Miller of Raytown, Mo., and partner Natalie Cortese of Hoffman Estates, Ill., led the 40 qualifying teams that will advance to Sunday's cashers round at Copperfield Bowl.

Also advancing were Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio, and partner Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., the only team to win the event four times.

Cortese, a former Valparaiso University collegiate star and a Dexter High School All-American, averaged 213.7 for her seven qualifying games. Miller, who has won one PBA Midwest Regional title in his five-year career, averaged 232 on games of 289, 226, 221, 217, 248, 255 and 168 as they finished with a combined total of 3,120 pins and a 14-pin lead over Germany's Birgit Poppler and PBA Tour titlist Jason Sterner of Cocoa, Fla. Lindsay Boomershine of Perry, Utah, and Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C., were third with 3,045 pins.

O'Keefe, from O'Fallon, Ill., and O'Neill, from Langhorne, Pa., won the tournament in 2013 as well as 2015 and '16. They kept their hopes for a third consecutive – and fourth overall – title by one pin, qualifying in 40th place, 259 pins behind the leaders.

Pluhowsky and Jones, who are trying for a record fifth title, qualified in 12th place. They won the event in 2007, '08, '10 and '11.

The top 40 teams will bowl a five-game cashers round at 8:30 a.m. CDT Sunday, after which the top eight teams based on a combined 12 team games (24 individual games) will bowl a final eight games of round-robin match play to determine the champion. All of Sunday's competition will be live streamed on PBA's subscription-based bowling channel, Xtra Frame. For details, visit xtraframe.tv.

PBA/PWBA XTRA FRAME STRIKING AGAINST BREAST CANCER MIXED DOUBLES

presented by Storm

Copperfield Bowl, Houston, Texas, Saturday

Final Qualifying Standings (after 7 team games; top 40 advance to Sunday's cashers round)

- 1, Natalie Cortese, Hoffman Estates, Ill./Brad Miller, Raytown, Mo., 3,120.
- 2, Birgit Poppler, Germany/Jason Sterner, Cocoa, Fla., 3,106.
- 3, Lindsay Boomershine, Perry, Utah/Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 3,045.
- 4, Holly Harris, Wichita, Kan./Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 3,039.

- 5, Bryanna Caldwell Cote, Red Rock, Ariz./Stuart Williams, England, 3,033.
- 6, Lynda Barnes, Double Oak, Texas/Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 3,022.
- 7, Laura Plazas, Colombia/Clint Land, Houston, Texas, 3,009.
- 8, Cajsa Wegner, Sweden/Mike Austin, Houston, Texas, 3,004.
- 9, Liz Johnson, Chicago/Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,986.
- 10, Diandra Asbaty, Chicago/Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2,967.
- 11, Erin McCarthy, Omaha, Neb./AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 2,955.
- 12, Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio/Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,952.
- 13, Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Keller, Texas/Michael Tang, San Francisco, 2,949.
- 14, Maria Rodriguez, Colombia/Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 2,943.
- 15 (tie), Christina Kinney, Las Vegas/Robert Lawrence, Del Valle, Texas, and T'nia Moore, Greensburg, Pa./BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 2,942.
- 17, Anne Marie Duggan, Edmond, Okla./Steven Badovinac, Monument, Colo., 2,941.
- 18, Josie Earnest-Barnes, Nashville, Tenn./Kyle Barnes, Smyrna, Tenn., 2,939.
- 19, Jenny Wegner, Sweden/Connor Pickford, Plano, Texas, 2,934.
- 20, Daria Kovalova, Ukraine/AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 2,930.
- 21, Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif./Dave Wodka, Beavercreek, Ohio, 2,925.
- 22, Karen Boyd, Fort Lauderdale, Fla./John Janawicz, Winter Haven, Fla., 2,920.
- 23, Brittni Hamilton, Nashville, Tenn./Rob Gotchall, Clarksville, Tenn., 2,914.
- 24, Shannon Sellens, Copiague, N.Y./Anthony Pepe, East Elmhurst, N.Y., 2,913.
- 25 (tie), Natalie Goodman, O'Fallon, Ill./EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., and Liz Kuhlkin, Schenectady, N.Y./Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 2,911.
- 27 (tie), Clara Guerrero, Pflugerville, Texas/Andres Gomez, Colombia, and Amanda Greene, Romney, W.Va./Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 2,906.
- 29, Jamie Martin, Omaha, Neb./Sean Rangel, Omaha, Neb., 2,899.
- 30, Katie Garcia, Wichita, Kan./Geoffrey Young, Keller, Texas, 2,897.
- 31, Rocio Restrepo, Colombia/Joe Hostetler, Louisville, Ohio, 2,894.
- 32, Allie Ijams, Wichita, Kan./Kevin Tatrow, Wichita, Kan., 2,891.
- 33 (tie), Tannya Lopez, Laredo, Texas/Matt Cabanski, Cibolo, Texas, and Kayla Johnson, Washington, Ill./DJ Archer, Houston, Texas, 2,890.
- 35 (tie), Brittany Smith, Des Moines, Iowa/Nick Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., and Stefanie Johnson, McKinney, Texas/Chris Johnson, McKinney, Texas, 2,888.
- 37, Anggie Ramirez, Austin, Texas/Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 2,875.
- 38, Jasmine Coleman, Manteca, Calif./Vernon Peterson, Winter Haven, Fla., 2,874.
- 39, Keli Callahan, Las Vegas/Sam Cooley, Australia, 2,867.
- 40, Shannon O'Keefe, O'Fallon, Ill./Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,861.

Failed to advance:

- 41, Ghislaine van der Tol, Netherlands/Kendle Miles, Kennesaw, Ga., 2,860.
- 42, Summer Jasmin, Beckley, W.V./Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas, 2,856.
- 43, Jackie Carbonetto, Blauvelt, N.Y./Matt Gasn, Clarksville, Tenn., 2,855.
- 44, Catie Jensen, Fort Worth, Texas/Matthew Farber, Plainview, N.Y., 2,852.
- 45, Kamilah Dammers-Naddall, Aruba/Kristijonas Sergejevas, Lithuania, 2,850.
- 46, Robyn Renslow, Brentwood, Calif./Aaron Pawloski, Brentwood, Calif., 2,846.
- 47, Sandra Gongora, Mexico/Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 2,836.
- 48, Leanne Hulsenberg, Pleasant View, Utah/Darren Tang, San Jose, Calif., 2,833.
- 49, Megan Kelly, Dayton, Ohio/Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2,831.
- 50, Valerie Bercier, Raymond, N.H./Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,827.
- 51, Angela Chirpich, Urbandale, Iowa/Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 2,825.
- 52, Mads McDuff, Katy, Texas/David Tullos, Spring, Texas, 2,822.
- 53, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y./Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,821.
- 54, Jennifer Russo, North Brunswick, N.J./Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas, 2,819.
- 55, Kristina Wendell, New Port Richey, Fla./Alex Aguiar, Dartmouth, Mass., 2,813.
- 56, Robin Romeo, Newhall, Calif./Timothy Tripp, Santa Clarita, Calif., 2,809.
- 57, Hollyann Johansen, Wichita, Kan./Austin Boulds, Wichita, Kan., 2,804.
- 58, Correen Lieber, Tolleson, Ariz./Eric Martinez, San Antonio, Texas, 2,803.
- 59, Danielle Walker, Keller, Texas/David Walker, Keller, Texas, 2,796.
- 60, Marcia Kloempken, Pleasant View, Utah/Steven Smith, San Diego, Calif., 2,794.
- 61, Brandi Branka, Fairview Heights, Ill./Mike Dole, Loves Park, Ill., 2,791.
- 62, Kristina Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y./John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 2,787.
- 63, Stephanie Martins, Brazil/Gary Faulkner, Orlando, Fla., 2,783.
- 64, Cindy Mattingly, Puyallup, Wash./Tanner Spacey, Burien, Wash., 2,782.
- 65, Chenoa Rhoades, Wichita, Kan./Jessy Bauer, Junction City, Kan., 2,779.
- 66 (tie), Heather Whitney, Eules, Texas/Tyson Branagan, Fort Worth, Texas, and Michelle Crews, Hoover, Ala./Sean Sadat, Houston, Texas, 2,769.
- 68, Beth Owen-Cipielewski, Bradenton, Fla./Bryan Viator, Seabrook, Texas, 2,765.
- 69, Daria Pajak, Poland/Giorgio Clinaz, Venezuela, 2,763.
- 70, Joline Persson Planefors, Sweden/Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 2,756.
- 71, Tina Williams, Phoenix, Ariz./Xeno Garcia, Fort Worth, Texas, 2,754.
- 72, Amanda Fry, Antelope, Calif./Omar Arnett, Richmond, Texas, 2,743.
- 73 (tie), Jen Remaklus, St. Louis, Mo./Ari Wilson, Henderson, Nev., and Diana Zavjalova, Latvia/Adam Pogge, Austin, Texas, 2,742.
- 75, Nina Flack, Sweden/Eric Traylor, Houston, Texas, 2,740.
- 76, Katie Maher, Ottumwa, Iowa/Kyle Anderson, Lockport, Ill., 2,738.

77 (tie), Ingellimar Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn./Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., and Nicole Parkhurst, Utica, N.Y./Steve Lemke, Nacogdoches, Texas, 2,737.

79, Carol Norman , Houston, Texas/Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 2,728.

80, Amanda Cortese, Hoffman Estates, Ill./Andrew Cain, Phoenix, Ariz., 2,726.

81, Sydney Brummett, Fort Wayne, Ind./Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., 2,725.

82, Jodi Woessner, Oregon, Ohio/Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 2,718.

83, Desiree Negron, Puerto Rico/Andro Simounet, Puerto Rico, 2,716.

84, Kimi Davidson, Irving, Texas/John Pierce, Denton, Texas, 2,711.

85, Verity Crawley, England/Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 2,708.

86, Kaidee Sutphin, Orlando, Fla./Jon Trzcinski, Lake Wales, Fla., 2,703.

87, Jacqueline Malone, Scotia, N.Y./Keni Lowe, Accokeek, Md., 2,702.

88, Sierra Kanemoto, Dayton, Ohio/Ryan Holland, Houston, Texas, 2,700.

89, Sandra Andersson, Sweden/Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 2,697.

90, Mariana Ayala, Puerto Rico/Johnathan Wiley, Houston, Texas, 2,689.

91, Isabella Correa, Austin, Texas/Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 2,688.

92, Ashley Blakley, Houston, Texas/Derrick Woods, Houston, Texas, 2,686.

93 (tie), Ashlyn Herzberg, Wichita, Kan./Jerod Hromek, Wichita, Kan., and Catherine Rawsthorne, Lewiston, Idaho/Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., 2,684.

95 (tie), Jovan Ebalaroza, San Antonio, Texas/T.J. Thompson, Houston, Texas, and Anita Arnett, Richmond, Texas/Brett Cooper, Aurora, Colo., 2,679.

97, Samantha Linder, Sarasota, Fla./Keith Cipielewski, Bradenton, Fla., 2,678.

98, Sandi Charles, Nolanville, Texas/Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 2,677.

99, Stacie Hartsfield, San Antonio, Texas/Jeff Hartsfield, San Antonio, Texas, 2,674.

100, Kylie Mogard, Las Vegas, Nev./Dallas Leong, Las Vegas, Nev., 2,671.

101, Jes Lesagonicz, Atlanta, Ga./Bob Michalojko, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2,669.

102, Sara DiScioscia, Hampton, Va./Ryon Collins, Colonial Heights, Va., 2,662.

103, Brigitte Coleman, Gainesville, Fla./Ryan Whitney, Eules, Texas, 2,659.

104, Taylor Bulthuis, Coral Springs, Fla./Matt Russo, Millstone Township, N.J., 2,658.

105 (tie), Mary Jo Cox, Houston, Texas/Lee Lorts, Katy, Texas, and Elise Bolton, Merritt Island, Fla./Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 2,653.

107, Kiyoko McDonald, Allen, Texas/Clint Johnson, Fort Worth, Texas, 2,642.

108, Diana Jessie, Dallas, Texas/Toney Nelson, Grapevine, Texas, 2,635.

109, Taylor Evans, Katy, Texas/George Gohagan III, Houston, Texas, 2,633.

110, Lori Schultz, Hutto, Texas/Anthony Coats, Pflugerville, Texas, 2,628.

111, Kiara Grant, Austin, Texas/Terrance McQueen, Houston, Texas, 2,627.

112, Courtney Bolin, Houston, Texas/Eric Manthei, Lumberton, Texas, 2,622.

113, Kerry Moreland, Houston, Texas/Brett Stephen, Houston, Texas, 2,617.

114 (tie), Cathy Nelson, Lakeside, Texas/David Scardaville, Houston, Texas, and Grace Hall, Oklahoma City, Okla./Will Barnes, Leander, Texas, 2,609.

116 (tie), Paula Vidad, Sun City, Calif./Troy Kendrick, Coto De Caza, Calif., and Samantha Kelly, Waukesha, Wis./Eric Fritton, Milwaukee, Wis., 2,602.

118, Ashley Lawley, Friendswood, Texas/James Long, Pasadena, Texas, 2,601.

119, Kayla Pashina, Minnetonka, Minn./Ted Pritts, Little Elm, Texas, 2,591.

120, Tonya Criss, Andrews AFB, Md./Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 2,588.

121, Denisyha Waller, Markham, Ill./Frank Rose, Bellaire, Texas, 2,587.

122, Rachel Perez, Maumelle, Ark./Michael Shirley, North Little Rock, Ark., 2,583.

123, Brandy Silva, Fort Worth, Texas/Timmy Crites, Dallas, Texas, 2,571.

124, Sabrena Divis, Gillette, Wyo./Jason Miller, Plano, Ill., 2,563.

125, Erin Lenahan, Meadow Vista, Calif./Rickie Banister, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2,561.

126, Ashly Galante, Palm Harbor, Fla./Jeremy Mooney, West Palm Beach, Fla., 2,556.

127, Jelesa Maryland, Plano, Texas/Matthew Stephens, Houston, Texas, 2,549.

128, Rachael Gittings, Glen Allen, Va./Chris Bolosan, Newport News, Va., 2,545.

129, Elysia Current, Ephrata, Pa./Travis Celmer, Wernersville, Pa., 2,541.

130, Genie Franklin, Frisco, Texas/Brett Wolfe, Mesa, Ariz., 2,539.

131, Nicole Unsworth, Edmond, Okla./Scott Black, Yukon, Ok., 2,532.

132, Whitney Harris, Converse, Texas/Scott Dodson, Waxahachie, Texas, 2,525.

133, Kayla Ovesny, Norman, Okla./Jeremy Evans, Katy, Texas, 2,517.

134, Erica McPhail, Copperas Cove, Texas/Mark Morgan, Killeen, Texas, 2,514.

135, Rita Heger, Spring, Texas/Jacob Heger, Spring, Texas, 2,504.

136, Brette Joseph, Pflugerville, Texas/Russell Elsner, Houston, Texas, 2,500.

137, Tiffany Morris, Wichita, Kan./Blake Starr, Oklahoma City, Okla., 2,499.

138, Robyn Roberts, Little Rock, Ark./Shane Gillmore, Mayflower, Ark., 2,498.

139, Wanda Parker, Garland, Texas/Warren Reid, Dallas, Texas, 2,488.

140, Britney Russell, Houston, Texas/Nick Glidden, Houston, Texas, 2,487.

141, Ashley Adams, Midlothian, Texas/Dylan Macon, Ennis, Texas, 2,469.

142, Heather Bergstedt, San Antonio, Texas/Harrison Jarvis, San Antonio, Texas, 2,468.

143, Connie Esters, League City, Texas/Jack Bevelhymer, Houston, Texas, 2,467.

144, Rene Fleming, Oklahoma City, Okla./Chris Bryant, Austin, Texas, 2,462.

145, Kim Burnham, Pasadena, Texas/Michiel Burnham, Pasadena, Texas, 2,417.

146, Jaime Wells, Humble, Texas/Steven Lewis, Keller, Texas, 2,413.

147, Jessa Lordo, Houston, Texas/TJ Heider, Houston, Texas, 2,376.

148, Nichole DePaul-Miller, Plano, Ill./John Wukasch Jr., Montgomery, Texas, 2,357.

149, Nicole Maxwell, Cypress, Texas/Justin Maxwell, Cypress, Texas, 2,323.
150, Diva Gwiscz, Houston, Texas/Kevin Foerster, Houston, Texas, 2,320.
151 (tie), Jessica Peters, Toms River, N.J./Dylan Eichler, Bentonville, Ark., and Linda Walbaum, Brighton, Colo./Mark London, Washington, Texas, 2,307.
153, Lynda Daniels, Conroe, Texas/Scott Winski, Montgomery, Texas, 2,294.
154, Aline Reed, Spring, Texas/Lee Arnold, Hockley, Texas, 2,280.
155, Norma Manns, Austin, Texas/Marvin Biagas, Houston, Texas, 2,256.
156, Sally Chitwood, Bay City, Texas/Tom Russo, Richmond, Texas, 2,214.
157, Tori Browder, Cedar Park, Texas/Nicholas Burgess, Jersey Village, Texas, 2,154.
158, Danita Wyley, Fort Worth, Texas/Bobby Scott, Dallas, Texas, 2,150.
159, Shelly Slagle, Pearland, Texas/Chris Schramek, Pasadena, Texas, 2,119.

Sterner, Poppler Win PBA-PWBA Xtra Frame Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles Title

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HOUSTON, Texas – Jason Sterner of Cocoa, Fla., and “replacement” partner Birgit Poppler of Germany defeated Australia’s Jason Belmonte and Diandra Asbaty of Chicago in the final game to win the 18th PBA-PWBA Xtra Frame Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles title at Copperfield Bowl Sunday.

Sterner, who won his only Professional Bowlers Association Tour title in the 2013 Don Carter Classic in Detroit, teamed up with Poppler, who was in the United States as a Professional Women’s Bowling Association competitor, after his original partner (Cassandra Leuthold of Black Hawk, S.D.) was forced to cancel due to an injury. Trailing Asbaty and Belmonte by 10 pins heading into the final position round match, Sterner threw a 258 game and Poppler a 204 for 462 total pins, topping Asbatay’s 178 and Belmonte’s 254 by 30 pins to overcome the deficit.

The winners, who won five consecutive matches earlier in the round to dig out from under a 238-pin deficit, split \$16,000 in prize money. Poppler, a veteran member of Germany’s national bowling team, also earned her first PWBA Tour title.

“Before we started, I told her I needed to impress her, so hopefully I did,” Sterner said. “Everyone knows how much work I put it in, so it’s nice to get a little reward.”

“I’m just happy,” Poppler said. “I didn’t expect to bowl this tournament so it couldn’t be a better outcome.”

Four-time past winners Shannon Pluhowsky and Tommy Jones, and three-time winners Shannon O’Keefe and Bill O’Neill failed to qualify for the match play finals. Pluhowsky and Jones finished in 12th place while two-time defending champions O’Keefe and O’Neill finished 36th.

PWBA players now head to Plano, Texas, for the U.S. Women’s Open Tuesday through Sunday, PBA Tour players will begin the final three weeks of PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup series competition in the Xtra Frame Chesapeake Open from AMF Western Branch in Chesapeake, Va., Aug. 12-13. Immediately following will be the Xtra Frame Gene Carter’s Pro Shop Classic from Mid-County Bowling and Entertainment in Middletown, Del., Aug. 19-20, and the Storm Cup series finale, the Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic from Pla-Mor Lanes in Coldwater, Ohio, Aug. 26-27.

All preliminary rounds of the U.S. Women’s Open and start-to-finish coverage of all three Storm Cup events will air live on PBA’s online live streaming channel, Xtra Frame. For subscription information, visit xtraframe.tv.

PBA/PWBA XTRA FRAME STRIKING AGAINST BREAST CANCER MIXED DOUBLES

presented by Storm

Copperfield Bowl, Houston, Texas, Sunday

Final Standings (after 20 team games, including match play bonus pins)

- 1, Birgit Poppler, Germany/Jason Sterner, Cocoa, Fla., 6-2, 8,799, \$16,000.
- 2, Diandra Asbaty, Chicago/Jason Belmonte, Australia, 4-3-1, 8,749, \$8,000.
- 3, Natalie Cortese, Hoffman Estates, Ill./Brad Miller, Raytown, Mo., 6-2, 8,677, \$5,000.
- 4, Jenny Wegner, Sweden/Connor Pickford, Plano, Texas, 5-3, 8,663, \$4,000.
- 5, Lynda Barnes, Double Oak, Texas/Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1-7, 8,639, \$3,000.
- 6, Bryanna Caldwell Cote, Red Rock, Ariz./Stuart Williams, England, 3-4-1, 8,602, \$2,500.
- 7, Erin McCarthy, Omaha, Neb./AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 3-5, 8,494, \$2,350.
- 8, Maria Rodriguez, Colombia/Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 3-5, 8,484, \$2,250.

Other Cashers (after 12 team games):

- 9, Lindsay Boomershine, Perry, Utah/Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 5,097, \$2,180.
- 10, Clara Guerrero, Colombia/Andres Gomez, Colombia, 5,078, \$2,100.
- 11, Holly Harris, Wichita, Kan./Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 5,055, \$2,050.
- 12, Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio/Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 5,049, \$2,000.
- 13, T'nia Moore, Greensburg, Pa./BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 5,016, \$1,950.
- 14, Liz Kuhlkin, Schenectady, N.Y./Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 5,011, \$1,900.
- 15, Rocio Restrepo, Colombia/Joe Hostetler, Louisville, Ohio, 5,009, \$1,850.
- 16, Jamie Martin, Omaha, Neb./Sean Rangel, Omaha, Neb., 5,005, \$1,800.
- 17, Amanda Greene, Romney, W.Va./Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 4,989, \$1,750.
- 18, Josie Earnest-Barnes, Nashville, Tenn./Kyle Barnes, Smyrna, Tenn., 4,986, \$1,700.
- 19, Daria Kovalova, Ukraine/AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 4,980, \$1,650.
- 20, Liz Johnson, Chicago/Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 4,979, \$1,600.
- 21, Shannon Sellens, Copiague, N.Y./Anthony Pepe, East Elmhurst, N.Y., 4,968, \$1,550.
- 22, Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Keller, Texas/Michael Tang, San Francisco, 4,960, \$1,500.
- 23, Jasmine Coleman, Manteca, Calif./Vernon Peterson, Winter Haven, Fla., 4,957, \$1,450.
- 24, Allie Ijams, Wichita, Kan./Kevin Tatrow, Wichita, Kan., 4,952, \$1,400.
- 25, Brittany Smith, Des Moines, Iowa/Nick Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 4,943, \$1,350.
- 26, Natalie Goodman, O'Fallon, Ill./EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 4,938, \$1,300.
- 27, Christina Kinney, Las Vegas/Robert Lawrence, Del Valle, Texas, 4,935, \$1,225.
- 27, Karen Boyd, Fort Lauderdale, Fla./John Janawicz, Winter Haven, Fla., 4,935, \$1,225.
- 29, Brittni Hamilton, Nashville, Tenn./Rob Gotchall, Clarksville, Tenn., 4,934, \$1,150.
- 30, Tannya Lopez, Laredo, Texas/Matt Cabanski, Cibolo, Texas, 4,910, \$1,100.
- 31, Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif./Dave Wodka, Beavercreek, Ohio, 4,901, \$1,050.
- 32 (tie), Anne Marie Duggan, Edmond, Okla./Steven Badovinac, Monument, Colo.; Kayla Johnson, Washington, Ill./DJ Archer, Houston, Texas, 4,887, and Anggie Ramirez, Austin, Texas/Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 4,887, \$960.
- 35, Cajsja Wegner, Sweden/Mike Austin, Houston, Texas, 4,875, \$870.
- 36, Shannon O'Keefe, O'Fallon, Ill./Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 4,867, \$840.
- 37, Laura Plazas, Colombia/Clint Land, Houston, Texas, 4,858, \$780.
- 38, Katie Garcia, Wichita, Kan./Geoffrey Young, Keller, Texas, 4,856, \$740.

- 39, Stefanie Johnson, McKinney, Texas/Chris Johnson, McKinney, Texas, 4,802, \$720.
40, Keli Callahan, Las Vegas/Sam Cooley, Australia, 4,676, \$700.

Slow Start Doesn't Stop Parker Bohn III From Taking PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic First Round Lead

Overcoming a slow start and going through four bowling balls in the first two games, Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., averaged 234.8 Sunday to lead the first round of the PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic presented by Roto Grip.

Starting with games of 179 and 186, the 54-year-old PBA Hall of Famer bounced back with games of 257, 215, 268, 279, 217 and 278 to lead the field of 112 players 50 and older with a 1,879 eight-game pinfall total.

"It wasn't looking good there for a while," said Bohn. "After finally getting the right ball in my hand, then I had to work on pin carry because I was leaving a lot of corner pins.

"Pocket control is everything," Bohn added. "Once I had the right ball, I made a hand position change and a speed adjustment and the results speak for themselves."

Bohn, a 35-time PBA Tour titlist and three-time winner on the PBA50 Tour, has two top-five finishes this season which include second in the PBA50 Players Championship and third in the UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl In the Villages.

"You just have to keep trying and hopefully everything comes together," Bohn said. "I've started the job, now I just have to finish it."

Bohn holds a 104-pin lead over three-time PBA50 Tour titlist Bob Learn Jr. of Erie, Pa., in second, who finished the round with 1,775. Learn finished second to Ron Mohr of Las Vegas in last week's PBA50 South Shore Open. PBA Hall of Famer Doug Kent of Newark, N.Y., is in third with 1,764.

Defending champion PBA Hall of Famer Brian Voss of Centennial, Colo., finished the first round in fourth with a 1,752 pinfall and Brian LeClair of Delmar, N.Y., the season's only two-time winner, finished fifth with 1,738.

After Monday's second round the top 24 players will advance to Tuesday's match play rounds with eight additional players advancing to match play after a cashers round Tuesday morning. After match play, the top five players will advance to the stepladder finals at 7 p.m. EDT.

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PBA50 DAVE SMALL'S CHAMPIONSHIP LANES CLASSIC

Presented by Roto Grip

Dave Small's Championship Lanes, Anderson Ind., Sunday

First Round (After eight games)

- 1, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,879.
- 2, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,775.
- 3, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 1,764.
- 4, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 1,752.
- 5, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 1,738.
- 6, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,727.
- 7, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,720.
- 8, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,708.
- 9, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 1,702.
- 10, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 1,700.
- 11, Scott Merritt, Iowa City, Iowa, 1,693.

- 12, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1,689.
- 13, Scott Greiner, Platte City, Mo., 1,685.
- 13, Greg McDaniel, Kimball, Neb., 1,685.
- 15, Gary Schluchter, Femont, Ohio, 1,683.
- 15, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 1,683.
- 17, Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 1,677.
- 18, John Brockland, St. Charles, Mo., 1,673.
- 19, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,654.
- 20, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 1,653.
- 21, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,652.
- 22, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 1,645.
- 23, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 1,641.
- 24, Jeff Zaffino, Warren, Pa., 1,640.
- 25, ss-Nile Konicek, Gilbert, Ariz., 1,628.
- 26, Billy Froberg, St Joseph, Mich., 1,624.
- 27, ss-Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 1,620.
- 28, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,617.
- 29, ss-Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 1,614.
- 30, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 1,610.
- 31, ss-Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 1,602.
- 32, Tommy Martin, Millington, Tenn., 1,600.
- 33, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 1,589.
- 34, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,588.
- 35, Neil Kassel, Beaver creek, Ohio, 1,584.
- 36, Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 1,583.
- 37, (tie) Todd Haney, Boiling Springs, S.C., Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., and Keith Lesko, Chicago, 1,571.
- 40, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,563.
- 41, (tie) ss-Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., and Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 1,556.
- 43, Warren Burr, Wilmington, Del., 1,555.
- 44, ss-Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,553.
- 45, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,551.
- 46, (tie) ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., and ss-Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 1,547.
- 48, (tie) ss-Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., and ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 1,546.
- 50, ss-Sam Maccarone, Blackwood, N.J., 1,543.
- 51, ss-Vince Honeycutt, Franklin, N.C., 1,541.
- 52, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,536.
- 53, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 1,534.
- 54, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1,533.
- 55, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 1,532.
- 56, ss-Dale Csuhata, Wadsworth, Ohio, 1,524.
- 57, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1,519.
- 58, Terry Rohrer, Ft. Wayne, Ind., 1,515.
- 59, ss-David Goldenberg, Holtsville, N.Y., 1,506.
- 60, n-Ron Nelson Jr, Bridgeview, Ill., 1,505.
- 61, ss-Emilio Mora Sr., Defiance, Ohio, 1,500.
- 62, Rick Woloszyn, Griffith, Ind., 1,497.
- 63, ss-Bill Nichols, Bella Vista, Ark., 1,495.
- 64, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,493.
- 65, (tie) Larry Verble, Mason, Mich., and Paul LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 1,492.
- 67, ss-Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 1,491.
- 68, Dana Wright, St. Paul, Minn., 1,483.
- 69, Kevin Anderson, Mt. Juliet, Tenn., 1,482.

- 70, (tie) Chris Gentry, Anderson, Ind., and ss-Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 1,481.
- 72, (tie) ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., and Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio, 1,472.
- 74, Pete Thomas, Oklahoma City, Okla., 1,468.
- 75, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 1,466.
- 76, Brad Sipes, Bloomington, Ill., 1,461.
- 77, ss-Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 1,460.
- 78, ss-Patrick King, Yankton, S.D., 1,458.
- 79, (tie) ss-Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., and David Rosengarten, Gardendale, Ala., 1,456.
- 81, ss-Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 1,453.
- 82, ss-Marc Lineberry, Camanche, Iowa, 1,447.
- 83, ss-William Banks, Laurel Hill, N.C., 1,443.
- 84, ss-Michael Chrzanowski, Shepherd, Mich., 1,441.
- 85, ss-Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., 1,436.
- 86, Jim Pitts, Elmira, N.Y., 1,430.
- 87, Tony Majcher, Rolling Meadows, Ill., 1,428.
- 88, Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 1,425.
- 89, Raymond Scrivens, Jr., Athens, Pa., 1,420.
- 90, Patrick Shipley, Spring Valley, Calif., 1,418.
- 91, ss-Bill Hewlett, Las Vegas, 1,412.
- 92, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 1,411.
- 93, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 1,403.
- 94, (tie) Jeffery Johnson, Freeport, Ill., and ss-Fred Ferreira, Kings Park, N.Y., 1,396.
- 96, ss-Daniel Twomey, Teaneck, NJ, 1,395.
- 97, Bill Sparks III, Canton, Ohio, 1,387.
- 98, Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 1,384.
- 99, ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 1,383.
- 100, Allen Snyder, Huber Heights, Ohio, 1,372.
- 101, ss-Tom Howison, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,371.
- 102, ss-James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 1,365.
- 103, n-John Thompson, Sarasota, Fla., 1,364.
- 104, Steve Easterday, Strasburg, Ohio, 1,355.
- 105, ss-Allen Meskan, Addison, Ill., 1,310.
- 106, ss-n-Peter Minaudo, Chesterfield, Mich., 1,307.
- 107, John Kidwell, Indianapolis, Ind., 1,301.
- 108, ss-Dowell Milliken, Lake Grove, N.Y., 1,263.
- 109, Mike Watson, Grass Valley, Calif., 1,259.
- 110, ss-Robert Teeters, Lapel, Ind., 1,110.
- 111, n-Mark Drinkut, Anderson, Ind., 1,087.
- 112, Doug O'Bryant, Ball Ground, Ga., 773.

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ss-PBA60 player ages 60 and older

Parker Bohn III Averages 240 to Run Away With PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic Qualifying Lead

ANDERSON, Ind. - Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., averaged 240.4 for 16 games to dominate qualifying in the PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic presented by Roto Grip.

After a 1,879 eight-game pinfall total in Sunday's first round, Bohn pulled away with 1,968 in the second round Monday to finish with 3,847 heading into Tuesday's match play. He bowled games of 245, 246, 255, 299, 246, 183, 247 and 247 in the second round.

Three-time PBA50 Tour titlist Bob Learn Jr. of Erie, Pa., finished qualifying a distant second 312 pins behind with 3,535 (220.9 average).

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Bohn, a 35-time PBA Tour titlist and three-time PBA50 Tour winner, is trying for his first win of the season after previous best finishes of second in the PBA50 Players Championship and third in the UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl In The Villages.

"It's a confidence builder but you have to fight to the bitter end," said Bohn, whose last PBA50 Tour win came in the 2015 PBA50 Treasure Island Resort & Casino Open. "I've won from the front and I've won by going through the field, so you just do what it takes.

"Over the last couple seasons I feel like I've been a little snake-bit," he added. "It seems like a lot of guys have thrown their best games against me in match play and the finals. All I can do is just keep knocking at the door and hopefully good things will happen."

Learn, also is trying for his first win of the season after runner-up finishes in the Sun Bowl In The Villages and last week's PBA50 South Shore Open.

PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., surged into third posting a 3,510 pinfall. After finishing the first round in 21st with a 1,652 pinfall he bounced back with 1,858 in the second round.

"I didn't like anything I was doing yesterday," Duke said of his first round. "I think I was in protection mode and was still adjusting from last week's higher scoring environment to something a little more challenging this week."

Duke, who ranks third on the PBA Tour all-time titles list with 38 wins, is trying for his second PBA50 Tour win of the season and fifth of his career.

Rounding out the top five were PBA Hall of Famer Doug Kent of Newark, N.Y., in fourth with 3,483 and Scott Merritt of Iowa City, Iowa, with 3,478. Defending champion hall of famer Brian Voss of Centennial, Colo., finished sixth with 3,476.

The top 24 players advanced to Tuesday's match play rounds with eight additional players advancing to match play after a cashers qualifying round Tuesday morning. After match play, the top five players will advance to the stepladder finals at 7 p.m. EDT.

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Presented by Roto Grip

Dave Small's Championship Lanes, Anderson Ind., Monday

Second Round (After 16 games. Top 24 advance to match play. Positions 25th-37th plus eight PBA60 players advance to cashers round to determine eight additional match play spots)

- 1, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,847.
- 2, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,535.
- 3, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,510.
- 4, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 3,483.
- 5, Scott Merritt, Iowa City, Iowa, 3,478.
- 06, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 3,476.
- 7, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 3,456.
- 8, Jeff Zaffino, Warren, Pa., 3,440.
- 9, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 3,415.
- 10, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,409.
- 11, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3,403.
- 12, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,402.
- 13, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 3,391.
- 14, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3,368.
- 15, Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 3,367.
- 16, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,365.
- 17, John Brockland, St. Charles, Mo., 3,351.
- 18, (tie) Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., and Scott Greiner, Platte City, Mo., 3,337.
- 20, Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 3,313.
- 21, Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 3,308.
- 22, Tommy Martin, Millington, Tenn., 3,304.
- 23, Greg McDaniel, Kimball, Neb., 3,303.
- 24, Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 3,292.
- 25, Gary Schluchter, Femont, Ohio, 3,288.
- 26, (tie) Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., and Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 3,286.
- 28, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3,282.
- 29, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 3,276.
- 30, Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 3,274.
- 31, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,263.
- 32, Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 3,260.
- 33, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 3,230.
- 34, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3,220.
- 35, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 3,209.
- 36, Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 3,208.
- 37, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 3,198.
- 38, (tie) ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., and Dale Csuhata, Wadsworth, Ohio, 3,183.
- 40, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3,173.
- 41, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 3,164.
- 42, Keith Lesko, Chicago, 3,157.
- 43, ss-Sam Maccarone, Blackwood, N.J., 3,153.
- 44, Neil Kassel, Beavercreek, Ohio, 3,150.
- 45, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 3,125.
- 46, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3,124.
- 47, n-Ron Nelson Jr, Bridgeview, Ill., 3,121.
- 48, (tie) Larry Verble, Mason, Mich., and ss-Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., 3,118.
- 50, ss-Nile Konicek, Gilbert, Ariz., 3,117.
- 51, Todd Haney, Boiling Springs, S.C., 3,111.
- 52, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 3,091.

- 53, Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 3,089.
- 54, Billy Froberg, St Joseph, Mich., 3,087.
- 55, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 3,083.
- 56, ss-Vince Honeycutt, Franklin, N.C., 3,070.
- 57, Warren Burr, Wilmington, Del., 3,066.
- 58, (tie) David Rosengarten, Gardendale, Ala., and Chris Gentry, Anderson, Ind., 3,062.
- 60, (tie) Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., and Bill Nichols, Bella Vista, Ark., 3,049.
- 62, Jim Pitts, Elmira, N.Y., 3,048.
- 63, Rick Woloszyn, Griffith, Ind., 3,045.
- 64, James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 3,043.
- 65, Jeffery Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 3,032.
- 66, Tony Majcher, Rolling Meadows, Ill., 3,024.
- 67, Kevin Anderson, Mt. Juliet, Tenn., 3,021.
- 68, Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio, 3,015.
- 69, Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 3,013.
- 70, Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 3,009.
- 71, Daniel Twomey, Teaneck, NJ, 3,004.
- 72, Dana Wright, St. Paul, Minn., 3,003.
- 73, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 2,993.
- 74, Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 2,980.
- 75, Emilio Mora Sr., Defiance, Ohio, 2,972.
- 76, James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 2,970.
- 77, David Goldenberg, Holtsville, N.Y., 2,967.
- 78, Patrick Shipley, Spring Valley, Calif., 2,960.
- 79, Paul LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 2,958.
- 80, Marc Lineberry, Camanche, Iowa, 2,949.
- 81, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 2,947.
- 82, Terry Rohrer, Ft. Wayne, Ind., 2,941.
- 83, Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 2,918.
- 84, (tie) n-John Thompson, Sarasota, Fla., and Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 2,915.
- 86, Patrick King, Yankton, S.D., 2,888.
- 87, (tie) Tom Howison, Chillicothe, Ohio, and Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 2,887.
- 89, Michael Chrzanowski, Shepherd, Mich., 2,882.
- 90, (tie) Brad Sipes, Bloomington, Ill., and Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 2,873.
- 92, Pete Thomas, Oklahoma City, Okla., 2,872.
- 93, Bill Sparks III, Canton, Ohio, 2,871.
- 94, Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., 2,863.
- 95, Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 2,860.
- 96, Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 2,847.
- 97, n-Peter Minaudo, Chesterfield, Mich., 2,827.
- 98, William Banks, Laurel Hill, N.C., 2,817.
- 99, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 2,813.
- 100, Steve Easterday, Strasburg, Ohio, 2,799.
- 101, Fred Ferreira, Kings Park, N.Y., 2,783.
- 102, Bill Hewlett, Las Vegas, 2,779.
- 103, Raymond Scrivens, Jr., Athens, Pa., 2,769.
- 104, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 2,767.
- 105, Allen Snyder, Huber Heights, Ohio, 2,713.
- 106, John Kidwell, Indianapolis, Ind., 2,711.
- 107, Mike Watson, Grass Valley, Calif., 2,701.
- 108, Dowell Milliken, Lake Grove, N.Y., 2,555.
- 109, Allen Meskan, Addison, Ill., 2,543.
- 110, Robert Teeters, Lapel, Ind., 2,377.

111, n-Mark Drinkut, Anderson, Ind., 2,188.

112, Doug O'Bryant, Ball Ground, Ga., 773.

PBA Mourns the Losses of Hall of Famer Mike McGrath, Founding Member Bill Lillard

PETALUMA, Calif. – Mike McGrath, who stunned the Professional Bowlers Association when he won the 1965 Portland Open, the first PBA tournament he entered at age 19, died late Sunday in California. His death, at age 71, was confirmed by his daughter Jennifer. Details were not immediately available.

McGrath, a lanky left-hander, was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in 1988 and the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame in 1993 after a career that included back-to-back PBA National Championships in 1969 and 1970, when he was the tour's leading money winner. He recorded another major victory when he defeated fellow Hall of Famer Earl Anthony, 234-222, to become the first left-hander to win the U.S. Open in 1973 in Madison Square Garden in New York.

McGrath finished his career with 10 Tour titles and \$238,305 in career earnings. During the PBA's 50th anniversary gala in 2009, he was ranked 39th on list of the PBA's 50 greatest players.

"Anyone who won 10 titles in that era had some ability," said PBA Hall of Famer Dick Ritger about McGrath's selection to the all-time top 50 list. "He was one of the top three or four left-handers alongside Bill Allen, Dave Davis and Earl Anthony."

"Today I lost one of my best friends," said close friend and fellow hall of famer Barry Asher. "Mike McGrath has passed.

"For those of you who didn't really know and understand him, you really missed something special. He was a Hall of Fame bowler as we all know. But in life he was a Hall of Fame person, friend and especially a father. I will miss him as long as I draw breath."

Details regarding memorial services will be published when they are available.

The PBA also has learned of the death over the weekend of PBA pioneer and USBC Hall of Famer Bill Lillard, one of the 33 founding members of the organization in 1958. A former member of the famous Budweisers of St. Louis, among other noted "beer teams" of the 1950s, Lillard won his only PBA Tour title in the 1966 Miller High Life Open. The Houston native would have celebrated his 90th birthday in October.

Lillard had his most visible success in the USBC Open Championships where he won eight titles and set the all-time pinfall list with 124,087 total pins throughout his career. Lillard also was owner of Palace Bowl, the center that hosted the PBA-PWBA Xtra Frame Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles event for several years before he sold the center last year.

Bohn Beats Duke to Win PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic for First Title of the Season
ANDERSON, Ind. -- In a championship match featuring two of the Professional Bowlers Association's all-time greats, Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., took advantage of a struggling Norm Duke to win the PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic presented by Roto Grip Tuesday for his first PBA50 Tour title of the season and the fourth of his career.

After a spare in the first frame of the title match and then nine consecutive strikes, Bohn beat Duke, 279-206, to record his first PBA50 Tour win since the 2015 PBA50 Treasure Island Resort & Casino Open.

"I feel like I've scaled a tall obstacle," said Bohn, whose previous best finish this season was second in the PBA50 Players Championship. "I've always said, if I continue to knock on the door eventually it will open and good things will happen.

"I feel like I have a lot of wins left in me," he added. "When you think that my four wins have come against either Pete (Weber) or Norm, you have to feel pretty good about that."

Except for a stumble in the later match play rounds, Bohn, who was No. 3 qualifier for the finals, dominated the tournament averaging 240 in qualifying, 20 pins more than his closest competitor third-place finisher Bob Learn Jr., of Erie, Pa., who averaged 220.

"Once I had the right ball in my hand, all I had to do was find the right hand position and I was pretty much in control," Bohn said. "Believing in yourself is one thing but reading what the lanes are telling you is another. When you have both of those things in synch and you can repeat shots, it's a winning formula."

Bohn ranks fifth all-time on the PBA Tour titles list with 35 wins while Duke ranks third with 38 titles to go along with his four on the PBA50 Tour.

In the opening stepladder match, Jeff Zaffino of Warren, Pa., making his first championship round appearance, beat PBA Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli of Venezuela, who was trying for his ninth career PBA50 Tour title and second of the season, 202-187.

In the second match, Bohn beat Zaffino, 238-234, in a come-from-behind effort, to advance to the semi-final match where he beat Learn 231-202 to advance to the title match.

For Learn, who was also looking for his first win of the season, his third-place finish was his fifth top-five of the year and came after a runner-up finish in last week's PBA50 South Shore Open.

Duke's second-place finish puts him in second on the PBA50 Player of the Year points list heading into the season's final tournament in Fort Wayne, Ind. next week. He will have some work to do, however, to catch Brian LeClair of Delmar, N.Y., who has led the player of the year points race for most of the season.

The 2017 PBA50 Tour concludes with the DeHayes Insurance Group Championship presented by Pro Bowl West and Ebonite Aug. 5-8 and the PBA60 Dick Weber Championship presented by Hammer (for players 60 and over) Aug. 10-12.

The DeHayes Insurance Group Championship will also play an important role in determining the top eight players from the season's points list who will have the opportunity to advance to the PBA Challenge held in conjunction with the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX presented by Eldorado Reno Properties this November in Reno, Nev.

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PBA50 DAVE SMALL'S CHAMPIONSHIP LANES CLASSIC

presented by Roto Grip

Dave Small's Championship Lanes, Anderson, Ind., Tuesday

Final Standings:

1, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., \$7,500.

2, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., \$4,000.

3, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., \$2,500.

4, Jeff Zaffino, Warren, Pa., \$2,000.

5, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, \$1,750.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Zaffino def. Monacelli, 202-187.

Match Two – Bohn def. Zaffino, 238-234.

Semifinal Match – Bohn def. Learn, 231-202.

Championship Match – Bohn def. Duke, 279-206.

Modified Match Play Round 2 (after six games, including match play bonus pins. Top five advance to stepladder finals)

- 1, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 5-1, 1,571.
- 2, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 5-0-1, 1,544.
- 3, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 4-2, 1,506.
- 4, Jeff Zaffino, Warren, Pa., 5-1, 1,422.
- 5, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3-3, 1,381.
- 6, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 3-3, 1,380, \$1,500.
- 7, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 2-4, 1,361, \$1,500.
- 8, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 3-3, 1,357, \$1,500.
- 9, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3-2-1, 1,353, \$1,300.
- 10, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 3-3, 1,339, \$1,300.
- 11, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 2-4, 1,317, \$1,300.
- 12, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3-3, 1,300, \$1,300.
- 13, Scott Greiner, Platte City, Mo., 0-6, 1,266, \$1,300.
- 14, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3-3, 1,260, \$1,300.
- 15, John Brockland, St. Charles, Mo., 2-4, 1,227, \$1,300.
- 16, Scott Merritt, Iowa City, Iowa, 1-5, 1,170, \$1,300.

Modified Match Play Round 1 (other cashers after five games, including match play bonus pins)

- 17, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 3-2, 1,104, \$1,150.
- 18, Greg McDaniel, Kimball, Neb., 4-1, 1,103, \$1,150.
- 19, ss-Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 1-4, 1,094, \$1,150.
- 20, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3-2, 1,093, \$1,150.
- 21, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 3-2, 1,088, \$1,150.
- 22, Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 3-2, 1,057, \$1,150.
- 23, ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 2-3, 1,041, \$1,150.
- 24, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3-2, 1,040, \$1,150.
- 25, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 1-4, 1,033, \$1,075.
- 26, ss-Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 1-3-1, 1,019, \$1,075.
- 27, ss-Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 1-4, 991, \$1,075.
- 28, Tommy Martin, Millington, Tenn., 2-3, 972, \$1,075.
- 29, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1-4, 971, \$1,075.
- 30, Gary Schluchter, Femont, Ohio, 2-3, 953, \$1,075.
- 31, ss-Dale Csuhata, Wadsworth, Ohio, 1-4, 951, \$1,075.
- 32, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 1-4, 887, \$1,075.

Other Cashers (after five-game cashers' round)

- 33, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 1,015, \$1,000.
- 34, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1,007, \$1,000.
- 35, Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 1,002, \$1,000.
- 36 (tie), ss-Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa. and ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 996, \$1,000.
- 38, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 971, \$1,000.
- 39, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 959, \$1,000.
- 40, ss-Nile Konicek, Gilbert, Ariz., 949, \$1,000.
- 41, ss-Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., 943, \$1,000.
- 42, ss-Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 940, \$1,000.
- 43, ss-Vince Honeycutt, Franklin, N.C., 931, \$1,000.

44, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 925, \$1,000.
45, ss-Sam Maccarone, Blackwood, N.J., 893, \$1,000.

2017 PBA50 Tour Season Concludes in Fort Wayne With PBA50-PBA60 Doubleheader at Pro Bowl West
Aug. 5-12

The PBA50 Tour concludes its 2017 season with a PBA50-PBA60 doubleheader in Fort Wayne, Ind., when the PBA50 DeHayes Insurance Group Championship presented by Pro Bowl West and Ebonite, and the PBA60 Dick Weber Championship presented by Hammer return to Pro Bowl West Aug. 5-12.

Competition begins with the DeHayes Insurance Group Championship for players 50 and older Aug. 5-8 which will be followed by the Dick Weber Championship, for players 60 and older, Aug. 10-12.

Fans will be able to follow all the action streamed live on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame beginning with qualifying on Sunday, Aug. 6. In addition to following the action on pba.com, Apple users will be able to use the new PBA app, available through the Apple App store, to access live scoring.

As the 2017 season draws to a close, Brian LeClair of Delmar, N.Y., who is the season's only multiple winner with two titles, leads the PBA50 Player of the Year points race over PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke, who moved into second after recent second and third-place finishes in the Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic and PBA50 South Shore Open, respectively.

After his win in the Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic over Duke Tuesday in Anderson, Ind., hall of famer Parker Bohn III moved into third in the points race. While LeClair has a commanding lead heading into Fort Wayne, both Bohn and Duke have an outside shot at Player of the Year.

As the season's top rookie in points, five-time PBA50 Tour winner Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix has wrapped up PBA50 Rookie of the Year honors thanks to his win in the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open and third-place finish in the PBA50 Players Championship.

Competing in both events will be Fort Wayne native and 2016 PBA60 Player of the Year Ron Mohr who is also a two-time PBA50 Player of the Year. Mohr recently won his ninth PBA50 Tour title by capturing the South Shore Open in Hammond, Ind., to successfully retain his PBA60 Player of the Year title after also winning USBC's Super Senior Classic earlier in the year.

After the DeHayes Insurance Group Championship, the top eight players from the season's PBA50 points list will be determined. Those eight will have the opportunity to compete in the PBA50 Challenge held in conjunction with the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX presented by Eldorado Reno Properties this November in Reno, Nev., and they will receive paid entries into the World Series. Heading into Fort Wayne, the top eight in points currently are LeClair, Duke, Bohn Bob Learn Jr., Haugen, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Mohr and Amleto Monacelli.

In 2016, defending champion Eddie Graham of Centerville, Ohio, clinched 2016 PBA50 Rookie of the Year honors by winning the DeHayes Insurance Group Championship for his first PBA50 Tour title. Three-time PBA50 Tour winner Don Sylvia won the Dick Weber Championship for his first PBA60 title.

For Xtra Frame Subscription and schedule information click on www.xtraframe.tv.com

PBA50 DEHAYES INSURANCE GROUP CLASSIC PRESENTED BY PRO BOWL WEST AND EBONITE
Pro Bowl West, Fort Wayne, Ind. (all times Eastern)

Saturday, Aug. 5

3:30 p.m. – Practice session

7:30 p.m. - Pro-am

Sunday, Aug. 6

11 a.m. – First round qualifying (8 games)

Monday, Aug. 7

11 a.m. – Second round qualifying (8 games)

Tuesday, Aug. 8

8:30 a.m. - Cashers round (5 games)

Noon – Match Play Round 1 (5 games)

3 p.m. – Match Play Round 2 (6 games)

Top five advance to stepladder finals

7 p.m. - Stepladder Finals

PBA60 DICK WEBER CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY HAMMER

Thursday, Aug. 10

9 a.m. – Practice session

Friday, Aug. 11

11 a.m. – Qualifying (6 games)

5 p.m. – Match play round 1 (6 games)

Saturday, Aug. 12

8:30 a.m. – Match play round 2 (6 games)

Top five advance to stepladder finals

Noon – Stepladder finals

Memorial Services Set for Bill Lillard

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Visitation with Bill Lillard's family will take place between 5-8 p.m. today in the library and grand foyer of Geo. H. Lewis & Sons, 1010 Bering Drive in Houston. A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church, 5300 Main Street, Houston. Immediately following, a reception with the family will be held in the church's Palm Court. Prior to the memorial service, a private interment with the family will take place at Forest Park Westheimer Cemetery.

Well-wishers also are invited to leave messages for the family using this link:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/houstonchronicle/obituary.aspx?pid=186254281>

Cards or letters should be sent to: Attn: Lillard family, c/o Copperfield Bowl, 15615 Glen Chase Drive, Houston, TX 77095-2708

PBA Spare Shots: PBA50 Victory in Indiana Adds to Parker Bohn III's Memorable Year of Family Triumphs

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Parker Bohn III's victory in the PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic Tuesday in Anderson, Ind., put an exclamation mark on what has been a great year for the entire Jackson, N.J., family. Bohn's fourth career PBA50 Tour victory, and first in two years, came on the heels of some other family triumphs, including:

- Wife Leslie Beamish Bohn receiving USBC's Volunteer of the Year Award in April in Las Vegas;
- Older son Justin Bohn winning the boys' "junior varsity" title for bowlers 15 and younger in the Teen Masters Championships in Mechanicsville, Va.
- Younger son Brandon Bohn winning the USBC Junior Gold U12 boys' title in Cleveland, Ohio, where Justin finished in a tie for seventh in the U15 boys' division while daughter Sydney Bohn, in only her second year in bowling, finished 38th in a field of 124 in the U12 girls' division.

PBA50 TOUR FINALE SET FOR XTRA FRAME; U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN IS ON THE AIR

The PBA50 Tour wraps up its 2017 season live on Xtra Frame next week with first-ball-to-last coverage of the DeHayes Insurance Group Championship presented by Pro Bowl West and Ebonite Sunday through Tuesday. The DeHayes event will finalize the PBA50 Rookie and Player of the Year races as well as decide the top eight point-earners for the season who will compete in the PBA50 during GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Reno Eldorado Properties on Nov. 7 in Reno, Nev.

The PBA60 Dick Weber Championship for players 60 and older Aug. 10-12 at Pro Bowl West will wrap up PBA senior competition for the year. It also will be covered in its entirety by Xtra Frame.

This week's highlight is coverage of the U.S. Women's Open from Plano Super Bowl. Xtra Frame will provide live coverage of all match play rounds leading up to the live CBS Sports Network coverage of the stepladder finals on Sunday, Aug. 6, at noon EDT.

Then Xtra Frame shifts back to PBA Tour coverage of the final three events in the PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup series. Start-to-finish coverage will include the Xtra Frame Chesapeake Open from AMF Western Branch in Chesapeake, Va., Aug. 12-13; the Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic from Mid-County Bowling and Entertainment in Middletown, Del., Aug. 19-20, and the series finale, the Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic from Pla-Mor Lanes in Coldwater, Ohio, Aug. 26-27. At stake at the close of the Storm Cup series is shares of \$50,000 in bonus prize money for the top five players in points, including \$20,000 to the winner.

For live streaming time and other details, check under the "schedules" tab on pba.com. Xtra Frame subscription packages are available for three days, 30 days and a full year. To sign up, visit xtraframe.tv for details.

PBA fans also can follow real-time results for PBA50, PBA Xtra Frame Tour and all PBA Regional events by visiting the "live scoring" feature on pba.com or by downloading the new PBA app on Apple devices.

Xtra Frame subscribers also are invited to watch for a special "PBA Perspective" features that will be included in the Xtra Frame archives every other week. This week's feature, which debuted Tuesday, involves Francois Lavoie taking Xtra Frame subscribers through his 2016 U.S. Open victory.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: BUSY AUGUST AHEAD FOR REGIONAL PLAYERS

- PBA's August regional calendar gets underway over the Aug. 4-6 weekend with the PBA50 Progressive/Gerdman Insurance Agency/Al Smith Chrysler/Dodge/Jeep Central/Midwest Classic at Al-Mar

Colonial Lanes in Bowling Green, Ohio; the Bowlers Supply/Storm Products Open at Colony Park Lanes North in York, Pa.; the Boss Snow Plows/Ebonite Central Open at PinHeads in Fishers, Ind., and the Poplar Creek Bowl Midwest Open presented by Columbia 300 in Hoffman Estates, Ill.

- A mid-week event for PBA50 players – the PBA50 Pro Bowl West Central/Midwest Shootout – is set for Aug. 9 in Fort Wayne, Ind.
- The Greater Richmond Central Open at Richmond 40 Bowl in Richmond, Ind., a one-day event on Aug. 13, is the lone regional event over the Aug. 11-13 weekend.
- The Aug. 18-20 PBA Regional calendar includes the Emerald Bowl Houston Southwest Challenge for non-title winners plus the PBA-PWBA Emerald Bowl Southwest Open in Houston, Texas, for women, and the Dave Husted Northwest Open presented by 900 Global at Husted's Milwaukie Bowl in Milwaukie, Ore.
- Closing out the August schedule will be the PBA60 Wilson & Sons Super Senior Open presented by the Mooresville Convention and Visitors Bureau Aug. 31-Sept. 2 at George Pappas' Victory Lanes in Mooresville, N.C., followed immediately by the PBA50 Samuel Adams South Open presented by the Mooresville Convention and Visitors Bureau at George Pappas' Victory Lanes in Mooresville, N.C.
- The Labor Day weekend calendar of PBA Regional action includes the PBA50 Strike Zone Open presented by Track in Pottsville, Pa.; the Tony Reyes Memorial Member/Non-Member Doubles at Fourth Street Bowl in San Jose, Calif.; the Illinois Valley Midwest Open at IV Super Bowl in Peru, Ill., and the DHC Japan PBA Doubles Open, Japan Cheetah Masters and Japan Cheetah Queens at Nagoya Grand Bowl in Nagoya, Japan.
- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on pba.com (easily accessible for Apple device users using the new PBA app).

QUICK NOTES:

Correction: The bowling center owned by the late Bill Lillard that hosted the PBA-PWBA Xtra Frame Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles for several years was Palace Bowl, not "Bowl on Bellaire" as noted in the July 31 news release concerning his death.

- Emil Viola of Port St. Lucie, Fla., wins a new Brunswick ball, Jody Haslam of Nolensville, Tenn., receives a new high-performance MOTIV ball; and William Sendzik of Port Huron, Mich., is the lucky winner of a new high-performance ball from DV8 as July sweepstakes prizes for subscribing to Xtra Frame. The monthly sweepstakes is sponsored by the respective PBA Product Registered partners. Monthly winners are selected from among new Xtra Frame subscribers, who are automatically entered when they enroll as a monthly or Xtra Frame Season Ticket (full year) subscriber.
- Christopher Clay is the July winner of a \$200 HotelPlanner.com certificate, redeemable for future lodging expenses, compliments of PBA's official travel partner. The monthly sweepstakes is open to anyone who books a hotel through the HotelPlanner.com link on pba.com. Those who book through HotelPlanner.com are automatically entered.

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Brian Kretzer Averages 243 to Lead PBA50 DeHayes Insurance Group Championship First Round

FORT WAYNE, Ind. - After averaging 243 to lead the first round of the PBA50 DeHayes Insurance Group Championship presented by Pro Bowl West and Ebonite, Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio, hopes his qualifying lead is a sign of things to come in the final PBA50 Tour tournament of the 2017 season.

Kretzer, a one-time winner on the PBA Tour who is trying for his first win on the tour for players 50 and older, led qualifying Sunday at Pro Bowl West with a 1,950 eight-game pinfall total bowling games of 278, 257, 246, 266, 210, 242, 237 and 214.

Kretzer holds a 77-pin lead over two-time PBA50 Tour titlist Mike Dias of Lafayette, Colo., in second.

"I've always had good luck in qualifying but it's time to buckle down and win one of these things," said the 51-year-old Kretzer, who won the 2010 GoRving Match Play Championship for his lone PBA Tour title. "You can't win it on the first day. You have to win it on the third day."

"Bowling in these shorter format tournaments can either work for you or against you," he added. "A lot depends on timing and the decisions you make because there's not a lot of room for error."

Kretzer has two top 10 finishes this season with a career-tying best of third in the Northern California Classic in May. He finished ninth in last week's Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic.

PBA Hall of Famers took the next four spots after the first round.

Pete Weber got off to a good start in his effort to salvage the 2017 PBA50 Tour season finishing third after the first round with a 1,870 pinfall.

Weber, who is looking for his first win of the season, is hoping to win his 100th career title overall in PBA competition. the 2016 and 2015 PBA50 Player of the Year has won 37 PBA Tour, 10 PBA50 Tour, 48 PBA regional and four PBA50 regional titles which ranks second all-time to fellow Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. with 102 titles.

Williams, who won the 2017 United States Bowling Congress Senior Masters for his 11th career PBA50 Tour title, finished the round in fourth with 1,866. Brian Voss rounded out the top five with 1,853, and Parker Bohn III, last week's Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic winner, finished the round in sixth with 1,837.

Defending champion Eddie Graham of Centerville, Ohio, who rolled the round's only 300 game, finished in 37th with 1,717.

After Monday's second round the top 24 players will advance to Monday's match play rounds with eight additional players advancing to match play after a cashers round Tuesday morning. After match play, the top five players will advance to the stepladder finals at 7 p.m. EDT.

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PBA50 DeHAYES INSURANCE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP

Presented by Pro Bowl West and Ebonite

Pro Bowl West, Fort Wayne, Ind., Sunday

First Round (After eight games)

- 1, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,950.
- 2, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1,873.
- 3, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,870.
- 4, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,866.
- 5, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 1,853.
- 6, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,837.
- 7, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,830.
- 8, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,828.
- 9, ss-Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 1,800.
- 10, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 1,793.
- 11, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1,791.
- 12, Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 1,785.

- 13, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1,779.
- 14, (tie) Patrick Shipley, Spring Valley, Calif., and Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 1,778.
- 16, (tie) ss-David Axon, Bellevue, Neb., and ss-Toby Contreras, Lee's Summit, Mo., 1,770.
- 18, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,769.
- 19, Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio, 1,765.
- 20, ss-Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 1,756.
- 21, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 1,753.
- 22, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,752.
- 23, Greg McDaniel, Kimball, Neb., 1,749.
- 24, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 1,745.
- 25, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,741.
- 26, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,739.
- 27, Larry Verble, Mason, Mich., 1,737.
- 28, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 1,735.
- 29, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 1,733.
- 30, n-John Thompson, Sarasota, Fla., 1,731.
- 31, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,727.
- 32, Robert Leonard Sr, Lockwood, N.Y., 1,726.
- 33, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,724.
- 34, Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 1,723.
- 35, ss-Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,722.
- 36, ss-Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 1,719.
- 37, Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 1,717.
- 38, ss-Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 1,712.
- 39, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1,699.
- 40, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 1,692.
- 41, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,691.
- 42, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 1,689.
- 43, ss-Lew Elting, Carlsbad, Calif., 1,680.
- 44, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,671.
- 45, Scott Sustar, Medina, Ohio, 1,668.
- 46, ss-Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,666.
- 47, ss-Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 1,665.
- 48, Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 1,663.
- 49, John Brockland, St. Charles, Mo., 1,660.
- 50, ss-Michael Chrzanowski, Shepherd, Mich., 1,656.

51, ss-Bill Nichols, Bella Vista, Ark., 1,653.
52, (tie) ss-Tommy Brodowski, New Hyde Park, N.Y., and Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 1,648.
54, Scott Greiner, Platte City, Mo., 1,643.
55, Billy Froberg, St Joseph, Mich., 1,642.
56, Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 1,635.
57, (tie) ss-William Banks, Laurel Hill, N.C., and ss-Mark Everette, Aliquippa, Pa., 1,629.
59, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,626.
60, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 1,623.
61, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 1,622.
62, ss-Richard Hunt, Valparaiso, Ind., 1,621.
63, Keith Lesko, Chicago, 1,618.
64, n-Mike Boogren, Bloomington, Ill., 1,615.
65, (tie) ss-Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, and ss-Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 1,610.
67, Gary Schluchter, Femont, Ohio, 1,600.
68, Raymond Scrivens, Jr., Athens, Pa., 1,599.
69, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 1,598.
70, ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 1,591.
71, ss-Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 1,588.
72, (tie) Jeffery Johnson, Freeport, Ill., ss-Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, and ss-Dale Eagle, Twin Falls, Idaho, 1,584.
75, ss-Mike Moore, Marietta, Ohio, 1,580.
76, ss-Don Sylvia, Daytona Beach, Fla., 1,578.
77, Jimmy Jean, Kathleen, Ga., 1,577.
78, Warren Burr, Wilmington, Del., 1,568.
79, ss-Tom Howison, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,563.
80, Terry Rohrer, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1,561.
81, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 1,560.
82, John Kidwell, Indianapolis, Ind., 1,559.
83, ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 1,550.
84, (tie) ss-Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., and Conn Casey, Canada, 1,546.
86, ss-Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., 1,545.
87, Barry Clare, Bayside, N.Y., 1,544.
87, ss-Bill Hewlett, Las Vegas, 1,544.
89, (tie) ss-James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., and ss-Steven Banks, Leesburg, Va., 1,538.

- 91, ss-Chuck Richardson, The Villages, Fla., 1,536.
- 92, n-Frank Lorenzini, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1,528.
- 93, Mike Keough, Stockton, Calif., 1,527.
- 94, Todd Saeger, Watertown, Wis., 1,526.
- 95, ss-Ross McDonald, Clarksville, Md., 1,524.
- 96, ss-Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 1,518.
- 97, ss-Robert Donovan, Prattsville, N.Y., 1,517.
- 98, (tie) David Rosengarten, Gardendale, Ala., and ss-Emilio Mora Sr, Defiance, Ohio, 1,516.
- 100, ss-Patrick King, Yankton, S.D., 1,515.
- 101, ss-Chris Fedden, Albany, N.Y., 1,511.
- 102, ss-Robert Michalojko, Pittsburgh, Pa., 1,510.
- 103, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 1,506.
- 104, ss-James Souder, Greeneville, Tenn., 1,505.
- 105, ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 1,496.
- 106, n-ss-John Henry Jr., Fort Wayne, Ind., 1,492.
- 107, ss-Mike Schmid, St. Paul, Minn., 1,481.
- 108, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 1,480.
- 109, n-William Helinski, Youngwood, Penn., 1,474.
- 110, Arthur O'connor, Middle Village, N.Y., 1,468.
- 111, ss-Charlie Gadd, Lake Worth, FL, 1,461.
- 112, n-John Chapman, Canada, 1,457.
- 113, Tommy Martin, Millington, Tenn., 1,452.
- 114, Bill Sparks III, Canton, Ohio, 1,439.
- 115, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 1,430.
- 116, ss-Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 1,424.
- 117, Mike Watson, Grass Valley, Calif., 1,420.
- 118, Jim Pitts, Elmira, N.Y., 1,415.
- 119, ss-Joseph Woznicki, Lakeland, Fla., 1,390.
- 120, ss-Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., 1,379.
- 121, ss-Don Lane, San Francisco, 1,374.
- 122, Mark Nance Sr., Grove City, Ohio, 288.

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ss-PBA60 player ages 60 and older

Parker Bohn III Notches Another Dominating Qualifying Performance as PBA50 DeHayes Insurance Group Championship Second Round Leader

FORT WAYNE, Ind. - PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III bowled a 300 and 299 game back-to-back, and averaged 246 in the second round of the PBA50 DeHayes Insurance Group Championship presented by Pro Bowl West and Ebonite Monday, to lead qualifying and keep his hopes alive to win PBA50 Player of the Year.

After finishing Sunday's first round in sixth with a 1,837 eight-game pinfall total, Bohn bowled 1,969 with games of 222, 227, 247, 246, 185, 243, 300 and 299 in the second round at Pro Bowl West heading into Tuesday's match play rounds. A stubborn 7 pin on the final ball of the 10th frame of the last game prevented his bid for back-to-back perfect games.

"Everything was going great (in the round) except for that fifth game," Bohn said. "I couldn't figure out the left lane on that pair but I struck every time on the right lane. After that game I stayed with the same ball and just adjusted my delivery so that I got more forward roll on the ball and I was back on track."

Bohn led qualifying by 131 pins with a 3,806 16-game qualifying pinfall over fellow hall of famer Brian Voss who finished qualifying in second with 3,675.

It was another dominating qualifying performance for Bohn who led qualifying by 312 pins on his way to winning last week's Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic for his first win of the season.

Brian LeClair of Delmar, N.Y., who advanced to match play by qualifying 19th with a 3,529 pinfall, holds the player of the year point lead but since points are awarded for both qualifying and final finishing position, Bohn still has a chance for the title but must win. If Bohn wins, LeClair would have to finish second to clinch player of the year honors meaning those two players would face off in the championship stepladder match given that scenario.

"Realistically, I'm out here to win and then we'll see where the pieces fall—we'll just have to see how it all unfolds," Bohn said. "Brian has had a great year and there's a lot of work to be done, but if that door opens for me I'll certainly take advantage of the opportunity."

PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke, who qualified 11th for Tuesday's match play with 3,585, is in third in player of the year points and can also take the crown with a win. Should Duke win, LeClair would have to finish third to clinch the title.

The top 24 players will advanced to Tuesday's match play rounds with eight additional players advancing to match play after a cashers' round Tuesday morning. After match play, the top five players will advance to the stepladder finals at 7 p.m. EDT.

Rounding out the top five after qualifying were Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 3,670; Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3,663, and hall of famer Walter Ray Williams Jr., 3,652.

Tuesday's action will be streamed live via PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. For subscription and schedule information visit www.xtraframe.tv. In addition to following the action on pba.com, Apple users can download the new PBA app, available through the Apple App store, to access live scoring.

PBA50 DeHAYES INSURANCE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP

Presented by Pro Bowl West and Ebonite

Pro Bowl West, Fort Wayne, Ind., Monday

Second Round (After 16 games. Top 24 advance to match play. Players 25th-40th plus eight PBA60 players advance to cashers' round to determine eight additional match play spots)

- 1, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,806.
- 2, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 3,675.
- 3, Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 3,670.
- 4, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3,663.
- 5, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,652.
- 6, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,640.
- 7, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 3,632.
- 8, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3,624.
- 9, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3,619.
- 10, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,594.
- 11, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,585.
- 12, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,579.
- 13, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 3,578.
- 14, Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 3,572.
- 15, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,552.
- 16, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,550.
- 17, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 3,544.
- 18, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3,539.
- 19, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 3,529.
- 20, Patrick Shipley, Spring Valley, Calif., 3,513.
- 21, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3,510.
- 22, Toby Contreras, Lee's Summit, Mo., 3,503.
- 23, (tie) Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., and Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 3,488.

- 25, David Axon, Bellevue, Neb., 3,476.
- 26, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3,466.
- 27, Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 3,464.
- 28, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 3,454.
- 29, Larry Verble, Mason, Mich., 3,451.
- 30, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3,450.
- 31, Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio, 3,429.
- 32, Greg McDaniel, Kimball, Neb., 3,413.
- 33, John Brockland, St. Charles, Mo., 3,407.
- 34, John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 3,406.
- 35, (tie) Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., and Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 3,398.
- 37, Gary Schluchter, Femont, Ohio, 3,390.
- 38, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 3,385.
- 39, Scott Greiner, Platte City, Mo., 3,384.
- 40, Bill Nichols, Bella Vista, Ark., 3,375.
- 41, Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 3,373.
- 42, Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 3,372.
- 43, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 3,369.
- 44, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 3,363.
- 45, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3,358.
- 46, Robert Leonard Sr, Lockwood, N.Y., 3,351.
- 47, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 3,338.
- 48, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 3,326.
- 49, ss-Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 3,324.
- 50, Jimmy Jean, Kathleen, Ga., 3,323.
- 51, Scott Sustar, Medina, Ohio, 3,312.
- 51, n-John Thompson, Sarasota, Fla., 3,312.
- 53, (tie) Billy Froberg, St Joseph, Mich., and ss-Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 3,306.
- 55, Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 3,299.

- 56, Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 3,298.
- 57, Conn Casey, Canada, 3,295.
- 58, ss-Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 3,288.
- 59, Mike Keough, Stockton, Calif., 3,285.
- 60, Jeffery Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 3,263.
- 61, ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 3,262.
- 62, (tie) ss-Mark Everette, Aliquippa, Pa., and ss-Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 3,258.

(Everette won one-game roll-off 226-189 for final cashers' round spot)

- 64, John Kidwell, Indianapolis, Ind., 3,252.
- 65, Don Sylvia, Daytona Beach, Fla., 3,249.
- 66, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 3,245.
- 67, (tie) Keith Lesko, Chicago, and Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 3,243.
- 69, Michael Chrzanowski, Shepherd, Mich., 3,239.
- 70, (tie) Patrick King, Yankton, S.D., and Lew Elting, Carlsbad, Calif., 3,237.
- 72, n-John Chapman, Canada, 3,224.
- 73, William Banks, Laurel Hill, N.C., 3,221.
- 74, Tommy Brodowski, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 3,209.
- 75, n-Mike Boogren, Bloomington, Ill., 3,205.
- 76, Barry Clare, Bayside, N.Y., 3,203.
- 77, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 3,202.
- 78, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 3,200.
- 79, Emilio Mora Sr, Defiance, Ohio, 3,199.
- 80, Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 3,198.
- 81, Terry Rohrer, Ft. Wayne, Ind., 3,193.
- 82, James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 3,185.
- 83, Chris Fedden, Albany, N.Y., 3,181.
- 84, Dale Eagle, Twin Falls, Idaho, 3,150.
- 85, Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 3,143.

- 86, Charlie Gadd, Lake Worth, FL, 3,141.
- 87, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 3,132.
- 88, (tie) James Storts, Westfield, Ind., and Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, 3,124.
- 90, Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 3,114.
- 91, Richard Hunt, Valparaiso, Ind., 3,111.
- 92, Bill Hewlett, Las Vegas, 3,108.
- 93, n-Frank Lorenzini, Fort Wayne, Ind., 3,094.
- 94, Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 3,092.
- 95, Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., 3,091.
- 96, Todd Saeger, Watertown, Wis., 3,084.
- 97, Chuck Richardson, The Villages, Fla., 3,083.
- 98, Tommy Martin, Millington, Tenn., 3,081.
- 99, n-John Henry Jr., Fort Wayne, Ind., 3,073.
- 100, David Rosengarten, Gardendale, Ala., 3,070.
- 101, Bill Sparks III, Canton, Ohio, 3,069.
- 102, Ross McDonald, Clarksville, Md., 3,066.
- 103, Mike Schmid, St. Paul, Minn., 3,059.
- 104, Warren Burr, Wilmington, Del., 3,048.
- 105, Robert Donovan, Prattsville, N.Y., 3,031.
- 106, Tom Howison, Chillicothe, Ohio, 3,029.
- 107, Raymond Scrivens, Jr., Athens, Pa., 3,026.
- 108, Steven Banks, Leesburg, Va., 2,986.
- 109, Mike Moore, Marietta, Ohio, 2,982.
- 110, n-William Helinski, Youngwood, Penn., 2,897.
- 111, Mike Watson, Grass Valley, Calif., 2,894.
- 112, n-Joseph Woznicki, Lakeland, Fla., 2,890.
- 113, James Souder, Greeneville, Tenn., 2,871.
- 114, Arthur O'connor, Middle Village, N.Y., 2,851.
- 115, Jim Pitts, Elmira, N.Y., 2,826.

116, Don Lane, San Francisco, 2,807.

117, Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., 2,769.

118, Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 2,140.

119, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 1,560.

120, Robert Michalajko, Pittsburgh, 1,510.

121, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 1,430.

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ss-PBA60 player ages 60 and older advancing to cashers' round

Pete Weber Wins PBA50 DeHayes Insurance Group Championship for 100th Career PBA Title; Brian LeClair Wins PBA50 Player of the Year Crown

FORT WAYNE, Ind. -- PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber won the PBA50 DeHayes Insurance Group Championship presented by Pro Bowl West and Ebonite for his 100th overall title in PBA competition Tuesday, and Brian LeClair of Delmar, N.Y., survived challenges from Norm Duke and Parker Bohn III to win his first PBA50 Player of the Year crown.

Weber, who was the top seed for the finals, won his first PBA50 Tour title of the season by defeating Duke in the title match, 279-255, for his 11th career title on the tour for players 50 years and older.

"I thought it could come at any time but I might have taken it for granted a little bit," said Weber of his 100th overall win. "You have to earn it – you can't expect it.

"It's been a humbling experience this year," Weber admitted of his otherwise disappointing season in which his previous best finish was third in the USBC Senior Masters. "You're going to have the down times no matter who you are. You have to take the good with the bad."

Weber, the 2015 and 2016 PBA50 Player of the Year, has won 37 PBA Tour titles, 52 combined PBA regional and PBA50 regional titles in addition to his 11 on the PBA50 Tour. His 100 titles ranks second behind fellow hall of famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. who has 102 titles overall in PBA competition.

Both Weber and Duke got off to strong starts in the championship match. Weber started with the first seven strikes before leaving a solid nine pin in the eighth frame. Duke, who was also on a string of strikes, left a pocket 7-10 split in the eighth frame which pretty much ended his hopes for the win.

"I knew going in it was going to take a 260 game against Norm and fortunately I bowled 270," Weber said. "I needed every bit of it because every time I bowl Norm, we always have a great match and it seems like it's always a battle."

Weber's title also moved him into a tie for fifth with Williams and Gene Stus on the all-time PBA50 Tour titles list.

Duke, who qualified third for the finals, needed a win to overtake LeClair in the player of the year point race. LeClair, who finished seventh in the tournament, was the only player to win more than one title during the season winning the Pasco County Florida Open and Johnny Petraglia BVL Opens. He also had a second-place finish in the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open.

In Duke's run to try and catch LeClair, he finished second twice and third in the last three PBA50 tournaments.

In the opening match of the final tournament of the season, Bohn, trying for his second consecutive title of the season after winning last week's Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic, defeated Williams, the 2017 USBC Senior Masters winner, 212-206.

In the second match, Duke defeated Bohn 224-217 to advance to the semi-final match where he beat hall of famer Amleto Monacelli, 268-224. Both Duke and Monacelli were also trying for their second titles of the season. With a win Bohn could have also won the PBA50 Player of the Year crown.

In all, the five championship round finalists represented a combined 177 PBA Tour and 38 PBA50 Tour titles.

Finishing in the top eight in PBA50 points, LeClair, Duke, Bohn, Bob Learn Jr., Michael Haugen Jr., Williams, Monacelli and Ron Mohr earned the opportunity to compete in the PBA50 Challenge which will be held in conjunction with GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX presented by Eldorado Reno Properties this November.

PBA players 60 and older will wrap up their season with the PBA60 Dick Weber Championship presented by Hammer which begins with first round qualifying Thursday at 4 p.m. EDT.

PBA50 DeHAYES INSURANCE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP
presented by Pro Bowl West and Ebonite
Pro Bowl West, Tuesday

Final Standings

- 1, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., \$7,500.
- 2, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., \$4,000.
- 3, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, \$2,500.
- 4, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., \$2,000.
- 5, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., \$1,750.

Stepladder Results

Match One – Bohn def. Williams, 212-206.
Match Two – Duke def. Bohn, 224-217.
Semifinal Match – Duke def. Monacelli, 268-224.
Championship Match – Weber def. Duke, 279-255.

Modified Match Play Round 2 (after six games, including match play bonus pins. Top five advance to stepladder finals)

- 1, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 5-1, 1,624.

- 2, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 4-1-1, 1,594.
- 3, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3-2-1, 1,584.
- 4, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 4-2, 1,562.
- 5, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 4-2, 1,551.
- 6, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3-3, 1,508, \$1,500.
- 7, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 4-2, 1,501, \$1,600.
- 8, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 5-1, 1,493, \$1,500.
- 9, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 3-3, 1,459, \$1,300.
- 10, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 2-4, 1,444, \$1,300.
- 11, (tie) Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 3-3, 1,404, and Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 2-4, 1,404, \$1,300.
- 13, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 2-4, 1,395, \$1,300.
- 14, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 1-5, 1,331, \$1,300.
- 15, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 2-4, 1,291, \$1,300.
- 16, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 0-6, 1,163, \$1,300.

Modified Match Play Round 1 (Cashers after five games, including match play bonus pins)

- 17, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 2-2-1, 1,244, \$1,150.
- 18, Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 4-1, 1,228, \$1,150.
- 19, Gary Schluchter, Femont, Ohio, 4-1, 1,221, \$1,150.
- 20, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3-2-0, 1,212, \$1,150.
- 21, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 2-3, 1,203, \$1,150.
- 22, Patrick Shipley, Spring Valley, Calif., 3-2, 1,185, \$1,150.
- 23, Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 2-3, 1,170, \$1,250.
- 24, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3-2, 1,169, \$1,150.
- 25, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 2-3, 1,164, \$1,075.
- 26, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 3-2, 1,153, \$1,075.
- 27, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 2-3, 1,141, \$1,075.
- 28, Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1-4, 1,132, \$1,075.
- 29, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1-4, 1,126, \$1,075.
- 30, Toby Contreras, Lee's Summit, Mo., 2-3, 1,116, \$1,075.
- 31, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1-4, 1,089, \$1,075.
- 32, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 0-5, 1,017, \$1,075.

Other Cashers (after five-game cashers' round)

- 33, Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 1,080, \$1,000.
- 34, Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 1,075, \$1,000.
- 35, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,065, \$1,000.
- 36, Larry Verble, Mason, Mich., 1,064, \$1,000.
- 37, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,059, \$1,000.
- 38, Scott Greiner, Platte City, Mo., 1,055, \$1,000.
- 39, Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 1,052, \$1,000.
- 40, Greg McDaniel, Kimball, Neb., 1,040, \$1,000.
- 41, Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio, 1,030, \$1,000.
- 42, David Axon, Bellevue, Neb., 1,023, \$1,000.
- 43, John Brockland, St. Charles, Mo., 1,017, \$1,000.
- 44, Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 1,014, \$1,000.
- 45, Bill Nichols, Bella Vista, Ark., 995, \$1,000.

- 46, Mark Everette, Aliquippa, Pa., 940, \$1,000.
47, Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 914, \$1,000.
48, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 890, \$1,000.

World-Class Field Set for PBA Xtra Frame Chesapeake Open at Xtra Frame Storm Cup Series Resumes

CHESAPEAKE, Va. – The Professional Bowlers Association’s Xtra Frame Storm Cup Series will make its first visit to Chesapeake this weekend when a world-class field of established PBA champions, future stars and top-caliber amateur bowlers compete for a \$10,000 top prize in the PBA Xtra Frame Chesapeake Open at AMF Western Branch Lanes.

A field of more than 120 players is set to compete in the fifth event of the seven-tournament XF Storm Cup series that will pay \$50,000 in bonus prize money at the conclusion of the 2017 series. Leading the Storm Cup points race after four events is reigning PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., who has yet to win an Xtra Frame Storm Cup event this year, but has third-, fifth- and second-place finishes in the last three tournaments held in Wilmington, N.C.; Jonesboro, Ark., and Lubbock, Texas, respectively. England’s Dom Barrett and Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., are tied for second with 46 points each, seven behind Tackett.

All of the XF Storm Cup tournaments will be covered live, from first ball to last, by PBA’s Xtra Frame live streaming service. PBA created the online Xtra Frame Tour in 2014 to supplement its national television coverage on ESPN and the CBS Sports network and to enable more fans throughout the world to see the world’s greatest bowlers compete for a PBA Tour title in person.

In addition to the Storm Cup points leaders – all PBA Tour champions – early entrants in Chesapeake include fellow tour champions Dick Allen, Patrick Allen, Josh Blanchard, Ryan Ciminelli, Tom Daugherty, Andres Gomez, Bill O’Neill, Rhino Page, Sean Rash, Anthony Simonsen, Jason Sterner and Kyle Troup. The preliminary tournament field also includes players from Puerto Rico, Colombia, England, Japan, Venezuela and Malaysia.

Competition begins on Saturday, Aug. 12 with eight-game qualifying squads at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. EDT, with the top one-third of the field advancing to Sunday’s cashers round. After another four games Sunday at 8:30 a.m., the top 16 players will advance to the three-game Round of 16. The top eight after 15 games move on to the two-game Round of 8, after which the top four players will advance to the stepladder finals at 3 p.m. Sunday to compete for the \$10,000 first prize, Storm Cup points and a PBA Tour title, if the winner is a PBA member.

A practice session is scheduled for 3 p.m. Friday and two squads of pro-am activity, where grassroots amateur bowlers will bowl with the pros, will be conducted at 6 and 8:30 p.m. For tournament pro-am and admission information contact AMF Western Branch Lanes at (757) 686-2695 (<https://www.amf.com/location/amf-western-branch-lanes>).

For Xtra Frame subscriptions, visit xtraframe.tv. Subscriptions are available for three days for a special price of \$2.99 (normally \$3.99) between August 10 and 27. The 30-day subscription is \$7.99 and a full year XF Season Ticket is offered at a cost of about \$1.25 per week.

PBA XTRA FRAME CHESAPEAKE OPEN
AMF Western Branch Lanes, Chesapeake, Va. (all times are EDT)

Friday, Aug. 11
3 p.m. - Practice Session
4 p.m. – New player orientation meeting
6 & 8:30 p.m. - Pro-am

Saturday, Aug. 12

9 a.m. - A Squad, eight qualifying games

3 p.m. - B Squad, eight qualifying games

Top 1/3 of qualifying field advances to cashers' round on Sunday

Sunday, Aug. 13

8:30 a.m. – Cashers' Round (four games; top 16 after 12 games advance)

11:30 a.m. – Round of 16 (three games; top 8 after 15 games advance)

1:30 p.m. – Round of 8 (two games; top 4 after 17 games advance to stepladder finals)

3 p.m. – Top four stepladder finals

PBA XTRA FRAME STORM CUP POINTS LEADERS

(After four of seven events; 25 points to winner, 19 to second place, 18 to third, etc. through 20th place. Bonus prize money payable at the end of the season will include \$20,000 for first place, \$10,000 for second place, \$8,000 for third, \$7,000 for fourth and \$5,000 for fifth place.)

1, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 53

2 (tie), Dom Barrett, England, and Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 46

4, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 40

5, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 37

6, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 35

7, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 34

8, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 29

9, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 28

10, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 27

11 (tie), Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C.; Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., and Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 26

14 (tie), Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, and Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 25

16, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 24

17, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 19

18 (tie), Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., and Stuart Williams, England, 18

20 (tie), Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla.; Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, and Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 17

23, Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 15

24, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 14

25 (tie), Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas; BJ Moore III, Greensburg, Pa., and Chris Spoo, Boynton Beach, Fla., 13

28 (tie), Kris Koeltzow, Wheat Ridge, Colo.; Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., and Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 12

31, Jeff Piroozshad, Coral Springs, Fla., 11

32 (tie), Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas; Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, and Ryan Lakota, Shorewood, Ill., 9

35, Trevor Roberts, Crystal River, Fla., 8

36, Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 7

37, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 6

38 (tie), Sam Cooley, Australia; Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio; Isaac Kim, Lebanon, Pa., and Michael Azcarate, Coral Springs, Fla., 5

42 (tie), Markus Jansson, Sweden, and DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 4

44 (tie), Arturo Quintero, Mexico, and Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 3

46 (tie), Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo., and Michael Schlabach, Goshen, Ind., 2

48 (tie), Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill.; Connor Pickford, Plano, Texas, and Darren Tang, San Francisco, 1

Charlie Tapp Averages 240 to Take First Round Lead In PBA60 Dick Weber Championship

FORT WAYNE, Ind. - Charlie Tapp, a three-time winner in a 12-year career on the PBA Tour, averaged 240 to lead the first round of the PBA60 Dick Weber Championship presented by Hammer Thursday at Pro Bowl West.

The 66-year-old Tapp, of Kalamazoo, Mich., bowled a 1,442 six-game pinfall total with games of 224, 279, 287, 190, 237 and 225 to lead the field of 106 players 60 and older.

"I prepared pretty well for this tournament," said Tapp, who works as a sales rep for a bowling distributor and is head coach for the Aquinas College bowling team. "I practiced pretty intensely for about four weeks and even took some lessons to get ready for it.

"It kind of felt like old times out there today," he added. "I had a good ball reaction and I was reading the lanes real well so I'm pretty happy. In the 190 game, I had a couple splits and chopped a spare but otherwise everything was good."

Tapp, who also owns two PBA50 Tour titles, competed on the PBA Tour from 1979-1991.

Tapp holds a narrow two-pin lead over 2006 USBC Senior Masters champion Kenny Parks of Hammond, Ind., in second with a 1,440 pinfall. Rounding out the top five are Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,422; Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 1,404, and Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 1,401.

The Dick Weber Championship is the last of three events limited to players 60 and over this season. Four-time PBA50 Player of the Year Tom Baker won the PBA60 Killer 'B' Open and two-time PBA50 Player of the Year Ron Mohr won the USBC Super Senior Classic.

Mohr, a Fort Wayne native who clinched his second consecutive PBA60 Player of the Year crown, is not competing in the Dick Weber Championship because he is traveling to Munich, Germany to compete in the World Senior Championships Aug. 13-20.

Competition continues with second round qualifying Friday beginning at 11 a.m. EDT with a cut to the top 32 players for match play at 5 p.m. The second match play round begins Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. which will determine the top five for the stepladder finals at noon.

Fans can catch all the action on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. For subscription and schedule information visit www.xtraframe.tv. In addition to following the action on pba.com, Apple users can download the new PBA app, available through the Apple App store, to access live scoring.

PBA60 DICK WEBER CHAMPIONSHIP

Presented by Hammer

Pro Bowl West, Fort Wayne, Ind., Thursday

First Round (After six games)

- 1, Charlie Tapp, Kalamazoo, Mich., 1,442.
- 2, Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 1,440.
- 3, Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,422.
- 4, Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 1,404.
- 5, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 1,401.
- 6, Mark Everette, Aliquippa, Pa., 1,391.
- 7, Ray Johnson, Battle Creek, Mich., 1,385.
- 8, Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 1,384.
- 9, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,378.
- 10, Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 1,369.
- 11, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1,367.
- 12, (tie) Dale Csuhata, Wadsworth, Ohio and Bill Nichols, Bella Vista, Ark., 1,364.
- 14, n-Henry Dawson, Elma, Was., 1,362.
- 15, n-Leroy Johnson, Chicago, 1,360.
- 16, James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 1,351.
- 17, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1,350.
- 18, David Axon, Bellevue, Neb., 1,349.
- 19, n-Fred McClain, Allen Park, Mich., 1,346.
- 20, Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 1,336.
- 21, Toby Contreras, Lee's Summit, Mo., 1,333.

22, n-Ron Burgess, Plymouth, Mich., 1,328.
23, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,324.
24, (tie) n-Ed Austreng, Waterford, Mich., and Dale Eagle, Twin Falls, Idaho, 1,313.
26, Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., 1,311.
27, John Parry, Oak Park, Calif., 1,305.
28, Lew Elting, Carlsbad, Calif., 1,304.
29, Mike Moore, Marietta, Ohio, 1,303.
30, Harv Pallas, Stevensville, Mich., 1,302.
31, Bob Caruso, Dayton, N.J., 1,301.
32, Ross McDonald, Clarksville, Md., 1,300.
33, Raymond Scrivens, Jr., Athens, Pa., 1,298.
34, n-Peter Minaudo, Chesterfield, Mich., 1,294.
34, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,294.
36, Ed Roberts, Braintree, Mass., 1,292.
37, Richard Hunt, Valparaiso, Ind., 1,289.
38, Curtis Aemisegger, Wauconda, Ill., 1,286.
39, Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 1,284.
40, James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 1,282.
41, n-Mitchell Jabczynski, Novi, Mich., 1,281.
42, Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 1,274.
43, Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 1,272.
44, Don Sylvia, Daytona Beach, Fla., 1,267.
45, Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., 1,265.
46, George Miller III, Grand Rapids, Mich., 1,263.
47, Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., 1,261.
48, n-Michael Chapman, Garden City, Mich., 1,256.
49, Vince Honeycutt, Franklin, N.C., 1,255.
50, Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wisc., 1,253.
51, Phillip Moros, Lombard, Ill., 1,251.
52, (tie) Tom Howison, Chillicothe, Ohio, and Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1,243.
54, n-Gary Kinyon, Lockport, N.Y., 1,242.
54, Robert Donovan, Prattsville, N.Y., 1,242.
56, Rich Giragosian, Charlotte, N.C., 1,241.
57, -n-Robert Reeder Jr., Bellefonte, Pa., 1,238.
58, Michael James, Grafton, Neb., 1,237.
58, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 1,237.
60, Marc Lineberry, Camanche, Iowa, 1,236.
61, Mark Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 1,227.
62, n-Jim Lauricella, Sterling Hts., Mich., 1,226.
63, Chris Fedden, Albany, N.Y., 1,224.
64, Gary Simon, Bridgeport, W.Va., 1,219.
65, Charlie Tomey, Spartanburg, S.C., 1,217.
66, Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,215.
67, n-Joseph Woznicki, Lakeland, Fla., 1,209.
68, Emilio Mora Sr., Defiance, Ohio, 1,208.
69, Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 1,207.
70, Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 1,205.
71, Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 1,201.
72, (tie) n-Ted Hannahs, Zanesville, Ohio, and Charlie Gadd, Lake Worth, Fla., 1,199.
74, (tie) Jim Heintz, St. Charles, Mo., and Mike Walden, Stony Point, N.Y., 1,198.
76, n-Bob Shank, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1,194.
77, n-Louis Sturm, Canada, 1,189.
78, Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 1,184.

- 79, Chris Patton, Park City, Utah, 1,177.
- 80, Bill Hewlett, Las Vegas, 1,169.
- 81, Mike Schmid, St. Paul, Minn., 1,166.
- 81, Tommy Brodowski, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 1,166.
- 83, (tie) James Hutchinson, Ludlow Falls, Ohio, and Dan Dicus, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,164.
- 85, (tie) n-Dick Selgo, Archbold, Ohio, and n-Daniel Mayer, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1,163.
- 87, Larry Zacharias, Plainfield, Ill., 1,160.
- 88, (tie) Robert Davis, Annapolis, Md. and Roland Wright, Christianburg, Va., 1,154.
- 90, John Younger, Winston-Salem, N.C., 1,151.
- 91, Ken Ball, Avon, N.Y., 1,148.
- 92, Steven Banks, Leesburg, Va., 1,140.
- 93, n-Andrew Bizub, Huber Heights, Ohio, 1,129.
- 94, Don Lane, San Francisco, 1,120.
- 95, n-John Henry Jr., Fort Wayne, Ind., 1,117.
- 96, Daniel Seppa, Madison, Wis., 1,115.
- 97, Bob Heath Sr., Grand Junction, Iowa, 1,114.
- 98, ss-n-Gerry Loudin, Bridgeport, W.Va., 1,110.
- 99, ss-William Banks, Laurel Hill, N.C., 1,103.
- 100, n-Carleton Turley, Huntingtow, Md., 1,088.
- 101, Dale Holgate, Peninsula, Ohio, 1,087.
- 102, James Souder, Greeneville, Tenn., 1,070.
- 103, Jim Dilyard, Burbank, Ohio, 1,034.
- 104, Ronald Reitzel, Perrysburg, Ohio, 1,002.
- 105, Bruce Siegel, Highland Park, Ill., 991.
- 106, Allen Meskan, Addison, Ill., 988.

PBA Spare Shots: PBA Regional Points Leaders Have an Eye on October 15 Deadline for Berths in WSOB IX

PBA Regional points leaders as of August 6 have an eye on the October 15 deadline when the PBA's regional points competitions for 2017 will be finalized, and the leaders in each region will be announced for the PBA Regional Challenge to be held on November 7 to kick off the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Reno Properties Inc., at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nev.

The regional points leaders will meet in a head-to-head match play competition in Reno, at the same time the eight points leaders from the 2017 PBA50 Tour season bowl the PBA50 Challenge. All regional and PBA50 Tour qualifiers also will receive paid entries into the World Series, and both Challenge events will air live on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel.

The current leaders in the PBA Regional points races are:

- East Region – Matt O' Grady (feature photo), 105,277 points (second place, Greg Ostrander, 66,763).
- South Region – Dick Allen, 90,674 (Cristian Azcona, 81,781).
- Central Region – Graham Fach, 92,839 (Kyle Mayberry, 87,6715).

- Midwest Region – AJ Johnson, 83,392 (Tom Hess, 66,202).
- Southwest Region – Francois Lavoie, 137,678 (Mike Bailey, 89,040).
- West Region – David Haynes, 116,934 (Darren Tang, 109,137).
- Northwest Region – Darren Tang, 117,603 (Cameron Weier, 112,156).

Finishing in the top eight in PBA50 points were Brian LeClair, Norm Duke, Parker Bohn III, Bob Learn Jr., Michael Haugen Jr., Walter Ray Williams Jr., Amleto Monacelli and Ron Mohr.

Williams is the defending PBA50 Challenge winner; O’Grady is the defending PBA Regional Challenge winner.

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For a limited time, Xtra Frame is offering a special \$2.99 three-day subscription rate, a \$1 savings over its normal rate. The special offer, good now through August 27, will make it possible for PBA fans to watch all three remaining PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup Series tournaments at the special rate.

This weekend’s PBA Xtra Frame Chesapeake Open will air Saturday and Sunday, followed by the Xtra Frame Gene Carter’s Pro Shop Classic from Mid-County Bowling and Entertainment in Middletown, Del., Aug. 19-20, and the Storm Cup series finale, the Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic from Pla-Mor Lanes in Coldwater, Ohio, Aug. 26-27. The special \$2.99 rate can be used multiple times, so it can be applied to all three weekend events. To sign up, visit xtraframe.tv.

PBA fans also are reminded they can follow real-time results for PBA50, PBA Xtra Frame Tour and all PBA Regional events by visiting the “live scoring” feature on pba.com or by downloading the new PBA app on Apple devices.

WBT RESULTS WITH MARTIN LARSEN-JESPER SVENSSON INSPIRED EVENT IN MALMO

The World Bowling Tour Malmo, also known as the “Storm Lucky Larsen Masters,” begins Sunday in Malmo, Sweden, and concludes on Sunday, Aug. 27, as bowlers from around the world descend on Malmo for Sweden’s first PBA International/World Bowling Tour event.

The tournament had a preliminary entry of 465 players from 25 countries including a number of PBA stars, prompting Competition Manager Daniel Rönnbäck to note, “Judging by the huge number of entries and that the tickets to the finals are completely sold out well before the start date, this is obviously a competition that Sweden has been waiting for.”

According to a World Bowling news release, the tournament was cofounded by Swedish Bowling proprietors Rönnbäck and Hampus Torstensson who were inspired by Jesper Svensson’s Swedish Rookie Sportsman of The Year award, which they hope will encourage young Swedes to become more active in the sport. Rönnbäck also recruited Swedish national star Martin Larsen to join the organizing committee to provide input into the athletic sides of the event.

The tournament will use a format common among European events. Multiple six-game qualifying rounds will result in a finals field of 44 players, with all scores dropped at the end of qualifying. Qualifiers 1-8 will advance to Step 2; qualifiers 9-44 will bowl the six-game Step 1 round. The top 16 from Step 1 plus the top eight qualifiers will advance to Step 2 for an eight-game round. The top eight players after Step 2 advance to Step 3 for a four-game round. The top four players based on combined 12-game Step 2 and 3

pinfall totals advance to the stepladder finals for one-game matches. A PBA Tour title will be awarded if the winner is a PBA member.

The World Bowling Tour Malmo will be live streamed Aug. 13-25 via www.luckylarsenmasters.com and Aug. 26-27 via <http://www.worldbowling.org/events-results/world-bowling-tour/>. The World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals, presented by the PBA and featuring the top three in points in each division, will be conducted during the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX in Reno in November.

How did the organizers come up with the "Lucky Larsen" name? Well, this link explains: <http://luckylarsenmasters.com/about-lucky-larsen/>

AS THE CURTAIN FALLS ON THE 2017 PBA50 TOUR SEASON...

- With his win in the season-ending PBA50 DeHayes Insurance Group Championship, Pete Weber not only recorded his 100th overall PBA title, but joined Walter Ray Williams Jr. and Gene Stus in a tie for fifth place on the all-time PBA50 Tour titles list with 11. John Handegard is the leader in PBA50 Tour titles with 14. Tom Baker, Gary Dickinson and Dale Eagle are tied for second place with 12 titles each.

- Throughout his colorful career as a PBA Tour competitor, winning 38 titles to rank third on the all-time list behind Walter Ray Williams Jr. (47) and Earl Anthony (43), Norm Duke has never had a year with as many close calls as he had during the 2017 PBA50 Tour season. In addition to his lone title in Mooresville, N.C., in May, Duke had three second-place finishes (New Port Richey, Fla.; Anderson, Ind., and Fort Wayne, Ind.), a third-place finish in Hammond, Ind., and a fourth-place finish in the USBC Senior Masters.

- Former Major League Baseball pitcher John Burkett of Southlake, Fla., was in contention to make his second career championship round appearance in Fort Wayne until the end of the final match play round, eventually finishing ninth for his best finish of the season. Burkett's best career finish was fourth in the 2015 Northern California Classic in his rookie season as a PBA50 Tour player.

- With his 300 game near the end of the second qualifying round in Fort Wayne, Parker Bohn III improved his record for most 300 games bowled in PBA competition to 112, six more than Walter Ray Williams Jr.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: AJ JOHNSON WINS BACK-TO-BACK PBA MIDWEST TITLES

AJ Johnson of Oswego, Ill, defeated top qualifier Steven Taylor of Deer Creek, Ill., 219-194, to win the PBA Poplar Creek Bowl Midwest Open at Poplar Creek Bowl in Hoffman Estates, Ill., Sunday for his second straight PBA Midwest Region title.

Johnson, who won the St. Charles Lanes Midwest Open on July 16 in Missouri, picked up his fourth career regional title and the \$2,000 first prize.

Amateur Mike Dole of Loves Park, Ill. defeated Steve Jaros of Yorkville, Ill., 235-200, in the first match of the four-man stepladder finals and Johnson then defeated Dole, 258-216, to advance to the title match.

- Anthony Pepe of Elmhurst, N.Y., defeated B.J. Moore of Greensburg, Pa., 198-178, to win the PBA Bowlers Supply/Storm Open presented by Roto Grip at Colony Park Lanes North in York, Pa., Sunday for \$2,500 plus his third career regional title and his second in this event.

Neither bowler was able to post a double in the title match, but the only open frame was by Moore, who split in the eighth frame while trailing by only four pins. When Moore failed to double in the ninth frame, Pepe needed only a mark in his final frame to secure the win.

Pepe dominated qualifying, including bowling the tournament's only 300 game. He then defeated Matt Taylor of Youngsville, N.C., 2-1, in the best-of-three-game Round of 8 and Andrew Suscreba of Clifton, N.J., 247-183, in the semifinals. Moore defeated Jon Van Hees of Charlestown, R.I., 200-194, in the other semifinal match.

- Matt Staninger of Highland, Ind. defeated Matt Sanders of Evansville, Ind., in a three-game total pins match, 731-649, to win his first PBA Regional title in the Boss Snow Plows/Ebonite Central Open at PinHeads in Fishers, Ind., Sunday.

Staninger, who earned \$2,000, downed non-member and defending champion Steve Novak of Louisville, Ky., 705-632, while Sanders eliminated Josh Conner of Columbus, Ohio, 783-663, in the semifinal round to set up the championship match.

- In a pair of PBA50 Regionals held in proximity to the PBA50 Tour's DeHayes Insurance Group Open and PBA60 Dick Weber Super Senior Classic in Fort Wayne, Ind., Tom Baker of King, N.C., defeated Mike Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas, 245-212, to win the 20th annual PBA50 Progressive/Gerdeman Insurance/Al Smith Jeep Central/Midwest Classic at Al-Mar Lanes in Bowling Green, Ohio, on Saturday, and Tony Johnson of Canton, Ohio defeated Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio, 222-169, to win the PBA50 Pro Bowl West Central/Midwest Shootout during the PBA50 Tour's one-day break in Fort Wayne on Wednesday.

The Bowling Green title was Baker's 35th overall PBA Regional title. He also earned \$3,500.

Scroggins defeated Brian LeClair of Athens, N.Y., 245-223, to advance to the championship match. In the first stepladder match, LeClair downed Billy Froberg of St. Joseph, Mich., 239-235.

In Fort Wayne, Johnson downed Joe Scarborough of Charlotte, N.C., 213-172, while Kretzer topped Harry Sullins of Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 257-228, in the semifinal round. The one-day, reduced entry fee event drew a field of 58 bowlers.

- The Greater Richmond Central Open at Richmond 40 Bowl in Richmond, Ind., a one-day event on Aug. 13, is the lone regional event over the Aug. 11-13 weekend.

- The Aug. 18-20 PBA Regional calendar includes the Emerald Bowl Houston Southwest Challenge for non-title winners plus the PBA-PWBA Emerald Bowl Southwest Open in Houston, Texas, for women, and the Dave Husted Northwest Open presented by 900 Global at Husted's Milwaukie Bowl in Milwaukie, Ore.

- Closing out the August schedule will be the PBA60 Wilson & Sons Super Senior Open presented by the Mooresville Convention and Visitors Bureau Aug. 31-Sept. 2 at George Pappas' Victory Lanes in Mooresville, N.C., followed immediately by the PBA50 Samuel Adams South Open presented by the Mooresville Convention and Visitors Bureau at George Pappas' Victory Lanes in Mooresville, N.C.

- The Labor Day weekend calendar of PBA Regional action includes the PBA50 Strike Zone Open presented by Track in Pottsville, Pa.; the Tony Reyes Memorial Member/Non-Member Doubles at Fourth Street Bowl in San Jose, Calif.; the Illinois Valley Midwest Open at IV Super Bowl in Peru, Ill., and the DHC Japan PBA Doubles Open, Japan Cheetah Masters and Japan Cheetah Queens at Nagoya Grand Bowl in Nagoya, Japan.

- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you

can follow “live scoring” for all PBA Regional events on pba.com (easily accessible for Apple device users using the new PBA app).

QUICK NOTES:

● PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber has learned he will be inducted into the St. Louis Sports Hall of Fame during ceremonies on Sept. 15 at the Hilton St. Louis Frontenac Hotel.

Kenny Parks Rebounds After First Two Matches to Take PBA60 Dick Weber Championship Third Round Lead

FORT WAYNE, Ind. -- Kenny Parks of Hammond, Ind., overcame losses in the first two matches of the first match play round Friday at Pro Bowl West to take the third round lead in the PBA60 Dick Weber Championship presented by Hammer.

After losing the first two matches with games of 180 and 246, Parks came back to win the next four with games of 277, 247, 247 and 258 to compile a 4,374 18-game overall pinfall total (including match play bonus pins) to lead 32 players ages 60 and older into Saturday morning’s fourth round that will determine the top five for the stepladder finals set for noon EDT.

“I was just lost after the first game,” said the 2008 USBC Senior Masters champion. “After the first game I had a better look, started throwing it better and started striking.

“I think the key for me is to throw the ball straighter down the lane which is helping me throw better quality shots,” he continued. “I just need to keep fighting, hope I get a few breaks and good things will happen.”

Parks holds a 27-pin lead over Darryl Bower of Middletown, Pa., in second who also posted a 4-2 record finishing with 4,347 pinfall. Bower won the 1985 True Value Open for his lone PBA Tour title.

Don Blatchford of Santa Monica, Calif., who had the day’s only 300 game, finished third with a 5-1 record and 4,275 pinfall. First round leader, three-time PBA Tour and two-time PBA50 Tour titlist Charlie Tapp of Kalamazoo, Mich., dropped to sixth with 4,197.

Saturday’s competition will be streamed live on PBA’s online bowling channel Xtra Frame. For subscription and schedule information visit www.xtraframe.tv. In addition to following the action on pba.com, Apple users can download the new PBA app, available through the Apple App store, to access live scoring.

PBA60 DICK WEBER CHAMPIONSHIP

Presented by Hammer

Pro Bowl West, Fort Wayne, Ind., Friday

Third Round (After 18 games including match play and bonus pins. All 32 players advance to Saturday’s fourth round)

- 1, Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 4-2, 4,374.
- 2, Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 4-2, 4,347.
- 3, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 5-1, 4,275.
- 4, Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 2-3-1, 4,225.
- 5, David Axon, Bellevue, Neb., 4-2, 4,202.
- 6, Charlie Tapp, Kalamazoo, Mich., 4-2, 4,197.
- 7, n-Fred McClain, Allen Park, Mich., 4-1-1, 4,172.
- 8, Bill Nichols, Bella Vista, Ark., 3-3, 4,168.
- 9, n-Henry Dawson, Elma, Was., 4-2, 4,167.
- 10, Ray Scrivens, Jr., Athens, Pa., 4-2, 4,165.
- 11, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 5-1, 4,148.
- 12, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 4-2, 4,146.
- 13, Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 5-1, 4,140.
- 14, Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 3-3, 4,139.
- 15, Edward Roberts, Braintree, Mass., 1-4-1, 4,130.
- 16, Ray Johnson, Battle Creek, Mich., 4-2, 4,104.
- 17, n-Leroy Johnson, Chicago, 2-4, 4,096.
- 18, James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 2-4, 4,094.
- 19, n-Ed Austreng, Waterford, Mich., 3-2-1, 4,086.
- 20, n-Mitchell Jabczenski, Novi, Mich., 2-4, 4,053.
- 21, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 2-4, 4,037.
- 22, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3-3, 4,031.
- 23, Mark Everette, Aliquippa, Pa., 2-4, 4,012.
- 24, Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 2-4, 4,000.
- 25, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1-5, 3,992.
- 26, (tie) John Parry, Oak Park, Calif., 3-3, and Don Sylvia, Daytona Beach, Fla., 3-3, 3,990.
- 28, Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., 2-4, 3,983.
- 29, Marc Lineberry, Camanche, Iowa, 2-4, 3,976.
- 30, Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 2-4, 3,908.

31, Chris Fedden, Albany, N.Y., 2-4, 3,858.

32, Dale Eagle, Twin Falls, Idaho, 1-5, 3,856.

Second Round (After 12 games. Top 32 advanced to match play)

1, Bill Nichols, Bella Vista, Ark., 2,816.

2, n-Fred McClain, Allen Park, Mich., 2,812.

3, Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 2,796.

4, David Axon, Bellevue, Neb., 2,786.

5, Charlie Tapp, Kalamazoo, Mich., 2,779.

6, Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 2,778.

7, Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 2,747.

8, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 2,746.

9, James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 2,744.

10, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 2,702.

11, n-Leroy Johnson, Chicago, 2,701.

12, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 2,697.

13, Mark Everette, Aliquippa, Pa., 2,686.

14, (tie) n-Mitchell Jabczynski, Novi, Mich., and Raymond Scrivens, Jr., Athens, Pa., 2,684.

16, n-Henry Dawson, Elma, Was., 2,675.

17, (tie) Ray Johnson, Battle Creek, Mich., and Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 2,656.

19, Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 2,654.

20, (tie) Edward Roberts, Braintree, Mass., and Dale Eagle, Twin Falls, Idaho, 2,649.

22, Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 2,645.

23, Don Sylvia, Daytona Beach, Fla., 2,643.

24, Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 2,641.

25, (tie) Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., and Tom Baker, King, N.C., 2,640.

- 27, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 2,629.
- 28, n-Ed Austreng, Waterford, Mich., 2,621.
- 29, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 2,600.
- 30, John Parry, Oak Park, Calif., 2,598.
- 31, Chris Fedden, Albany, N.Y., 2,592.
- 32, Marc Lineberry, Camanche, Iowa, 2,590.

Did not advance

- 33, Toby Contreras, Lee's Summit, Mo., 2,587, \$1,000.
- 34, (tie) Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 2,585, and n-Ron Burgess, Plymouth, Mich., 2,585, \$1,000.
- 36, Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 2,579.
- 37, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 2,578.
- 38, Bob Caruso, Dayton, N.J., 2,566.
- 39, Jim Heintz, St. Charles, Mo., 2,563.
- 40, Vince Honeycutt, Franklin, N.C., 2,561.
- 41, Emilio Mora Sr., Defiance, Ohio, 2,560.
- 42, George Miller III, Grand Rapids, Mich., 2,559.
- 43, n-Gary Kinyon, Lockport, N.Y., 2,554.
- 44, (tie) Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., and n-Jim Lauricella, Sterling Hts., Mich., 2,549.
- 46, Michael James, Grafton, Neb., 2,547.
- 47, (tie) n-Robert Reeder Jr., Bellefonte, Pa., and Mike Moore, Marietta, Ohio, 2,544.
- 49, ss-Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 2,540.
- 50, Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 2,538.
- 51, Curtis Aemisegger, Wauconda, Ill., 2,536.
- 52, Harv Pallas, Stevensville, Mich., 2,527.
- 53, Dale Csuhata, Wadsworth, Ohio, 2,521.
- 54, Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 2,519.
- 55, Charlie Tomey, Spartanburg, S.C., 2,510.
- 56, n-Peter Minaudo, Chesterfield, Mich., 2,509.

57, Ross McDonald, Clarksville, Md., 2,502.

58, James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 2,500.

59, Tom Howison, Chillicothe, Ohio, 2,492.

60, Rich Giragosian, Charlotte, N.C., 2,488.

61, Richard Hunt, Valparaiso, Ind., 2,487.

62, n-Ted Hannahs, Zanesville, Ohio, 2,482.

63, Lew Elting, Carlsbad, Calif., 2,464.

64, Mike Walden, Stony Point, N.Y., 2,454.

65, (tie) n-Daniel Mayer, Fort Wayne, Ind., and n-Michael Chapman, Garden City, Mich., 2,450.

67, Bill Hewlett, Las Vegas, 2,447.

68, n-Gerry Loudin, Bridgeport, W.Va., 2,430.

69, Robert Donovan, Prattsville, N.Y., 2,428.

70, James Souder, Greeneville, Tenn., 2,424.

71, (tie) n-Joseph Woznicki, Lakeland, Fla., and Phillip Moros, Lombard, Ill., 2,422.

73, Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., 2,414.

74, Mike Schmid, St. Paul, Minn., 2,408.

75, Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 2,407.

76, John Younger, Winston-Salem, N.C., 2,399.

77, William Banks, Laurel Hill, N.C., 2,395.

78, Steven Banks, Leesburg, Va., 2,389.

79, Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wisc., 2,387.

80, Mark Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 2,382.

81, (tie) n-Andrew Bizub, Huber Heights, Ohio, and Ken Ball, Avon, N.Y., 2,365.

83, Charlie Gadd, Lake Worth, Fla., 2,351.

84, (tie) n-Dick Selgo, Archbold, Ohio, and Gary Simon, Bridgeport, W.Va., 2,344.

86, Chris Patton, Park City, Utah, 2,334.

87, Don Lane, San Francisco, 2,332.

88, Larry Zacharias, Plainfield, Ill., 2,331.

89, Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 2,323.

- 90, n-Roland Wright, Christianburg, Vir., 2,320.
- 91, Bob Heath Sr., Grand Junction, Iowa, 2,311.
- 92, n-Louis Sturm, Canada, 2,308.
- 93, James Hutchinson, Ludlow Falls, Ohio, 2,299.
- 94, Robert Davis, Annapolis, Md., 2,297.
- 95, Daniel Seppa, Madison, Wis., 2,277.
- 96, Dan Dicus, Chillicothe, Ohio, 2,249.
- 97, n-Carleton Turley, Huntingtow, Md., 2,248.
- 98, n-John Henry Jr., Ft Wayne, Ind, 2,170.
- 99, Dale Holgate, Peninsula, Ohio, 2,157.
- 100, Jim Dilyard, Burbank, Ohio, 2,132.
- 101, Ronald Reitzel, Perrysburg, Ohio, 2,128.
- 102, Allen Meskan, Addison, Ill., 1,982.
- 103, Bruce Siegel, Highland Park, Ill., 1,952.
- 104, n-Bob Shank, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1,354.
- 105, Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., 1,261.

300 games (1)- Don Blatchford

n-non-member

Darryl Bower Throws Last Six Strikes in Title Match to Win PBA60 Dick Weber Championship

FORT WAYNE, Ind. – Darryl Bower of Middletown, Pa., threw the last six strikes in the championship match to win the PBA60 Dick Weber Championship presented by Hammer Saturday at Pro Bowl West for his first PBA60 national title.

Bower defeated the stepladder finals' top qualifier Dave Axon of Bellevue, Neb., 255-208, to win the last of three PBA60 events for players 60 and older during the season.

Bower, a 61-year-old bowling proprietor, held a commanding lead until the sixth frame when he left the 4-6-7 split opening the door for Axon who was trying for his first national title. But then Bower made a small adjustment which enabled him to put the string of strikes together to seal the match.

“Being able to throw the ball straight and fairly slow allowed me to repeat shots,” Bower said. “I had that one bad shot in the sixth frame but I made a small adjustment by moving my feet to the left on the approach and that’s all I needed to get the ball back to the pocket.”

The win was Bower’s second national PBA title. He won the PBA Tour’s 1985 PBA True Value Open which was held in Indianapolis.

“Indiana has been good to me,” said Bower. “My PBA Tour win came in Indianapolis and now I’ve got a senior win here in Fort Wayne. I’m looking forward to coming back.”

Bower’s best finish on the PBA50 Tour was fifth in the 2012 PBA50 Senior Dayton Classic.

Bower, who qualified third for the finals, defeated No. 5 qualifier Hugh Miller of Mercer Island, Wash., 280-192, in the second stepladder match before advancing to the semi-final where he beat 2008 USBC Senior Masters winner Kenny Parks of Hammond, Ind., 234-206.

Miller, a seven-time PBA Tour and three-time PBA50 Tour winner, posted an 11-1 match play record to make it to the finals.

In the opening match, Miller beat three-time PBA Tour and two-time PBA50 Tour winner Charlie Tapp of Kalamazoo, Mich., 222-193.

The winner of the two previous PBA60 events this season were PBA Hall of Famer and four-time PBA50 Tour Player of the Year Tom Baker who won the season-opening PBA60 Killer ‘B’ Open and two-time PBA50 Player of the Year and reigning PBA60 Player of the Year Ron Mohr, who won the Super Senior Classic.

PBA60 DICK WEBER CHAMPIONSHIP

presented by Hammer

Pro Bowl West, Fort Wayne, Ind., Saturday

Final Standings:

- 1, Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., \$7,500.
- 2, Dave Axon, Bellevue, Neb., \$4,000.
- 3, Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., \$2,500.
- 4, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., \$2,000.
- 5, Charlie Tapp, Kalamazoo, Mich., \$1,750.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Miller def. Tapp, 222-193.

Match Two – Bower def. Miller, 280-192.

Semi-final Match – Bower def. Parks, 234-206.

Championship Match – Bower def. Axon – 255-208.

Fourth Round

(After 24 games. Includes match play record and overall pinfall total including bonus pins. Top five advance to stepladder finals)

- 1, David Axon, Bellevue, Neb., 9-3, 5,918.
- 2, Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 9-3, 5,891.
- 3, Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 8-4, 5,846.
- 4, Charlie Tapp, Kalamazoo, Mich., 8-4, 5,717.
- 5, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 11-1, 5,709.
- 6, n-Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 9-3, 5,679, \$1,600.
- 7, Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 7-5, 5,666, \$1,550.
- 8, Bill Nichols, Bella Vista, Ark., 5-7, 5,660, \$1,500.
- 9, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 7-5, 5,644, \$1,450.
- 10, Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 9-3, 5,640, \$1,425.
- 11, n-Leroy Johnson, Chicago, 7-5, 5,633, \$1,400.
- 12, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 7-5, 5,625, \$1,375.

- 13, Ed Roberts, Braintree, Mass., 3-8-1, 5,579, \$1,350.
- 14, Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 4-7-1, 5,573, \$1,325.
- 15, Raymond Scrivens, Jr., Athens, Pa., 7-5, 5,549, \$1,300.
- 16, Don Sylvia, Daytona Beach, Fla., 7-5, 5,541, \$1,275.
- 17, Marc Lineberry, Camanche, Iowa, 5-7, 5,486, \$1,250.
- 18, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 7-5, 5,460, \$1,225.
- 19, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 6-6, 5,456, \$1,210.
- 20, James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 6-6, 5,444, \$1,200.
- 21, Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., 5-7, 5,412, \$1,190.
- 22, Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 5-7, 5,406, \$1,180.
- 23, n-Ed Austreng, Waterford, Mich., 6-5-1, 5,387, \$1,170.
- 24, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 3-9, 5,383, \$1,160.
- 25, Ray Johnson, Battle Creek, Mich., 5-7, 5,376, \$1,150.
- 26, Mark Everette, Aliquippa, Pa., 4-8, 5,352, \$1,140.
- 27, John Parry, Oak Park, Calif., 5-7, 5,328, \$1,130.
- 28, (tie) n-Fred McClain, Allen Park, Mich., 5-6-1, 5,266, and n-Mitchell Jabczynski, Novi, Mich., 2-10, 5,266, \$1,118.
- 30, Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 3-9, 5,206, \$1,110.
- 31, Chris Fedden, Albany, N.Y., 4-8, 5,135, \$1,105.
- 32, Dale Eagle, Twin Falls, Idaho, 2-10, 5,029, \$1,100.

Ryan Ciminelli Averages 239.25 to Lead PBA Xtra Frame Chesapeake Open Qualifiers into Cashers Rounds

CHESAPEAKE, Va. - Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., averaged 239.25 Saturday to take the first-round qualifying lead in the Professional Bowlers Association's Xtra Frame Chesapeake Open at AMF Western Branch Lanes by 34 pins over Anthony Caso of Spring Hill, Fla.

Ciminelli, a seven-time PBA Tour champion, rolled games of 258, 248, 249, 202, 240, 230, 219 and 268 for an eight-game total of 1,914 pins on a lane condition that proved to be a test of mental and physical skills for the field of 130 PBA members and regional amateur bowlers. Caso, a third-year PBA member who won his first PBA title in a PBA South Region tournament in his home town late July, averaged 235 to finish with 1,880 pins.

Josh Blanchard of Mesa, Ariz., was third with 1,866 pins followed by Rhino Page of Orlando, Fla., with a 1,826 total and Andres Gomez of Colombia in fifth with a 1,792 total.

The top 43 qualifiers will return for a four-game cashers round Sunday at 8:30 a.m. The top 16 after 12 games will advance to a three-game Round of 16 at 11:30 a.m. Based on 15-game totals, the top eight will bowl another two games with pinfall totals based on 17 games determining the top four for the 3 p.m. stepladder finals. All times are Eastern.

All rounds Sunday will be live streamed on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. For Xtra Frame subscription information, visit xtraframe.tv.

The Xtra Frame Chesapeake Open is the fifth tournament in the seven-event Xtra Frame Storm Cup series that will award \$50,000 in bonus prizes to the five points leaders following the Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic from Mid-County Bowling and Entertainment in Middletown, Del., Aug. 19-20, and the PBA Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic at Pla-Mor Lanes in Coldwater, Ohio, Aug. 26-27.

Among players advancing to the cashers round were the top four players in the PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup points race: points leader EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., in 15th place; co-holders of second place in points, Dom Barrett of England (16th) and Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash. (13th), and Blanchard, who currently is fourth in points. PBA members who finish among the top 20 in Chesapeake will earn points in the Storm Cup series.

PBA XTRA FRAME CHESAPEAKE OPEN

AMF Western Branch Lanes, Chesapeake, Va. Saturday

Final Qualifying Standings (after eight games):

- 1, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,914.
- 2, Anthony Caso, Spring Hill, Fla., 1,880.
- 3, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz, 1,866.
- 4, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 1,826.
- 5, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,792.
- 6, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,791.

- 7, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 1,787.
- 8, Chris Arcaro, Carolina Beach, N.C., 1,771.
- 9 (tie), Clifford Stanley II, Virginia Beach, Va.; Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, and Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,767.
- 12, Zulmazran Zulkifli, Malaysia, 1,766.
- 13, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,755.
- 14, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 1,749.
- 15, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,743.
- 16, Dom Barrett, England, 1,741.
- 17, n-Josh Garner, Hampton, Va., 1,739.
- 18, Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 1,732.
- 19 (tie), Matt Taylor, Youngsville, N.C., and Darren Tang, San Francisco, 1,723.
- 21, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 1,718.
- 22, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,705.
- 23, Trevor Roberts, Crystal River, Fla., 1,690.
- 24, Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., 1,685.
- 25, n-David Schmidtmann, Norfolk, Va., 1,673.
- 26, Andrew Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 1,666.
- 27, Michael Vitalone, Jr., Lake Worth, Fla., 1,663.
- 28, Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 1,660.
- 29, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 1,656.
- 30, Michael Tang, San Francisco, Calif., 1,647.
- 31, Chris Polizzi, Spring Hill, Fla., 1,645.
- 32, Kip Roberts, Glen Allen, Va., 1,640.
- 33, Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 1,636.
- 34 (tie), Richard Horsley, Morrisville, N.C.; Shota Kawazoe, Japan, and Anthony DeStasio, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 1,632.
- 37, David Powers, Newport News, Va., 1,631.
- 38, Johnnie Payne, Savannah, Ga., 1,629.
- 39, n-Chris Kruschke, Newport News, Va., 1,625.
- 40, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 1,620.
- 41, Kristian Rogers, Salisbury, N.C., 1,607.
- 42 (tie), Jeremy Mooney, West Palm Beach, Fla., and Darrin Casstevens, Winston-Salem, N.C., 1,605.

Failed to advance:

44 (tie), Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., and John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 1,604.
46, Victor Florie Jr, Richmond, Va., 1,597.
47, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 1,596.
48, n-Allen Levet, Glen Allen, Va., 1,595.
49, n-Thomas Woodall, Norfolk, Va., 1,594.
50, Isaac Kim, Lebanon, Pa., 1,593.
51, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 1,590.
52, n-Ricky Boyters, Newport News, Va., 1,585.
53 (tie), Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa.; n-Shawn Stacy Jr., Hampton, Va., and Mike McDonnell, Chesterfield, Va., 1,583.
56, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 1,582.
57 (tie), Michael Markis, Tafton, Pa., and Leon Platt, Summerville, S.C., 1,579.
59, Chris Bolosan, Newport News, Va., 1,577.
60, Kristian Sieradzki, Seminole, Fla., 1,573.
61, Shawn Lavender, Waynesboro, Va., 1,570.
62, Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C., 1,568.
63, Michael Byers, Charleston, S.C., 1,560.
64, Ronnie Horton, Christiansburg, Va., 1,559.
65, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,558.
66, Russell Sawyers, Culpeper, Va., 1,557.
67, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,549.
68, Mark Tarkington, Elizabeth City, N.C., 1,547.
69, Jeremy Davenport, Suffolk, Va., 1,539.
70, Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 1,535.
71, James Grago, Hampstead, N.C., 1,534.
72 (tie), James Matthews, Prattville, Ala., and Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 1,524.
74, Michael Fontenot, Hampton, Va., 1,523.
75, Troy McKinney, Yorktown, Va., 1,521.
76, n-Willie Shy, Greensboro, N.C., 1,513.
77, n-Ryon Collins, Chester, Va., 1,512.
78, Gilbert Salang, Virginia Beach, Va., 1,510.
79, n-Chris Hans, Rocky Mount, N.C., 1,509.
80, Wendell Barger, Dry Ridge, Ky., 1,499.
81, Darryl Carreon, Woodbridge, Va., 1,497.
82, Maximilian Fishman, Greensboro, N.C., 1,493.
83, Adam Monks, Conway, S.C., 1,491.
84 (tie), n-Nicholas Brown, Montross, Va., and Gabriel Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla.,

1,490.
86, n-Carvel Waters, Ft. Washington, Md., 1,489.
87, w-Rebecca Glazier, Hampton, Va., 1,486.
88, Fabian Castaneda, Virginia Beach, Va., 1,482.
89, Fran Luzzi, Geneva, N.Y., 1,471.
90, Michael Schlabach, Goshen, Ind., 1,470.
91, Robert Riggie, Virginia Beach, Va., 1,467.
92, Thad Rand, Rapidan, Va, 1,465.
93, Chris Spoo, Boynton Beach, Fla., 1,463.
94 (tie), David Martin, Chesapeake, Va., and n-Brett Miller, Morehead, Ky., 1,460.
96, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 1,455.
97, Robert Gardner III, Carrollton, Va., 1,454.
98, Michael Houtz, Myerstown, Pa., 1,453.
99, n-Jeffrey Roberts, Clermont, Fla., 1,452.
100 (tie), n-Calvin Clark, Newport News, Va., and n-Jeffrey Campbell, Newport News, Va, 1,445.
102, Anthony Petrello, Chesapeake, Va., 1,443.
103 (tie), n-Jarrell Pretlow, Williamsburg, Va., and Wayne Bolin, Lumberton, N.C., 1,438.
105, w-n-Tiffany Taylor, Youngsville,N.C., 1,421.
106, Christopher Glaz, Elmwood Park, Ill, 1,415.
107, n-Adam Meads, Harbinger, N.C., 1,407.
108 (tie), Scott Schnur, Jr., Chruchville, Md., and Jeffrey Voght, Canojaharie, N.Y., 1,391.
110, John Mertz III, Lancaster, Pa., 1,389.
111, n-Jamal Strayhorn Sr., Virginia Beach, Va., 1,379.
112, Tim Davidson Jr., Clifton, Va., 1,375.
113, Bryan Gallahan, Fredericksburg, Va, 1,374.
114, Gordon Hope III, Chesapeake, Va., 1,370.
115, Aaron Finley, New Bern, Conn., 1,368.
116 (tie), n-Jonathon Bush, Clermont, Fla., and Brian Bradley, Fredericksburg, Va., 1,362.
118 (tie), Tommy Gollick, Oberlin, Pa., and Maurice Frazier, Suffolk, Va., 1,358.
120, w-Crystal Hall, St. Pauls, N.C., 1,352.
121, n-Jacob Hatfield, Spotsylvania, Va., 1,345.
122, Joey Dineen, Williamsburg, Va., 1,343.
123, n-Chuck Richey, Charlotte, N.C., 1,341.

124 (tie), Gerald Strohl, Virginia Beach, Va., and n-John Zilk, Virginia Beach, Va., 1,337.
126, Andrew Felmeten, Newport News, Va., 1,293.
127, Joseph Gomez, Norfolk, Va., 1,281.
128, n-Danny Williams, South Hill, Va., 1,256.
129, w-Beverly Blanchard, Virginia Beach, Va., 1,249.
130, n-Brad Cook, Woodbridge, Va., 1,187.

n-denotes non-member; w-denotes woman.

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Dick Allen Ends Six-Year Title Drought with Victory in PBA Xtra Frame Chesapeake Open

CHESAPEAKE, Va. - Dick Allen of Columbia, S.C., defeated top qualifier Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., 205-176, to win his fourth Professional Bowlers Association Tour title Sunday in the PBA Xtra Frame Chesapeake Open at AMF Western Branch Lanes.

Allen, who won his most recent PBA Tour title in Indianapolis in 2011, was in or near the lead throughout the final stages of qualifying before surrendering the lead to Ciminelli in the final qualifying game. But making the finals as the no. 2 qualifier was fine with Allen, who knew he would at least get a shot at ending his six-year title drought.

“I’ve been close a couple of times,” Allen said, “but after coming so close (a third-place finish in the (Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship) with Zeke (Bayt) made me want to really focus on my game, so I’ve been working at it.

“These young kids out here now are so good, you really have to work at it if you want to win again. And I love to bowl, and I wanted to win again.”

Allen and Bayt finished third in the Roth-Holman Doubles event in Portland, Maine, in April for Allen’s best finish since a runner-up finish in the 2014 Cheetah Championship in Las Vegas.

In the championship match, Ciminelli never got comfortable. He failed to convert the 3-5-6-10 in the second frame, and didn’t throw his first strike until the sixth frame. He got his second strike in the seventh frame, but then left a 7 pin – his fifth single pin leave. In

the meantime, Allen's early double was followed by a 2-8-10 split. And then a turkey was followed by a 4-7-10 split, giving Ciminelli a fighting chance. But the Cheektowaga left-hander left a 4-10 split in the ninth frame and his comeback hopes evaporated.

"The guy's a great bowler, but I definitely left it open for him," Allen said of his match with Ciminelli. "I was fortunate to escape this time. You don't escape those moments very often out there."

In the first stepladder match between a pair of 23-year-old PBA newcomers, Anthony Caso of Spring Hill, Fla., eliminated five-time Puerto Rico national team member Cristian Azcona, 244-219. Caso struck on five of his first six shots, held a 37-pin lead after Azcona failed to convert the 3-6-10 in the seventh frame, and doubled in the ninth and 10th frames to clinch the win.

Allen, a 38-year-old, 18-year PBA Tour veteran, eliminated Caso in almost identical fashion in the semifinal match, 228-201. Allen started the contest with five strikes on his first six attempts while Caso, a third-year PBA member who was bowling in only his second PBA Tour event, struggled to find the pocket until the final two frames.

The Xtra Frame Chesapeake Open was the fifth tournament in the seven-event PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup series that will award \$50,000 in bonus prizes to the five points leaders. With his win, Allen will be in the thick of the race heading into the Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic from Mid-County Bowling and Entertainment in Middletown, Del., Aug. 19-20, and the series finale, the PBA Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic at Pla-Mor Lanes in Coldwater, Ohio, Aug. 26-27.

Both events will be live streamed on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. For Xtra Frame subscription information, visit xtraframe.tv.

PBA XTRA FRAME CHESAPEAKE OPEN

AMF Western Branch Lanes, Chesapeake, Va. Sunday

Final Standings:

- 1, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., \$10,000.
- 2, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., \$6,000.
- 3, Anthony Caso, Spring Hill, Fla., \$3,500.
- 4, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, \$2,000.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Caso def. Azcona, 244-219.

Semifinal Match – Allen def. Caso, 228-201

Championship – Allen def. Ciminelli, 205-176.

Round of 8 Cashers (after 17 games):

1, Ciminelli, 3,959.

2, Allen, 3,924.

3, Caso, 3,885.

4, Azcona, 3,882.

5, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 3,865, \$1,700.

6, Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 3,847, \$1,500.

7 (tie), x-Dom Barrett, England, and Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 3,809, \$1,425.

Round of 16 Cashers (did not advance, after 15 games):

9, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 3,370, \$1,350.

10, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 3,346, \$1,300.

11, n-Josh Garner, Hampton, Va., 3,335, \$1,250.

12, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 3,333, \$1,200.

13, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 3,300, \$1,150.

14, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 3,276, \$1,100.

15, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 3,260, \$1,050.

16, Matt Taylor, Youngsville, N.C., 3,217, \$1,000.

Cashers Round Cashers (did not advance, after 12 games):

17, Chris Arcaro, Carolina Beach, N.C., 2,606, \$800.

18, Clifford Stanley II, Virginia Beach, Va., 2,582, \$790.

19, Zulmazran Zulkifli, Malaysia, 2,575, \$780.

20, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 2,555, \$770.

21, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 2,549, \$760.

22, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 2,545, \$750.

23, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 2,535, \$740.

24, Michael Tang, San Francisco, 2,527, \$730.

25, Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., 2,519, \$720.

26, Andrew Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 2,515, \$710.

- 27, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 2,512, \$700.
- 28, Chris Polizzi, Spring Hill, Fla., 2,508, \$690.
- 29, David Powers, Newport News, Va., 2,498, \$680.
- 30, Richard Horsley, Morrisville, N.C., 2,495, \$670.
- 31, Darrin Casstevens, Winston-Salem, N.C., 2,488, \$660.
- 32, Kristian Rogers, Salisbury, N.C., 2,472, \$655.
- 33, Anthony DeStasio, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 2,463, \$650.
- 34, Michael Vitalone, Jr., Lake Worth, Fla., 2,451, \$645.
- 35, Jeremy Mooney, West Palm Beach, Fla., 2,431, \$640.
- 36, Trevor Roberts, Crystal River, Fla., 2,406, \$635.
- 37, Kip Roberts, Glen Allen, Va., 2,403, \$630.
- 38, Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 2,393, \$625.
- 39, n-Chris Kruschke, Newport News, Va., 2,391, \$620.
- 40, Johnnie Payne, Savannah, Ga., 2,385, \$615.
- 41, n-David Schmidtman, Norfolk, Va., 2,377, \$610.
- 42, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,767, \$605.
- 43, Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 1,660, \$600.

x-Barrett def. Gomez, 245-196, in a one-game roll-off to advance to the Round of 8 after they tied for eighth place in the Round of 16.

n-denotes non-member.

Canada's Graham Fach Wins PBA Greater Richmond Central Open

Richmond, Ind. (August 13, 2017) – Graham Fach of Guelph, Ontario, defeated C.J. Kirchner of Herrin, Ill., 176-147, to win the Professional Bowlers Association's Greater Richmond Central Open at Richmond 40 Bowl Sunday.

Fach, who earned his fourth regional title and \$1,600 for the one-day, reduced entry fee event, downed Craig Nidiffer of Trenton, Mich., 2-0, while Kirchner eliminated Aaron Lorincz of Center Line, Mich., 2-0, in the best-of-three-game semifinal round to set up the championship match. Kirchner earned \$1,100 for second place. Nidiffer and Lorincz each earned \$775 as semifinal round losers.

The next tournament in the PBA Central Region event will be the PBA Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic at Pla-Mor Lanes in Coldwater, Ohio, Aug. 25-27. The Coldwater tournament will be the seventh and final event in the PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup series which will reward the top five players in points with shares of a \$50,000 bonus prize pool, including \$20,000 to the points champion.

PBA GREATER RICHMOND CENTRAL OPEN Richmond 40 Bowl, Richmond, Ind., Sunday

Championship: Graham Fach, Ontario, Canada (\$1,600) def. C.J. Kirchner, Herrin, Ill. (\$1,100), 176-147.

Semifinal Round (best of three games, losers earned \$775):

Fach def. Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 2-0.

Kirchner def. Aaron Lorincz, Center Line, Mich., 2-0.

Round of 8 (best of five games, losers eliminated and earned \$575 each):

Nidiffer def. Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 3-0.

Fach def. Matt Staninger, Highland, Ind., 3-1.

Lorincz def. Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 3-0.

Kirchner def. s-Keith Lesko, Chicago, 3-0.

s-denotes PBA50 player

Age and Wisdom Again Faces Youthful Challenge in PBA Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic

Age and Wisdom Again Faces Youthful Challenge in PBA Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic
MIDDLETOWN, Del. – For the past two years, the PBA Tour Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop East Classic has featured a showdown between some of the Professional Bowlers Association's established veteran stars and what many believe is the strongest generation of rising stars the PBA has seen in years. The story isn't any different this year, except maybe the stakes are a bit higher.

This year, in addition to a \$15,000 first prize and a PBA Tour title (if the winner is a PBA member), players are competing for PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup series points, which are awarded to the top 20 players in each of seven tournaments in the series. Middletown is the sixth of seven Storm Cup series events which will reward the top five in points with shares of \$50,000 in bonus prize, including \$20,000 to the winner.

Heading into Delaware, the top five Storm Cup points leaders are: EJ Tackett (64), Marshall Kent (62), Dom Barrett (60), Dick Allen (59), Josh Blanchard (47). Blanchard is two points ahead of Ryan Ciminelli.

Whether or not youth will prevail in Middletown remains to be seen, because age-and-wisdom has proven to be the winning commodity the past two seasons. In 2016, it was Michael Haugen Jr. (featured photo) of Phoenix who took the title on the eve of launching his PBA50 Rookie of the Year campaign. In 2015, victory went to the older-and-wiser Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., a 30-year PBA Tour veteran who ended a 12-year title slump with a 254-144 romp past then-22-year-old Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash. The 2014 champ was PBA Hall of Famer Jason Couch of Clermont, Fla., who came out of retirement to win.

The 2017 field coming to Mid-County Bowling and Entertainment will include veteran PBA Tour champions including Dick Allen of Columbia, S.C., who won last Sunday's PBA Xtra Frame Chesapeake Open in Virginia; Patrick Allen of Elmwood Park, N.J.; England's Dom Barrett; Josh Blanchard of Mesa, Ariz.; Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y.; Couch; Tom Daugherty of Tampa, Fla.; Ray Edwards of Middle Island, N.Y.; Haugen; Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C.; Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa.; Anthony Pepe of Elmhurst, N.Y.; Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill.; Ronnie Russell of Marion, Ind.; Shafer; Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich.; Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C.; Danny Wiseman of Baltimore; Dave Wodka of Beavercreek, Ohio, and the winningest PBA player of them all, 47-time PBA Tour champion Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla.

Among the next-generation challengers will be reigning PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind.; Kent, the 2014 PBA Rookie of the Year; AJ Johnson of Oswego, Ill.; San Francisco's Tang brothers, Darren

and Michael; PBA rookie Cristian Azcona of Puerto Rico, and several others who are trying to establish names for themselves.

The Delaware field also has a distinct international flavor, including Japan's Shota Kawazoe and Malaysian two-hander Zulmazran (ZZ) Zulkifli.

The entire tournament will be covered live, exclusively by PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel. Xtra Frame is a subscription-based video-streaming service, available on a three-day plan for special price of \$2.99, 30-day plan for \$7.99 and full year XF Season Ticket plan for equivalent of about \$1.25 a week. Visit xtraframe.tv for details.

The Gene Carter Pro Shop East Classic gets underway on Friday, Aug. 18, with a practice session for tournament players from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., followed by pro-am squads at 3, 5:15 and 8 p.m. when grassroots league bowlers – men, women, kids, seniors – can bowl with PBA stars for their own prizes.

Competition begins with three seven-game qualifying squads on Saturday with seven-game qualifying squads bowling at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The top 50 players will advance to a four-game cashers round Sunday at 9 a.m., after which the top 16 will bowl a modified 12-game round-robin match play round. Based upon combined 23-game pinfall totals (including 30 bonus pins for matches won), the top four will compete in a stepladder finale at approximately 6:30 p.m.

For pro-am information, e-mail len.h@outlook.com.

PBA XTRA FRAME GENE CARTER'S PRO SHOP CLASSIC
Mid-County Bowling and Entertainment, Middletown, Del., Aug. 19-21 (all times Eastern)

Friday, Aug. 18

11 a.m. - Practice session

3 p.m. – AB Sports Junior Scholarship pro-am

5:15 and 8 p.m. – Anchor Buick-GMC/Williams Chevrolet pro-am squads

Saturday, Aug. 19

9 a.m. - A Squad, 7 qualifying games

4 p.m. – B Squad, 7 qualifying games

Top one-third of field after 7 games advances to match play

Sunday, Aug. 20

9 a.m. – Cashers round, 4 games (top 16 after 11 games advance to match play)

1 p.m. – Top 16, 12 games modified round robin match play (top four after 23 games advance to stepladder finals)

6:30 p.m. - Top four stepladder finals

PBA XTRA FRAME STORM CUP POINTS LEADERS

(Players with 10 or more points after five of seven events; 25 points awarded to winner, 19 to second place, 18 to third, etc. through 20th place. Bonus prize money payable at the end of the season will include \$20,000 for first place, \$10,000 for second place, \$8,000 for third, \$7,000 for fourth and \$5,000 for fifth place.)

1, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 64

2, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 62

3, Dom Barrett, England, 60

4, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 59

5, Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 47

6, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 45

7, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 39

8 (tie), AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., and Tom Daugherty, Tampa, Fla., 37

10, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 35

11, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 32

12, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 29

13 (tie), Rhino Page, Orlando, FL, and Francois Lavoie, Quebec City, Quebec, 27

15 (tie), Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, and Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 26

17, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 25
18, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 24
19 (tie), Jakob Butturff, Chandler, Ariz.; Jason Sterner, Cocoa Beach, Fla.; Stuart Williams, England, and Anthony Caso, Spring Hill, Fla., 18
23 (tie), Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, and Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas, 17
25 (tie), Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., and Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 15
27, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 14
28, BJ Moore III, Greensburg, Pa., 13
28 (tie), Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, and Chris Spoo, Boynton Beach, Fla., 13
31 (tie), Kris Koeltzow, Wheat Ridge, Colo.; Andres Gomez, Colombia; Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., and Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 12
35, Jeff Piroozshad, Coral Springs, Fla., 11

PBA Spare Shots: Despite 10th Place Finish, Tackett Clings to PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup Points Lead

Despite his 10th place finish in the PBA Xtra Frame Chesapeake Open Sunday, which earned him 11 points in the Xtra Frame Storm Cup points race, EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., held on to a slim two-point lead in the 2017 points race over Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., heading into the final two events in the series.

Tackett, who finished second in the Xtra Frame Tour points race in 2016 to Tommy Jones Simpsonville, S.C., has yet to win an Xtra Frame Tour event this year, but three top-five finishes in the last four events while Kent has closed the gap with a win in the Lubbock Sports Open in June (worth 25 Storm Cup series points) and a fifth-place finish in Chesapeake (worth 16 points). Right behind the two leaders are England's Dom Barrett with 60 points and Chesapeake Open winner Dick Allen of Columbia, S.C., with 59. Holding down fifth place on the points list is Josh Blanchard of Gilbert, Ariz., with 47.

In the Xtra Frame Storm Cup series, 25 points are awarded to each tournament winner, 19 to second place, 18 to third, etc. through 20th place. Even one point is valuable because there is significant bonus prize money at stake. At the end of the season, the points champion will earn a \$20,000 bonus while other top-five finishers will earn \$10,000 for second place, \$8,000 for third, \$7,000 for fourth and \$5,000 for fifth place.

The top 25 in points heading into this weekend's PBA Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic from Mid-County Bowling and Entertainment in Middletown, Del., are as follows (the series concludes with the Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic from Pla-Mor Lanes in Coldwater, Ohio, Aug. 26-27). For a complete Storm Cup points list, click here: <https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/XtraFrameTourPoints/95?page=1> .

PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup points leaders after five of seven events are:

- 1, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 64.
- 2, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 62
- 3, Dom Barrett, England, 60.
- 4, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 59
- 5, Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 47.
- 6, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 45.
- 7, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 39.
- 8 (tie), AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., and Tom Daugherty, Tampa, Fla., 37.
- 10, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 35.
- 11, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 32.
- 12, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 29.
- 13 (tie), Rhino Page, Orlando, FL, and Francois Lavoie, Quebec City, Quebec, 27.
- 15 (tie), Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, and Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 26.
- 17, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 25.
- 18, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 24.
- 19 (tie), Jakob Butturff, Chandler, Ariz.; Jason Sterner, Cocoa Beach, Fla.; Stuart Williams, England, and Anthony Caso, Spring Hill, Fla., 18.
- 23 (tie), Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, and Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas, 17.
- 25 (tie), Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., and Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 15.

PBA fans also are reminded that for a limited time, Xtra Frame is available for a special \$2.99 three-day subscription rate, a \$1 savings over its normal rate. The special offer, good now through August 27, makes it possible to watch each of the remaining PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup Series tournaments at the special rate.

In addition, fans can follow real-time results for PBA50, PBA Xtra Frame Tour and all PBA Regional events by downloading the new PBA app on Apple devices or by visiting the “live scoring” feature on pba.com.

FAULKNER PROVIDES INSIGHT INTO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WIN ON XTRA FRAME

Gary Faulkner Jr. of Memphis, Tenn., provides insights into his 2015 Rolltech PBA World Championship victory over EJ Tackett in the newest PBA Player Perspective that debuts on Xtra Frame on Wednesday.

Faulkner defeated Tackett, 216-178, to win his first PBA Tour title at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada.

PBA Player Perspective is an ongoing series of special interviews with PBA Tour players which will debut every other week on Xtra Frame.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: GRAHAM FACH WINS FOURTH REGIONAL TITLE IN INDIANA

Graham Fach of Guelph, Ontario, defeated C.J. Kirchner of Herrin, Ill., 176-147, to win the PBA Greater Richmond Central Open at Richmond 40 Bowl Sunday.

Fach, who earned his fourth regional title and \$1,600 for the one-day, reduced entry fee event, downed Craig Nidiffer of Trenton, Mich., 2-0, while Kirchner eliminated Aaron Lorincz of Center Line, Mich., 2-0, in the best-of-three-game semifinal round to set up the championship match.

- The Aug. 18-20 PBA Regional calendar includes the Emerald Bowl Houston Southwest Challenge for non-title winners plus the PBA-PWBA Emerald Bowl Southwest Open in Houston, Texas, for women, and the Dave Husted Northwest Open presented by 900 Global at Husted’s Milwaukie Bowl in Milwaukie, Ore.
- Closing out the August schedule will be the PBA60 Wilson & Sons Super Senior Open presented by the Mooresville Convention and Visitors Bureau Aug. 31-Sept. 2 at George Pappas’ Victory Lanes in Mooresville, N.C., followed immediately by the PBA50 Samuel Adams South Open presented by the Mooresville Convention and Visitors Bureau at George Pappas’ Victory Lanes in Mooresville, N.C.
- The Labor Day weekend calendar of PBA Regional action includes the PBA50 Strike Zone Open presented by Track in Pottsville, Pa.; the Tony Reyes Memorial Member/Non-Member Doubles at Fourth Street Bowl in San Jose, Calif.; the Illinois Valley Midwest Open at IV Super Bowl in Peru, Ill., and the DHC Japan PBA Doubles Open, Japan Cheetah Masters and Japan Cheetah Queens at Nagoya Grand Bowl in Nagoya, Japan.
- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the “schedules” tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow “live scoring” for all PBA Regional events on pba.com (easily accessible for Apple device users using the new PBA app).

Journey to PBA50 Player of the Year Became a Nail-Biter for Brian LeClair

For Brian LeClair, the quest to winning 2017 PBA50 Player of the Year honors, turned from a relatively sure thing into one of those “I can’t bear to watch” moments that characterized his earlier PBA Tour career.

LeClair, the 2017 season’s only two-time winner, held off challenges by two of the PBA’s all-time greats – Norm Duke and Parker Bohn III – who took the PBA50 Player of the Year race into the stepladder finals of the DeHayes Insurance Group Championship presented by Pro Bowl West and Ebonite in Fort Wayne, Ind., the final PBA50 Tour event of the season.

“I honestly thought they were going to do it,” LeClair said, referring to Duke and Bohn’s late-season challenge for the crown. “I thought the handwriting was on the wall for another disappointment in my career. I didn’t even stay for the finals to find out what happened.”

LeClair, who lives in Delmar, N.Y., spent nearly two decades competing regularly on the PBA Tour without a win but his lengthy career was finally rewarded when he won PBA50 Player of the Year honors on the strength of his wins in the Pasco County Florida Open and Johnny Petraglia BVL Open presented by Brunswick, and a runner-up finish in the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm.

“The best thing about it is I finally have my name on something,” LeClair said. “I’m just as happy for my friends and family who supported me because I think they wanted it as bad as I did.”

Heading into the DeHayes Insurance Group Championship, LeClair held a substantial lead in player of the year points but because of the PBA50’s point structure which awards points for both qualifying and final finishing position, Bohn and Duke still had a chance to catch LeClair. It was a tall order for the pair of hall of famers because one-or-the-other needed to win and qualify either first or second. If Bohn had won, LeClair would have to finish second to clinch POY. If Duke had won, LeClair would have had to finish third.

LeClair left the door open when he finished seventh in the tournament and 19th in qualifying. But in the end, Bohn finished fourth, losing to Duke in the second stepladder match, 224-217, and Duke’s chances were then dashed when he lost to fellow hall of famer Pete Weber in the title match, 279-255.

“I was concerned heading into Fort Wayne because I was going to have to make the show at a center I really didn’t have a good handle on if I wanted to clinch it,” LeClair said. “Every time I bowled (in Fort Wayne) it seemed like I would come out of the gate just killing it in every round but then I’d lose it in the middle of the round. I could never figure it out.”

Competing on the PBA50 Tour has resulted in a resurgence of LeClair’s career. A big weight was lifted off his shoulders in his rookie season in 2015 when he won his first PBA national title in the PBA50 Fountain Valley Open. He had another quality season in 2016, without a title, but he was back in the winner’s circle right away in 2017.

“What makes winning (PBA50) player of the year so rewarding was doing it an era when so many of bowling’s all-time greats are competing,” said LeClair, who now owns three PBA50 Tour titles. “Just look at the finals in Fort Wayne as an example – Pete, Norm, Parker, Walter Ray (Williams Jr.) and Amleto (Monacelli) – and then all the other great bowlers who bowl week-in and week-out. I think that’s what means the most to me.”

Five-time PBA Tour winner Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix earned PBA50 Rookie of the Year honors. Haugen won the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open defeating LeClair, 173-158, in the title match. He had three other top-five finishes including a third in the PBA50 Players Championship.

Ron Mohr of Las Vegas successfully defended his PBA60 Player of the Year crown, winning the PBA50 South Shore Open for his first win against the 50-and-older generation in five years as well as winning USBC’s Super Senior Classic for 60-and-older players. He had three other PBA50 top-five finishes during the season and a second in the PBA60 Killer ‘B’ Open.

Finishing in the top eight in PBA50 competition points were LeClair, Duke, Bohn, Bob Learn Jr., Williams, Haugen, Monacelli and Mohr who earned the opportunity to compete in the PBA50 Challenge which will be held in conjunction with GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX presented by Eldorado Reno Properties this November in Reno, Nev. All eight also earned paid entries into WSOB IX.

PBA50 players will vote on the Dick Weber Sportsmanship award at a later date.

or complete PBA50 stats click on <https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/Points/106>

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WILMINGTON, Del. – Eighteen-time PBA Tour winner Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., averaged 238 for seven games Saturday to lead 50 players who advanced to Sunday's cashers' qualifying round in the PBA Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic at Mid-County Bowling and Entertainment Center.

Jones bowled a 1,669 seven-game pinfall total to lead Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., who finished the round in second just one pin behind with 1,668. Starting the round with a 299, Jones recovered after a 191 in the second game with games of 204, 262, 237, 256 and 220.

Kent is currently in second in the PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup points race trailing reigning PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., by two points with one event to go after the Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic. Tackett finished eighth in the first round with 1,610.

Kent owns two PBA Tour titles this season winning the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Oklahoma Open and the Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open. Jones, who is trying for his first win of the season, finished second in the FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions in February.

Tackett, who has three Tour wins this season including the Tournament of Champions, is trying for his first Storm Cup Tour event win this year but has three top-five finishes in the last four events including a second to Kent in the Lubbock Sports Open.

The Xtra Frame Storm Cup series concludes with the Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic from Pla-Mor Lanes in Coldwater, Ohio, Aug. 26-27. At the conclusion of the tournament \$50,000 in Storm Cup bonus money will be awarded.

Rounding out the Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic top five are Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 1,655; last week's Chesapeake Open winner Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,651, and four-time PBA Tour winner Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,633.

Allen also is in contention in the Storm Cup Points race just five pins behind Tackett. Five-time Tour winner Dom Barrett of England, who is third on the points list four points behind Tackett, finished the first round in 11th with 1,602.

After Sunday's cashers' round the field will be cut to the top 16 players for match play beginning at 1 p.m. EDT which will determine the top four players for the stepladder finals at 6:30 p.m.

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PBA XTRA FRAME GENE CARTER'S PRO SHOP CLASSIC

Mid-County Bowling and Entertainment Center, Middletown, Del., Saturday

First Round (After seven games. Top 50 advance to Sunday's cashers' qualifying round)

- 1, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,669.
- 2, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,668.
- 3, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 1,655.
- 4, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,651.
- 5, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,633.
- 6, BJ Moore III, Greensburg, Pa., 1,616.

- 7, Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 1,612.
- 8, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,610.
- 9, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 1,604.
- 10, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,603.
- 11, Dom Barrett, England, 1,602.
- 12, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,596.
- 13, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 1,593.
- 14, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,592.
- 15, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 1,590.
- 16, Brent Tishuk, Belvidere, N.J., 1,569.
- 17, Matt Taylor, Youngsville, N.C., 1,562.
- 18, Billy Asbury, Odenton, Md., 1,559.
- 19, (tie) Jason Stadler, Lafayette, N.J., Shota Kawazoe, Japan, and David Stouffer, Lehigh Acres, Fla., 1,554.
- 22, Chris Blackmore, Aldie, Va., 1,548.
- 23, Michael Tang, San Francisco, Calif., 1,546.
- 24, Daniel Mitchell, Elkton, Md., 1,543.
- 25, Alex Cavagnaro, Massapequa, N.Y., 1,534.
- 26, Patrick Allen, Elmwood Park, N.J., 1,529.
- 27, Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 1,527.
- 28, Brian Elder, Newark, Del., 1,508.
- 29, Dave Wodka, Beaver creek, Ohio, 1,505.
- 30, Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C., 1,504.
- 31, (tie) n-James Johnson III, Wilmington, Del., and Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,498.
- 33, Adam Chase, North Babylon, N.Y., 1,497.
- 34, Chris Bolosan, Newport News, Va., 1,496.
- 35, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 1,494.
- 36, Ray Edwards, Middle Island, N.Y., 1,493.
- 37, (tie) Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., and Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,491.
- 39, Paul Brion, Mansfield, Pa., 1,490.
- 40, Michael Markis, Tafton, Pa., 1,486.
- 41, John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 1,485.
- 42, Bryan Paul, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1,484.
- 43, Brett Cunningham, Clay, N.Y., 1,483.
- 44, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 1,481.
- 45, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 1,480.
- 46, Tommy Barna, Westminster, Md., 1,478.
- 47, Ryan Galli, Binghamton, N.Y., 1,475.
- 48, Gabriel Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1,469.
- 49, Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., 1,465.
- 50, Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 1,464.

Did not advance

- 51, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 1,459.
- 52, (tie) Theodore Fedder III, Berwick, Pa, and Kevin Donovan, Painted Post, N.Y., 1,455.
- 54, Victor Florie Jr, Richmond, Va., 1,454.
- 55, Josh Schmehl, Millsboro, Del., 1,449.
- 56, Jim Tomek Jr., New Cumberland, Pa., 1,448.
- 57, Rusty Thomsen, Cateret, N.J., 1,438.
- 58, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,436.
- 59, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz, 1,434.
- 60, Kristian Rogers, Salisbury, N.C., 1,430.
- 61, Jack Bogan, Kensington, Md., 1,428.
- 62, (tie) Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., and Paul Nickle III, Rising Sun, Md., 1,427.
- 64, (tie) Andrew Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., and Sam Maccarone, Blackwood, N.J., 1,426.
- 66, Matthew O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 1,425.
- 67, Ernest Lukacs Jr., Manville, N.J., 1,424.
- 68, Louis Gaudio, Morganville, N.J., 1,421.
- 69, Robert Mockenhaupt, Rutherford, N.J., 1,415.
- 70, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,412.

71, n-Tom Norris, Elkton, Md., 1,411.
72, Bradley Hoffman, Lemoyne, Pa, 1,408.
73, (tie) Craig Schneider, Marcy, N.Y., and Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,404.
75, David Asbury, Ellicott City, Md., 1,403.
76, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 1,398.
77, Mike McDonnell, Chesterfield, Va., 1,395.
78, (tie) Scott Denlinger, Lancaster, Pa. and Isaac Kim, Lebanon, Pa., 1,394.
80, Chris Arcaro, Carolina Beach, N.C., 1,392.
81, Ben Zakrocki, Philadelphia, 1,391.
82, Paul Bajorski, West Babylon, N.Y., 1,390.
83, Tommy Gollick, Oberlin, Pa., 1,387.
84, (tie) AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., and Jay Davis, Silver Spring, Md., 1,381.
86, Justin D'Amico, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,379.
87, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,377.
88, Tim Gillick, Milford, Conn., 1,374.
89, Doug Scheidig, Royersford, Pa., 1,371.
90, (tie) Ethan Gray, North East, Md., and Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 1,370.
92, n-Jeffrey Roberts, Clermont, Fla., 1,363.
93, w-Stephanie Sheridan, Factoryville, Pa., 1,361.
94, Jeffrey Voght, Canojaharie, N.Y., 1,349.
95, Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 1,346.
96, Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,345.
97, Ervin Raines, New Cumberland, Pa., 1,342.
98, Jeremy Domingo, Sewell, N.J., 1,340.
99, (tie) Clifton Wolfe, West Grove, Pa., and Gary Haines, West Babylon, N.Y., 1,339.
101, Darryl Carreon, Woodbridge, Va., 1,335.
102, Frank Gray Jr., North East, Md., 1,334.
103, John Mertz III, Lancaster, Pa., 1,332.
104, Ronnie Horton, Christiansburg, Va., 1,331.
105, (tie) Stephen Dieter, Palmerton, Pa., and Rob Hoffman, Freehold, N.J., 1,328.
107, Bob Caruso, Dayton, N.J., 1,326.
108, Benjamin Thompson, New Castle, Del., 1,325.
109, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 1,324.
110, Brandon Hinderer, York, Pa., 1,323.
111, Scott Canfield, Mountville, Pa., 1,320.
112, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 1,319.
113, Rocco Serpico, Hazlet, N.J., 1,317.
114, Larry Ivey, Berwick, Pa., 1,312.
115, Zulmazran Zulkifli, Malaysia, 1,305.
116, Adam Travis, Cockeysville, Md., 1,300.
117, Jackson Getting, Portsmouth, N.H., 1,292.
118, Hector Medina, Woodbridge, Va., 1,291.
119, (tie) Michael Vella, Bellport, N.Y., and Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 1,289.
121, Stephen Haas, Enola, Pa., 1,280.
122, Stephen Pavlinko Jr., Sewell, N.J., 1,279.
123, Thad Rand, Rapidan, Va., 1,278.
124, Vincent Wright, New York, N.Y., 1,277.
125, Jay Boyle, Garnet Valley, Pa., 1,276.
126, Tommy Dakouvanos, N. Middletown, N.J., 1,270.
127, Michael Houtz, Myerstown, Pa., 1,268.
128, Robert Perniciaro Jr., Yardley, Pa., 1,262.
129, Fran Luzzi, Geneva, N.Y., 1,253.
130, Joseph Rzemieniewski, Middletown, Del., 1,251.
131, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 1,249.
132, Geordin Krupski, Newtonville, N.J., 1,246.
133, n-Terry Wiley, Vienna, Va., 1,244.
134, n-Arthur Nowlin, New Castle, Del., 1,240.
135, Rob Manley Jr., Newark, Del., 1,230.
136, n-Jonathon Bush, Clermont, Fla., 1,227.

137, Mike Lattuca, Harrisburg, Pa, 1,208.
138, Collin Raineri, Gilbertsville, Pa., 1,203.
139, Christopher Clay, Woodbridge, Va., 1,197.
140, Joshua Marino, Forest Hills, N.Y., 1,176.
141, Nathan Johnson, Elmira, N.Y., 1,174.
142, Nathan Lidke, Elkton, Md., 1,166.
143, Austin Boone, Blackwood, 1,155.
144, Williard Isaacs Jr, Kenton, Del., 1,149.
145, Richard Walker, Owings Mills, Md., 1,148.
146, James Scott, Manassas, Va., 1,147.
147, Mike Gossman, Allentown, Pa., 1,121.
148, Matthew Wozney, Clayton, Del., 1,109.
149, Joseph Steuber, Lakehurst, N.J., 1,100.
150, Brian Bradley, Fredericksburg, Va., 1,067.

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Sean Rash Wins 12th Career Title in PBA Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic

WILMINGTON, Del. – Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., used a string of seven strikes to defeat reigning PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., 257-223, to win the Professional Bowlers Association's Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic title Sunday at Mid-County Bowling and Entertainment Center for his 12th career PBA Tour title and first of the 2017 season.

Rash, who got a break by carrying a crossover strike in the middle of his string, earned \$15,000 and 25 points in the PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup points race, which moved him into fifth place heading into the season's final event next weekend. Tackett solidified his hold on first place in the Storm Cup points race with 83 points, nine ahead of England's Dom Barrett.

"EJ's a great champion and he's going to be for a long time," Rash said of his opponent, noting his "Brooklyn" strike was a mistake.

"I got a little slow on that shot and grabbed it," he said, "but I threw some good ones when I needed them. Winning never gets old."

In the first stepladder match, Tackett escaped with a 206-204 win over Alex Cavagnaro of Massapequa, N.Y., when Cavagnaro left a 10 pin after striking on his first shot in the 10th frame. Cavagnaro, in his PBA Tour stepladder debut at age 33, was a member of the "Dead Money" team that won the PBA Team Challenge in Las Vegas in 2015. Tackett, who left three 7 pins on pocket hits – missing one of the spares in the fifth frame – struck out in his 10th frame to put the pressure on Cavagnaro to double in his half of the final frame.

In the semifinal match, Tackett started with three strikes and jumped out to a 45-pin lead when PBA Tour rookie Andrew Anderson of Holly, Mich., left 3-6-7-10 split in the fifth frame followed by the 2-8-10 in the sixth, failing to convert both. Despite missing a 2 pin spare in the seventh frame and a late four-strike rally by Anderson, Tackett raced away to a 223-200 victory.

The Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic was the sixth tournament in the seven-event PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup series that will award \$50,000 in bonus prizes to the five points leaders. Behind Tackett and Barrett (74 points) in the race for the top five spots are Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash. (69); Dick Allen of Columbia, S.C. (59) and Rash (54). Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Fla., is five points behind Rash.

The Storm Cup series concludes with the PBA Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic at Pla-Mor Lanes in Coldwater, Ohio, next Saturday and Sunday. The entire tournament will be live streamed on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. For Xtra Frame subscription information, visit xtraframe.tv.

PBA XTRA FRAME GENE CARTER'S PRO SHOP CLASSIC
Mid-County Bowling and Entertainment Center, Middletown, Del., Sunday

Final Standings:

- 1, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., \$15,000.
- 2, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., \$7,800.
- 3, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., \$4,000.
- 4, Alex Cavagnaro, Massapequa, N.Y., \$2,500.

Stepladder Results:

- Match One – Tackett def. Cavagnaro, 206-204.
Semifinal Match – Tackett def. Anderson, 223-200.
Championship – Rash def. Tackett, 257-223.

Final Match Play Standings (after 23 games, including match play bonus pins):

- 1, Rash, 9-3, 5,501.
- 2, Anderson, 5-6-1, 5,419.
- 3, x-Tackett, 9-3, 5,394.
- 4, Cavagnaro, 9-3, 5,394.
- 5, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 8-4, 5,337, \$2,000.
- 6, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 6-6, 5,307, \$1,500.
- 7, Dom Barrett, England, 8-4, 5,295, \$1,300.
- 8, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 6-6, 5,268, \$1,200.
- 9, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 5-6-1, 5,213, \$1,150.
- 10, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 6-6, 5,196, \$1,100.
- 11, Billy Asbury, Odenton, Md., 6-6, 5,141, \$1,050.
- 12, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 4-8, 5,110, \$1,040.
- 13, BJ Moore III, Greensburg, Pa., 4-8, 5,079, \$1,030.
- 14, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 3-9, 5,040, \$1,020.
- 15, Brent Tishuk, Belvidere, N.J., 5-7, 5,034, \$1,010.
- 16, Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 2-10, 4,884, \$1,000.

x-Tackett won a one-ball roll-off to decide third position for the stepladder finals

Cashers Round Cashers (did not advance, after 11 games):

- 17, Patrick Allen, Elmwood Park, N.J., 2,424, \$700.
- 18, David Stouffer, Lehigh Acres, Fla., 2,420, \$700.
- 19, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 2,408, \$700.
- 20, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 2,401, \$700.
- 21, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 2,397, \$700.
- 22, Michael Tang, San Francisco, Calif., 2,390, \$700.
- 23, Matt Taylor, Youngsville, N.C., 2,389, \$700.
- 24, Chris Bolosan, Newport News, Va., 2,381, \$700.
- 25, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2,371, \$650.
- 26, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 2,367, \$650.
- 27, Jason Stadtler, Lafayette, N.J., 2,364, \$650.
- 28, Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 2,356, \$650.
- 29, Ryan Galli, Binghamton, N.Y., 2,348, \$650.
- 29, John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 2,348, \$650.
- 31, n-James Johnson III, Wilmington, Del., 2,338, \$650.
- 32, Dave Wodka, Beavercreek, Ohio, 2,329, \$650.
- 33, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 2,326, \$625.
- 34, Ray Edwards, Middle Island, N.Y., 2,321, \$625.
- 35, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 2,317, \$625.
- 36, Adam Chase, North Babylon, N.Y., 2,312, \$625.
- 37, Bryan Paul, Brooklyn, N.Y., 2,311, \$625.
- 38, Michael Markis, Tafton, Pa., 2,307, \$625.
- 39, Chris Blackmore, Aldie, Va., 2,304, \$625.
- 40, Paul Brion, Mansfield, Pa., 2,299, \$625.
- 41, Brett Cunningham, Clay, N.Y., 2,287, \$600.
- 42, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 2,282, \$600.

- 43, Tommy Barna, Westminster, Md., 2,279, \$600.
- 44, Daniel Mitchell, Elkton, Md., 2,262, \$600.
- 45, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 2,253, \$600.
- 46, Gabriel Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 2,250, \$600.
- 47, Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., 2,249, \$600.
- 48, Brian Elder, Newark, Del., 2,243, \$600.
- 49, Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 2,212, \$600.
- 50, Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C., 2,199, \$600.

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EJ Tackett Leads Field into PBA Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic and Storm Cup Series Finale

COLDWATER, Ohio – Coldwater, Ohio, a community of 4,400 residents, will be the focal point of the bowling world this weekend when 16-lane Pla-Mor Lanes hosts the 10th annual Kenn-Feld Group Classic, one of the Professional Bowlers Association’s most anticipated events of 2017.

Many of the world’s premier players are headed to western Ohio for the PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup season finale, where points leader EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., will try to hold off Dom Barrett of England; Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., and Dick Allen of Columbia, S.C., in the battle for \$20,000 in Storm Cup bonus prize money in the final event on the 2017 PBA Xtra Frame Tour schedule.

The entire tournament will be covered live, exclusively by PBA’s Xtra Frame online bowling channel. Xtra Frame is a subscription-based video-streaming service, available on a three-day plan for special price of \$2.99 (good for this weekend only), 30-day plan for \$7.99 and full year XF Season Ticket plan for equivalent of about \$1.25 a week. Visit xtraframe.tv for details.

Tackett, PBA’s reigning player of the year and the Tour’s only three-time PBA Tour title-winner in 2017, holds a modest nine-point lead in the Storm Cup points race over England’s Barrett, while Kent and Allen both remain mathematically in contention. In addition to the Storm Cup points race, bowling fans across America and around the world also will be watching Coldwater and Pla-Mor Lanes Saturday and Sunday to see who in a world-class field of players will emerge as the PBA’s Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic champion, winning \$10,000 and a PBA Tour title.

Among the players entered in Coldwater is defending champion Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C., and PBA Hall of Famers Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., and Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla. Other PBA Tour champions in the sold-out field include Brad Angelo of Lockport, N.Y.; Josh Blanchard of Mesa, Ariz.;

Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Fla.; Graham Fach of Canada; Tom Hess of Urbandale, Iowa; Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio; Chris Loschetter of Avon, Ohio; Rhino Page of Orlando, Fla.; Jake Peters of Henderson, Nev.; Kurt Pilon of Warren, Mich.; Ronnie Russell of Marion, Ind.; Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich.; Jason Sterner of Rockledge, Fla., and Dave Wodka of Beavercreek, Ohio.

Mix the established champions into a field of talented young players who are out to make a name for themselves in PBA competition, and you have the makings for an exciting conclusion to PBA's Xtra Frame Tour season.

The Kenn-Feld Group Classic gets underway on Friday, Aug. 25, with a practice session for tournament players at 2 p.m., followed by pro-am squads at 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. when Coldwater area grassroots league bowlers – men, women, kids, seniors – can bowl with PBA stars for their own prizes. For pro-am information, call Pla-Mor Lanes at 419-678-3113.

Competition begins with three eight-game qualifying squads on Saturday at 8 a.m., 1:30 and 7 p.m. The top one-third of the field after eight games will advance to a four-game cashers round Sunday at 10 a.m., after which the top 16 will bowl an additional three games at 12:30 p.m. Based on 15-game pinfall totals, the top eight will bowl two more games to determine the top four stepladder finalists. The finals will take place at approximately 3:30 p.m. Sunday.

PBA XTRA FRAME KENN-FELD GROUP CLASSIC

Pla-Mor Lanes, Coldwater, Ohio, Aug. 25-27 (all times Eastern)

Friday, Aug. 25

2 p.m. - Practice session

5:30 and 8:30 p.m. – Pro-am squads

Saturday, Aug. 26

8 a.m. - A Squad, 8 qualifying games

1:30 p.m. – B Squad, 8 qualifying games

7 p.m. – C Squad, 8 qualifying games

Top 32 players after 8 games advances to Sunday's cashers round

Sunday, Aug. 27

10 a.m. – Cashers round, 4 games (top 16 after 12 games advance to Round of 16)

12:30 p.m. – Round of 16, three games (top 8 based on 15 games advance to Round of 8)

2 p.m. – Round of 8, two games (top 4 based on 17 games advance to stepladder finals)

3:30 p.m. - Top four stepladder finals

PBA XTRA FRAME STORM CUP POINTS LEADERS

(Players with 25 or more points after six of seven events; 25 points awarded to winner, 19 to second place, 18 to third, etc. through 20th place. Bonus prize money payable at the end of the season will include \$20,000 for first place, \$10,000 for second place, \$8,000 for third, \$7,000 for fourth and \$5,000 for fifth place.)

1, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 83.

2, Dom Barrett, England, 74.

3, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 69.

4, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 68.

5, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 54.

6, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 49.

7, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 47.

8, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 45.

9, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 39.

10 (tie), AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., and Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 37.

12, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 36.

13, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 32.

14, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 28.

15 (tie), Francois Lavoie, Canada, and Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 27.

17, Cristian Azcona, Lake Wales, Fla., 26.

18, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 25.

PBA Spare Shots: PBA Players Help Boston's Mookie Betts Raise \$150,000 for New England Kids' Charities

Tommy Jones, Bill O'Neill, Dom Barrett, Tom Daugherty, Chris Via and Malaysia's Zulmazran (ZZ) Zulkifli were participants in the inaugural Mookie Betts Big League Bowl held on August 17 at Jillian's Lucky Strike Lanes in Boston, helping the Boston Red Sox star and noted bowling enthusiast raise more than \$150,000 to benefit Pitching In For Kids and One Mission, a pair of charities aimed at improving the lives of children in New England and helping affected kids deal with their battles with cancer.

Betts, an accomplished bowler, competed in the 2015 GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII in Reno and in the 2017 CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational in Los Angeles.

The inaugural fundraiser, held in an upscale bowling facility in the shadow of historic Fenway Park, also included a group of Betts' Red Sox teammates.

EJ TACKETT CLOSES IN ON XTRA FRAME STORM CUP POINTS BONUS

Even though he hasn't won a PBA Xtra Frame Tour title in 2017, EJ Tackett's four top-five finishes in last five events (and a 10th-place finish in the other event) have brought him to the brink of winning the \$20,000 bonus as the 2017 PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup points champion.

Heading into this weekend's PBA Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic at Pla-Mor Lanes in Coldwater, Ohio, Tackett has accumulated 83 points thus far. There are only three players who have mathematical chances to catch him: England's Dom Barrett with 74 points, Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., with 69 and Dick Allen of Columbia, S.C., with 68.

Fifth-place is also up for grabs, with XFL Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic winner Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., currently holding that spot with 54 points. Behind Rash are Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Fla. (49), Josh Blanchard of Mesa, Ariz. (47), Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y. (45) and four other players in the upper 30s.

In the XFL Frame Storm Cup series, 25 points are awarded to each tournament winner, 19 to second place, 18 to third, etc. through 20th place. Even one point is valuable because there is significant bonus prize money at stake. In addition to the \$20,000 bonus to the points winner, the other top-five finishers will earn \$10,000, \$8,000, \$7,000 and \$5,000 respectively.

The points leaders heading into this weekend includes the following:

- 1, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 83.
- 2, Dom Barrett, England, 74.
- 3, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 69.
- 4, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 68.
- 5, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 54.
- 6, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 49.
- 7, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 47.
- 8, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 45.
- 9, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 39.
- 10 (tie), AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., and Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 37.
- 12, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 36.
- 13, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 32.
- 14, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 28.
- 15 (tie), Francois Lavoie, Canada, and Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 27.
- 17, Cristian Azcona, Lake Wales, Fla., 26.
- 18, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 25.

Also as a final reminder, PBA fans are still eligible for XFL Frame's special \$2.99 three-day subscription rate for the Coldwater, Ohio XFL Frame Tour season-finale.

In addition, fans can follow real-time results for PBA50, PBA Xtra Frame Tour and all PBA Regional events by downloading the new PBA app on Apple devices or by visiting the “live scoring” feature on pba.com.

PBA STARS COMPETING IN WORLD BOWLING TOUR MALMO

In addition to the Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic in Coldwater, Ohio, another group of PBA stars are competing abroad in the PBA International-World Bowling Tour Malmo (also known as the Lucky Larsen Masters) at Baltiska Bowlinghallen in Malmo, Sweden. First prize will be roughly \$19,850 plus a PBA Tour title if the winner is a PBA member.

Among the PBA Tour regulars competing include champions Martin Larsen, Thomas Larsen, Stuart Williams, Osku Palermaa, Jesper Svensson, Francois Lavoie, Anthony Simonsen and Cameron Weier.

From an original field of approximately 465 players who began competition on Aug. 13, a field of 44 players will enter the final day of competition on Sunday which will culminate with the top four advancing to the stepladder finals. PBA fans can monitor the results online (<http://luckylarsenmasters.com/results/>) or watch the Swedish live stream (<https://bowlingtv.solidtango.com/vip>) for 49kr (Swedish krona), which converts to roughly US\$6. Live streaming coverage Saturday and Sunday can be seen at no cost using the link on www.worldbowling.org.

PBA50 STARS SHINE IN WORLD BOWLING SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

PBA50 stars Parker Bohn III, Ron Mohr, Bob Learn Jr. and Lennie Boesch Jr. dominated the World Bowling Senior Championships held last week at Dream Bowl Palace in Munich, Germany, winning gold medals in every event. The U.S. women’s team added gold in every event except doubles.

In men’s singles, Mohr won gold with Boesch and Bohn adding bronze medals. Bohn and Learn won gold in doubles, defeating silver-medalists Boesch and Mohr. Mohr won all-events, and Bohn won the Masters title. The U.S. stars also won the four-man team title.

In the women’s competition, Lynda Barnes (wife of PBA star Chris Barnes) won singles, Masters and team gold medals, a silver in all-events and a bronze medal with Carolyn Dorin-Ballard in doubles. Leanne Hulsenberg won all-events, silver in singles and bronze in Masters. Dorin-Ballard, the wife of PBA

Hall of Famer Del Ballard Jr. and manager of the PBA League's New York City WTT KingPins, also won a bronze medal in the Masters event.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: DEAN RICHARDS WINS TRADITIONAL HUSTED FAMILY EVENT

Dean Richards of Tacoma, Wash., posted a 7-5 match play record and a 20-game total of 4,876 pins Sunday to win his fourth PBA Regional title in the 38th annual PBA Dave Husted Northwest Open presented by 900 Global at Husted's Milwaukie Bowl in Milwaukie, Ore.

Richards, who earned \$2,000, defeated Cameron Weier of Tacoma, Wash., by 99 pins for the win. Weier had an 8-4 match play record and 4,776 pins for his 20 games, including match play bonus pins.

The tournament, hosted by the Husted family at Milwaukie Bowl, is the longest running regional in the PBA.

- Former PBA member Clint Land of Houston out-dueled the non-champion field to win the PBA's Bowling Dynamix Houston Emerald Bowl Challenge Sunday in his hometown after Anggie Ramirez of Colombia, now living in Austin, Texas topped the PBA-PWBA Houston Emerald Bowl Southwest Women's Open field on Saturday.

Land, who finished the 21-game tournament with a 6-2 match play record and 4,620 total pins, started the modified eight-game round-robin finals with a 20-pin lead. With four games to go, only 85 pins separated the top 10 places. Land jumped to the top of the leaderboard by winning his last three matches with scores of 258, 213 and 241 to claim the \$2,000 first place check. Anthony Coats from Pflugerville, Texas, finished second with 4,472 total pins.

On Saturday, Ramirez, started the eight-game women's event with a 247 game and never looked back as she coasted to the win with 1,709 total pins, topping amateur Ashley Lawley of Friendswood, Texas, by 144 pins. Ramirez earned \$1,000 while Lawley collected \$360.

- Closing out the August schedule will be the PBA60 Wilson & Sons Super Senior Open presented by the Mooresville Convention and Visitors Bureau Aug. 31-Sept. 2 at George Pappas' Victory Lanes in

Mooresville, N.C., followed immediately by the PBA50 Samuel Adams South Open presented by the Mooresville Convention and Visitors Bureau at George Pappas' Victory Lanes in Mooresville, N.C.

- The Labor Day weekend calendar of PBA Regional action includes the PBA50 Strike Zone Open presented by Track in Pottsville, Pa.; the Tony Reyes Memorial Member/Non-Member Doubles at Fourth Street Bowl in San Jose, Calif.; the Illinois Valley Midwest Open at IV Super Bowl in Peru, Ill., and the DHC Japan PBA Doubles Open, Japan Cheetah Masters and Japan Cheetah Queens at Nagoya Grand Bowl in Nagoya, Japan.

- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on pba.com (easily accessible for Apple device users using the new PBA app).

QUICK NOTES

- The PBA has been informed that long-time member Greg Rottengen of Washington, N.J., a veteran of nearly 250 PBA national and regional tournaments, died Tuesday at the age of 74. No additional information was immediately available.

- Shawn Maldonado and Dolores Rodriguez are the parents of a baby girl, Mia Bella Maldonado, born on August 14.

Ohio's Chris Via Takes First Round Lead In Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic; Tackett Takes Storm Cup

In a tournament that is putting a player's ability to navigate demanding lane conditions to the test, Team USA member and one-time PBA regional winner Chris Via of Springfield, Ohio, seemed to have found the key to success averaging 221 to lead the first round of the PBA Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic, the final event of the 2017 PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup series.

Reigning PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., who has led the Storm Cup points race for most of the season, qualified 17th with 1,611 which was good enough to secure the Storm Cup title and the \$20,000 in bonus money that goes with the crown.

Dom Barrett, Marshall Kent and Dick Allen, who were second through fourth in the Storm Cup standings, were still in contention heading into the tournament, but all three failed to advance to Sunday's cashers' round handing the crown to Tackett.

Tackett, who is trying for his fourth PBA Tour win of the season, is hoping to win the Kenn-Feld Group Classic for his first win in the seven-tournament Storm Cup series.

Competing on the Tournament of Champions lane condition at Pla-Mor Lanes, Via bowled games of 221, 244, 277, 233, 223, 188, 177 and 208 for a 1,771 eight-game pinfall total to lead 32 players from the original 96-player field into Sunday's cashers' round.

Via finished 67 pins ahead of Joe Bailey of Wooster, Ohio in second with 1,704, and Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ohio, who won last week's Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic for his 12th career PBA Tour title, in third with 1,691.

Rash, who ranks fifth in Storm Cup points, can move as high as second in the standings if he can win the tournament.

After Sunday morning's cashers' round the field will be cut to the top 16 players for match play beginning at 12:30 p.m. EDT which will determine the top four players for the stepladder finals at 3:30 p.m.

To catch all the action on PBA's online bowling channel click on www.xtraframe.tv for subscription and schedule information.

PBA XTRA FRAME KENN-FELD GROUP CLASSIC

Pla-Mor Lanes, Coldwater, Ohio, Saturday

First Round (After eight games. Top 32 advance to Sunday's cashers' qualifying round)

- 1, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 1,771.
- 2, Joe Bailey, Wooster, Ohio, 1,704.
- 3, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,691.
- 4, (tie) Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, and Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 1,655.
- 6, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 1,640.
- 7, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 1,633.
- 8, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,629.
- 9, Matthew Staninger, Highland, Ind., 1,627.
- 10, (tie) Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., and AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,626.
- 12, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,625.
- 13, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 1,621.
- 14, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,618.
- 15, (tie) Mason Brantley, Detroit, and Anthony Kennard, Wapakoneta, Ohio, 1,614.
- 17, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,611.
- 18, Chris Arcaro, Carolina Beach, N.C., 1,608.
- 19, Michael Tang, San Francisco, 1,604.
- 20, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 1,602.
- 21, (tie) Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., and Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 1,582.
- 23, Carleton Chambers, Detroit, 1,580.
- 24, Michael Clark Jr., Cleveland, Ohio, 1,571.
- 25, CJ Kirchner, Herrin, Ill., 1,559.
- 26, Dave Wodka, Beavercreek, Ohio, 1,553.
- 27, Graham Fach, Canada, 1,552.
- 28, (tie) Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., and James Hennessey, Adrian, Mich, 1,549.
- 30, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz, 1,546.
- 31, Frank Snodgrass, Center Line, Mich., 1,535.
- 32, (tie) J.R. Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., and Aaron Lorincz, Center Line, Mich., 1,533.
- 34, Bryan Paul, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1,524.
- 35, Gabriel Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1,523.
- 36, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,522.

- 37, (tie) Michael Schlabach, Goshen, Ind., Charlie Brown Jr, Grandville, Mich., and Matthew Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 1,514.
- 40, Terry Rohrer, Ft. Wayne, Ind., 1,510.
- 41, Chris Hartung, Goshen, Ind., 1,509.
- 42, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 1,502.
- 43, Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 1,501.
- 44, (tie) Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., and Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, IL, 1,494.
- 46, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 1,493.
- 47, BJ Moore III, Greensburg, Pa., 1,490.
- 48, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,489.
- 49, (tie) Zachery Tackett, Huntington, Ind., and John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 1,488.
- 51, Matt Taylor, Youngsville, N.C., 1,482.
- 52, AJ Chapman, Wichita, Kan., 1,480.
- 53, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 1,477.
- 54, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,474.
- 55, Kelly Jordon, Marion, Ohio, 1,465.
- 56, (tie) Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., and Kyle Mayberry, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, 1,464.
- 58, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,460.
- 59, (tie) Chandler Stevens, Archbold, Ohio; Ryan Patterson, Washington, W.Va.; David Haynes, Las Vegas; Josh Conner, Columbus, Ohio, and Craig LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 1,456.
- 64, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 1,454.
- 65, Dom Barrett, England, 1,451.
- 66, Tom Sorce, Blasdell, N.Y., 1,448.
- 67, (tie) Jason Lundquist, Columbus, Ohio, and Michael Jachcinski, Macomb, Mich., 1,446.
- 69, Andrew Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 1,443.
- 70, Noel Vega, Noblesville, Ind., 1,438.
- 71, (tie) Ronnie Sparks JR, Redford, Mich., and BJ Satkowski, Jackson, Mich., 1,437.
- 73, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,436.
- 74, Ryan Lakota, Shorewood, Ill., 1,414.
- 75, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 1,397.
- 76, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,384.
- 77, Tyler Wilds, Three Rivers, Mich., 1,382.
- 78, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 1,374.
- 79, Tommy Parker III, Bowling Green, Ohio, 1,371.
- 80, D.J. Rose, Ypsilanti, Mich., 1,363.
- 81, Matthew Burgin, Decatur, Ind., 1,361.
- 82, Kyle Bigelow, Troy, Ohio, 1,358.
- 83, Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 1,353.
- 84, Brandon Keirns, Marion, Ohio, 1,348.
- 85, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,333.
- 86, Gary Zwiezinski, Elyria, Ohio, 1,316.
- 87, William Tarpein, McDonough, Ga., 1,292.
- 88, Bill Burke, Angola, Ind., 1,283.
- 89, Chris Mays, Muncie, Ind, 1,272.
- 90, Wendell Barger, Dry Ridge, Ky., 1,267.
- 91, Tristan Butler, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1,260.
- 92, Anthony Smith, Defiance, Ohio, 1,255.
- 93, David Rosengarten, Gardendale, Ala., 1,250.
- 94, Derek Engeln, Miamisburg, Ohio, 1,217.
- 95, Steve Tobolt, Chicago, Ill., 1,197.
- 96, Aaron Pond, Fort Edward, N.Y., 1,175.

Jason Belmonte Wins PBA-WBT “Lucky Larsen Masters” in Sweden for 15th Career Title

MALMO, Sweden – Australia’s Jason Belmonte defeated Cameron Weier of Tacoma, Wash., 245-180, to win the PBA International-World Bowling Tour’s Storm Lucky Larsen Masters at Baltiska Bowlinghallen Sunday for his 15th career PBA Tour title.

Belmonte, 34, joined EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., as the only three-time PBA Tour title winners in 2017. Earlier in the year, Belmonte won the Barbasol PBA Players Championship and a record fourth USBC Masters title. His win in Sweden, a new event on the PBA International-WBT schedule, was his second international tour title. He also won the 2012 Australian Masters.

After qualifying first for the Malmo stepladder finals by 45 pins over Weier, Belmonte started the title match with two spares followed by a string of six strikes to build a lead Weier couldn't overcome. Belmonte won the equivalent of \$19,832 along with his title.

Weier, a 26-year-old former Robert Morris-Illinois collegiate star, won his only PBA Tour title in the 2015 Qatar Open. He defeated Finland's Jari Ratia, 226-194, to advance to the title match.

The Malmo tournament – named for Swedish PBA star Martin Larsen – was a World Bowling Tour points event. The top three men and top three women in 2017 WBT points will bowl in the WBT Men's and Women's Finals, presented by the PBA, during the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Reno Properties, on Nov. 19 in Reno, Nev. Two additional qualifying events – the WBT Thailand in September, and the PBA World Championship in Reno – remain on the schedule prior to the finals.

PBA INTERNATIONAL-WORLD BOWLING TOUR STORM LUCKY LARSEN MASTERS Baltiska Bowlinghallen, Malmo, Sweden, Sunday

Final Standings:

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$19,832.
- 2, Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., \$13,635.
- 3, Jari Ratia, Finland, \$9,916.
- 4, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, \$8,057.

Stepladder Results:

- Match One – Ratia def. Andersson, 224-183.
- Semifinal Match – Weier def. Ratia, 226-194.
- Championship – Belmonte def. Weier, 245-180.

Step Three Cashers (after 12 games; top 4 advanced to stepladder finals):

- 1, Belmonte, 2,734.
- 2, Weier, 2,689.
- 3, P. Andersson, 2,581.
- 4, Ratia, 2,486
- 5, w-Britt Brondsted, Denmark, 2,459, \$6,198.
- 6, w-Sanna Pasanen, Finland, 2,447, \$4,958.
- 7, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 2,443, \$3,966.
- 8, w-Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 2,415, \$3,099.

Step Two Cashers (did not advance, after 8 games):

- 9, Bader Alaishaikh, Saudi Arabia, 1,654, \$2,479.
- 10, w-Nina Flack, Sweden, 1,651, \$2,169.
- 11, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 1,649, \$1,859.
- 12, Jassim al Muraikhi, Qatar, 1,657, \$1,673.
- 13, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 1,646, \$1,580.
- 14, w-Victoria Johansson, Sweden, 1,643, \$1,549.
- 15 (tie), w-Sandra Andersson, Sweden, and Mattias Olsson, Sweden, 1,627, \$1,553.
- 17 (tie), Timmy Fredricksson, Sweden, and Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,612, \$1,440.
- 19, Filip Wilhelmsson, Sweden, 1,597, \$1,394.
- 20, Stuart Williams, England, 1,596, \$1,363.
- 21, Markus Jansson, Sweden, 1,576, \$1,332.
- 22, w-Sandra Gongora, Mexico, 1,573, \$1,301.
- 23, Mik Stampe, Denmark, 1,554, \$1,270.
- 24, William Svensson, Sweden, 1,484, \$1,240.

Step One Cashers (did not advance, after 6 games):

- 25, Nathan Ruest-Lajoie, Canada, 1,227, \$1,209
- 26, Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 1,225, \$1,178.
- 27, Robert Lindberg, Sweden, 1,224, \$1,147
- 28, Stefan Roos, Sweden, 1,223, \$1,116.
- 29, w-Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 1,213, \$1,085.
- 30, Christer Danielsson, Sweden, 1,200, \$1,054.
- 31, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 1,199, \$1,043.
- 32, Anton Persson, Sweden, 1,169, \$992.
- 33, Emanuel Jonsson, Sweden, 1,160, \$961.
- 34, w-Joline Persson Planefors, Sweden, 1,155, \$930.
- 35, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 1,154, \$899.
- 36 (tie), Johan Danielsson, Sweden, and Francois Louw, South Africa, 1,150, \$853.
- 38, w-Elisa Hiltunen, Finland, 1,138, \$806.
- 40, w-Ida Andersson, Sweden, 1,117, \$775.
- 41, Lars Lindback, Sweden, 1,107, \$744.
- 42 (tie), Alfred Berggren, Sweden, and Fredrik Tjernes, Norway, 1,090, \$675.
- 44, Martin Paulsson, Sweden, 1,087, \$620.

w-denotes woman (women received 8 handicap pins per game).

Rhino Page Ends Title Slump with PBA Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Classic Win; EJ Tackett Claims Storm Cup

COLDWATER, Ohio – Rhino Page of Orlando, Fla., defeated rookie Chris Via of Springfield, Ohio, 190-173, to win his first Professional Bowlers Association singles title in seven years Sunday in the PBA Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic at Pla-Mor Lanes.

Earlier in the event, EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., clinched the PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup title in a finale without much drama.

The Kenn-Feld Classic championship match reflected the challenging scoring environment, where strings of strikes were rare and spares were at a premium. Via, the tournament leader coming into the title match, left a 2-10 split and opened in the first frame. Page returned the favor, leaving a 3-7-9 split and opening in the sixth frame.

After a ball change that resulted in a cross-over strike, Page tacked on another for the only double of match, taking a six-pin lead. Via then left a 4-9 split in the ninth and opened again. Needing a double in the 10th to force Page to mark in his final frame, the former Notre Dame College two-handed player got the first strike but not the second.

All Page needed was seven pins to end his title slump, and he threw a strike to lock up his fifth career title.

“I can’t even catch my breath,” Page said. “It feels so wonderful, I can’t even describe it. I can’t thank the guys who helped me keep my head up the past seven years.

“I think (Pla-Mor Lanes) is one place that shows it’s not always about the (lane conditioning) pattern, but the playing surface as well. It’s not like there were a lot of strikes to be had, so I relied on my spare game, and that was the key.”

In the opening match, Jason Sterner of Rockledge, Fla., struck on five of his first six shots and held a 36-pin lead, but lost his momentum when he left a 4-7-10 split and opened in the seventh frame. Given an opening, Joe Bailey, a 35-year-old veteran of PBA Central Region competition with one title, responded with a double, but needing a double in the 10th frame, he left the 3-4-6-7 split and opened. Sterner won, 209-179, but Bailey recorded his highest finish (fourth place) in 39 national tour events.

Sterner quickly became a victim of the challenging scoring environment in the semifinal match, dropping a 214-168 decision to Page, who started with a spare and three strikes, and stayed out of trouble the rest of the game to earn his shot at the title.

The Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Classic was the final tournament in the seven-event PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup series that awarded \$50,000 in bonus prizes to the five points leaders, including \$20,000 to Tackett as the points champion. Tackett came into Coldwater with a nine-point lead in the Storm Cup race, and picked up two more points with his 19th place finish.

As a testament to the difficulty of the event, Tackett had the highest finish among the four players who had a mathematical chance to win the Cup, but the other three failed to gain any ground. Because only the top 20 finishers in each tournament earn Storm Cup points, England's Dom Barrett, who finished 65th; Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., who finished 58th, and Dick Allen of Columbia, S.C., who finished 76th in Coldwater, failed to win a point. Regardless, Barrett held on to second place for a \$10,000 bonus, Kent wound up in a tie with Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., who finished sixth in Coldwater, for third place (\$7,500 each) and Allen earned \$5,000 for fifth place in the points race.

The entire Xtra Frame Tour and Storm Cup series was live streamed on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame.

PBA XTRA FRAME KENN-FELD CLASSIC

Pla-Mor Lanes, Coldwater, Ohio, Sunday

Final Standings:

- 1, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., \$10,000.
- 2, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, \$6,000.
- 3, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., \$3,500.
- 4, Joe Bailey, Wooster, Ohio, \$2,000.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Sterner def. Bailey, 209-179.

Semifinal Match – Page def. Sterner, 214-168.

Championship – Page def. Via, 190-173.

Round of 8 Cashers (after 17 games):

- 1, Via, 3,660.
- 2, Page, 3,520.
- 3, Sterner, 3,478.
- 4, Bailey, 3,476.
- 5, Mason Brantley, Detroit, 3,463, \$1,800.
- 6, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3,456, \$1,500.
- 7, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 3,441, \$1,400.
- 8, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 3,423, \$1,300.

Round of 16 Cashers (did not advance, after 15 games):

- 9, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 3,024, \$1,250.
- 10, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 3,023, \$1,200.
- 11, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 2,997, \$1,150.
- 12, Matthew Staninger, Highland, Ind., 2,992, \$1,100.
- 13, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 2,973, \$1,075.
- 14, Anthony Kennard, Wapakoneta, Ohio, 2,964, \$1,050.
- 15, Frank Snodgrass, Center Line, Mich., 2,927, \$1,025.
- 16, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 2,900, \$1,000.

Cashers Round Cashers (did not advance, after 12 games):

- 17, Carleton Chambers, Detroit, 2,381, \$675.
- 18, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 2,367, \$675.
- 19, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2,366, \$675.
- 20, Chris Arcaro, Carolina Beach, N.C., 2,347, \$675.
- 21, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 2,341, \$650.
- 22, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 2,338, \$650.
- 23, Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 2,330, \$650.
- 24, Michael Clark Jr, Cleveland, Ohio, 2,321, \$650.
- 25, Michael Tang, San Francisco, Calif., 2,316, \$625.
- 26, Dave Wodka, Beavercreek, Ohio, 2,312, \$625.

- 27, Graham Fach, Canada, 2,291, \$625.
- 28, James Hennessey, Adrian, Mich, 2,286, \$625.
- 29, J.R. Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 2,275, \$600.
- 30, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2,272, \$600.
- 31, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 2,265, \$600.
- 32, CJ Kirchner, Herrin, Ill., 2,231, \$600.

PBA XTRA FRAME STORM CUP FINAL STANDINGS

- 1, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 85 points, \$20,000.
- 2, Dom Barrett, England, 74, \$10,000.
- 3 (tie) Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., and Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 69, \$7,500.
- 5, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 68, \$5,000
- 6, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 52.
- 7 (tie), Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., and AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 49.
- 9, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 47.
- 10, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 45

PBA Spare Shots: 2017 PBA Xtra Frame Tour Features 10 Events, 10 Locations, 11 Different Champions

Xtra Frame is today's solution to providing the sport with a traveling PBA Tour with broad appeal. The rapid growth of technology that allows for video streaming provides the ability to transmit live "televised" events via the internet from all corners of the world to all corners of the world, on any day at any time.

The PBA, a frontrunner in using Xtra Frame to cover events and make them available to bowling fans around the world at very little cost, will continue to evolve to serve the interests of its fan base. The nature of video streaming also expands the fan's access to aspects of tournament competition, such as qualifying and match play rounds, that were never available in the past.

In 2017, the PBA's Xtra Frame programming included 10 events in 10 different locations, all covered exclusively from first ball to last. The Xtra Frame Tour produced 11 different champions (including one woman, who received a PWBA title). A quick recap of the events and winners includes:

- DHC PBA Japan Invitational, Bentencho Grand Bowl, Osaka, Japan: **EJ Tackett**.
- Xtra Frame Reality Check Classic, Sawgrass Lanes, Tamarac, Fla.: **Josh Blanchard**.
- Xtra Frame Wilmington Open, Ten Pin Alley Family Fun Center, Wilmington, N.C.: **Anthony Simonsen**.
- Xtra Frame Greater Jonesboro Open, Jonesboro Bowling Center, Jonesboro, Ark.: **Francois Lavoie**.
- Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open, Lubbock, Texas: **Marshall Kent**.
- Xtra Frame Billy Hardwick Memorial Open, Billy Hardwick's All-Star Lanes, Memphis, Tenn.: **Matt Sanders**.
- Xtra Frame Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, Copperfield Bowl, Houston, Texas: **Jason Sterner/Birgit Poppler**.
- Xtra Frame Chesapeake Open, AMF Western Branch, Chesapeake, Va.: **Dick Allen**.
- Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic, Mid-County Bowling & Entertainment, Middletown, Del.: **Sean Rash**.
- Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic, Pla-Mor Lane, Coldwater, Ohio: **Rhino Page**.

Seven of the 10 events listed were part of the inaugural Xtra Frame Storm Cup points series, which provided players with more than \$411,000 in prize money plus the added incentive to compete for another \$50,000 in bonus prize money based upon consistency of performance throughout the season. DHC Japan (an invitational event), Hardwick Memorial (a restricted-equipment event) and Mixed Doubles (an event involving partners) were not part of the Storm Cup due to their unique variations, but they were important parts of the Xtra Frame program.

As a group, all of the XF Tour events all offered at least \$10,000 in first prize money and collectively, they provided a grand total of \$750,000 in prize money to PBA Tour players that otherwise may not have existed. The Xtra Frame Tour also created an opportunity for a special points competition – the PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup – which led to \$50,000 in bonus prize money including a \$20,000 prize to points champion **EJ Tackett (feature photo)**.

JASON BELMONTE MOVES INTO ELITE TERRITORY WITH 15TH CAREER TITLE

By winning his 15th PBA Tour title in the PBA International-World Bowling Tour Storm Lucky Larsen Masters Sunday in Malmo, Sweden, Australia's **Jason Belmonte** have moved into a higher tier among PBA's elite.

With 15 titles, Belmonte is now tied with **Steve Cook** for 23rd place on the all-time titles list. Next on the list is **Jason Couch** with 16, **Carmen Salvino** with 17 and a logjam of bowlers with 18 career titles, including **Chris Barnes, Nelson Burton Jr., Dave Davis, Billy Hardwick, Tommy Jones** and **Dave Soutar**, all of whom are tied for 15th place on the all-time list.

Among active PBA players, Belmonte is eighth behind **Walter Ray Williams Jr. (47), Norm Duke (38), Pete Weber (37), Parker Bohn III (35), Amleto Monacelli (20)**, Barnes and Jones (18 each).

PBA'S NEWEST CHAMPION JOINS BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS "BIG CHAMPIONS" PROGRAM

PBA rookie **Matt Sanders**, a 23-year-old two-time All-American at Marian University-Indiana and the PBA Tour's newest first-time title winner, will become the first PBA member to join Big Brothers Big Sisters' "Big Champions" program on Friday.

Sanders, who won the PBA Xtra Frame Billy Hardwick Memorial plastic ball title in Memphis in late June, will become a "celebrity ambassador" for the nationally-famous youth organization that provides mentoring for young people in need of adult guidance. Sanders, the first PBA member to sign on as a Big Champion, will join a group including actor Jamie Foxx, Pittsburgh Steelers star Antonio Brown, singer/songwriters Letoya Lockett and Eric Hutchinson, and actor and former Little Brother Ryan Potter, among others, who will work to create awareness for the organization as well as assisting in fundraising and recruitment.

Sanders noted he will specifically try to assist Big Brothers Big Sisters with its Bowl for Kids' Sake program. For more information about the Big Champions project, visit: <http://www.bbbs.org/big-champions/>

MARSHALL KENT RETAINS LEAD IN TIGHT WORLD BOWLING TOUR POINTS RACE

Thanks in part to his win in the PBA Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Oklahoma Open in early July, **Marshall Kent (at left)** of Yakima, Wash., has retained a modest lead in the 2017 World Bowling Tour men's points race heading into the WBT Thailand in Bangkok Sept. 30-Oct. 6, followed by the PBA World Championship at the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Reno Properties, in early November in Reno.

The PBA World Championship will be the final qualifying event for the 2017 WBT Men's and Women's Finals, presented by the PBA, that will be conducted on Nov. 19 as the concluding event to WSOB IX. The WBT Finals will include the top three men and top three women based on 2017 points, bowling for \$20,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000 in prize money.

Following the PBA International-WBT Storm Lucky Larsen Masters in Malmo, Sweden, last weekend, Kent continued to lead the men's standings with 273 points, with England's **Dom Barrett** second with 249 points. Both players missed the Malmo event to bowl in the PBA's Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Classic in Coldwater, Ohio, where they were in contention in the PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup points race as well.

Currently third in WBT men's points is Sweden's Martin Larsen with 227 points followed by Malmo winner **Jason Belmonte** of Australia (220), **Anthony Simonsen** of Austin, Texas (216), **EJ Tackett** of Huntington, Ind. (203) and **Jesper Svensson** of Sweden (190). England's **Stuart Williams** (188), Denmark's **Thomas Larsen** (177) and **Sean Rash** of Montgomery, Ill. (172) round out the men's top 10.

The women's points leaders included **Danielle McEwan** (445), **Liz Johnson** (230), **Anggie Ramirez** (228), **Shayna Ng** (186) and **Liz Kuhlkin** (176).

XTRA FRAME FEATURES SMITHFIELD PWBA TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Xtra Frame, PBA's exclusive online video streaming service, will focus on coverage of the Smithfield PWBA Tour Championship over the Labor Day weekend. Xtra Frame will cover the preliminary best-of-five-game elimination matches of PWBA's end-of-season tournament Monday and Tuesday from Richmond Raceway in Richmond, Va.

Xtra Frame's coverage will begin on Labor Day at noon (EDT) with matches featuring **Maria Jose Rodriquez** vs. **Missy Parkin**, and **Shannon O'Keefe** vs. **Birgit Poppler**. At 3 p.m., **Shannon Pluhowsky** will meet **Sin Li Jane**, and **Rocio Restrepo** will bowl **Stefanie Johnson**. Monday's coverage concludes at 6 p.m. with **Clara Guerrero** vs. **Siti Rahman** and **Daria Pajak** vs. **Verity Crowley**.

Tuesday's schedule includes **Danielle McEwan** vs. the Rodriguez-Parkin winner in match 7 and the O'Keefe-Poppler winner vs. the Pluhowsky-Sin winner in match 8 at noon followed by the Restrepo-Johnson winner meeting the Guerrero-Rahman winner in match 9, and the Pajak-Crawley winner facing **Diana Zavjalova** in match 10 at 3 p.m. The quarterfinal round at 6 p.m. will feature the match 7 and 8 winners and the match 9 and 10 winners.

The two survivors will advance to the live CBS Sports Network finals on Wednesday at 8 p.m. EDT where they'll join semifinalists **Liz Johnson** and **Kelly Kulick** for showdown matches leading into the championship match.

Also making its Xtra Frame debut this week is an Xtra Frame Player Perspective feature in which England's **Dom Barrett** discusses his emotional 2013 PBA World Championship victory over America's **Sean Rash** at the South Point Exhibition Hall in Las Vegas.

To sign up for an Xtra Frame subscription, visit xtraframe.tv.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: TONY REYES MEMORIAL DOUBLES SET FOR LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Kicking off the September PBA Regional schedule will be the PBA60 Wilson & Sons Super Senior Open presented by the Mooresville Convention and Visitors Bureau Saturday and Sunday at George Pappas' Victory Lanes in Mooresville, N.C., followed immediately by the PBA50 Samuel Adams South Open presented by the Mooresville Convention and Visitors Bureau at George Pappas' Victory Lanes in Mooresville, N.C.

The Labor Day weekend calendar of PBA Regional action also includes the PBA50 Strike Zone Open presented by Track in Pottsville, Pa.; the Tony Reyes Memorial Member/Non-Member Doubles at Fourth Street Bowl in San Jose, Calif.; the Illinois Valley Midwest Open at IV Super Bowl in Peru, Ill., and the DHC Japan PBA Doubles Open, Japan Cheetah Masters and Japan Cheetah Queens at Nagoya Grand Bowl in Nagoya, Japan.

- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the “schedules” tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow “live scoring” for all PBA Regional events on pba.com (easily accessible for Apple device users using the new PBA app).

QUICK NOTES

- The PBA has advised that fewer than 80 spots remain available to members wanting to enter the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX in Reno, Nov. 7-19. Players must confirm a lodging reservation at one of presenting sponsor Eldorado Reno Properties’ facilities (Silver Legacy, Eldorado or Circus Circus) at the time of entry. To enter online, PBA members can use this link: <https://secure.pba.com/Store/catalog/world-series-of-bowling,25.htm>
- The United States Bowling Congress has announced the 2018 USBC Masters, a major on the PBA Tour schedule, will be held at the Oncenter Convention Center in Syracuse, N.Y., April 8-15. It will be the first time the Masters has been a part of the USBC Open Championship since 2011. **Jason Belmonte** is the defending champion.

PBA Tournament of Champions to Return to Historic AMF Riviera Lanes in Akron in 2018

CHICAGO – The Professional Bowlers Association will return to historic AMF Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio, for the 2018 PBA Tournament of Champions, February 5-11, as part of the organization’s 60th anniversary celebration, PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark announced today.

Riviera Lanes, the home of PBA’s TOC from 1966 through 1994, provided the setting for many of the most memorable tournaments in PBA history. The 40-lane center in suburban Akron hosted the Tournament of Champions for 28 years, with Norm Duke winning Riviera’s final event.

Akron also was the home of PBA headquarters from its founding in 1958 through 2000.

“As the PBA makes plans to celebrate its 60th anniversary, returning to one of the most famous settings for PBA competition was more than a goal. It was a dream come true,” Clark said. “We greatly appreciate Bowlmor AMF’s support in making our return to Riviera Lanes possible.”

Among the expected field of 96 PBA champions will be defending champion EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., who was not quite 2 years old when Riviera last hosted the TOC. He will be among the national tour title holders who will have first option to enter the event. PBA50 and regional winners will be given the opportunity to fill any vacancies. Entry details will be announced later.

"We are thrilled to be hosting the 2018 Tournament of Champions at our iconic AMF Riviera Lanes. It is an honor to be a part of this historic event and we look forward to seeing it played out at the venue where the Firestone PBA Tournament of Champions began," said Colie Edison, Chief Customer Officer for Bowlmor AMF, the owner of the Riviera Lanes.

The first PBA Tournament of Champions was held in Indianapolis in 1962, but was discontinued until 1965 when it returned as the Firestone PBA Tournament of Champions, in the first year of PBA's long-standing "Pro Bowlers Tour" series on ABC-TV. The 1965 event was the first nationally-televised sports event to include a corporate sponsor as part of its title, launching what has since become a multi-billion-dollar sports marketing industry.

The 2018 PBA Tournament of Champions will conclude on Sunday, Feb. 11, with the live ESPN stepladder finals. Additional information about the event will be announced soon.

Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis to Host GoBowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic, PBA HOF Ceremonies

CHICAGO – Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis, the only bowling center in America that has hosted every Professional Bowlers Association major championship tournament over the years, has been selected as the site for a new event that will celebrate the organization's 60-year history: the GoBowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic.

The new tournament, which will be open to all PBA members, will be held between Tuesday, Feb. 13, and Sunday, Feb. 18, when ESPN will televise the stepladder finals live at 1 p.m. EDT. As part of the festive week, the PBA's 60th Anniversary Celebration Dinner will include its 2018 PBA Hall of Fame induction ceremonies on Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Marriott North in Indianapolis.

The GoBowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic is the second leg of "Big February" portion of the 2018 GoBowling! PBA Tour schedule that includes two major events concluding with live coverage on ESPN: the return of the PBA Tournament of Champions to long-time host AMF Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio, Feb. 6-11, and the Barbasol PBA Players Championship at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl in Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 21-25. February's ESPN schedule will also include a special Super Bowl Sunday presentation, the CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational, and the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship that will be held in conjunction with the Players Championship in Columbus.

“Woodland Bowl has been the scene of many of the PBA’s most historic moments,” said PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark. “As we began planning for our 60th anniversary celebration, we wanted to bring it to a location that has been important to the PBA throughout its 60-year history.”

Woodland Bowl is the only bowling center to host every PBA major championship, at one time or another. The 70-lane center on Indianapolis’ north side has hosted the PBA Tournament of Champions, PBA Touring Players Championship, U.S. Open, USBC Masters and PBA World Championship.

“We are honored at Royal Pin Entertainment to have our Woodland location chosen to host this very meaningful event,” said Jim Doty, Royal Pin Entertainment’s General Manager. “Our long association with the Professional Bowlers Association has been a labor of love that brings back memories of past events that include many hall of fame members who have competed at our Woodland Bowl location. We sincerely thank the PBA for honoring us to serve as the host center for the GoBowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic.”

Additional details about the GoBowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic and the PBA 60th Anniversary Celebration Dinner will be announced later.

PBA Spare Shots: PBA Members, Tournament Hosts Survive the Worst of Hurricane Harvey

A number of PBA members, from regional players to PBA Hall of Famers, faced the consequences of Hurricane Harvey in the Houston and eastern Texas coastline in recent weeks. For the most part, bowlers and others with PBA connections survived the catastrophic storm in relatively good shape, as detailed in an in-depth report by Bowlers Journal International editor Gianmarc Manzione.

Among those Manzione talked with were PBA Hall of Famer David Ozio, DJ Archer, Steve Wunderlich, twin brothers Pete and Paul McCordic, and Dallas area resident Conner Pickford who just wants to help.

For Manzione’s full story, click here: <http://www.bowlersjournal.com/hurricane-harvey-a-sobering-experience-for-texas-bowling-community/>

In addition, PBA Hall of Famer Mark Williams was able to re-open his bowling center in Beaumont, to give people something to do, and PBA Southwest Region Player of the Year Shawn Maldonado said he was on dry ground.

Among the thousands of people offering assistance was newly-signed Houston Rocket and noted PBA friend Chris Paul, who donated \$75,000 to help victims.

PBA followers are encouraged to follow PBA's Facebook page for updates related to Hurricane Harvey as well as Hurricane Irma and wildfires that are impacting the Pacific Coast region.

HURRICANE IRMA FORCES POSTPONEMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA REGIONALS

The PBA South Region has postponed the PBA and PBA-PWBA Fayetteville South Open doubleheader scheduled for Fayetteville Lanes in LaFayette, N.C., this weekend due to the anticipated arrival of Hurricane Irma along the Atlantic Coast. PBA South Region Manager Sam Zurich said discussions regarding re-scheduling will take place after the threat of the hurricane is over.

PBA, HOTELPLANNER.COM RENEW "OFFICIAL HOTEL BOOKING AGENT" AGREEMENT

HotelPlanner.com, the leading provider of online services to the global group hotel sales market, has renewed its relationship as an Official Hotel Booking Agent of the PBA for the 2018 season.

HotelPlanner.com will continue to work directly with the PBA to provide players, coaches, family, and fans convenient online room reservations the organization's tournaments, including PBA Tour, PBA-World Bowling International Tour, PBA50 Tour, PBA Regional Tour and the PBA-PWBA Women's Regional Tour events. As part of its sponsorship, HotelPlanner.com awards a monthly \$200 gift certificate for future lodging expenses to an individual who books a room through HotelPlanner.com's link on pba.com.

"We're proud to renew our partnership for the 2018 season as an official hotel booking agent and sponsor of the PBA," said Tim Hentschel, co-founder and CEO of HotelPlanner.com. "HotelPlanner looks forward to providing quality hotels, great rates, and exceptional customer service for PBA's tournament sports travel for its members and fans.

“The PBA and HotelPlanner.com have enjoyed a strong partnership and we are pleased to announce it will continue. Our traveling staff, players and fans love to utilize HotelPlanner.com’s efficient services,” said Tom Clark, PBA CEO and Commissioner.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: HAGGERTY, DICKEY WIN TONY REYES MEMORIAL DOUBLES

PJ Haggerty of Roseville, Calif. and his non-member partner, Dupree Dickey of Oakland, Calif., posted an 8-2 match play record and a combined 18-game total of 8,398 pins Sunday to win the PBA Tony Reyes Memorial Member/Non-Member Doubles at 4th Street Bowl in San Jose, Calif.

Haggerty and Dickey defeated Darren Tang of San Francisco and non-member Zack Hattori of Las Vegas who had a 4-6 match play record and 8,387 pins. Haggerty and Dickey shared the \$4,000 first prize.

The Tony Reyes Memorial is named in honor of the late PBA Tour champion who died in 2012. The PBA’s Community Service Award is also named after Reyes.

- Mike Hastings of Millsboro, Del. defeated John Conroy of Mahopac, N.Y., 220-201, to win the PBA50 Strike Zone Open presented by Track at the Strike Zone Alleys in Pottsville, Pa., Sunday for his second PBA50 Regional title.

Hastings, a veteran of 116 PBA50 Regional events, bowled a clean game in the championship round while Conroy could not overcome a split in the middle of the final game. For Hastings, the win came seven years after winning his first title in Martinsville, Va., in 2010. He earned \$1,500 along with his title.

Hastings defeated Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., 216-140, and Conroy defeated Ray Edwards of Middle Island, N.Y., 200-190, in the semifinal round.

- AJ Johnson of Owego, Ill., celebrated his 25th birthday by defeating Kyle Sherman of O’Fallon, Mo., 253-237, to win the PBA Illinois Valley Midwest Open at Super Bowl in Peru, Ill., Sunday for his third consecutive PBA Midwest Region title.

Johnson, who now has four career PBA Regional titles, also earned \$1,700.

Sherman defeated Nathan Michalowski of Burlington, Wis., 218-141, to advance to the championship match. In the first stepladder match, Michalowski edged Steve Taylor of Deer Creek, Ill., 185-183.

- September's PBA Regional calendar continues over the Sept. 8-10 weekend with the PBA50 Towne Bowling Academy Open in Schenectady, N.Y.; the PBA Autism Awareness Central Open presented by K&R Mower Derby at Astro Lanes in Wapakoneta, Ohio; the Grand Hotel Casino & Resort Southwest Invitational at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla.; the PBA and PBA-PWBA Diamond Jo Casino Championships at Cherry Lanes in Dubuque, Iowa, and the Aquimo West Open presented by Columbia 300 at Mesa East Bowl in Mesa, Ariz.

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QUICK NOTES

- Gavin O'Neill has a baby sister. Bill and Christi O'Neill became parents of Avery Lynn O'Neill on Monday. Avery arrived at 7 pounds, four ounces...and 19.5 inches.

- William Smith of Hampton, Va., receives a new high-performance MOTIV ball; James Tagalos of Rhinelander, Wis., wins a new Brunswick ball, and Tiffany China of Leesville, La., is the lucky winner of a new high-performance ball from DV8 as August sweepstakes prizes for subscribing to Xtra Frame. The monthly sweepstakes is sponsored by the respective PBA Product Registered partners. Monthly winners are selected from among new Xtra Frame subscribers, who are automatically entered when they enroll as a monthly or Xtra Frame Season Ticket (full year) subscriber.

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Ted Staikoff of Black Hawk, S.D., a competitor on the PBA50 Tour for 20 seasons, was selected by his fellow competitors as the winner of the 2017 PBA50 Dick Weber Sportsmanship Award.

“When John (PBA50 Tour Director John Weber) called to tell me I won the award, I said, are you kidding?,” a surprised Staikoff said. “It’s quite an honor to receive an award with that name on it—probably the top honor of my career.”

Staikoff, who will turn 70 in November, is still competitive on the tour for players 50 and older. In 2017, he had a best finish of 11th in the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open, matching his previous best finish in a major (2007 Senior U.S. Open). His career-best finish overall is fourth which he accomplished twice in 2004.

Ted Staikoff - Copy - Copy “I feel like I’m bowling better now than when I was younger,” said Staikoff, who is a retired lieutenant colonel in the South Dakota Army National Guard. “What makes it special for me is to see the great young bowlers – or young-old bowlers as I call them – come out to bowl on the senior tour and then have the opportunity to bowl against them.”

Staikoff got off to a slow start this season with finishes of 110th and 130th in the first two tournaments but thanks to some help from fellow competitors Bob Learn Jr. and Tom Carter, was able to turn his season around.

“Another thing that makes it so enjoyable to bowl out here is the help you get from the other guys,” he said. “Bob and Tom noticed that I needed to get the ball down on the lane sooner and stop muscling the ball. They found a problem with my arm swing and worked with me to correct it, and as a result I had some better finishes later in the season.”

In addition to his 11th-place Senior U.S. Open finish, Staikoff also finished 14th in the PBA50 South Shore Open in Hammond, Ind. He also finished 11th in the Super Senior Classic for players 60 and older.

“As long as I’m competitive I’ll keep going,” said the two-time PBA50 regional winner. “It’s an opportunity to bowl against some great bowlers and make a lot of friends along the way and you can’t ask for much more than that.”

The Dick Weber Sportsmanship Award is named after the late PBA Hall of Fame legend, who won 30 PBA Tour and six PBA50 Tour titles among his many accomplishments in the sport.

History of PBA50 Dick Weber Sportsmanship Award Winners

2017 – Ted Staikoff

2016 – Kerry Fulford

2015 - Tom Carter

2014 - Chris Keane

2013 - Robert Harvey

2012 - Dave Soutar

2011 - Ray Randall

2010 - Robert Harvey

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<https://eldoradoreno.reztrip.com/ext/promoRate?property=1079&mode=b&pm=true&sr=242406&vr=3&accessCode=IEPBA17>

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Graham, who turned 50 in August, won \$850 as the runner-up. **Harry Sullins** of Chesterfield Township, Mich., who rolled the only 300 game of the event, trailed Edwards by only 30 pins going into the position round game, but could not overcome the 279-279 match between the two leaders. He finished third and earned \$800.

- Former University of Kansas star **Dylan Burns** from Lawrence, Kan., defeated 17-year old **Trey Ford III** of Bartlesville, Okla., 205-167, to win the fourth annual PBA Grand Casino Resort & Hotel Southwest Invitational at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla., Sunday.

Burns, who won the 2014 PBA Lakewood Southwest Open as an amateur, earned his first PBA Regional title by avoiding open frames to topple the Oklahoma teenager to claim the \$4,000 winner's check.

After 12 games of qualifying, both Burns and Ford had long roads to the final match. Neither earned any byes in the elimination finals as Burns qualified 11th and Ford slipped into the finals with a 257 in his final game to grab the last spot in the 16-man finals. Burns started his road to victory by edging **Brett Cooper** of Fort Worth, Texas, 2-1 in the best-of-three-game Round of 16. He then defeated **Anthony Lavery-Spahr** of Pasadena, Texas; **Sean Lavery-Spahr**, also of Pasadena, and **Mike Bailey** from Irving, Texas, in his ensuing single-elimination matches.

Ford, who began bowling in PBA competition as a 13-year-old amateur, advanced to the finals with elimination match wins over **Andy Patterson** of Tyler, Texas; **Beau Peterson** from Newton, Kan.; fellow two-hander **Shawn Maldonado** of Houston, and **Devin Bidwell** of Wichita, Kan., before Burns ended his bid for his first PBA title. Ford, who joined the PBA in 2016 at age 16, earned \$2,500 for second place.

As part of the tournament weekend, Dallas native **Chris Warren** of Grants Pass, Ore., and South Plains Lanes general manager/proprietor **Jimmy (Jimbo) Evans** of Lubbock, Texas, were inducted into the PBA Southwest Region Hall of Fame.

- **Chris Loschetter** of Avon, Ohio defeated **Ryan Ciminelli** of Cheektowaga, N.Y. by 130 pins to win the PBA Autism Awareness Central Open presented by K&R Mower Derby at Astro Lanes in Wapakoneta, Ohio, Sunday.

Loschetter finished with a 10-2 match play record and a total of 5,120 pins for 20 games, including match play bonus pins, to win the \$3,300 first place prize and his 14th PBA Regional title.

- Amateur **Russ Oviatt** defeated **Jakob Butturff**, 250-239, in a battle of Tempe, Ariz., bowlers to win the PBA West Aquimo Open presented by Columbia 300 at Mesa East Bowl in Mesa, Ariz., Sunday.

Oviatt, who earned \$2,500 for his win, does not receive credit as a regional champion because he isn't a PBA member. He defeated **Josh Blanchard** of Mesa, 212-187, to set up the title match after Blanchard eliminated **Ronnie Russell** of Marion, Ind., 184-156, in the opening match of the stepladder finals.

- **Nick Kruml** of Downers Grove, Ill., defeated **Mitch Beasley** of Clarksville, Tenn., 245-147, to win the PBA Diamond Jo Midwest Open at Cherry Lanes Sunday in Dubuque, Iowa. Kruml, a PBA rookie, won his first PBA title along with the \$1,800 first prize.

Beasley defeated amateur **Collin Smith** of Huron, S.D., 210-204, to advance to the championship match. In the first stepladder match, Beasley edged another amateur, **Bryan Hahlen** of Greenwood, S.C., 235-171.

In the PBA-PWBA segment of the tournament, **Jodi Gawlik** of Schaumburg posted an eight-game total of 1,697 pins to defeat **Nichole DePaul-Miller** of Plano, Ill., by 98 pins for the \$1,200 first prize.

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- As a tribute to his grandfather, PBA member **Andy Varipapa II** of Brookeville, Md., has created a comprehensive website (www.andyvaripapa.com) that chronicles the life of the legendary showman and trick shot artist from the 1930s until his death in 1984 at age 93. Although Varipapa was 68 when the PBA was founded, his passion for the organization and the sport is clearly outlined in his grandson's extensive collection of

articles, photos, testimonials and more. A lengthy interview with Varipapa II, conducted during the 2016 PBA Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic is included in PBA's Xtra Frame archives.

PBA's 60th Anniversary Celebration in 2018 to Include Unveiling of 60 Most Memorable Moments

CHICAGO – The Professional Bowlers Association is making plans for a festive anniversary season in 2018, 60 years after a group of 33 of the most famous bowlers in a bygone era met with Akron, Ohio, lawyer Eddie Elias and agreed to support a new professional bowling organization.

As the PBA prepares to celebrate its 60th anniversary with a variety of special tributes, including a new Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic tournament, a 60th Anniversary celebration dinner, the highlight of the 2018 season will be the unveiling of the "60 Most Memorable Moments in PBA History" as a part of the PBA's ESPN television schedule beginning on Feb. 4 and concluding on May 13, 2018.

In preparation for the anniversary season, a panel of PBA historians, veteran bowling writers and long-time PBA Tour competitors are reviewing a list of more than 100 of the PBA's most memorable victories, defeats, triumphs and disappointments, record-setting achievements and headline news stories to come up with a list of the top 60 moments.

The list is formidable, including such moments as:

- The inaugural meeting when the PBA was born;
- PBA's first national telecast
- Don Johnson's historic 299 in the Tournament of Champions...and Jack Biondolillo's first nationally-televised 300 game;
- Mark Roth's unmatched season when he won eight PBA Tour titles;
- Venezuela's Amleto Monacelli becoming PBA's first international hall of famer;
- Earl Anthony breaking the million-dollar barrier in career earnings;
- Walter Ray Williams Jr. breaking Earl Anthony's career titles record;
- Kelly Kulick becoming the first-and-only woman to win a PBA Tour title;
- Pete Weber winning the U.S. Open for the fifth time...

How would you rank these and more than 100 additional moments over a span of 60 years? That's the task many of our sport's most experienced observers have been asked to answer, and fans will be invited to make their selections as well.

There will be a special line of PBA 60th Anniversary merchandise, video highlights of PBA's most memorable moments shared on PBA's YouTube channel as well as Xtra Frame. The PBA 60th Anniversary Dinner and hall of fame ceremonies will air live on Xtra Frame, and components of the historical moments will be built into Concrete Software's PBA Challenge Mobile Game, and more. A special logo has been created to also commemorate the special year in PBA history.

Other special features of the 2018 celebration planning in cooperation with the Go Bowling! PBA Tour in 2018 will be announced later. Throughout the season, the 60th Anniversary celebration will be featured on the PBA Network's comprehensive mass media and social media outlets as well as on PBA's exclusive online video streaming service, Xtra Frame (visit xtraframe.tv for subscription information).

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EJ Tackett Wins PBA Rex & Griffin Bigelow Memorial Central Open

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The win was Tackett's first of the year in the PBA Central Region and his sixth career PBA Regional title. The reigning PBA Player of the Year also earned \$5,000.

Fach downed Chris Via of Springfield, Ohio, 265-247, to advance to the championship match. In the first stepladder match, AJ Johnson of Oswego, Ill., eliminated Matt Sanders of Evansville, Ind., 267-206. In the second match, Via defeated Johnson, 270-245.

Fach earned \$2,500 for second place, Via won \$1,750 for third, Johnson \$1,300 for fourth and Sanders received \$1,000 for fifth place.

The next PBA Central Region event will take place in Florence, Ky., Sept. 22-24.

PBA REX & GRIFFIN BIGELOW MEMORIAL/M & D BLACKTOP/BW3's CENTRAL OPEN

PRESENTED BY HAMMER

Troy Bowl, Troy, Ohio, Sunday

Final Standings:

1, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., \$5,000. 2, Graham Fach, Canada, \$2,500 3, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, \$1,750. 4, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill. \$1,300. 5. Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., \$ 1,000.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Johnson def. Sanders, 267-206. Match Two – Via def. Johnson, 270-245. Semifinal Match – Fach def. Via, 265-247. Championship – Tackett def. Fach, 279-237.

Final Match Play Standings (after 20 games, including match play records; top five advance to stepladder finals):

1, Tackett, 8-4, 4,922. 2, Fach, 7-5, 4,901. 3, Via, 6-6, 4,842. 4, Sanders, 6-6, 4,752. 5, Johnson, 6-6, 4,716. 6, Kelly Jordon, Marion, Ohio, 9-3, 4,691, \$900. 7, Kyle Mayberry, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, 7-5, 4,682, \$850. 8, Lonnie Jones Jr., Ann Harbor, Mich., 7-5, 4,663, \$800.

9, Aaron Lorincz, Center Line, Mich., 6-6, 4,631, \$775. 10, s-Larry Verble, Mason, Mich., 4-8, 4,535, \$760. 11, n-Ric McCormick, Cincinnati, Ohio, 6-6, 4,534, \$750. 12, Sandro Perrino, St. Louis, Mo., 5-7, 4,499, \$740. 13, Matthew Staninger, Highland, Ind., 7-5, 4,492, \$730. 14, Andrew Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 3-9, 4,317, \$720. 15, x-Zachery Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2-3, 4,292, \$375. 16, n-Jeremy Saccone, Southgate, Ky., 4-8, 4,150, \$700.

x-Zachery Tackett replaced Patrick Dombrowski, who withdrew after game 7 of match play.

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Edwards entered the position round finale with a 12-pin lead over Graham. With the 30 bonus pins awarded to the match winner, whoever won the match won the title. Both players started with six strikes before Graham left a 10 pin. Edwards posted a seventh strike before leaving a 4 pin.

Graham, who finished first, struck out to force Edwards to match his effort and split the 30 bonus pins, which he did to finish with an eight-game total of 2,054 pins. The reigning East Region PBA50 Player of the Year won his second title of the season, making him the leading candidate to retain his PBA50 POY title and earn his fifth overall East Region POY award. He also took home the \$1,500 first prize.

Graham, who turned 50 in August, won \$850 as the runner-up. Harry Sullins of Chesterfield Township, Mich., who rolled the only 300 game of the event, trailed Edwards by only 30 pins going into the position round game, but could not overcome the 279-279 match between the two leaders. He finished third and earned \$800.

- Former University of Kansas star Dylan Burns from Lawrence, Kan., defeated 17-year old Trey Ford III of Bartlesville, Okla., 205-167, to win the fourth annual PBA Grand Casino Resort & Hotel Southwest Invitational at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla., Sunday.

Burns, who won the 2014 PBA Lakewood Southwest Open as an amateur, earned his first PBA Regional title by avoiding open frames to topple the Oklahoma teenager to claim the \$4,000 winner's check.

After 12 games of qualifying, both Burns and Ford had long roads to the final match. Neither earned any byes in the elimination finals as Burns qualified 11th and Ford slipped into the finals with a 257 in his final game to grab the last spot in the 16-man finals. Burns started his road to victory by edging Brett Cooper of Fort Worth, Texas, 2-1 in the best-of-three-game Round of 16. He then defeated Anthony Lavery-Spahr of Pasadena, Texas; Sean Lavery-Spahr, also of Pasadena, and Mike Bailey from Irving, Texas, in his ensuing single-elimination matches.

Ford, who began bowling in PBA competition as a 13-year-old amateur, advanced to the finals with elimination match wins over Andy Patterson of Tyler, Texas; Beau Peterson from Newton, Kan.; fellow two-hander Shawn Maldonado of Houston, and Devin Bidwell of Wichita, Kan., before Burns ended his bid for his first PBA title. Ford, who joined the PBA in 2016 at age 16, earned \$2,500 for second place.

As part of the tournament weekend, Dallas native Chris Warren of Grants Pass, Ore., and South Plains Lanes general manager/proprietor Jimmy (Jimbo) Evans of Lubbock, Texas, were inducted into the PBA Southwest Region Hall of Fame.

- Chris Loschetter of Avon, Ohio defeated Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y. by 130 pins to win the PBA Autism Awareness Central Open presented by K&R Mower Derby at Astro Lanes in Wapakoneta, Ohio, Sunday.

Loschetter finished with a 10-2 match play record and a total of 5,120 pins for 20 games, including match play bonus pins, to win the \$3,300 first place prize and his 14th PBA Regional title.

- Amateur Russ Oviatt defeated Jakob Butturff, 250-239, in a battle of Tempe, Ariz., bowlers to win the PBA West Aquimo Open presented by Columbia 300 at Mesa East Bowl in Mesa, Ariz., Sunday.

Oviatt, who earned \$2,500 for his win, does not receive credit as a regional champion because he isn't a PBA member. He defeated Josh Blanchard of Mesa, 212-187, to set up the title match after Blanchard eliminated Ronnie Russell of Marion, Ind., 184-156, in the opening match of the stepladder finals.

- Nick Kruml of Downers Grove, Ill., defeated Mitch Beasley of Clarksville, Tenn., 245-147, to win the PBA Diamond Jo Midwest Open at Cherry Lanes Sunday in Dubuque, Iowa. Kruml, a PBA rookie, won his first PBA title along with the \$1,800 first prize.

Beasley defeated amateur Collin Smith of Huron, S.D., 210-204, to advance to the championship match. In the first stepladder match, Beasley edged another amateur, Bryan Hahlen of Greenwood, S.C., 235-171.

In the PBA-PWBA segment of the tournament, Jodi Gawlik of Schaumburg posted an eight-game total of 1,697 pins to defeat Nichole DePaul-Miller of Plano, Ill., by 98 pins for the \$1,200 first prize.

- September 15-17 PBA Regional events will include the PBA Rex & Griffin Bigelow Memorial/M&D Blacktop/BW3's Central Open presented by Hammer at Troy Bowl in Troy, Ohio; the PBA Century Lanes Hampton South Open in Hampton, Va., and the PBA and PBA50 Ken & Kathy Fowler Auto Centers West/Northwest Opens doubleheader at Yokayo Bowling Center in Ukiah, Calif.

- The PBA Regional calendar for the Sept. 22-24 weekend includes the PBA/PBA50 Millsboro Lanes Doubles in Millsboro, Del.; the Florence Bowling Center Central Open in Florence, Ky.; the PBA50 Rocky Mount South Open at Rocky Mount (Va.) Bowling Center; the Liberal Kansas Southwest Open at Ayr Lanes; the PBA and PBA50 Mockingbird Lanes doubleheader in Omaha, Neb., and the PBA West/Northwest TSI Inc. Open presented by Onsite Express at Paradise Lanes in Tacoma, Wash.

- The PBA Regional schedule for the Sept. 29-Oct. 1 weekend includes the PBA50 Mel Westrich Memorial Central/Midwest Open at Delphos Recreation in Delphos, Ohio; the PBA50 Spartanburg South Open at Paradise Lanes in Spartanburg, S.C., and the Killeen Southwest Open at Hallmark Lanes in Killeen, Texas.

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QUICK NOTES

- Ebonite International has named PBA Tour titlist Dave Wodka as the company's new Global Marketing Manager. Wodka, who owns one PBA Tour and 21 PBA Regional titles, will work closely with the EBI team to drive the company's brands worldwide.
- As a tribute to his grandfather, PBA member Andy Varipapa II of Brookeville, Md., has created a comprehensive website (www.andyvaripapa.com) that chronicles the life of the legendary showman and trick shot artist from the 1930s until his death in 1984 at age 93. Although Varipapa was 68 when the PBA was founded, his passion for the organization and the sport is clearly outlined in his grandson's extensive collection of articles, photos, testimonials and more. A lengthy interview with Varipapa II, conducted during the 2016 PBA Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic is included in PBA's Xtra Frame archives.

PBA Unveils Library of 16 New Lane Oiling Patterns for GoBowling! PBA Tour's 60th Anniversary Season

CHICAGO – The Professional Bowlers Association has announced plans to introduce a newly-revamped library of 16 different lane oiling patterns for the GoBowling! PBA Tour's 60th anniversary season, creating a wide variety of challenges to test player skills at the highest level.

The lane maintenance program, pioneered by the PBA more than 40 years ago, has been reviewed in depth and modified to take into account current technology, PBA Deputy Commissioner Kirk von Krueger said in announcing the new patterns.

Several of the revised patterns will make their debuts during the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Reno Properties, in Reno, Nev., Nov. 7-19. WSOB IX is collectively the opening event of the 2017-18 GoBowling! PBA Tour schedule.

“The new library of lane oiling patterns will include eight animal pattern lane conditions and seven ‘legends’ patterns, three of which will be used as major championship patterns, plus the Chris Paul pattern,” von Krueger added. “Each pattern has specific characteristics including the distance oil is applied down the lane, how it is applied across the lane and the volume of oil applied to each lane.”

Two new named patterns will debut in 2018. The “Dragon” is a 45-foot pattern in the animal pattern library that figures to provide a high level of difficulty for PBA players. And for the first time, the PBA will have an official “house shot” design named in honor of the PBA's long-time celebrity bowling partner, Chris Paul, that is likely to become the PBA's highest-scoring pattern.

The library of lane oiling patterns was designed by PBA Head of Lane Maintenance Sean Parry with the assistance of Brunswick, PBA's Official Lane Maintenance partner. The oiling patterns will be used exclusively throughout the GoBowling! PBA Tour, PBA50 Tour and PBA Regional program's 2018 seasons. Illustrations of the 16 revamped oiling patterns along with more detailed information can be found on [pba.com](https://www.pba.com/OilPatterns) under the Lanes and Equipment tab (<https://www.pba.com/OilPatterns>). Each pattern's name will be followed by a number indicating the length of the pattern in feet as it will be applied on a 60-foot lane.

The new Cheetah 33, Chameleon 39, Scorpion 42, Shark 45 and Earl Anthony 42 patterns will debut at the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX presented by Eldorado Reno Properties in Reno in November. The Go Bowling! PBA Tour's 2018 Big February events will feature the Don Johnson 40 pattern at the PBA Tournament of Champions in Akron; the Carmen Salvino 44 at the Barbasol PBA Players Championship in Columbus, Ohio, and the Dick Weber 45 at the Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic in Indianapolis. The Mark Roth 42 will be used for the Roth/Holman PBA Doubles Championship in Columbus and for the PBA League competition in Portland, Maine.

In addition to the new Dragon 45, the oil pattern library also will include the Wolf 33, Viper 36, Bear 39, Johnny Petraglia 36 and Don Carter 39 patterns. The Badger 52 will be removed temporarily from the rotation. Plans for the use of these patterns will be announced later.

"For decades, the PBA lane maintenance program has helped define the greatest players in the sport of bowling," said PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark. "This revised menu of oil patterns and the strategy of their release and implementation is in line with our core values, including integrity, complete transparency and recognizing both challenges and opportunities advanced technology presents. Most of all, we are proud of these diverse conditions that will demand a combination of player skills.

"Along with the distinct characteristics of the bowling centers and lane beds where the PBA conducts competition, these patterns will be a platform for champions while entertaining and educating fans."

In addition to providing physical definitions of oiling patterns, the PBA uses visible blue oil on most telecasts, allowing fans to see the oil pattern and how the pattern changed during competition, providing another layer of education to the sport's challenges.

"The PBA recognizes that every oiling pattern will present a different challenge depending upon the type of lane surface, weather conditions, the viscosity of lane conditioning oil and other factors," von Krueger said. "Every condition is also subject to change due to bowling ball traffic during competition which moves the oil around.

“But defining the physical aspects of each pattern is a valuable tool for players, tournament hosts and fans. Solving those characteristics is the challenge that makes bowling such a great sport.”

PBA Spare Shots: Ever Wonder Why Winning a PBA Title is Such a Precious Accomplishment?

As the Professional Bowlers Association prepares for its 60th anniversary season in 2018, it would be interesting to know exactly how many bowlers have held PBA membership since its formation in 1958. But keeping track of information like that in the pre-computer era of the '50s was rather difficult, so accurate membership data from the early years isn't available.

An educated guess is more than 10,000 bowlers have been PBA members at one time or another. But what the PBA did track was many of its more important statistics, like who won a title...or two...or 47, which gives perspective to that 10,000-plus estimate.

A quick trip through some of the PBA title stats reveals some interesting trivia, such as:

- As of September 1, 345 different players had won at least one PBA Tour title.
- Exactly 51 players have won 10 or more titles.
- Of the 345 individuals who have won PBA Tour titles, 124 (35.9%) have won one title.

- 54 players (15.6%) are in the group of two-time title winners who invariably said the second title proved the first one wasn't just luck.
- We didn't ask them, but the 36 players who have won three PBA Tour titles would likely agree with the two-time winners.
- So that begs the question, how precious do you think PBA titles are to the 132 players who have won four or more titles?
- A lot of bowling experts thought Earl Anthony's record of 41 PBA Tour titles (later upgraded to 43 when his two USBC Masters titles were recognized) was untouchable. So do you think Walter Ray Williams Jr.'s record 47 titles will ever be broken?
- 100% of all PBA title winners will tell you that you can't win a title simply "by luck," regardless of how many players were in the field or how many games you had to bowl.
- Beyond the PBA Tour, thousands of PBA members also have participated in the PBA Regional program since the inaugural National Resident Pro Championship in 1969. Over the years 573 different players have won at least one PBA Regional title...and as of September 25, the PBA has awarded a grand total of 6,318 titles in regional competition. Scientifically speaking, that's a lot of regional titles.

PBA history is filled with enlightening "firsts" and unusual feats. For example, did you know Roy Lown of Baltimore was not only the first left-hander to win a PBA Tour title (his only Tour title), but he won it in the first televised PBA Tour finals, the 1961 PBA National Invitational in Paramus, N.J. It wasn't national television, but it WAS televised.

And that's how legends and legacies begin – with stats and figures and notes about unique accomplishments.

As the PBA prepares to celebrate its 60th anniversary, it remains true that every PBA Tour title has been precious, the ultimate prize in a bowler's life, and every title has a story behind it. In 2018, the PBA is going to re-live a lot of those precious memories through a special "60 Most Memorable Moments in PBA History" review. Watch for it.

PLAYERS FROM FRANCE, MONGOLIA HELP WSOB IX SET INTERNATIONAL RECORD

The GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Reno Properties, will have the most international representation in the program's history when it gets underway Nov. 7 at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno.

The first event under the Go Bowling! PBA Tour umbrella sponsorship package will have at least 27 countries in the sold-out field, thanks to first-time entries from France and Mongolia. South Korea also is a new addition to the field, which now includes players from Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, Ecuador, England, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Latvia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Puerto Rico, South Africa, South Korea, Sweden, Thailand and Venezuela as well as the United States. The previous record for international representation in the WSOB was 23 countries in 2016.

XTRA FRAME'S PBA PLAYER'S PERSPECTIVE VISITS WITH CANADA'S GRAHAM FACH

Bowling in only his second professional tournament, 24-year-old rookie Graham Fach of Guelph, Ontario, defeated PBA veteran Ryan Ciminelli to win the 2016 Barbasol PBA Players Championship at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl in Columbus, Ohio. Fach discusses becoming the first Canadian to win a PBA Tour title in the newest edition of PBA Player's Perspective, a special feature on PBA's Xtra Frame.

Two more Player's Perspective features are set to debut on Xtra Frame in the month of October. On October 6, Sean Rash will share his thoughts on his win over Jason Belmonte in the 2016 PBA Detroit Open. Then, on October 14, Francois Lavoie will take viewers through his 300 game in the 2016 U.S. Open. Xtra Frame subscription packages are offered for seven days, a full month or a 12-month Xtra Frame Season Ticket. Visit xtraframe.com for details on how to enroll.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: BOHR EXTENDS REGIONAL TITLE STREAK TO 11 YEARS

PBA Southwest Region Hall of Famer Nathan Bohr from Austin, Texas, won six of his eight matches to overtake qualifying leader Anthony Lavery-Spahr of Pasadena, Texas, and claim his 23rd PBA Regional title in the inaugural PBA Liberal Kansas Southwest Open Sunday at Ayre Lanes.

Bohr not only earned \$4,000, but also stretched his personal record for winning at least one PBA Regional title to 11 consecutive years.

Bohr trailed Lavery-Spahr until the sixth game of the eight-game modified round-robin match play finals when he defeated Brad Miller of Maryland Heights, Mo., 269-216, while Lavery-Spahr suffered a disastrous 256-146 loss to Canada's Francois Lavoie. Taking a 42-pin lead going into position round against Lavery-Spahr, Bohr won the decisive match, 254-200, to claim the title, while collegiate bowler Cortez Schenck from Phoenix defeated Mark Scroggins of Canyon, Texas, 203-160, to move into second place. Bohr finished the event with a 21-game total of 5,018 pins, including match play bonus pins, for a 93-pin margin of victory over Schenck.

- PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., defeated Lee Brosius of Ashburn, Va., 240-138, 239-245, 246-244, in the best-of-three-game title match to win his 104th PBA title in the PBA50 PlyGems Windows Rocky Mount South Open at Rocky Mount Bowling Center in Rocky Mount, Va., Sunday.

Williams, the PBA's all-time leading champion, won a \$1,800 prize. His composite PBA titles total includes PBA Tour, PBA Regional, PBA50 Tour and PBA50 Regional victories.

In the best-of-three semifinal round, Williams defeated top qualifier Chuck Walker of Blaine, Tenn., 226-222, 255-267, 258-216 while Brosius rallied to edged Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio, 200-207, 244-176, 199-182.

- Chris Loschetter of Avon, Ohio defeated Matt Ogle of Louisville, Ky. by 62 pins Sunday to win the PBA Florence Bowling Center Central Open in Florence, Ky.

Loschetter finished with a 7-3 match play record and a total of 4,200 pins for 18 games, including match play bonus pins, to win the \$2,000 first prize and his 15th career regional title.

- John Conroy of Mahopac, N.Y. and partner Alex Cavagnaro of Massapequa, N.Y., defeated Ray Edwards of Middle Island, N.Y. and Matt O’Grady of Rahway, N.J., 447-432, 402-471, 436-427, in the best-of-three-game title match to win the PBA/PBA50 Millsboro Lanes Doubles title Sunday at Millsboro Lanes in Millsboro, Del.

Cavagnaro, bowling anchor, needed a double in the final frame for the title. After struggling earlier on the right lane, he made a ball change in the eighth frame which allowed him to throw the clinching double in the 10th. The title was the second for each bowler, who also earned \$2,000 each.

In the best-of-three semifinal round, Conroy and Cavagnaro defeated Tony Reynaud of Harwinton, Conn. and Anthony Pepe of Elmhurst, N.Y., 2-0, while Edwards and O’Grady defeated the father/son team of Steve Pavlinko Sr. and Jr. of Sewell, N.J., 2-0.

- Tom Hess of Urbandale, Iowa, defeated amateur Rick Miller of Lincoln, Neb., by 93 pins over a span of 13 games to win the PBA Mockingbird Lanes Midwest Open in Omaha, Neb., Sunday.

In picking up his 10th career title, Hess won five of his six matches and posted a 3,044 pinfall total to top Miller’s 2,951 total to earn \$1,800.

Scott Merritt of Iowa City, Iowa, defeated Jim Knoblauch of Waukesha, Wis., 2,990-2,981, to win the companion PBA50 Mockingbird Lanes Midwest Open. Merritt, a PBA50 rookie, earned his second title of the year plus the \$1,500 first prize.

- Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., posted a 5-5 match play record and knocked down 4,749 pins Sunday to win his 12th career regional title and second in a row in the PBA Northwest/West TSI Inc. Open at Paradise Lanes in Tacoma, Wash.

Butturff, who earned \$2,000, defeated David Haynes of Las Vegas, by 73 pins for the title. Haynes had a 7-2-1 match play record and 4,676 total pins for his 18 games including match play bonus pins.

In the companion PBA50 Open, Hugh Miller of Mercer Island, Wash., went 7-1 and knocked down 3,861 total pins for 16 games to top Kevin Croucher of Grants Pass, Ore., by 44 pins for his eighth PBA50 West Region title. Croucher had a 5-3 match play record and a total of 3,817 pins.

- Steve Arehart won his second PBA title near his hometown on Sunday, Sept. 17, defeating PBA Tour titlist Dick Allen of Columbia, S.C., 246-140, to win the \$2,300 first prize in the second annual PBA Century Lanes Hampton South Open in Hampton, Va.

Arehart, from nearby Chesapeake, was the top qualifier for the stepladder finals in leading the event from wire to wire. In the first stepladder match Allen defeated Chris Arcaro of Carolina Beach, N.C. 210-205. Allen then eliminated Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C., 230-185, in the semifinal match.

- The PBA Regional schedule for the Sept. 29-Oct. 1 weekend includes the PBA50 Mel Westrich Memorial Central/Midwest Open at Delphos Recreation in Delphos, Ohio; the PBA50 Spartanburg South Open at Paradise Lanes in Spartanburg, S.C., and the Killeen Southwest Open at Hallmark Lanes in Killeen, Texas.

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QUICK NOTES

- PBA star Chris Barnes and his PWBA champion wife Lynda will host their 13th annual Barnes Thanksgiving Classic youth scholarship tournament Nov. 24-26 at Plano Super Bowl in Plano, Texas. There will be scratch and handicap divisions, and a 13 & Under Division. For more information, visit the Barnes Thanksgiving Classic Facebook page.

PBA League Returns to Portland, Maine for Season Six

CHICAGO – The Professional Bowlers Association’s PBA League will return to Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, in April where the most fun-loving, raucous fans in bowling will help celebrate PBA League season six, closing out the ESPN portion of the inaugural Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule with four consecutive Sunday telecasts, including the PBA League Elias Cup finals on Sunday, May 13, at 1 p.m. EDT.

Leading the eight-team pack into the fast-paced sixth season of PBA League competition will be player-manager Norm Duke’s Dallas Strikers, in search of their third consecutive Elias Cup. Chasing the Strikers again will be the hometown Portland Lumberjacks, managed by Tim Mack; the Silver Lake Atom Splitters, managed by Mark Baker; the Philadelphia Hitmen, managed by Jason Couch; L.A. X, managed by Andrew Cain; the New York City WTT KingPins, managed by Carolyn Dorin-Ballard; the Motown Muscle, managed by Del Ballard, and the Brooklyn Styles, managed by Johnny Petraglia.

In keeping with tradition, the PBA League will officially get underway with team managers announcing the names of three players from their 2017 rosters who they want to protect when the annual player draft is held. On January 7 Duke and Mack (Dallas and Portland) will name three players from their 2017 rosters they want to retain for the new season. On January 14, Baker and Couch (Silver Lake and Philadelphia) will announce their three protected players. Cain and Dorin-Ballard (L.A. and New York City) will select their three protected players by no later than January 21, and Ballard and Petraglia (Motown and Brooklyn) will have until January 28 to name their three protected players.

All eight teams will then round out their five-player rosters in the PBA League Draft which will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 13, in Indianapolis, site of the Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic, at Woodland Bowl. The draft will be live streamed on PBA’s online bowling channel, Xtra Frame, with teams picking in reverse order of how they finished in 2017. That means Brooklyn will select first – in both rounds – followed by Motown, New York City, L.A., Philadelphia, Silver Lake, Portland and Dallas. Of note, the 2018 draft will not use the serpentine order used in previous years.

There also will be a change in eligibility rules for players wanting to enter the 2018 draft pool. Players who will be eligible for the draft must finish in the top 75 on the 2017-18 PBA Tour-World Bowling Tour earnings money list for 2017 through the 2018 PBA Tournament of Champions which ends February 11. Players from 2017 teams who are not protected by their team managers will not be automatically eligible for the draft. The eligibility list will be published on Feb. 11; eligible players must then declare their intention to participate in the draft by Feb. 12.

The PBA League’s return to Portland will get underway with the PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout April 17-19, with a PBA Tour title at stake in an open entry event that will be covered from start to finish on Xtra Frame.

On Friday, April 20, all PBA League teams will bowl an eight-game Baker format “seeding tournament” to determine seeding positions for the Baker format single-elimination match play bracket.

The PBAL quarterfinals will take place on Saturday, April 21, with the No. 1 seeded team vs. No. 8 and No. 4 vs. No. 5 on the first ESPN telecast that will air on Sunday, April 22. Immediately following on Saturday will be the second round of quarterfinal round matches between team No. 2 vs. No. 7, and No. 3 vs. No. 6. Those matches will air on ESPN on Sunday, April 29. All quarterfinal matches will be “best of two-game” Baker format team contests with a one-ball roll-off to break any ties.

Saturday’s winning teams will advance to the semifinal round on Sunday, April 22, at noon. The semifinal round winners will then bowl for the Elias Cup later on Sunday. The semifinal matches will air on ESPN on Sunday, May 6, with the Elias Cup finals airing on May 13.

All PBA League matches will be live streamed as they happen on ESPN3 and the ESPN app.

At the conclusion of the competition, the PBA will announce the Mark Roth PBA League Most Valuable Player.

2018 PBA LEAGUE SCHEDULE

- Jan. 7 – Deadline for Dallas Strikers & Portland Lumberjacks to protect three rostered players
- Jan. 14 – Deadline for Silver Lake Atom Splitters & Philadelphia Hitmen to protect three rostered players
- Jan. 21 – Deadline for L.A. X and NYC WTT KingPins to protect three rostered players
- Jan. 28 – Deadline for Motown Muscle & Brooklyn Styles to protect three rostered players
- Feb. 12 – Deadline for eligible players to declare for the 2018 PBA League Draft
- Feb. 13 – 2018 PBA League Draft, Indianapolis
- April 17-18 – PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout, Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine (open to all players)
- April 20 – PBA League eight-game Baker format seeding tournament, Bayside Bowl
- April 21 – PBA League quarterfinal matches one (#1 seed vs. #8 seed) and two (#4 seed vs. #5 seed), and matches three (#2 seed vs. #7 seed) and four (#3 seed vs. #6 seed), Bayside Bowl
- April 22 – ESPN telecast of quarterfinal matches one and two, 1 p.m. EDT
- April 22 – Semifinal matches one (winners of quarterfinal matches one and two) and two (winners of quarterfinal matches three and four); Elias Cup finals (semifinal round winners), Bayside Bowl

April 29 – ESPN telecast of quarterfinal matches three and four, 1 p.m.

May 6 – ESPN telecast of semifinal matches, 1 p.m.

May 13 – ESPN telecast of Elias Cup championship match, 1 p.m.

HISTORY OF PBA LEAGUE ELIAS CUP CHAMPIONS

2013 NYC WTT KingPins presented by GEICO (Tommy Jones/Jack Jurek/John Szczerbinski/Scott Norton/Pete Weber/Kelly Kulick).

2014 Silver Lake Atom Splitters (Bryon Smith/Chris Barnes/Dom Barrett/Wes Malott/Tommy Jones).

2015 Bass Pro Shops Silver Lake Atom Splitters (Mika Koivuniemi/Chris Barnes/Craig Nidiffer/Tom Daugherty/Dick Allen)

2016 GoBowling.com Dallas Strikers (Norm Duke/Bill O’Neill/Shawn Maldonado/BJ Moore/Tommy Jones)

2017 Shipyard Brewing Dallas Strikers (Bill O’Neill/Norm Duke/Rhino Page/BJ Moore/Tommy Jones)

HISTORY OF MARK ROTH PBA LEAGUE MVP AWARD WINNERS

2014 Chris Barnes

2015 Dick Allen

2016 Tommy Jones

2017 Norm Duke

Yannaphon Larpapharat Becomes First Thai Bowler to Win PBA Tour Title in WBT Thailand

BANGKOK, Thailand –Yannaphon Larpapharat became the first bowler from Thailand to win a PBA Tour title when he threw two strikes in the 10th frame to defeat Swedish two-handed star Jesper Svensson, 212-202, in the championship match of the PBA International-WBT Thailand at Blu-O Rhythm and Bowl Paragon on Friday in his home city.

Larpapharat.Yannaphon_2017 WBT Thailand_Terence Yaw photo courtesy Asian Bowling FederationLarpapharat (at left), a 34-year-old right-hander and a third-year PBA member, was the top qualifier heading into the eight-player stepladder finals, and won the equivalent of US\$32,255 over a world-class field of American and international PBA competitors. Larpapharat, who previously bowled in the 2008 PBA World Championship in Wichita, Kan., and the 2015 U.S. Open in Arlington, Texas, will return to the United States to bowl in the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Reno Properties, Nov. 7-19, in Reno, Nev.

Svensson, the 22-year-old defending WBT Thailand champion, was trying for his seventh PBA Tour title. He advanced to the title match by defeating Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, 248-222, in the semifinal match. He also eliminated Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., 258-227, in match three after knocking out Indonesia's Tannya Roumimper and PBA Tour star Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., in a hotly-contested three-player match two.

Next on the PBA Tour's 2017 schedule will be Bowling U.S. Open from Flamingo Bowl in Liverpool, N.Y., Oct. 27-Nov. 1. Preliminary rounds will be live streamed on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel. The finals will air live on CBS Sports Network on Wednesday, Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m. ET.

PBA INTERNATIONAL-WBT THAILAND

Blu-O Rhythm and Bowl Siam Paragon, Bangkok, Thailand, Oct. 6

Final Standings:

- 1, Yannaphon Larpapharat, Thailand, \$32,255.
- 2, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, \$16,130.
- 3, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, \$9,675.
- 4, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., \$6,450.
- 5, w-Tannya Roumimper, Indonesia, \$3,225.
- 6, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., \$2,900.
- 7, Ryan Lalisang, Indonesia, \$2,740.
- 8, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., \$2,580.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Roumimper (244) def. Lalisang (233) and Ciminelli (228).

Match Two – Svensson (203) def. Roumimper (202) and Jones (199).

Match Three – Svensson def. Rash, 258-227.

Semifinal – Svensson def. Barnes, 248-222.

Championship – Larpapharat def. Svensson, 212-202.

Round 4 Cashers (after 6 games, top 8 advanced to stepladder finals, others earned \$2,255 each):

1, Larpapharat, 1,392.

2, Barnes, 1,356.

3, Rash, 1,355.

4, Svensson, 1,335.

5, Jones, 1,333.

6, w-Roumimper, 1,325.

7, Ciminelli, 1,319.

8, Lalisang, 1,300.

Failed to advance:

9, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 1,299.

10, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,288.

11, Stuart Williams, England, 1,286.

12, w-Shalin Zulkifli, Malaysia, 1,284.

13, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 1,282.

14, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 1,239.

15, Francois Louw, South Africa, 1,237.

16, Michael Mak, Hong Kong, 1,232.

17, Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, 1,230.

18, w-Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 1,173.

19, w-Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 1,154.

20, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,141.

Round 3 Cashers (after six games, \$1,610 each):

21, w-Sharon Limasantoso, Indonesia, 1,302.

22, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 1,295.

23, w-Maria J. Rodriguez, Colombia, 1,293.

24, w-Sin Li Jane, Malaysia, 1,281.

25, Timmy Tan, Malaysia, 1,258.

26, Surasak Manuwong, Thailand, 1,252.

27, Hengki Susanto, Indonesia, 1,249.

28, Annop Arromsaranon, Thailand, 1,246.

29, Hiroki Takada, Japan, 1,233.

30 (tie), Hassan Alshaikh, Saudi Arabia, and Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,213.

32, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 1,174.

33, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,167.

34, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 1,166.

Round 2 Cashers (after six games, \$1,290 each):

35, Badin Lerdpiriyasakulkit, Thailand, 1,255.

36, Syaffique Ikhwan, Malaysia, 1,248.

37, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 1,245.

38, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,237.

39, Billy Islam, Indonesia, 1,203.

40, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 1,202.

41, Mike Chan, Hong Kong, 1,185.

42, Hardy Rachmadian, Indonesia, 1,108.

w—denotes woman (women received 8 handicap pins per game).

PBA Spare Shots: 'Birthday Boy' Walter Ray Williams Jr. Boosts Overall PBA Titles Total to 105

Aging like a fine wine, PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., celebrated his 58th birthday Friday, six days after defeating amateur Robert Crain of Gray Court, S.C., 257-174, for his 105th career PBA title Sunday in Spartanburg, S.C.

Williams, PBA's all-time leading title winner, picked up his third PBA50 regional title in the month of September in the PBA50 J & L Sports Spartanburg South Open at Paradise Lanes. Over his 37-year PBA career, he has won 47 PBA Tour, 32 PBA Regional, 11 PBA50 Tour and now 15 PBA50 Regional titles.

Unofficially, Williams has competed in 823 PBA Tour, 192 PBA Regional, 83 PBA50 Tour and 35 PBA50 Regional events – a grand total of 1,133 tournaments.

After qualifying in a tie for 15th place to slip into the Spartanburg elimination bracket finals, he never looked back in winning five consecutive matches on his way to the \$1,900 first prize. Crain pocketed \$1,000 as the runner-up.

Williams started his climb by eliminating Joe Scarborough of Charlotte, N.C., 2-0 in the best-of-three-game Round of 16, followed by a 2-0 sweep of Ernie Segura of Taylor, Mich., in the Round of 12; another 2-0 sweep of Roy Davis of Lumberton, N.C., in the Round of 8, and 210-195 victory over Doug Becker of Clermont, Fla., in the semifinal round. Crain won his Rounds of 12 and 8 matches before rallying to eliminate PBA Hall of Famer Tom Baker of King, N.C., 199-178, in his semifinal match.

Sean Rash won his 11th PBA Tour title when he defeated Australia's Jason Belmonte in the finals of the 2016 PBA Detroit Open at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich. In this new PBA Player's Perspective that debuted on Xtra Frame on Friday, Oct. 6, Rash provides insight into that victory.

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PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: FRANCOIS LAVOIE WINS IN KILLEEN, TEXAS

Reigning U.S. Open champion Francois Lavoie from Quebec City, Canada, defeated Kurt Gengelbach of Carrollton, Texas, 243-221, to win his third PBA Regional title in the 21st annual PBA Killeen Southwest Open at Hallmark Lanes in Killeen, Texas, Sunday.

Lavoie opened the title match with a spare and then struck six out of the next seven frames to outdistance Gengelbach who started the final game with four strikes before suffering opens in the fifth and seventh frames, allowing Lavoie to claim the \$2,700 winner's check.

Lavoie started his road to victory by topping Brian Burkett of Ennis, Texas, 2-1 in their best-of-three-game Round of 12 match. He then eliminated Andy Patterson from Tyler, Texas, in the Round of 8, 2-1. In his semifinal round match, PBA Southwest Region Hall of Famer Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, could not keep up with Lavoie, succumbing, 231-183.

Gengelbach, who won his first of two PBA regional titles in 1982, defeated Gabe Yanes from Shertz, Texas, 2-1 in the Round of 16 and then topped Mike Bailey of Carrollton in the Round of 12, 2-0. In the round of 8, Gengelbach edged former Southwest Region Player of the Year Joe Findling of Mesquite, Texas, 2-1. In his semifinal match, Gengelbach ousted Anthony Lavery-Spahr from Pasadena, Texas, 208-203, to reach the final match.

- Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio, defeated Harry Sullins of Chesterfield Twp., Mich., by 161 pins to win the PBA50 Mel Westrich Memorial Central/Midwest Open at Delphos Recreation Center in Delphos, Ohio, Sunday.

Kretzer finished the 20-game event with a 9-3 match play record and a total of 4,706 pins, including match play bonus pins, to earn his second PBA50 Central Region title of the year and his sixth overall PBA50 Regional title. He also earned \$1,500.

- PBA members bidding for points to qualify for the PBA Regional Challenge at the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX will have the following opportunities over the Oct. 6-8 weekend, the next-to-last weekend of qualifying (points are not awarded for PBA50 events): the Tavares Member/Non-Member South Doubles presented by Columbia 300 at Break Point Alley in Tavares, Fla.; the PBA and PBA50 Junction City Southwest/Midwest Opens in Junction City, Kan.; the Battle at Black Oak Casino West Open in Tuolumne, Calif.; the PBA and PBA-PWBA Greater Muskegon Central Opens at Sherman Bowling Center in Muskegon, Mich.; the PBA Champion Bowl Midwest Open in Ottumwa, Iowa, and the PBA Japan Shark Open presented by Ebonite International in Iruma, Japan.

- The final weekend of qualifying for the PBA Regional Challenge at the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX on Nov. 7 includes limited opportunities to add to players' points totals. The Oct. 13-15 weekend includes the PBA50/PBA60 Centre Lanes Central Open presented by Storm in North Canton, Ohio; the PBA/PBA50 Over/Under D.A. Roofing Baker Doubles at Station 300 in Bluffton, S.C., and the Lubbock Sports Southwest Challenge presented by Ebonite for non-title winners at South Plains Lanes in Lubbock, Texas.

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QUICK NOTES

- Jermaine Baxter of Blythewood, S.C., is the winner of a new high-performance ball from DV8; Cal Yokomizo of San Diego, Calif., will receive a new high-performance ball from MOTIV, and Garrett Anderson of Atco, N.J., wins a new Brunswick ball as September sweepstakes winners for subscribing to Xtra Frame. The monthly sweepstakes is sponsored by the respective PBA Product Registered partners. Monthly winners are selected from among new Xtra Frame subscribers, who are automatically entered when they enroll as a monthly or Xtra Frame Season Ticket (full year) subscriber.

- PBA60 member Ty Dawson of Sunnyvale, Calif., is the September winner of a \$200 HotelPlanner.com certificate, redeemable for future lodging expenses, compliments of PBA’s official travel partner. The monthly sweepstakes is open to anyone who books a hotel through the HotelPlanner.com link on pba.com. Those who book through HotelPlanner.com are automatically entered.

PBA Spare Shots: Matt O’Grady, Dick Allen Earn Return Trips to PBA Regional Challenge in Reno

Matt O’Grady of Matawan, N.J., representing the PBA East Region, and Dick Allen of Columbia, S.C., representing the South Region, have earned return trips to the PBA Regional Challenge in Reno where O’Grady is the defending champion and Allen was runner-up in 2016.

The PBA Regional and PBA50 Tour Challenge events will kick off the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Reno Properties, at the National Bowling Stadium, on Tuesday, Nov. 7. WSOB IX kicks off the Go Bowling! PBA Tour series for 2017-18.

Taken 11/28/2016 In 2016, Allen and O’Grady emerged from the eight-game head-to-head match play preliminary round as the one-two qualifiers for the title match which was live streamed on Xtra Frame. O’Grady won the showdown match, 225-217.

O’Grady earned his return trip to Reno as the 2017 East Region points race with 126,853 points, easily beating runner-up Alex Cavnano of Massapequa, N.Y., who had 78,858 points. Likewise, Allen repeated as South Region champ with Allen.Dick_Columbia SC_2015 WSOB (2)140,915 points, outdistancing Cristian Azcona of Puerto Rico (112,210).

The other regional qualifiers O'Grady and Allen will face this year include (photos from top: O'Grady, Allen, Fach, Johnson, Lavoie, Tang, Weier):

● Central Region - Graham Fach of Guelph, Ontario (183,896 points) over Kyle Mayberry of Mt. Vernon, Ohio (142,939);

Taken 11/28/2016 ● Midwest Region - AJ Johnson of Oswego, Ill. (142,414) over veteran Tom Hess of Urbandale, Iowa (111,916);

● Southwest Region - 2016 PBA Rookie of the Year Francois Lavoie of Quebec City, Quebec (175,775) over Anthony Lavery-Spahr of Pasadena, Texas (116,796);

● West Region - Darren Tang of San Francisco (198,309) over Jakob Butturff Taken 11/28/2016 of Phoenix (195,631);

● Northwest Region - Tang also won the Northwest points title (199,194) over Cameron Weier of Tacoma, Wash. (191,577), but Tang will represent the region where he lives, meaning Weier gets the Northwest Region berth in Reno.

The PBA50 Tour Challenge also will be held on Nov. 7 in Reno, featuring the top Taken 11/28/2016 eight players in 2017 competition points: PBA50 Player of the Year Brian LeClair, Norm Duke, Parker Bohn III, Bob Learn Jr., Walter Ray Williams Jr., PBA50 Rookie of the Year Michael Haugen Jr., Amleto Monacelli and Ron Mohr.

Both Challenge events will be covered live in their entirety by PBA's Xtra Frame video streaming channel. For subscription information, visit xtraframe.tv.

Taken 11/28/2016 PBA HALL OF FAME VOTING UNDERWAY FOR CHRIS BARNES, RON MOHR

The PBA's panel of veteran bowling writers, existing Hall of Famers and PBA staff members are currently considering the résumés of 18-time PBA Tour champion Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, and Ron Mohr of North Las Vegas for election to the PBA Hall of Fame.

Taken 11/28/2016 Should either or both be elected, induction ceremonies will be held as part of the Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Celebration weekend in Indianapolis. The celebration dinner at the Marriott North in Indianapolis on Saturday, Feb. 17, also will honor any meritorious service candidate(s) elected by the PBA Hall of Fame Committee. Results of both elections will be announced next week, and the entire celebration dinner, which also will include the presentation of 2017 PBA Tour award winners, will be live streamed by PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel.

The stepladder finals of the Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic will follow on Sunday, Feb. 18, live on ESPN at 1 p.m. EDT. Preliminary rounds of the tournament will be held earlier in the week at nearby Woodland Bowl.

Barnes, 47, is one of five players to win both PBA Rookie (1998) and Player of the Year (2008) honors, one of six players to complete the PBA Triple Crown, and has earned more than \$2.2 million during his career.

Mohr, 61, joined the PBA shortly after his 50th birthday and compiled an impressive portfolio to earn consideration in the Senior/PBA50 section of the PBA Hall of Fame, which focuses on accomplishments a player has made after reaching the age of 50. He has won nine PBA50 Tour titles, earned PBA50 and PBA60 Player of the Year honors twice each, and has finished among the top 10 in PBA50 Tour earnings and averages for nine consecutive years.

LARPAPHARAT, SVENSSON LEAD WORLD BOWLING TOUR MEN'S FINALISTS

Thailand's Yannaphon Larpapharat, winner of the recent PBA International-WBT Thailand, and Sweden's Jesper Svensson are tied for the World Bowling Tour men's points lead while Latvia's Diana Zavjalova tops the women's points standing heading into the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Reno Properties, which will host the final qualifying event for the 2017 WBT Men's and Women's Finals presented by the PBA.

Finishing positions in the PBA World Championship standings, a double points event on the WBT schedule, will likely decide the top three qualifiers for the WBT Men's and Women's Finals, which will be conducted on Sunday, Nov. 19, for ESPN telecast on Sunday, Jan. 7, at 1 p.m. EDT. The WBT finals will be live streamed on ESPN3 and the WatchESPN app as they happen on Nov. 19.

Heading into WSOB IX, Larpapharat and Svensson are tied for the men's points lead with 90 points each while England's Stuart Williams is third with 89 points. Rounding out the men's top 10 are Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., and Jason Belmonte of Australia with 85 points each; Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 75; England's Dom Barrett, 68; Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 59; Sweden's Pontus Andersson, 54, and Cameron Weier of Tacoma, Wash., 46.

Zavjalova has 89 points in the women's division followed by Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 72; Shalin Zulkifli, Malaysia, 62; Britt Bronsted, Denmark, 54; Anggie Ramirez Perea, Columbia, 52; Tannya Roumimper, Indonesia, and Birgit Poppler, Germany, 50 each; Sin Li Jane, Malaysia, 48; and Daphne Tan of Singapore and Sanna Pasanen, Finland, tied for ninth with 40 points each.

As a major on the 2017 WBT schedule, players will be awarded double the normal points based upon how they finish relative to their respective fields. For example, the top 10 men and top 10 women will earn 100, 80, 70, 60, 50, 48, 46, 44, 42 and 40 points, respectively, while other finishers also will earn double points of declining value.

The weighted points based on finishing positions in the PBA World Championship – which includes qualifying rounds of PBA's Chameleon, Shark, Cheetah and Scorpion animal patterns – will undoubtedly impact both points races, but most significantly the women's event where Zavjalova and McEwan are entered in the World Series along with three-time PWBA Player of the Year Liz Johnson of Deerfield, Ill., and Daria Pajak of Poland, who both will have a strong chance to break into the top three.

RYAN CIMINELLI'S PBA PLAYER'S PERSPECTIVE DEBUTS ON YOUTUBE

Ryan Ciminelli's insights into his victorious 2015 U.S. Open title match, which originally aired as part of the PBA's Xtra Frame Player's Perspective series, made its public debut on PBA's YouTube channel Tuesday.

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PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: WEBER, WARREN MISSED SHOTS AT 48TH PBA REGIONAL TITLES

PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., and veteran PBA member Chris Warren of Grants Pass, Ore., both missed chances to break their tie for winning the most all-time standard PBA Regional titles.

Weber bowled in the Champion Bowl Midwest Open in Ottumwa, Iowa, where he lost a 245-168 decision to Devin Bidwell of Wichita, Kan., in the stepladder finals of that tournament. A couple of hours later, Warren failed to convert the 3-6-10 in the 10th frame of his final game in the PBA Battle of Black Oak Casino West Open in Tuolumne, Calif., losing the title to PJ Haggerty of Roseville, Calif., by six pins.

Weber and Warren entered the weekend tied for the PBA Regional titles record with 47 each.

● In Ottumwa, Iowa, AJ Johnson of Oswego, Ill., defeated Mitch Hupe of Wichita, Kan., 228-212, to win the PBA Champion Bowl Midwest Open Sunday for his fourth title in the last five PBA Midwest tournaments he has entered.

Johnson, who had just flown home from competing in the PBA International-WBT Thailand tournament in Bangkok in time to drive from his home to Ottumwa, collected his sixth career regional and earned \$2,000. Johnson defeated Devin Bidwell of Wichita, Kan., 257-222, in the semifinal game to advance to the championship match after Bidwell defeated PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., 246-168, in the first stepladder match.

● In Tuolumne, Calif., PJ Haggerty of Roseville, Calif., posted a 10-0 match play record for a winning 18-game total of 4,363 pins Sunday in the PBA Battle of Black Oak Casino West Open at Black Oak Lanes. Haggerty needed the match play bonus pins, plus some help he got from Chris Warren's missed spare conversion attempt to pick up his 12th career PBA Regional title.

Haggerty, who earned \$2,500, defeated the Grants Pass, Ore., veteran by six pins for the title when Warren failed to convert the 3-6-10 in the 10th frame. Warren had a 5-5 match play record and 4,357 pins for 18 games including match play bonus pins.

● Kris Prather of Plainfield, Ill., defeated amateur Dan Higgins of Westerville, Ohio, 217-201, to win the PBA Greater Muskegon Central Open at Sherman Bowling Center on Sunday, spoiling the possibility of a husband-wife sweep in Muskegon, Mich.

In the women's portion of the Sunday doubleheader, Dan's wife, Jennifer Higgins, defeated reigning three-time PWBA Bowler of the Year Liz Johnson of Deerfield, Ill., 2-0, in a best-of-three-game match to win the PBA-PWBA Greater Muskegon Central Open.

Prather, who won his first PBA Central Region title and third overall, defeated Mike Eaton of Caledonia, Mich., 276-183, while Dan Higgins downed Zac Tackett of Huntington, Ind., 223-201, in the semifinal round to set up the championship match. Prather earned \$2,000.

In the women's event, Jennifer Higgins, who earned \$1,300, defeated Summer Jasmin of Beckley, W. Va., 2-1, while Johnson downed MyKaela Mitchell of London, Ontario, 2-0, in the best-of-three semifinal round.

● Ricky Schissler from Brighton, Colo., and PBA Hall of Famer Bryan Goebel of Shawnee, Kan., won joint PBA50 Southwest/Midwest Regional titles in a doubleheader weekend at Junction City Bowl in Junction City, Kan.

On Saturday, Schissler, a PBA member for over 30 years, defeated defending champion Mark Scroggins from Canyon, Texas, 237-172, to win his first PBA title.

On Sunday, Goebel chased David Scardaville of Houston, Texas, throughout the round-robin match play finals. Holding a 50-pin lead over Goebel going into position round, Scardaville saw his lead vanish when Goebel started with five strikes and coasted to a 225-167 position round win to claim his third Junction City title. Goebel finished the 15-game event with an 8-0 match play record and 3,567 total pins, including match play bonus pins, to top Scardaville by 38 pins.

● Chris Arcaro of Carolina Beach, N.C., and amateur partner A.J. Rice of Salem, Ala., defeated Venezuela's Ildemaro Ruiz and his amateur partner, Matt Russo of Millstone Township, N.J., by nine

pins to win the \$4,000 first prize in the PBA Member/Non-Member South Doubles presented by Columbia 300 at Break Point Alley Bowling Center in Tavares, Fla., Sunday.

Behind Arcaro's 246 game and Rice's 222, the top qualifiers knocked off Ruiz and Russo, 468-459, to claim the \$4,000 first prize. Anthony Caso of Spring Hill, Fla., and amateur Sean Connolly of Apopka, Fla., qualified second, but were eliminated by Ruiz and Russo in the first match of the two-match finals, 495-410. Ruiz and Russo split \$2,000 for second place. Caso and Connolly shared \$1,500 for finishing third.

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Parks, Segura Win PBA Park Centre Lanes PBA50/PBA60 Doubles Event

NORTH CANTON, Ohio (Oct. 15, 2017) – PBA60 competitor Kenny Parks of Hammond, Ind. and his PBA50 partner Ernie Segura of Taylor, Mich., defeated amateurs Joseph Nuzzo of Girard, Ohio and Danny Guerrieri of Youngstown, Ohio, 2-1, in the best-of-three-game championship match to win the Professional Bowlers Association's PBA50/PBA60 Doubles Park Centre Lanes Central Open presented by Storm at Park Centre Lanes Sunday.

Teams in the event included one bowler between the ages of 50 and 59 and one bowler over the age of 60. This was Parks' 16th career PBA50 regional title and Segura's second career PBA50 regional title. The champions split the \$2,800 first place prize.

In the best-of-three-game semifinal round, Parks and Segura defeated Dick Gran of Hartville, Ohio, and Brian Kretzer of Kettering, Ohio, 2-0, while Nuzzo and Guerrieri downed Vince Honeycutt of Franklin, N.C., and Joe Scarborough of Charlotte, N.C., 2-1, to set up the championship match.

Nuzzo and Guerrieri shared the \$1,800 prize for second place while the teams of Gran/Kretzer and Honeycutt/Scarborough earned \$1,300 as semifinal round losers.

The next PBA Central Region tournament will be the Kokomo Central/Midwest Shootout presented by Security Federal Savings Bank from Heritage Lanes in Kokomo, Ind., on Sunday, Oct. 22. The one-day reduced entry fee tournament will be covered live on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame.

PBA50/PBA60 DOUBLES PARK CENTRE LANES CENTRAL OPEN PRESENTED BY STORM Park Centre Lanes, North Canton, Ohio, Sunday

Championship (best of three games):

ss-Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind./Ernie Segura, Taylor, Mich. (\$2,800) def. ss-n-Joe Nuzzo, Girard, Ohio/n-Danny Guerrieri, Youngstown, Ohio (\$1,800), 407-427, 544-444, 453-437.

Semifinal Round (best of three games, losing teams eliminated and earned \$1,400 each):

Nuzzo/Guerrieri def. ss-Vince Honeycutt, Franklin, N.C./Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, [N.C., 2-1](#).

Parks/Segura def. ss-Dick Gran, Hartville, Ohio/Brian Kretzer, Kettering, Ohio, 2-0.

Round of 8 (best of five games, losing teams eliminated earned \$1,000 each):

Nuzzo/Guerrieri def. ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C./Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 3-1.

Gran/Kretzer def. ss-Bob Michaljko, Mars, Pa./Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3-0.

Parks/Segura def. ss-Steve Jones, Berlin, Md./Keith Lesko, Chicago, 3-0.

Honeycutt/Scarborough def. ss-Dave Patchen, Oregon, Ohio/Dean Billings, Rootstown, Ohio 3-0.

n-denotes non-member; ss-denotes PBA60 player.

Chris Barnes, Ron Mohr, Don Mitchell Elected to PBA Hall of Fame

Inductions set for February 17 during Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Celebration in Indianapolis

CHICAGO (Oct. 18, 2017) – Eighteen-time PBA Tour champion Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas; two-time PBA50 Player of the Year Ron Mohr of North Las Vegas, and the late Don Mitchell, a renowned bowling center owner and PBA host from Indianapolis, have been elected to the Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Fame.

They will be inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame on Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Marriott North in Indianapolis as part of the Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Celebration.

Barnes, 47, is one of five players to win both PBA Rookie and Player of the Year honors. He is one of six players to complete the PBA Triple Crown (2005 U.S. Open, 2006 PBA Tournament of Champions and 2011 PBA World Championship), and he ranked among the top 10 in PBA earnings for 16 consecutive seasons. He surpassed the \$1 million milestone in career earnings in 170 events (2005), at the time the fewest events any

player needed to achieve that milestone, and he won \$200,000 “winner take all” prizes in Motel 6 Roll to Riches special events in 2005 and 2006.

He was a late-comer to PBA competition after four years as a member of the Wichita State University bowling team, a starring role with Team USA and a prolific nine-year career as a “professional amateur.” After joining the PBA just before his 28th birthday, he won PBA Rookie of the Year honors and added PBA Player of the Year honors 10 years later, joining Mike Aulby and Tommy Jones – at the time – as the third player to win both of those honors.

In 379 PBA Tour tournaments, Barnes finished in the top five 91 times (an impressive 24 percent of the time) and cashed in 296 (78.1 percent of tournaments entered).

All of that came years after a surprising performance in the Coca-Cola National Youth Championships as a youngster diverted his attentions away from a promising future as a basketball player growing up in Topeka, Kan.

“In high school, I was 100 pins behind Lonnie Waliczek in the state Coca-Cola Youth Championship qualifier, Barnes said of his future fellow PBA competitor. “I figured I was the fourth-best bowler in Kansas, but I bowled Lonnie in the next to last game and won. And then I won the championship, so I got to go to the national finals. That’s where I found out how good the other guys in Kansas were.”

He then joined Waliczek on the powerful Wichita State team – founded by Lonnie’s father, Paul – and was the last player selected to make the roster in his freshman year.

“Between that and calculus class in the morning, I was re-thinking my decision to not play basketball,” Barnes said.

But he began to apply his four-hours-a-day basketball practice regimen to bowling. At 19, he qualified for the nationally-televised Brunswick Bowling Shootout, where he competed against Mark Roth, Marshall Holman and women’s star Lisa Wagner, he launched a profitable “megabucks” career and he began a string of 15 berths on Team USA – most of those at a time when pros were not allowed to bowl in international competition.

In 1998, Barnes decided “it was time to take on the best of the best and find out where I could fit in.”

Looking back, Barnes said, “after my late start, you realistically don’t know what’s possible. I didn’t know if I could win out there; I just wanted to find out how well I could bowl against those guys.

“Then it took me awhile to learn how to win on TV,” he added. “I knew I was never going to match Walter Ray (Williams Jr.) or (Mark) Roth. I knew I wasn’t going to be the best of all-time, but I wanted to be the best of THIS time.”

After he got his call from PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark, the reality began to set in.

“It’s pretty cool to have my name next to the guys I’ve idolized,” Barnes said. “I got to bowl against Dick Weber. I’ve been lucky to be able to play a game for a living, and make more money than a kid from Topeka ever imagined.

“It’s a pretty cool thing.”

Mohr, who has established one of the most successful track records in PBA50 Tour history (ranking among the top 10 in every key statistical category every year he has competed as a “senior” player), took a more indirect path to the hall of fame.

After growing up in Fort Wayne, Ind., Mohr moved to Alaska at age 23 where his brother was serving in the U.S. Air Force. A 170-average bowler back in Indiana, he got a job in a bowling center in Anchorage, and that’s when he found out timing is everything. He was dating a girl whose father worked for the Federal Aviation Administration at the time President Ronald Reagan fired all of the striking air traffic controllers who refused his order to return to work. Mohr was encouraged to apply for a position and, after training, wound up working as an air traffic controller in Alaska for 25 years.

He also had advanced his bowling skills and knowledge during his time at the Anchorage bowling center, and got serious about the game. In 1988, he shocked himself by earning a berth on Team USA.

“That’s when my game really started to develop, mentally as well as physically,” Mohr said. “It convinced me even more that I could be competitive. As a Team USA member, we got seeded spots into some tournaments (the U.S. Open and USBC Masters among them); it was incredible just to be exposed to that level of competition. That’s when I began to dream that I might be competitive one day. I knew I had a lot to learn, but decided if FAA gave me the time off, I’d become the best bowler I could be.”

What Mohr also found out was that having a physical edge on the competition would serve him well.

“I found out probably in my 30s, not many bowlers were doing that sort of thing,” he said of his daily fitness regimen. “It could help me physically, but also mentally because I knew not many others were doing that sort of thing. It became a habit, relaxed me, and I’ve kind of continued that.

“I keep a log, just to amuse myself. I’m at about 2.7 million sit ups over the last 18 years. I’ve done just a little over a million pushups. Lord knows how many miles on my bike...”

Today, Mohr said, “I couldn’t hardly be any better. By no means did I think (getting elected to the PBA Hall of Fame) was a foregone conclusion. I kept my fingers crossed and it turned out just right. I couldn’t be happier.”

Other than his opportunities as a Team USA member, Mohr had never bowled in PBA-level competition. But when he retired from his air traffic controller position in 2008, he decided to try the PBA50 Tour.

“I bowled the first two as a non-member because I didn’t know if I’d be competitive, and I bowled okay,” he said. “So I joined and promptly failed to cash in the next one.

“Finding out I could be competitive was quite an epiphany,” he continued, “and to win PBA50 Player of the Year the next year was beyond rewarding.”

In his breakout season in 2009, Mohr won three of his nine career titles en route to his first POY award (he won again in 2011). In nine full seasons as a “senior” bowler, he has finished in the top 10 in earnings and averages each year. He has never had a season averaging below 220.

In the 103 PBA50 Tour events he has entered, Mohr has cashed an impressive 97 times (94.1 percent success rate) and has finished in the top five 34 times, one in every three tournaments entered.

He also suffered through one of those frustrating streaks where he had 17 top five finishes without winning a title between 2012 and 2017, but in the two years since reaching age 60, he earned PBA60 Player of the Year in both years.

The PBA50/Senior division of the PBA Hall of Fame was established in 2009 to recognize players for their accomplishments after reaching the age of 50.

Mitchell, who succumbed to cancer in 2012 at the age of 80, went from managing a small bowling center in Indianapolis to developing the Royal Pin Leisure Centers chain, which has hosted dozens of showcase events at all levels of bowling. Its centerpiece – Woodland Lanes on Indianapolis’ north side – has hosted every major championship the PBA has offered, and in 2018 will again be the focal point of the PBA Tour when it hosts the Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic, Feb. 13-18.

“Oh my gosh, what a great honor,” said Mitchell’s daughter, Donna Leimgruber, on behalf of her brothers, David and Craig Mitchell. “He would have been thrilled. He was such a good guy. I cannot express to you what this honor would mean to him.

“He always wanted to stay in the background. He might have been embarrassed with the recognition, but I can tell you he would be glowing with pride if he was still here. Bowling was my dad’s life and he lived it to the fullest.”

Maybe one of Mitchell's closest admirers was his close friend, PBA Hall of Famer Mike Aulby, who Mitchell sponsored on tour for most of Aulby's career.

"Don was one of the great bowling people," said Aulby. "He loved the industry and the people in it. Don knew the importance of the Tour and its promotional value for the sport as a whole—he was very innovative."

Mitchell's bowling center empire grew from one center in 1974 to multiple centers with more than 300 lanes and five pro shops. He was a vocal advocate for the PBA as the sport's most prominent promotional vehicle, and he put his money behind his passions. He was equally enthusiastic as a bowler, competing in 50 USBC Open Championships.

Mitchell, who becomes the first bowling proprietor elected to the PBA Hall of Fame exclusively because of his role as a bowling center owner, has previously been inducted into the Indianapolis and Indiana Bowling Halls of Fame. Upon his death, the Indiana Bowling Centers Association created the Don Mitchell Meritorious Medal Award in his honor.

PBA Spare Shots

CHINA BOOSTS WSOB IX FIELD TO 28 COUNTRIES; BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS IS OUT

After losing his home and his job to Hurricanes Irma and Maria, 33-year-old **Adrian McCoy** of Road Town in the British Virgin Islands had to forego his fourth visit to GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Reno Properties, preventing the international field from being even larger than its record entry of 28 countries.

The opening events of the Go Bowling! PBA Tour season grew to 28 nations with the entry of China's **Fang Jiafei**, but also will be without an entry from Bermuda for the first time since 2012.

"My family is good as well as I am," McCoy, a corporate administrator for a trust company, told the PBA Media Relations staff. "The devastation of hurricane Irma and Maria left me without a home and a job, so regrettably I won't be able to make it to the World Series this year. I've had an awesome time for the past three years and hoped to make it this year.

"Currently I'm still in the British Virgin Islands, but I'm anticipating traveling to Boston for a few weeks to get away from it all and do some bowling. I managed to save my equipment during the storm (that was a plus for me).

"I just want to let the PBA know that I'm okay for the most part," he continued. "I hope to be logged into Xtra Frame to watch all the action of the PBA qualifiers. Watch **Belmo, Bob Learn, (Kyle) Troup**, everyone that I've met over the years vie for the title."

Also missing from the field will be Bermuda's **LeVinc Samuels**, who said his island nation mostly escaped the hurricane devastation, but is unable to attend anyway. He noted he is already at work preparing for 2018.

BOWLER X SIGNS ON AS ROTH-HOLMAN PBA DOUBLES PRESENTING SPONSOR

Bowler X, the online bowling superstore, has signed on as presenting sponsor of the 2018 Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship which will be held in the Feb. 18-25 window along with the Barbasol PBA Players Championship at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl in Columbus, Ohio. The Roth-Holman Doubles finals will air on ESPN on Sunday, March 25 as part of the Go Bowling! PBA Tour series of ESPN telecasts.

Bowler X, based in Bethlehem, Pa., is a full-service provider of all major brands of bowling balls, bags, shoes and accessories through its website, bowlerx.com.

XTRA FRAME TO COVER KOKOMO REGIONAL SUNDAY; U.S. OPEN ON DECK

Xtra Frame returns to live action Sunday with coverage of the PBA Kokomo Central/Midwest Classic regional, presented by Security Federal Savings, from Heritage Lanes in Kokomo, Ind.

Coverage will begin with the seven-game qualifying round at 9 a.m. with the top 12 qualifiers moving on to single-elimination match play beginning at 1:30 p.m. when qualifiers five through 12 will bowl a best-of-three-game elimination round. The winners will join the top four qualifiers for the Round of 8 matches, followed by the semifinal and championship rounds.

Non-subscribers can sign up for Xtra Frame's three-day subscription package for only \$3.99, or a 30-day package, which will allow new subscribers from around the world to watch Xtra Frame's comprehensive coverage of all preliminary rounds of the U.S. Open and the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Reno Properties, Nov. 7-16. Plus all new subscribers are automatically entered into PBA's monthly bowling ball sweepstakes which awards new MOTIV, Brunswick and DV8 bowling balls to randomly-selected subscribers.

U.S. Open coverage on Xtra Frame will include qualifying rounds at 8 a.m., 1:15 and 6:30 p.m. Friday through Sunday, Oct. 27-29, from Flamingo Bowl in Liverpool, N.Y.; the cashers round at 10 a.m. on Oct. 30, and match play rounds Oct. 30 at 6 p.m. and Oct. 31 at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. The stepladder finals will air live on CBS Sports Network on Wednesday, Nov. 1, at 7:30 p.m. All times are Eastern.

To start your Xtra Frame subscription, visit xtraframe.tv.

FRANCOIS LAVOIE'S PBA PLAYER'S PERSPECTIVE DEBUTS ON XTRA FRAME

The Xtra Frame Player's Perspective series introduced **Francois Lavoie's** insights into his historic 300 game in the 2016 U.S. Open this week. The special series of personal conversations about key moments in PBA history is available to Xtra Frame subscribers.

Xtra Frame subscription packages are offered for seven days, a full month or a 12-month Xtra Frame Season Ticket. Visit xtraframe.com for details on how to subscribe.

Player's Perspective features that have been previously released on Xtra Frame are being released on PBA's YouTube channel on a regular basis. New YouTube releases include **Ryan Ciminelli's** 2015 U.S. Open victory and **Kyle Troup** and **Jesper Svensson** providing insights into their 2017 Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship victory. Fans can look for other Player's Perspectives as they are added to the YouTube collection every Tuesday.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: TROUP, BOLIN WIN PBA-PBA50 DOUBLES TITLE

Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C. and PBA50 partner **Wayne Bolin** of Lumberton, N.C. paired up to defeat the team of **Dick Allen** of Columbia, S.C., and **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** of Oxford, Fla., 234-226, to win the PBA/PBA50 D.A. Roofing Baker Doubles title Sunday at Station 300 in Bluffton, S.C.

With Bolin finishing the 10th frame first in the alternate-frame Baker format match, working on a strike by Troup in the ninth frame, Bolin struck to force Allen to strike on his first shot in 10th frame. Allen threw what appeared to be a perfect shot to the pocket but left a solid 8 pin, handing Troup and Bolin the title after Allen and Williams had led the event from start to final match.

Troup and Bolin qualified third for the stepladder finals and defeated the team of **Tom Daugherty** of Riverview, Fla., and **Doug Becker** of Clermont, Fla., 231-222, to start the four-team stepladder finals. They then eliminated the father-son team of **Jeff and James Campbell** from Clearwater, Fla., 235-216, to advance to the title match.

The win marked Troup's 11th PBA Regional win and Bolin's first. The Troup/Bolin team earned \$3,600.

- PBA60 competitor **Kenny Parks** of Hammond, Ind. and his PBA50 partner **Ernie Segura** of Taylor, Mich., defeated amateurs **Joseph Nuzzo** of Girard, Ohio and **Danny Guerrieri** of Youngstown, Ohio, 2-1, in the best-of-three-game championship match to win the PBA50/PBA60 Park Centre Lanes Central Doubles title presented by Storm at Park Centre Lanes in North Canton, Ohio, Sunday.

Teams in the event included one bowler age 50 or older, and the other over the age of 60. The win was Parks' 16th in PBA50 regional competition and Segura's second. The champions split the \$2,800 first prize.

In the best-of-three-game semifinal round, Parks and Segura defeated **Dick Gran** of Hartville, Ohio, and **Brian Kretzer** of Kettering, Ohio, 2-0, while Nuzzo and Guerrieri downed **Vince Honeycutt** of Franklin, N.C., and **Joe Scarborough** of Charlotte, N.C., 2-1, to set up the championship match.

- **Kenneth Harlan** from Lubbock, Texas, completed his quest for his first PBA title in the final position round match, overtaking tournament leaders **Cole Schroyer** of Stanton, Texas, and **Dylan Macon** of Lubbock, Texas, to win the PBA Lubbock Sports Southwest Challenge, presented by Ebonite, Sunday at South Plains Lanes in Lubbock, Texas.

With only 49 pins separating the top four finalists and 30 match play bonus pins also at stake going into position round, Schroyer, an amateur, was the tournament leader but he struggled to defeat Macon, 181-178, while Harlan was rolling to a 245-228 victory over **Cody Meiers**, also from Lubbock. Picking up 75 pins allowed Harlan to leapfrog the other three to claim the victory.

Harlan, who qualified seventh for the round robin match play finals, won seven of his eight matches to finish with 5,015 total pins, including match play bonus pins.

- PBA Regional action continues over the Oct. 20-22 weekend with the PBA50 Bryan's Bowling Center Eastern Open presented by The Insurance Market and 900 Global in Laurel, Del.; the NAS JAX Freedom Lanes South Open in Jacksonville, Fla.; the Wichita Southwest Open at Northrock Lanes in Wichita, Kan.; the PBA and PBA50 Spare Time Lanes Northwest Opens presented by Clover Island Hotel in Kennewick, Wash., and the Kokomo Central/Midwest Classic presented by Security Federal Savings in Kokomo, Ind.

- Closing the October PBA Regional calendar over the Oct. 27-29 weekend will be the South Point Challenge for non-champions and the South Point Member/Non-Member Doubles, both presented by Radical, at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas.

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QUICK NOTES:

- Did you know that since the inaugural PBA World Series of Bowling in 2009, England's **Dom Barrett** has bowled more 300 games in WSOB competition than any other player? Barrett has recorded eight 300 games (one each of the Cheetah, Chameleon, Scorpion, PBA World Championship and Carmen Salvino patterns, and three on the Viper). **Jason Belmonte** is second with five career 300s in WSOB competition while **Eugene McCune**, **Bill O'Neill**, **Parker Bohn III** and **PJ Haggerty** are tied for third with four 300s each.

PBA Spare Shots

“ANIMAL PATTERN SHUFFLE” ADDS TO INTRIGUE AT GEICO PBA WSOB IX

A shuffle in the order the “animal pattern” events will be conducted during the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, combined with a different mix in the type of lane conditioners, will add certain elements of intrigue to the ninth annual event when it gets underway at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nev., on Nov. 7.

Looking back at WSOB history, the multi-event tournament has historically bowled a schedule starting with the shortest animal pattern (the Cheetah) followed by progressively longer oiling patterns (Chameleon and Scorpion) leading to the longest (the Shark). Variations over the years have included the Viper, Carmen Salvino and a handful of other patterns.

But the goal has always been the same: provide the world’s premier players with a variety of challenges leading into the crown jewel, the PBA World Championship. It has been similar in concept to cycling’s Tour de France where stages along the way include mountain legs, sprints, flatlands, etc., and the best rider overall wins the grand prize.

The GEICO WSOB IX, presented by Eldorado Reno Properties, is yet another fine-tuning of the ultimate challenge as the PBA rolls into its new 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule. The order of qualifying stages for the PBA World Championship will begin with the Chameleon 39 (meaning a 39-foot oiling pattern) followed by the Shark 45, Cheetah 33 and then the Scorpion 42. Different lane conditioning oils will be added into the mix (Logic for Chameleon and Scorpion, Defy 30 for Shark and Cheetah), further revising the challenges players will face in trying to bowl consistently to earn spots in the PBA World Championship finals.

“Our goal is to provide our players with a different set of challenges, but with the same ultimate purpose,” said PBA Deputy Commissioner Kirk von Krueger. “To give all players a better opportunity to acclimate themselves to the new sequence of events, we also have adjusted our practice schedule to allow players to focus on the challenges they’ll face.”

In previous years, von Krueger noted, the “official” tournament practice session involved applying all four animal patterns on selected lanes for a single practice session. Players had to move around to experience each. This year, there will be two practice sessions dedicated to the four animal patterns. All players will practice on the Chameleon 39 and the Shark 45 from 10 a.m. until noon (Reno time) on Nov. 7. Chameleon qualifying (two five-game rounds) will take place on Nov. 8 and Shark qualifying on Nov. 9.

Working in concert with the PBA Players Committee, a second day of practice on Nov. 10 from noon until 2 p.m. will give players a chance to re-group and re-focus. Half of the lanes will be conditioned with the Cheetah 33 pattern and the other half with the Scorpion 42 pattern. Players will then bowl their Cheetah 33 qualifying rounds on Nov. 11 and their Scorpion 42 qualifying on Nov. 12.

In all cases, qualifying on each animal pattern will involve two five-game squads including all players bowling at the same time, eliminating the previous “split squad” scheduling.

The combined 40-game pinfall totals for the four animal pattern stages (which will award PBA Tour titles on their own merits) will determine the top 25 percent of the field that will advance to the PBA World Championships, where all qualifiers will bowl another five-game session on each of the four patterns. The top qualifier for the World Championship will then earn the right to select the oil pattern that will be used for the ESPN stepladder finals.

FRANCOIS LAVOIE’S U.S. OPEN TITLE DEFENSE BEGINS FRIDAY ON XTRA FRAME

Francois Lavoie, PBA’s 2016 Rookie of the Year, begins defense of his 2016 U.S. Open title live on Xtra Frame Friday at Flamingo Bowl in Liverpool, N.Y.

Exclusive coverage of the U.S. Open, a part of the 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour, on Xtra Frame will include qualifying rounds at 8 a.m., 1:15 and 6:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday; the cashers round at 10 a.m. next Monday, and match play rounds Monday at 6 p.m. and Tuesday at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. The stepladder finals will air live on CBS Sports Network on Wednesday, Nov. 1, at 7:30 p.m. All times are Eastern.

Non-subscribers can sign up for Xtra Frame's 30-day package which will include not only comprehensive coverage of all preliminary rounds of the U.S. Open, but the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Reno Properties, Nov. 7-16. Plus all new subscribers are automatically entered into PBA's monthly bowling ball sweepstakes which awards new MOTIV, Brunswick and DV8 bowling balls to randomly-selected subscribers. To start your Xtra Frame subscription, visit xtraframe.tv.

Coinciding with the start of the U.S. Open, PBA's Xtra Frame Player's Perspective segment featuring Lavoie's victory in the 2016 event was released on PBA's YouTube channel Tuesday. New Player's Perspective segments will be release on YouTube every Tuesday.

DANNY WISEMAN SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT HITS A HIGH MARK

PBA Hall of Famer **Danny Wiseman's** sixth annual Youth Scholarship Tournament in Baltimore was the largest event yet, fielding 306 entries and paying a prize fund of \$28,300 in scholarships. Donations of bowling equipment, PBA jerseys, NASCAR, Baltimore Ravens and Baltimore Orioles memorabilia raised another \$3,600 that was added to the youth bowlers prize fund, Wiseman noted.

AMERICAN PBA STARS TRY TO REGAIN WORLD BOWLING TEAM TITLE FOR U.S.

Following the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Reno Properties, six American PBA stars will try to regain the World Bowling men's team title – along with medals in several other events – in the World Bowling Men's Championships at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas Nov. 24-Dec. 6.

Led by newly-elected PBA Hall of Famer **Chris Barnes** of Double Oak, Texas, Team USA's representatives also will include PBA members **Tommy Jones** of Simpsonville, S.C.; **Marshall Kent** of Yakima, Wash.; **Jakob Butturff** of Tempe, Ariz.; **AJ Johnson** of Oswego, Ill., and **Chris Via** of Springfield, Ohio.

The Team USA men ended a 35-year gold medal drought in 2006, won again in 2008 and 2010, but have not won team gold since then. In Las Vegas, Team USA will bowl against a number of other PBA members in competition who will be representing their home countries in pursuit of singles, doubles, trios, five-man team, all-events and Masters medals.

The World Bowling Championships at South Point also will include identical events for women. The World Bowling Championships for men and women are now held every four years.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: LAVOIE WINS IN WICHITA, READY FOR U.S. OPEN

Bowling in his final tuneup event before beginning defense of his U.S. Open title Friday in Liverpool, N.Y., Canada's **Francois Lavoie**, the PBA and PBA Southwest Region Rookie of the Year, defeated **Devin Bidwell** of Wichita, Kan., 261-255, to win the \$2,500 first prize and his fourth PBA Regional title in the third annual PBA Wichita Southwest Open at Northrock Lanes in Wichita on Sunday.

In the title game, both players started with five strikes before Lavoie opened. Bidwell followed with a solid 10 pin and a spare in his sixth frame. After striking in the seventh frame, Bidwell left another 10 pin and made the spare, but was shut out when Lavoie continued striking until his final shot in the 10th frame.

Lavoie, who claimed his third PBA Regional win of the year, jumped to second place in the cashers' round, earning a bye into the Round of 12 where he defeated recently announced PBA Hall of Fame electee **Chris Barnes** from Double Oak, Texas, 2-1, in the best-of-three-game match.

In the semifinal round, Lavoie eliminated 15-year-old amateur **Spencer Robarge**, the 2015 USBC Junior Gold U12 boys champion from Springfield, Mo., 247-215, while Bidwell eliminated amateur Mitch Hupe of Towanda, Kan., 233-156.

- PBA rookie **Cristian Azcona** of San Juan, Puerto Rico, defeated **Craig Auerbach** of Sunrise, Fla., 252-224, to take the first prize in the PBA NAS Freedom Lanes South Open at Freedom Lanes in Jacksonville, Fla., Sunday.

Azcona, a five-time Puerto Rico national team member who now lives in Lakes Wales, Fla., qualified in first place for the stepladder finals with an 8-2 match play record and a 18-game total of 4,494 pins, including match play

bonus pins, 51 pins ahead of Auerbach. Azcona, who bowled on Lindenwood University's 2014 intercollegiate championship team, earned \$2,300 in addition to his third PBA regional title.

In the first stepladder match **Chris Polizzi** of Spring Hill, Fla. defeated **Leon Platt** of Summerville, S.C., 247-202. Auerbach then disposed of Polizzi, 245-216, in the semifinal match.

- **Jakob Butturff** of Tempe, Ariz., posted a 6-2 match play record and knocked down 4,009 pins Sunday to win his 13th PBA Regional title in the PBA Spare Time Lanes Northwest Open in Kennewick, Wash.

Butturff, who earned \$2,000 along with his fourth 2017 title, defeated **Craig Tuholski** of Troutdale, Ore., by 320 pins for the win. Tuholski had a 4-4 match play record and 3,689 total pins for his 16 games including match play bonus pins.

In the companion PBA50 Open, **Hugh Miller** of Mercer Island, Wash., went 5-3 and knocked down 3,605 total pins for 16 games to top non-member **Jeff Britton** of Kennewick, Wash., by 67 pins for his ninth PBA50 Northwest Region title. Britton had a 5-3 match play record and a total of 3,538 pins.

- **Darryl Bower** of Middletown, Pa., defeated **Brian Kretzer** of Dayton, Ohio, 198-182, to win the PBA50 Bryan's Bowling Center Open presented by The Insurance Market and 900 Global at Bryan's Bowling Center in Laurel, Del., Sunday.

Bower won all six games he bowled in Sunday's single-elimination match play finals to win his first PBA50 Regional title after winning his first title as a PBA "senior" in the PBA60 Dick Weber Championship, a national event for players ages 60 and older, earlier in the season. The win in Laurel was Bower's 15th overall regional title and earned him \$1,600. Kretzer earned \$900 as the runner-up.

In the semifinal round, Bower eliminated PBA50 Tour Rookie of the Year **Michael Haugen Jr.** of Phoenix, 236-186, while Kretzer ousted **Lee Brosius** of Ashburn, Va., 245-218, to advance to the title match. Haugen and Brosius each earned \$750. In earlier best-of-three-game matches, Bower swept **John Conroy** of Mahopac, N.Y., 2-0, and **Glenn Smith** of New York City, 2-0.

- Amateur **Aaron Beaver** of Elkhart, Ind., defeated **Tyler Wilds** of Three Rivers, Mich., [259-246](#), to win the PBA Kokomo Central/Midwest Classic presented by Security Federal Savings at Heritage Lanes in Kokomo, Ind., Sunday.

Beaver earned \$2,200 for his victory but because he is not a PBA member, his win is not recognized as a PBA title. Beaver downed **Chris Loschetter** of Avon, Ohio, 208-196, and Wilds topped **Graham Fach** of Canada, 255-237, in the semifinal round to set up the championship match.

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QUICK NOTES:

- Did you know that since the inaugural PBA World Series of Bowling in 2009, Australia's **Jason Belmonte** has made 15 television finals in World Series competition, winning three titles. **Sean Rash** of Montgomery, Ill., is runner-up in TV appearances with 14, but has yet to win his first WSOB title.

- Mongolia's planned debut in the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Reno Properties, will not take place as planned due to the inability of its two players (**Tumendelger Dangaasuren** and **Munkhgerel Samdan**) to obtain visas to visit the U.S.

- Seven-time PBA Tour and 42-time PBA Regional title winner **Steve Jaros** of Yorkville, Ill., and PBA Regional champions **Mike Nape** of Aurora, Ill.; Illinois native **John Weltzien** of Wellington, Fla., and **Skip Wolfe** of Dixon, Ill., were inducted into the Illinois Bowling Association Hall of Fame Saturday.

- Fun Fact: **Les Zikes** of Palatine, Ill., for years held the PBA record for most years between his first and second titles – 14 years and six days between the only two PBA Tour titles he won, both in Waukegan, Ill. Recent research has unveiled another oddity in Zikes' career: he also won two PBA Regional titles – the first in 1981 and the second, a PBA50 title, 20 years later in 2001. Both are consistent with the USBC Hall of Famer's bowling skills over a lengthy career. Now 82, Zikes was the first bowler to win USBC Open Championships titles in three consecutive years (1962-64). Earlier in 2017, he became the 11th player to bowl in at least 65 Open Championships.

Michigan's JR Raymond Averages 234 to Top U.S. Open First Round

JR Raymond of Saginaw, Michigan, recharged before heading to the 2017 U.S. Open and then his preparation on and off the lanes showed as the 33-year-old right-hander led Friday's opening round of qualifying.

Raymond rolled an eight-game block of 1,878 at Flamingo Bowl to pace the field, averaging 234.75. England's Dom Barrett, the 2015 runner-up, is second with 1,837, and Team USA member Nick Pate of Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota, is third with 1,779.

Defending champion Francois Lavoie of Canada is in 58th place with 1,631.

After experiencing a tough stretch on the lanes, Raymond took some time away before starting his preparation for the 2017 event.

"This was a big confidence boost, since I had been bowling pretty poorly for the last few months," said Raymond, a titlist at the United States Bowling Congress Open Championships. "I took some time off and didn't start again until about three or four weeks ago, knowing these events were coming up. I spent a lot of time just working on my mental and physical game, and it really helped a lot today."

Raymond minimized mistakes throughout his block on the burn, recording just one game under 220. Each competitor at the 2017 event will have one qualifying block on each of the three phases of the 43-foot lane condition - fresh, burn and double-burn.

Participants also experienced a new transition from warm-up to the beginning of competition at the 2017 event. The number of competition lanes is limited to 24, allowing bowlers to visit the same lanes and see them the same amount of times during

qualifying. Competitors are not allowed to practice on the competition lanes, so 14 lanes are dedicated for warm-up prior to the start of their squads.

"Today was more or less about having a grind focus," Raymond said. "Not having the chance to practice on the pairs beforehand changed the mentality a bit, so it was more about making quality shots, staying clean for as long as I could and just seeing what happened from there. I did a good job staying clean throughout the block and only had two opens, which was pretty hard to do on this pattern, since it's not easy out there."

Qualifying will continue Saturday with the second round, starting at 8 a.m. Eastern. After 24 games over three days, the field will be cut to the top fourth (36 players) for Monday's cashers' round, which will consist of an additional eight games to determine the 24 players for round-robin match play.

Match play will begin Monday at 6 p.m. Eastern with the first of three eight-game rounds and resume Tuesday at 10 a.m. Eastern, concluding with a position round. The five finalists for the stepladder finals will be determined by total pinfall, including bonus pins, for 56 games.

The stepladder finals will be broadcast live on CBS Sports Network on Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m. Eastern. The champion will earn the \$30,000 top prize and coveted green jacket.

The U.S. Open is the fourth of five major championships on the 2017 Professional Bowlers Association Tour schedule and is conducted jointly by the USBC and Bowling Proprietors' Association of America.

Each round of the 2017 U.S. Open leading up to the stepladder finals will be broadcast live on **Xtra Frame**, the exclusive online bowling channel for the PBA. For subscription and schedule information visit www.xtraframe.tv

300 Game Helps Butturff Move Into U.S. Open Lead After Second Round

Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona, rolled a 300 game to start the second round of qualifying Saturday at the 2017 U.S. Open and he cruised to the top of the leaderboard at Flamingo Bowl.

The 23-year-old left-hander posted the highest eight-game block of the day, averaging more than 235 for a 1,881 total, bringing his overall score to 3,626, a 226.6 average for

16 games. England's Dom Barrett maintained second place with a 3,533 total, and first-round leader JR Raymond of Saginaw, Michigan, is third with 3,516.

One round of qualifying remains at the 2017 U.S. Open, and at the conclusion of Sunday's final squad, the field will be cut to the top 36 players for Monday's cashers' round. The cashers' round will consist of an additional eight games to determine the 24 players for round-robin match play.

Heading into Sunday's final round of qualifying, 2005 U.S. Open champion Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, is the cut in 36th place with a 3,299 total, and defending champion Francois Lavoie of Canada is 57th with 3,234.

Butturff was tied for 10th after Friday's opening round and quickly climbed towards the top of the standings after posting the perfect game, building a lead of more than 90 pins over the rest of the field. Butturff is the only competitor at the 2017 U.S. Open to roll a 300 game.

The two-time PBA Tour champion learned from his opening round as the scores began to add up, and the fresh 43-foot lane condition matched up to Butturff's strengths.

Each competitor at the 2017 event will have one qualifying block on each of the three phases of the lane condition used at the U.S. Open - fresh, burn and double-burn.

"I learned a lot from yesterday's block on the burn," said Butturff, the 2017 United States Bowling Congress Team USA Trials champion. "I was able to get an idea of where I needed to be on the fresh, and it ended up developing to where I started yesterday. I was able to play them pretty straight with a lot of surface and weaker equipment, and we all know my A game is throwing urethane. I also felt like I was executing shots really well, and that was the key today."

In his two previous U.S. Open appearances, Butturff advanced to the cashers' round but was unable to make match play. As he heads into his final round of qualifying, which will start at 6:30 p.m. Eastern on the double-burn, Butturff finds himself in an enviable spot and looks to build on the two strong blocks.

"I'm going to come in with the same mindset and try to keep doing the things that have worked so far," Butturff said. "The right-handers have been getting pretty deep, so I'm

planning to use less surface and expect to throw it a little harder. I hope to execute as well as today."

Sunday's qualifying round will start at 8 a.m. Eastern, and match play will begin Monday at 6 p.m. Eastern following the cashers' round with the first of three eight-game rounds. Match play will resume Tuesday at 10 a.m. Eastern, concluding with a position round. The five finalists for the stepladder finals will be determined by total pinfall, including bonus pins, for 56 games.

The stepladder finals will be broadcast live on CBS Sports Network on Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m. Eastern. The champion will earn the \$30,000 top prize and coveted green jacket.

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Duke Averages 243 in Final Qualifying Round to Take U.S. Open Lead

Two-time U.S. Open champion Norm Duke of Clermont, Florida, put on a show for players and spectators Sunday at Flamingo Bowl, averaging more than 243 in his final qualifying block to surge to the top of the standings at the 2017 U.S. Open.

The USBC and PBA Hall of Famer posted a 1,949 eight-game total Sunday to jump from 12th to first on the leaderboard with a 24-game total of 5,339.

Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, New York, the 2015 U.S. Open champion, is second with 5,256, and second round leader Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona, is third with 5,247.

Defending champion Francois Lavoie of Canada is in 22nd place with 5,013.

The top 36 players in the field after 24 games of qualifying advanced to Monday's cashers' round, and Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Florida, earned the final spot with a 4,915 total, a 204.7 average. The cashers' round will start Monday at 10 a.m. Eastern and consist of an additional eight games to determine the 24 players for round-robin match play.

Duke has had his share of memorable runs at the U.S. Open, and the 53-year-old right-hander stayed in the moment as he put together games of 223, 257, 241, 209, 268, 258, 236 and 257 on the burn.

Each competitor at the 2017 event had one qualifying block on each of the three phases of the 43-foot lane condition being used this week at the U.S. Open - fresh, burn and double-burn.

"That came out of nowhere," said Duke, who won the U.S. Open in 2008 and 2011. "I don't think anybody thought 340 over was out there. It's hard to keep your mental attitude really focused for that long, but that's what it's about. I recognized I had something special going, and I kept at it."

With the big block in the books, Duke has no plans to rest on his laurels. The 38-time PBA Tour titlist will refocus and get back to basics as he looks for another deep run at the U.S. Open. In addition to his two wins, Duke also has three additional top-five finishes, including a fourth-place finish at the 2015 event in Garland, Texas.

"I won't let this affect my confidence going forward," Duke said. "As a matter of fact, it may even work against your confidence because you get used to the flow of shooting 230, 240, 250, and the flow here is not that way. Now, I have to go back and get things back to where they were, which is the U.S. Open frame of mind. They're tough out here, it's a grind and it's only the third day. If I can do that, I think I'm all right. But, as soon as you start looking back at what you've done, either today, yesterday or 25 years ago, it will punish you. The main thing for me right now is to be able to forget this, and maybe remember it years from now, but not today."

Match play will begin Monday at 6 p.m. Eastern with the first of three eight-game rounds and resume Tuesday at 10 a.m. Eastern, concluding with a position round. The five finalists for the stepladder finals will be determined by total pinfall, including bonus pins, for 56 games.

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For complete qualifying standings visit <http://scores.bowl.com/2017USOpen/Qualifying3.pdf>

Butturff Dominates in Match Play to Become Top Qualifier for U.S. Open Stepladder Finals

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Jakob Butturff capped off a dominating performance at the 2017 U.S. Open on Tuesday by earning the top seed for the stepladder finals at Flamingo Bowl.

Joining the 23-year-old left-hander in the stepladder finals are Rhino Page of Orlando, Florida, 2013 U.S. Open champion Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, Graham Fach of Canada, and two-time U.S. Open champion Norm Duke of Clermont, Florida.

The stepladder finals of the 2017 U.S. Open will be broadcast live Wednesday on CBS Sports Network at 7:30 p.m. Eastern. The champion will earn the \$30,000 top prize and coveted green jacket.

"My goal at the beginning of the week was just to make the top 24," said Butturff, a two-time Professional Bowlers Association Tour champion. "Being the top seed at the U.S. Open is something more than I could ever ask for."

To end up leading against some of the best bowlers on this planet is an amazing feeling, and I really have to thank my family, friends and sponsors for their support."

Butturff shined in match play, averaging more than 228 and posting a 20-4 overall record to lead Page by 617 pins. He finished with a 56-game total of 13,101, including bonus pins. He also went undefeated in his final block of match play.

"In today's game, a strong mental game is a must, especially at the U.S. Open," said Butturff, a Team USA member. "For 56 games, I did my best to just take it one shot at a time and step back and refocus when things didn't go as planned and move on from it. I feel the nerves definitely are going to kick in being the top seed, but if I need to take a second to step back and take a deep breath, I'm going to do it and give it my best effort."

Page moved into second in the position round after defeating Fach, 213-208. Page, a five-time PBA Tour champion, finished with 12,484. Malott dropped from second to third in the position round, posting a 12,438 total.

Fach earned the No. 4 seed with a 12,434 total and will take on Duke, who took the No. 5 seed with 12,397, in Wednesday's opening match.

Butturff and Page each will be in search for their first major championship, while Malott, Fach and Duke will look to add to their collections.

Malott, a 10-time PBA Tour champion, can become the 12th bowler in U.S. Open history to capture the title multiple times, and Fach won his first career PBA Tour and major at the 2016 Barbasol PBA Players Championship.

Duke, a United States Bowling Congress and PBA Hall of Famer, is looking for his 39th national title and eighth major championship. Duke would be the fifth player in tournament history to claim the green jacket three times with a win.

All competitors bowled 24 games of qualifying over three days to determine the 36 players advancing to Monday's cashers' round. After eight additional games, the field was cut to the top 24 players for round-robin match play.

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Boston Red Sox Star Mookie Betts to Return to PBA's World Series of Bowling

Rising star in baseball world hopes to "do a little better" in second WSOB appearance

RENO, Nev. (Oct. 31, 2017) – Boston Red Sox star Mookie Betts began thinking about competing in the World Series very early in the year, but as much as he wanted to return to bowling's version of the classic event in Reno, he would have preferred playing in the Major League Baseball fall classic.

When the Houston Astros ended Boston's bid for another World Series title, winning their American League Division Series, 3-1, the 25-year-old Betts was free to begin full-scale preparations for his alternative plan, competing in the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Reno Properties, Nov. 7-19 at Reno's National Bowling Stadium. WSOB IX kicks off the 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour.

"I hope I can do a little better than I did last time," Betts said Tuesday. "I think I understand the mental side of what I need to do a little more, but it's not like I have it down pat. But I can use my experience from last time. We'll see."

Betts, who made his debut in Professional Bowlers Association competition during the 2015 WSOB VII in Reno, has been eagerly awaiting the chance to try it again.

“Bowling has been a part of my life forever, so it isn’t going away,” he said. “I like to compete, but I also know I need to get better.”

Since the baseball season ended, Betts said he’s been practicing regularly, in part to get his right hand toughened up a bit for the daily grind of two five-game qualifying blocks. His goal is to finish among the top 150 against the field of 195 on any given day. In his WSOB debut in 2015, Betts averaged 190 for his 36 qualifying games – nine each on four different animal patterns.

His life as a professional athlete has evolved during the past two years. In 2016, when he played a starring role in helping the Red Sox to the American League playoffs, Betts hit for a .318 average with 31 home runs and 113 RBIs., winding up runner-up in the American League MVP voting. He was named MLB’s Defensive Player of the Year, won Silver Slugger and Gold Glove honors, and earned the first of two straight berths in the MLB All-Star Game.

His star continued to rise 2017, when he again played a pivotal role in helping the Red Sox win the American League East Division title and earned another trip to the All-Star game. On Nov. 7 he’ll find out if he will win back-to-back Gold Gloves for his stellar play in right field.

As brilliantly as he has played in the Major League Baseball arena, Betts remains grounded to his bowling roots, started by his mother (Diana Benedict) in his Nashville, Tenn., hometown. And he has proven to be a sponge in soaking up knowledge in whatever sport he plays.

Is there any relationship between bowling and baseball?

“I think the short bursts of focus are a key,” Betts said. “I’ve played baseball in front of thousands of people, so I’ve learned to get over those little moments pretty quickly. It’s the same in bowling. If things aren’t going well, you get your focus back and get back on track.”

Betts will join a sold-out field of world-class bowlers from 27 different countries for five-game qualifying rounds at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Pacific time) in the PBA Chameleon Championship presented by Reno Tahoe on Wednesday, Nov. 8; the PBA Shark Championship presented by Xtra Frame on Thursday, Nov. 9; the PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game on Saturday, Nov. 11 and the Pepsi PBA Scorpion Championship presented by GoBowling.com on Sunday, Nov. 12.

If Betts finishes among the top 25 percent of the field after 40 combined games on the four animal patterns, he’ll advance to PBA World Championship cashers round on Nov. 13 and 14. If he finishes among the top 16 in any of the four individual animal pattern events, he’ll advance to single-elimination match competition on Nov. 15 and 16.

All of the preliminary rounds will be live streamed on PBA’s Xtra Frame online bowling channel. For subscription information, visit xtraframe.tv.

WSOB IX concludes Nov. 17-19 with finals live streamed on ESPN3 (and also recorded for Sunday telecasts on ESPN beginning Dec. 10).

GEICO PBA WORLD SERIES OF BOWLING IX
(a part of the 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour)
presented by Eldorado Reno Properties
National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Nov. 7-19 (all times are Pacific)

Tuesday, Nov. 7

10 a.m. – PBA Chameleon 39 and Shark 45 practice session

1 p.m. – PBA Regional and PBA50 Challenge finals, 8 games round robin match play

4:15 p.m. – PBA50 Challenge Finals (Xtra Frame)

5 p.m. – PBA Regional Challenge Finals (Xtra Frame)

Wednesday, Nov. 8

11 a.m. – PBA Chameleon Championship presented by Reno Tahoe qualifying, 5 games

5 p.m. – PBA Chameleon Championship presented by Reno Tahoe qualifying, 5 games

Top 16 after 10 games advance to Chameleon Round of 16 match play on Nov. 15

Thursday, Nov. 9

11 a.m. – PBA Shark Championship presented by Xtra Frame qualifying, 5 games

5 p.m. – PBA Shark Championship presented by Xtra Frame qualifying, 5 games

Top 16 after 10 games advance to Shark Round of 16 match play on Nov. 15

Friday, Nov. 10

Noon – PBA Cheetah 33 and Scorpion 42 practice session

Saturday, Nov. 11

11 a.m. – PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game qualifying, 5 games

5 p.m. – PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game qualifying, 5 games

Top 16 after 10 games advance to Cheetah Round of 16 match play on Nov. 16

Sunday, Nov. 12

11 a.m. – Pepsi PBA Scorpion Championship presented by GoBowling.com qualifying, 5 games

5 p.m. – Pepsi PBA Scorpion Championship presented by GoBowling.com qualifying, 5 games

Top 16 after 10 games advance to Scorpion Round of 16 match play on Nov. 16

Top 25 percent of field after 40 combined qualifying games on Chameleon, Shark, Cheetah and Scorpion patterns advance to PBA World Championship cashers' round on Nov. 13

Monday, Nov. 13

1 p.m. – PBA World Championship cashers' round, five games, Chameleon 39 pattern

5 p.m. – PBA World Championship cashers' round, five games, Shark 45 pattern

Tuesday, Nov. 14

1 p.m. – PBA World Championship cashers' round, five games, Cheetah 33 pattern

5 p.m. – PBA World Championship cashers' round, five games, Scorpion 42 pattern

Top five after 60 combined qualifying games on Chameleon, Shark, Cheetah and Scorpion patterns advance to PBA World Championship stepladder finals, live on ESPN, Sunday, Sept. 19, noon (3 p.m. EST)

Wednesday, Nov. 15

11 a.m. – PBA Chameleon Championship presented by Reno Tahoe qualifying Round of 16, best of five games single-elimination match play

1:30 p.m. – PBA Chameleon Championship presented by Reno Tahoe qualifying Round of 8, best of three games single-elimination match play

Four winners advance to ESPN Chameleon Championship presented by Reno Tahoe finals on Nov. 18

3:30 p.m. – PBA Shark Championship presented by Xtra Frame Round of 16, best of five games single-elimination match play

6 p.m. – PBA Shark Championship presented by Xtra Frame Round of 8, best of three games single-elimination match play

Four winners advance to ESPN Shark Championship presented by Xtra Frame finals on Nov. 18

Thursday, Nov. 16

11 a.m. – PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game Round of 16, best of five games single-elimination match play

1:30 p.m. – PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game Round of 8, best of three games single-elimination match play

Four winners advance to ESPN PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game finals on Nov. 18

3:30 p.m. – Pepsi PBA Scorpion Championship presented by GoBowling.com Round of 16, best of five games single-elimination match play

6 p.m. – Pepsi PBA Scorpion Championship presented by GoBowling.com Round of 8, best of three games single-elimination match play

Four winners advance to ESPN Go Bowling! Scorpion Championship finals on Nov. 18

Friday, Nov. 17

6 p.m. - USA vs. The World team event (live on ESPN3)

7:30 p.m. - National Bowling Stadium pro-am

Saturday, Nov. 18

Noon – PBA Chameleon Championship presented by Reno Tahoe semifinals and finals (live on ESPN3)

2:30 p.m. – PBA Shark Championship presented by Xtra Frame semifinals and finals (live on ESPN3)

4:15 p.m. – PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game semifinals and finals (live on ESPN3)

6 p.m. – Pepsi PBA Scorpion Championship presented by GoBowling.com semifinals and finals (live on ESPN3)

Sunday, Nov. 19

Noon – PBA World Championship stepladder finals (live on ESPN3)

3:30 p.m. – World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's WBT Finals presented by PBA (live on ESPN3)

PBA Spare Shots

PREMIER PBA "ROOKIE OF THE YEAR" CANDIDATES TO COMPETE IN GEICO PBA WSOB IX

The next generation of PBA stars will be in the spotlight at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno beginning Nov. 7 when one of the strongest PBA Rookie of the Year classes ever will test their skills in the annual multi-event GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Reno Properties.

WSOB IX, kicking off the 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour series, will be the final opportunity for the 2017 ROY contenders to make a statement while it also will be the first step toward 2018 Rookie of the Year consideration for a few others who will be bowling in PBA competition as members for the first time.

The World Series will award titles in four animal pattern stages (Chameleon 39, Shark 45, Cheetah 33 and Scorpion 42) as well as the PBA World Championship. Players who are leading the charge toward 2017 Rookie of the Year honors include Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich.; Cristian Azcona, a Puerto Rico native now living in Lake Wales, Fla.; AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa; Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill.; Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind.; Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo.; Zach Wilkins, Barrie, Ontario, Canada, and Zulmazran Zulkifli, Malaysia.

Among the 2017 candidates, Sanders is the only one to win a PBA Tour title thus far, winning the Xtra Frame Billy Hardwick Memorial in Memphis, Tenn., in late June.

Making their debuts in Reno as PBA members will be two rising stars familiar to all fans of youth bowling, Kamron Doyle, who grew up in suburban Nashville, and Michael Tang of San Francisco. Because the World Series is considered as one event under Rookie of the Year eligibility rules, Doyle and Tang will be trying to get a head start on the 2018 Rookie of the Year race.

Doyle, now 19 and living in Warrensburg, Mo., began attracting attention at age 11 when he became the then-youngest bowler to record an 800 series. At age 12 in 2010, he became the youngest to cash in a PBA Regional (for scholarship money), and in 2012 at age 14, he became the youngest to cash in a PBA Tour event when he finished 61st in the U.S. Open as an eighth-grader. After four terms on Junior Team USA, two on adult Team USA (including winning the men's 2015 Team USA Trials), and an abbreviated collegiate career, Doyle has decided to pursue his PBA dreams.

Also vying for 2018 Rookie of the Year honors will be Michael Tang, Doyle's two-time Junior Team USA teammate and a former San Jose State collegiate star, who will join older brother Darren as a PBA member in Reno. The Tang brothers got their first national exposure as finalists in the USBC Masters where Michael won three matches (including a 248-212 decision over his older brother) before losing to Australia's Jason Belmonte in the title match, 279-212.

Combine the talented rookies coming in 2018 with the star-studded rookie field in 2017 with 20-something stars who have already made names for themselves (i.e., reigning PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett, 2016 Rookie of

the Year Francois Lavoie, Anthony Simonsen, Marshall Kent and Sweden's Jesper Svensson), and you'll see why PBA fans are awaiting a fascinating WSOB IX, and an exciting Go Bowling! PBA Tour season in the new year.

XTRA FRAME AVAILABLE AT NO COST TO BPAA-MEMBER CENTERS

As part of the new Go Bowling! PBA Tour umbrella sponsorship package that officially gets underway with the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, centers that are members of the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America can sign up for a complimentary Xtra Frame subscription, making PBA's exclusive online bowling channel available to their customers at no cost.

It's easy: all a BPAA-member center has to do is contact PBA's Dave Schroeder (email: dave.schroeder@pba.com) and after confirming membership, Schroeder will provide the participating center with its promotional code and activation instructions in time for dozens of hours of coverage of WSOB IX events.

Individuals also can sign up for Xtra Frame's full-season or 30-day packages that will include coverage of all preliminary rounds of GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX events, presented by Eldorado Reno Properties, Nov. 7-16. New subscribers also are automatically entered into PBA's monthly bowling ball sweepstakes which awards new MOTIV, Brunswick and DV8 bowling balls to randomly-selected subscribers. To start your Xtra Frame subscription, visit xtraframe.tv.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: RON MOHR WINS FIRST "STANDARD" REGIONAL TITLE

Newly-elected PBA hall of famer Ron Mohr of Las Vegas and amateur partner Scott Halvarson teamed up to win Sunday's South Point Member/Non-Member Doubles title Sunday at South Point Bowling Plaza after amateur Justin Ziegler of Henderson, Nev., won the South Point West Challenge portion of the West Region doubleheader on Friday.

In Sunday's title match, Halvarson, from Bonney Lake, Wash., and Mohr defeated non-member Russ Oviatt of Tempe, Ariz. and Jim Pratt of Avondale, Ariz., 428-411, to claim the \$4,000 first prize. In the process, the 61-year-old Mohr earned his first "standard" PBA Regional title to accompany the 17 PBA50 titles he's won in regional competition.

Halvarson and Mohr advanced to the title match by eliminating Craig Spencer of Tempe and Greg Thompson Jr. of San Jose, Calif., 523-401, while Oviatt and Pratt ousted Steve Smith of San Diego and Frank Barefoot Jr. of Las Vegas, 401-370, in the other semifinal match.

In Friday's Challenge event for players who haven't won a PBA title, Ziegler defeated fellow non-member Cerell Cardines of Las Vegas, 278-181, to earn the \$2,000 first prize. In the semifinal round, Ziegler defeated Lowell Huber of Westminster, Calif., 248-188, while Cardines eliminated Toby Sambuono of Henderson, Nev., 245-236, to set up the championship match.

Because they aren't PBA members, neither Halvarson nor Ziegler get credit for a PBA title.

- With the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Reno Properties, gathering most of the attention in November, there are still several opportunities on tap for regional players, beginning with a busy Nov. 3-5 schedule leading into WSOB IX. Events include the PBA50 Victory Lanes Midwest/Central Open presented by Mattress Firm in Kankakee, Ill.; the PBA and PWBA-PBA Fayetteville South Open at Lafayette Lanes in Fayetteville, N.C., the PBA50 Dick's Pro Shop Northwest/West Open presented by Boulder Falls Inn at Linn Lanes in Lebanon, Ore., and the one-day Greater Anderson Central/Midwest Open Sunday at Dave Small's Championship Lanes in Anderson, Ind.
- The only PBA Regional event on Nov. 10-12 weekend is the PBA50 Gastonia South Open presented by Brunswick at George Pappas' Liberty Lanes in Gastonia, N.C.
- One event is on the PBA Regional calendar for the Nov. 17-19 weekend: the La-Z-Boy Central Challenge for non-titlists at Monroe Sports Center in Monroe, Mich.
- Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 23) is an American holiday, but it's also the day the PBA Japan Region will conduct its Phoenix Rays PBA Japan Bear Open at Sagami First Lanes in Sagamihara, Japan. Over the Thanksgiving weekend, the PBA Southwest Region will conduct its Beaumont Southwest Open at Crossroads Bowling Center in Beaumont, Texas.

- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the “schedules” tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow “live scoring” for all PBA Regional events on pba.com (easily accessible for Apple device users using the new PBA app).

QUICK NOTES:

- Did you know that since the inaugural PBA World Series of Bowling in 2009, 41 different countries have been represented in the field at one time or another. In 2017, a record 27 countries will compete for titles, including first-time entries from France and The Netherlands.
- Stephen Walker of Batavia, Ill., is the lucky winner of a new high-performance ball from DV8; Robert Bledsoe of Merritt Island, Fla., receives a new high-performance MOTIV ball, and Ruben Zavala of Helotes, Texas, wins a new Brunswick ball as October sweepstakes prizes for subscribing to Xtra Frame. The monthly sweepstakes is sponsored by the respective PBA Product Registered partners. Monthly winners are selected from among new Xtra Frame subscribers, who are automatically entered when they enroll as a monthly or Xtra Frame Season Ticket (full year) subscriber.
- Claude Perreault is the October winner of a \$200 HotelPlanner.com certificate, redeemable for future lodging expenses, compliments of PBA's official travel partner. The monthly sweepstakes is open to anyone who books a hotel through the HotelPlanner.com link on pba.com. Those who book through HotelPlanner.com are automatically entered.

Rhino Page Wins 2017 U.S. Open for First Major Title

Rhino Page captured his first career major championship after defeating top seed Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona, in the title match of the 2017 U.S. Open, 256-222.

Page struck on eight of his first nine deliveries during the championship round Wednesday at Flamingo Bowl, winning his sixth career PBA Tour title, the coveted green jacket and \$30,000 top prize. The stepladder finals of the 2017 U.S. Open were broadcast live on CBS Sports Network.

“I don’t know if I can put it into words,” said Page, a 34-year-old left-hander. “As I looked down as I was holding the trophy, I almost started to cry. It means everything to me and makes me want to work even harder to win more.”

Page and Butturff matched each other shot for shot for the first five frames of the title match, but Butturff was unable to strike in the sixth and seventh frames, leaving and converting a pair of single pins.

Butturff, a 23-year-old left-hander, opened in the eighth frame after leaving the 4-6-10 split as Page continued to strike through the ninth frame. Page sealed the victory with an eight count on his first shot of the 10th frame.

A ball change in his semifinal win against 2013 U.S. Open champion Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, gave Page the look he needed heading into the title match against Butturff, who averaged more than 223 throughout the week at Flamingo Bowl. Page defeated Malott, 226-155.

“I was going back and forth with two balls that were counter opposites,” Page said. “One was a little faster off the friction, and the other was a little slower. It became evident in the fifth frame that maybe the ball I was using was just a little too slow, and I knew I had to find a way to strike with Jakob coming up. I was really happy with my ball reaction when I made the change, and that alone let me know I had everything in place. If something happened with ball motion, I knew where to go next, and that made me extremely confident.”

Butturff led the field after 56 games by 617 pins, including bonus pins, and he found a similar fate as several others who have held sizable leads heading into the title match. He earned \$15,000 for the runner-up finish.

United States Bowling Congress and PBA Hall of Famer Earl Anthony led the 1979 and 1980 U.S. Open by 578 and 551 pins, respectively, only to finish as the runner-up, while two-time U.S. Open champion Walter Ray Williams Jr. led the 1993 event by 537 pins before falling in the title match.

“This was by far one of the best journeys I’ve had in my career,” said Butturff, a Team USA member who now will head to Hermosillo, Mexico, to represent the United States at the QubicaAMF World Cup.

“Second place at the end of the day is always the roughest, especially when you are leading a tournament by two games. At the same time, I put my foot down and I struck as much as I could this week. I bowled an OK game on TV, and Rhino just bowled a better game.”

Malott earned his spot in the semifinal after picking up a 2-10 split in the 10th frame to lock up his match against Canada’s Graham Fach, 186-179.

GEICO PBA WSOB IX MEDIA ADVISORY

RENO, Nev. (Nov. 6, 2017) - Several of the established stars of the PBA World Series of Bowling over its first eight years will be on hand for a Facebook Live press conference Tuesday (Nov. 7) from the National Bowling Stadium in Reno to kick off GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Reno Properties.

News media representatives and PBA fans around the world are invited to join in the Facebook Live session beginning at 11:30 am PST(2:30 p.m. EST). PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark will kick off the press conference, followed by WSOB all-time pinfall leader Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., at 11:45 a.m.; defending PBA World Champion EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., at 11:53 a.m.; all-time WSOB earnings leader Jason Belmonte of Australia at noon; newly-crowned U.S. Open champion Rhino Page of Orlando, Fla., at 12:07 p.m., and (tentatively) Boston Red Sox star Mookie Betts at 12:15 p.m.

To watch or participate in the Facebook Live press conference, go to the PBA (Professional Bowlers Association) page on Facebook.

PBA's 38th Year of ESPN Coverage Begins Sunday, December 10
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The Professional Bowlers Association and ESPN are teaming up for the 38th consecutive year to provide millions of sports fans with world-class bowling action beginning Sunday, Dec. 10, from the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX presented by Eldorado Reno Properties.

A total of 17 competitions on Sundays through May will feature the best players in the world in a diverse series of events that will decide the 2017 Player of the Year race and kickstart the 2018 Go Bowling PBA Tour's benchmark 60th anniversary season. All events will also stream live via the ESPN app.

Providing the commentary will be lead announcer Dave LaMont in his second season, PBA Hall of Famer Randy Pedersen in his 17th year as color analyst and former Miss USA Kimberly Pressler returning for her eighth season as sideline reporter.

"ESPN is looking forward to another year of PBA on our networks," said Burke Magnus, ESPN Executive Vice President of Programming and Scheduling. "One of our longest-standing relationships, PBA on ESPN provides exciting content for both avid and casual bowling fans, and it continues to serve an important sector of our fan base."

Looking ahead at notable highlights for what promises to be one of the PBA's most interesting TV seasons ever:

- The PBA Tournament of Champions will make an historic return to its longtime host center AMF Riviera Lanes near Akron, Ohio, where the PBA's signature event was held from 1966-1994.
- The United States Bowling Congress Masters will be contested in a special arena setting in Syracuse, N.Y.'s downtown Convention Center.
- The PBA's new Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic, as part of a season-long celebration

highlighting the PBA's creation in 1958, will come from Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis, one of the leading tournament venues in the country and host of numerous PBA major championships.

- The State Farm Chris Paul PBA Celebrity Invitational presented by Go Bowling, in its eighth year moves to NBA star Paul's new home in Houston and returns to a Super Bowl Sunday air date.

- The PBA World Championship as the WSOB's main event, along with all PBA animal pattern championships, a USA vs. World team event and the World Bowling Finals come from bowling's greatest stage, the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nev.

- The PBA League team event returns to raucous Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, where the Elias Cup will be decided over a series of four telecasts.

- Columbus, Ohio, hosts both the Barbasol PBA Players Championship and the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman Doubles Championship presented by BowlerX.com.

In addition to 29 hours of live coverage of PBA competition on ESPN, ESPN3 and streaming on the ESPN app, the Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule will feature a season-long celebration of the "60 Greatest Moments in PBA History." Those moments will be counted down and revealed on the ESPN telecasts beginning with the PBA's "Big February" slate of events. And, as part of the 60th Anniversary celebration, a new opening for the ESPN telecasts has been produced and can be seen here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BUdShnqLUgA>

Promotional tune-in posters will also be in more than 2,500 Bowling Proprietor Association of America Strike Ten participating centers as part of the Go Bowling umbrella sponsorship of the PBA.

All qualifying rounds of competition and archived ESPN finals will be on the PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. For subscription and scheduling information go to xtraframe.tv or download the PBA Xtra Frame app.

2017-18 GO BOWLING! PBA TOUR ESPN SCHEDULE (all times Eastern)

Sunday, Dec. 10, 1 p.m.** – USA vs. The World, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev. (live on ESPN3 and ESPN app, Nov. 17, 9 p.m.)

Sunday, Dec. 17, 1 p.m.** – PBA Chameleon Championship presented by Reno Tahoe, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev. (live on ESPN3 and ESPN app, Nov. 18, 3 p.m.)

Sunday, Dec. 17, 2 p.m.** – PBA Shark Championship presented by Xtra Frame, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev. (live on ESPN3 and ESPN app, Nov. 18, 5:30 p.m.)

Sunday, Dec. 24, 1 p.m.** – PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev. (live on ESPN3 and ESPN app, Nov. 18, 7:15 p.m.)

Sunday, Dec. 24, 2 p.m.** – Pepsi PBA Scorpion Championship presented by Go Bowling!, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev. (live on ESPN3 and ESPN app, Nov. 18, 9 p.m.)

Sunday, Dec. 31, 1 p.m.** – PBA World Championship, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev. (live on ESPN3 and ESPN app, Nov. 19, 3 p.m.)

Sunday, Jan. 7, 1 p.m.** – World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals presented by PBA, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev. (live on ESPN3 and ESPN app, Nov. 19, 6:30 p.m.)

Sunday, Feb. 4, 2 p.m. – State Farm CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational presented by Go Bowling! (Houston, Texas, tba)

Sunday, Feb. 11, 1 p.m. – PBA Tournament of Champions, AMF Riviera Lanes, Fairlawn, Ohio, live.

Sunday, Feb. 18, 1 p.m. – Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic, Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, live.

Sunday, Feb. 25, 1 p.m. – Barbasol PBA Players Championship, Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl, Columbus, Ohio, live.

Sunday, March 25, 2 p.m.** – Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship presented by BowlerX.com, Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl, Columbus, Ohio (live on ESPN3 and ESPN app, Feb. 25, 4:30 p.m.)

Sunday, April 15, 1 p.m. – USBC Masters, Nicholas J. Pirro Convention Center, Syracuse, N.Y., live.

Sunday, April 22, 1 p.m.** – PBA League Quarterfinals 1 & 2, Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine (live on ESPN3 and ESPN app, April 21, noon)

Sunday, April 29, 1 p.m.** – PBA League Quarterfinals 3 & 4, Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine (live on ESPN3 and ESPN app, April 21, 3:30 p.m.)

Sunday, May 6, 1 p.m.** – PBA League Semifinals 1 & 2, Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine (live on ESPN3 and ESPN app, April 22, noon)

Sunday, May 13, 1 p.m.** – PBA League Elias Cup Finals, Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine (live on ESPN3 and ESPN app, April 22, 3:30 p.m.)

**Presentations will air live on ESPN3 and the ESPN app, then re-air

**Norm Duke, Francois Lavoie Win PBA Challenge Events to Kick Off
GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX**

Ninth annual World Series officially gets underway with first animal pattern stage on Wednesday

RENO, Nev. (Tuesday, Nov. 7) – Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., and 2016 PBA Rookie of the Year Francois Lavoie of Quebec City, Quebec, kicked off the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Reno Proprieties, with victories in the special PBA50 Tour and PBA Regional Challenge events Tuesday at the National Bowling Stadium.0

Duke, a 38-time PBA Tour champion who endured a second-place plagued season in PBA "senior tour" competition, completed a perfect match play round with a 222-212 victory over newly-elected PBA Hall of Famer Ron Mohr of Las Vegas to win the PBA50 Tour Challenge title, and an \$8,000 prize heading into the start of World Series competition Wednesday.

"There's no place worse than second," Duke said after winning an eight of his matches to reach the title match against Mohr. "It's a nice start to the World Series and it's a testament to how I bowled all season on the PBA50 Tour. Those second place finishes got in the way of the Player of the Year, which was a goal, but you have to take pride in knowing you were in the race all the way to the end.

"I knew I had to change my momentum coming into the World Series. You can lose with big games, and win with lesser games, but it's winning that's important. This was a nice momentum boost. After all of the work I put into the U.S. Open (he finished fifth last week), I knew that was going to pay dividends this week, and it already has."

Lavoie, who currently lives in Wichita, Kan., where he starred as a collegian and began his PBA Regional career, dominated the PBA Southwest Region in competition points in 2017 and won a frame-for-frame battle over PBA Midwest Regional points champ AJ Johnson of Oswego, Ill., 247-235, when Johnson failed to strike on his first shot in the 10th frame.

"Bowling in the PBA Regional program when I was in college helped me get ready for this," Lavoie said of his impressive PBA Tour debut, including the 2016 U.S. Open title. "Everyone in the Challenge field bowled well in the regional program all year, so I knew it was going to be a tough event to win. It's nice to have this under my belt before the World Series gets started."

Both of the Challenge events culminated season-long competition points qualifying to allow players to reach the World Series, and entitled each of the competitors to paid entries into the World Series as well. The Challenge events, which were the debut events contested on the new PBA Earl Anthony 42 lane oiling pattern, were covered live on PBA's online video streaming service, Xtra Frame.

The ninth annual WSOB, which officially kicks off the 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule, gets underway Wednesday with the first of four animal pattern qualifying stages leading into the PBA World Championship. Qualifying rounds of the Chameleon 39, Shark 45, Cheetah 33 and Scorpion 42 events will be covered live on Xtra Frame Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, respectively, at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. PST. All competition throughout the WSOB also will be covered in depth on pba.com's "live scoring" feature.

PBA50 TOUR CHALLENGE

Championship: Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla. (\$8,000) def. Ron Mohr, Las Vegas (\$4,000), 222-212.

Final Match Play Standings (after 8 games, including match play bonus pins; top two advanced to championship match): 1, Duke, 8-0, 2,147. 2, Mohr, 5-3, 2,050 3, Bob Learn Jr, Erie, Pa., 5-3, 1,971, \$2,000. 4, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3-5, 1,946, \$1,000. 5, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 4-4, 1,839, \$800. 6, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3-5, 1,748, \$700. 7, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3-5, 1,712, \$600. 8, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1-7, 1,622, \$500.

PBA REGIONAL CHALLENGE

Championship: Francois Lavoie, Canada, (\$8,000) def. AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill. (\$4,000), 247-235.

Final Match Play Standings (after 8 games, including match play bonus pins; top two advanced to championship match): 1, Johnson (Midwest Region), 6-2, 2,147. 2, Lavoie (Southwest Region), 6-2, 2,080. 3, Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash. Northwest Region), 3-5, 2,006, \$2,000. 4, Darren Tang, San Francisco (West Region), 5-3, 1,999, \$1,000. 5, Graham Fach, Canada (Central Region), 5-3, 1,991, \$800. 6, Matthew O'Grady, Rahway, N.J. (East Region), 3-5, 1,918, \$700. 7, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C. (South Region), 3-5, 1,866, \$600. 8, Shota Kawazoe, Japan Region, 1-7, 1,732, \$500.

RENO, Nev. – Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., led an early scoring barrage on the PBA's Chameleon 39 lane conditioning pattern Wednesday, kicking off the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX at the National Bowling Stadium.

After the first five qualifying games in the PBA Chameleon Championship presented by Reno Tahoe, Smallwood was averaging 252.20 behind games of 246, 245, 278, 244 and 248 for a 1,261 pinfall total and a 38-pin lead over Sweden's Pontus Andersson, who had 1,223 pins. Heading into Wednesday evening's second five-game qualifying round, Adrian Ang Loong of Malaysia was third, one pin behind, Andersson, followed by Dick Allen of Columbia, S.C., with 1,221 pins and Thailand's Yannathon Larpapharat in fifth place with 1,219 pins.

After 10 games, the top 16 players will advance to the Chameleon Championship Round of 16 on Wednesday, Nov. 15. For a complete list of scores, visit “Live Scoring” on the pba.com home page (<https://www.pba.com/PBALiveScoring?TournamentID=2426>). All Chameleon qualifying pins also count toward 40-game pinfall totals that will decide who advances to the PBA World Championship cashers’ round at the end of Sunday’s animal pattern qualifying.

Of special note, Boston Red Sox outfielder Mookie Betts led off the tournament with a 278 game and finished his opening round with a 201.6 average. He was one of 157 players who averaged 200 or higher during the first five-game round.

GEICO PBA WSOB IX Notebook: PBA Challenge Events Debut Detailed LaneTalk Performance Statistics

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The PBA50 Tour and PBA Regional Challenge events that kicked off the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX on Tuesday also introduced the first batch of detailed scoring statistics that will be provided throughout the World Series by PBA’s WSOB IX statistical analysis partner, LaneTalk.

Fans will be able to access a wide variety of detailed data regarding WSOB IX by visiting LaneTalk’s page on Facebook on a daily basis.

As an example of information that will be provided by LaneTalk was the following pulled from the performances by PBA50 Tour Challenge winner Norm Duke and PBA Regional Challenge winner Francois Lavoie during their nine games of match play Tuesday at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno.

During Duke’s perfect 9-0 match play performance:

- He hit the pocket on 83.02% of his shots, and carried strikes 79.55% of the time.
- He got nine pins or better on 88.68% of his first shots;
- Across nine games, Duke’s “clean frame” percentage was 95.56;
- His spare conversion rate for all non-split leaves was 100%.

During Lavoie's 7-2 match play performance:

- He hit the pocket on 86.41% of his shots, and carried strikes 78.65% of the time;
- He got nine or better on 89.32% of his first shots;
- Across his nine games, Lavoie's "clean frame" percentage was 92.22%;
- His spare conversion rate for all non-split leaves was 95.83%.

2017 WSOB "ANIMAL PATTERN" PRIMER

Since its inception in Detroit in 2009, the essence of the World Series has been a variety of "animal pattern" events that not only offer PBA Tour titles, but serve as qualifying stages culminating with the PBA World Championship. In order to win the PBA World Championship, players must demonstrate a high level of consistency across the different challenges the "animal patterns" present.

While oiling patterns on bowling lanes are normally invisible, the PBA helped fans get a visual picture of the differences in playing conditions when it introduced blue dyed oil for televised WSOB events in 2013. The "blue oil" lanes have remained a part of PBA's televised events ever since.

Another major advance in understanding the challenges of bowling came when the PBA gave those varying oiling patterns names. Thus the so-called animal patterns were born, and fans can now relate to the playing surface involved simply by referring to the animal pattern name and knowing peculiar features are involved with that particular oiling pattern.

This year, the patterns have been modified based upon advances in technology, but the essence of the program remains the same even if the order they will be used has been changed, and their names have been adjusted to include the distance oil is applied for each pattern. The new order and names include the Chameleon 39 (a 39-foot pattern), Shark 45, Cheetah 33 and Scorpion 42. Although the patterns are a bit different, here's a summary of the players who have won on the respective patterns in years past:

The Chameleon 39: Past WSOB Chameleon champions include Bill O'Neill (2009), Scott Norton (2010), Jason Belmonte (2011), Scott Norton (2012), Ryan Ciminelli (2013), Mika Koivuniemi (2014), Jesper Svensson (2015) and Mitch Beasley (2016).

The Shark 45: Past WSOB Shark champions include: Jack Jurek (2009), Osku Palermaa (2010) and Jason Belmonte (2011) and, after a four-year absence, Francois Lavoie (2016).

The Cheetah 33: Past WSOB Cheetah champions include Norm Duke (2009), Eugene McCune (2010), Bill O'Neill (2012), Wes Malott (2013), Anthony Pepe (2014), Parker Bohn III (2015) and Mike Wolfe (2016). The Cheetah was not part of the 2011 WSOB.

The Scorpion 42: Past WSOB Scorpion champions include Mike DeVaney (2009), non-member Yong-Jin Gu (2010), Dom Barrett (2011), Tom Daugherty (2012), Tom Smallwood (2013), Michael Haugen Jr. (2014), Jon Van Hees (2015) and Tommy Jones (2016).

Notice anything unusual about those stats? Only Scott Norton (Chameleon in 2010 and 2012) has ever won the same animal pattern event more than once.

NEXT UP ON XTRA FRAME: ANIMAL PATTERN PREVIEW, WRAPUP SHOWS ON TAP

As the 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule gets underway in Reno, Xtra Frame begins its extensive coverage of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Resorts Reno Properties, on Xtra Frame with preview and wrap-up shows before-and-after each of the animal pattern events. Here's the projected schedule:

Thursday - PBA Shark Championship presented by Xtra Frame five-game qualifying squads at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. (PST).

Saturday – PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game five-game qualifying squads, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Sunday – Pepsi PBA Scorpion Championship presented by GoBowling.com five-game qualifying squads, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. (PDS) (Scorpion wrap-up show also will unveil the players who will advance to PBA World Championship cashers' round competition on Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 13-14, at 1 and 5 p.m.)

Xtra Frame subscriptions are available in a variety of packages: three-day (\$3.99), 30-day (\$7.99) and Xtra Frame Season Ticket (a full-year's coverage at an average cost of \$1.25 per week) subscriptions are available by visiting "xtraframe.tv" and clicking on the "subscribe now" link. As a reminder, new monthly or Season Ticket subscribers also are automatically entered into monthly sweepstakes where they have chances to win a new high-performance bowling ball from Brunswick, DV8 or MOTIV.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: KRETZER WINS TITLE, GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP

Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio, defeated Scott Merritt of Iowa City, Iowa, 245-209, to not only win the PBA50 Victory Lanes Midwest/Central Region Open presented by Mattress Firm at Victory Lanes in Kankakee, Ill., Sunday, but he also won a good night's sleep as a bonus.

In addition to his third PBA50 regional title of the year and a \$1,600 cash prize, Kretzer won a Mattress Firm bed worth \$5,000 from the tournament sponsor.

Kretzer defeated Mike Steil of Wheeling, Ill., 226-213, in the semifinal game to advance to the championship match after defeating Lennie Boresch Jr. of Kenosha, Wis., 213-194, in the first match.

— Summer Jasmin of Beckley, W. Va., won the PBA-PWBA Fayetteville Open and Anthony Caso of Spring Hill, Fla., won the PBA Fayetteville South Open in a PBA regional doubleheader for women and men at Lafayette Lanes in Fayetteville, N.C., last weekend.

Jasmin earned the number one spot in PWBA qualifying with a 1,645, seven-game pinfall total followed by Ashly Galante of Palm Harbor, Fla. with 1,571; Jessica Lesagonicz of Atlanta, Ga., 1,557, and Giselle Poss of Montgomery, Ill. with 1,505 pins.

In the stepladder finals, Lesagonicz eliminated Poss, 208-236, before Galante ousted Lesagonicz, 224-212, in the semifinal match. Jasmin then out-last-ed Galante, 262-255, to win her first PBA-PWBA title and \$1,200.

Caso, the top qualifier for the PBA stepladder finals, posted with a 9-3 match play record and 4,844 pinfall total. He and Chris Polizzi of Spring Hill, Fla., tied in the title match, 228-228, before Caso threw two strikes to win the one-ball, sudden death roll-off. Polizzi struck on his first shot, but left a 7 pin on his second.

In the first stepladder match, Polizzi defeated Vic Florie of Richmond, Va., 232-204. In the semifinal match, Polizzi eliminated amateur Brian Dennis of Creedmoor, N.C., 243-176.

In addition to his second win of the year, Caso pocketed \$2,200.

— Amateur Mike Karch of Edgewood, Wash., defeated Derek Gregory of Chowchilla, Calif., 199-138, to win the PBA50 Dick's Pro Shop Northwest/West Open at Linn Lanes in Lebanon, Ore., Sunday. Karch earned \$2,500 but does not receive credit for a title because he isn't a PBA member.

Karch defeated PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., 247-237, and Gregory defeated Craig Miller of Tracy, Calif., 201-184, in the semifinal round to set up the championship match.

● The only PBA Regional event on Nov. 10-12 weekend is the PBA50 Gastonia South Open presented by Brunswick at George Pappas' Liberty Lanes in Gastonia, N.C.

● One event is on the PBA Regional calendar for the Nov. 17-19 weekend: the La-Z-Boy Central Challenge for non-titlists at Monroe Sports Center in Monroe, Mich.

● Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 23) is an American holiday, but it's also the day the PBA Japan Region will conduct its Phoenix Rays PBA Japan Bear Open at Sagami First Lanes in Sagamihara, Japan. Over the Thanksgiving weekend, the PBA Southwest Region will conduct its Beaumont Southwest Open at Crossroads Bowling Center in Beaumont, Texas.

● For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the “schedules” tab and click on Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

Tom Smallwood Averages 243.9 to Lead PBA Chameleon Championship Qualifying
Shark 45 pattern next as GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX gets underway

RENO, Nev. (Nov. 8, 2017) – Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., set a blistering scoring pace, averaging 243.9 Wednesday to lead the field of 195 qualifiers in the PBA Chameleon Championship presented by Reno Tahoe at the National Bowling Stadium.

The Chameleon Championship was the first of four animal pattern qualifying stages that are part of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Resorts Reno Properties, and the Go Bowling! PBA Tour. Competition leading into the PBA World Championship continues Thursday with two five-game PBA Shark Championship presented by Xtra Frame qualifying squads.

Smallwood, at age 40 and in search of his third career PBA Tour title, threw games of 246, 245, 278, 244 and 248 in the five-game morning round and was almost as consistent in the evening round with games of 227, 227, 244, 258 and 222 for a 10-game total of 2,439 pins and a 45-pin margin over second-place qualifier Jesper Svensson of Sweden. Canada's Francois Lavoie and Josh Blanchard of Mesa, Ariz., were tied for third place with 2,380 pins and Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., was fifth with 2,363 pins. "I don't know who to thank for not starting the World Series with the Cheetah pattern," Smallwood said of the traditional opening event, a shorter oiling pattern that he typically doesn't care for. "I get by on the shorter patterns, but given a choice..."

"The new (Chameleon 39-foot pattern) was a little more playable for me," he added, "and only bowling five games each block helped because the pattern didn't break down as much for me. I think I had two open frames all day, and I was able to throw a four- or five-bagger each game, which obviously helped.

"I'm usually 200 pins behind the pace after the first animal pattern, so it's nice to get out front early this year."

With his strong start, Smallwood, who won the 2009 PBA World Championship for his first title, also became the early leader in 2017 PBA World Championship qualifying which is based on combined 40-pin qualifying totals for the Chameleon, Shark, Cheetah and Scorpion animal pattern events.

Also in the field is Boston Red Sox star Mookie Betts, who is bowling in the PBA's World Series for the second time. He got his baptism in 2015, missed last year while recovering from an injury, but anxiously awaited another shot this year.

Betts again demonstrated he lacks experience bowling against the best in the world, but he has bowling skills that have impressed most of the bowling experts watching the event. Betts put on a respectable performance Wednesday, averaging 202.6 for his 10 games, including a 278 to lead off the tournament. He finished opening day in 153rd place in the field of 195 players after the Chameleon round.

The top 16 players who advanced to the Chameleon single-elimination match play competition on Wednesday, Nov. 15, included players from the United States, Sweden, Canada, Norway, Thailand, Malaysia and Australia.

Matthew Sanders of Evansville, Ind., won the 16th berth in match play with a 246-186 win over Thailand's Annop Arromsaranon in a roll-off to break the tie for 16th after they tied with 2,322 pins.

The ninth annual WSOB, which officially kicked off the 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule, continues Thursday with 10 qualifying games on the Shark 45 oiling pattern, 10 games Saturday on the Cheetah 33 pattern and 10 games Sunday on the Scorpion 42 pattern. All qualifying rounds will be covered live on Xtra Frame at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. PST. All competition throughout the WSOB also will be covered in depth on pba.com's "live scoring" feature.

Forty combined qualifying games on the four animal patterns will determine the top 49 players who will advance to the PBA World Championship cashers' round which will involve five more games on each of

the four animal patterns next Monday and Tuesday at 1 and 5 p.m. The 40-game totals also will determine the top five United States and top five international players who will compete in the USA vs. The World team match that will be contested at 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 17, for telecast on Sunday, Dec. 10, on ESPN.

**PBA CHAMELEON CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY RENO TAHOE
(a part of the 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour)
National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Wednesday**

Final Qualifying Standings (after 10 games; top 16 advance to Chameleon Championship Round of 16 single-elimination match play on Wednesday, Nov. 15)

- 1, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2,439.
- 2, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 2,394.
- 3, (tie) Francois Lavoie, Canada, and Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 2,380.
- 5, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 2,363.
- 6, (tie) Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., and Glenn Pedersen, Norway, 2,362.
- 8, (tie) Yannathon Larpapharat, Thailand, and Adrian Ang Loong, Malaysia, 2,359.
- 10, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 2,357.
- 11, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 2,355.
- 12, (tie) Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill., and DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 2,329.
- 14, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., and Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2,328.
- 16, x-Matthew Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 2,322 (def. Annap Arromsaranon, 246-186, in one-game roll-off to break the tie for 16th place).

Failed to advance:

- 17, Annap Arromsaranon, Thailand, 2,322.
- 18, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 2,316.
- 19, Ahmed Alawadhi, Bahrain, 2,311.
- 20, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 2,301.
- 21, Francois Louw, South Africa, 2,294.
- 22, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 2,293.
- 23, Michael Tang, San Francisco, Calif., 2,292.
- 24, Connor Pickford, Plano, Texas, 2,287.
- 25, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,286.
- 26, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 2,284.
- 27, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 2,280.
- 28, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 2,268.
- 29, (tie) Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., and Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,265.
- 31, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 2,263.
- 32, (tie) Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, and Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 2,259.
- 34, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 2,256.
- 35, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 2,252.
- 36, PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 2,251.
- 37, (tie) Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., and Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 2,250.
- 39, Yousif Falah, Bahrain, 2,246.
- 40, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,242.
- 41, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2,241.
- 42, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,238.
- 43, (tie) Martin Larsen, Sweden, and Dom Barrett, England, 2,237.
- 45, (tie) John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., and Gaetan Mouveroux, France, 2,235.
- 47, Matthew McNiel, Minneapolis, Minn., 2,233.
- 48, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,229.
- 49, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2,227.

- 50, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 2,223.
- 51, Richie Teece, England, 2,218.
- 52, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 2,212.
- 53, Graham Fach, Canada, 2,203.
- 54, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 2,201.
- 55, (tie) BJ Moore III, Greensburg, Pa., and Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 2,200.
- 57, Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 2,196.
- 58, Ryan Graywacz, Canastota, N.Y., 2,193.
- 59, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 2,191.
- 60, (tie) Syafiq Ridhwan, Malaysia, and Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 2,188.
- 62, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 2,187.
- 63, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 2,186.
- 64, Timo Schroeder, Germany, 2,185.
- 65, (tie) Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., and Matthew O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 2,184.
- 67, Anthony DeStasio, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 2,183.
- 68, (tie) Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, and Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 2,181.
- 70, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 2,180.
- 71, Carsten Hansen, Denmark, 2,177.
- 72, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 2,176.
- 73, (tie) Alex Liew Liang, Malaysia, and AJ Chapman, Wichita, Kan., 2,175.
- 75, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 2,173.
- 76, Tan Chern, Malaysia, 2,172.
- 77, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 2,169.
- 78, (tie) Andrew Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, and Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 2,164.
- 81, Julio Cesar Blancas, Mexico, 2,162.
- 82, Blayne Fletcher, Australia, 2,161.
- 83, Pascal Winternheimer, Germany, 2,159.
- 84, (tie) Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., and Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 2,158.
- 86, Nick Christy, Newport, N.C., 2,157.
- 87, Mattias Wetterberg, Sweden, 2,156.
- 88, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2,155.
- 89, Billy Asbury, Odenton, Md., 2,154.
- 90, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 2,151.
- 91, Tobias Boerding, Germany, 2,150.
- 92, Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C., 2,147.
- 93, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 2,145.
- 94, Tommy Barna, Westminster, Md., 2,143.
- 95, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2,142.
- 96, Tom Sorce, Blasdell, N.Y., 2,141.
- 97, Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 2,138.
- 98, Gabriel Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 2,137.
- 99, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 2,136.
- 100, (tie) Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., and Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 2,135.
- 102, (tie) Michael Murray, Australia, and Jason Zook, Tampa, Fla., 2,132.
- 104, (tie) Pyry Puharinen, Finland, and Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 2,131.
- 106, Markus Jansson, Sweden, 2,128.
- 107, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 2,126.
- 108, Stuart Williams, England, 2,125.
- 109, Kristian Rogers, Salisbury, N.C., 2,121.
- 110, Saulnier Valentin, France, 2,119.
- 111, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 2,116.
- 112, Muhammad Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, 2,115.

- 113, (tie) Raymond Lussier, San Jose, Calif., and Sam Cooley, Australia, 2,114.
- 115, (tie) Patrick Girard, Canada, and Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 2,112.
- 117, Craig LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 2,111.
- 118, (tie) Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, and Jeremy Mooney, West Palm Beach, Fla., 2,109.
- 120, David Krol, Nixa, Mo., 2,104.
- 121, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 2,103.
- 122, Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., 2,099.
- 123, Kole Payne, Charlotte, N.C., 2,098.
- 124, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 2,097.
- 125, (tie) Amanda Fry, Antelope, Calif., and Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 2,091.
- 127, (tie) Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., and Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 2,087.
- 129, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 2,085.
- 130, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 2,084.
- 131, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 2,082.
- 132, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 2,081.
- 133, Jens Mathiesen, Norway, 2,079.
- 134, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 2,077.
- 135, Andre Eubanks, Los Angeles, 2,073.
- 136, Andrew Graff, Las Vegas, 2,072.
- 137, (tie) Ryan Zagar, Racine, Wis., Zulmazran Zulkifli, Malaysia, and Derek Handy, Redmond, Wash., 2,070.
- 140, Mik Stampe, Denmark, 2,069.
- 141, w-Shalin Zulkifli, Malaysia, 2,068.
- 142, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 2,067.
- 143, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 2,062.
- 144, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 2,058.
- 145, Zachary Dwyer, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., 2,057.
- 146, (tie) Shawn Maldonado, Houston, and Matt Bollhalter, Niceville, Fla., 2,050.
- 148, Casey Knutson, Sparks, Nev., 2,048.
- 149, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 2,047.
- 150, Hyun Bum Kim, South Korea, 2,044.
- 151, Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo., 2,043.
- 152, Chris Arcaro, Carolina Beach, N.C., 2,037.
- 153, Mookie Betts, Boston, 2,026.
- 154, Miguel Lopez, Peoria, Ariz., 2,021.
- 155, Charlie Brown Jr, Grandville, Mich., 2,019.
- 156, Austin Hunt, Kennewick, Wash., 2,017.
- 157, Daria Pajak, Poland, 2,016.
- 158, Stephen Hahn, Ashburn, Va., 2,014.
- 159, Svein Ake Ek, Norway, 2,013.
- 160, Ramon Hilferink, Netherlands, 2,005.
- 161, (tie) Mikhail West-Marin, Paradise, Calif., and Christopher O'Neil, Decatur, Ill., 2,004.
- 163, Frank Drevenstedt, Germany, 2,001.
- 164, Kyle King, Glendale, Ariz., 2,000.
- 165, Michael Vitalone, Jr., Lake Worth, Fla., 1,996.
- 166, Oeyvin Kulseng, Norway, 1,994.
- 167, Adam Pogge, Austin, Texas, 1,990.
- 168, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 1,983.
- 169, Jim Pratt, Avondale, Ariz., 1,968.
- 170, Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 1,967.
- 171, Michael Smith, Centennial, Colo., 1,964.
- 172, Shaun Cornett, Carmichael, Calif., 1,931.
- 173, William Tarpein, McDonough, Ga., 1,928.

174, John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 1,925.
175, (tie) Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., Mateo Hernandez, Argentina, and JT Jackson, Sherman Oaks, Calif., 1,919.
178, Jun Hyung Seo, Korea, 1,911.
179, Andrew Mienkiewicz, Massapequa, N.Y., 1,907.
180, Joseph Purdom, Lemoyne, Pa., 1,891.
181, (tie) Jonathan Hocsman, Argentina, and Brett Cunningham, Clay, N.Y., 1,858.
183, Josh Montgomery, Flower Mound, Texas, 1,848.
184, Justin Wyman, Fairport, N.Y., 1,843.
185, Ben Zakrocki, Philadelphia, 1,829.
186, Jiafei Fang, China, 1,820.
187, Tristan Butler, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1,791.
188, Andrew McLinden, Gardnerville, Nev., 1,779.
189, Adam Hayes, Australia, 1,767.
190, Miguel Rosales, Anaheim, Calif., 1,762.
191, Matthew Wozney, Clayton, Del., 1,752.
192, Jeff Bragg, Linesville, Pa., 1,751.
193, Yebgueni Velez, Ecuador, 1,744.
194, Cody Copeland, Abilene, Texas, 1,691.
195, Steve Ford, Seaside, Ore., 1,673.
300 Games: Adrian Ang Loong, Matt Sanders, Zacharay Wilkins.

GEICO WSOB IX Notebook II: Events-Within-the-Events Add Intrigue to World Series

While bowling fans are focusing attention on the Chameleon 39, Shark 45, Cheetah 33 and Scorpion 42 animal pattern events which compose the qualifying stages for the PBA World Championship early next week, there are other events-within-the-events taking place in Reno that merit attention.

The GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Resorts Reno Properties, is the final qualifying event for players hoping to earn invitations to the DHC PBA Japan Invitational in Tokyo early in 2018. Heading into WSOB IX, the 11 players leading the PBA earnings list based upon events open to all players (the qualifying standard for Japan) were Jason Belmonte (\$114,332), Marshall Kent (\$67,805), Rhino Page (\$58,650), Anthony Simonsen (\$43,434), Jesper Svensson (\$42,996), Yannathon Larpapharat (\$41,455), EJ Tackett (\$39,838), Sean Rash (\$35,387), Dom Barrett (\$34,010), Chris Barnes (\$33,925) and Martin Larsen (\$26,930).

With significant prize money at stake in the WSOB IX, considerable movement in the earnings list is expected in determining the automatic invitations to bowl in the prestigious Japan event.

Also in play are berths on the USA vs. The World teams that will bowl in a special team match at 6 p.m. PST on Friday, Nov. 17. The match will be live streamed on ESPN3 and will air on ESPN on Sunday, Dec.

10, at 1 p.m. EST. The teams will include the top five players from the United States, based upon their 40-game combined animal pattern qualifying totals, vs. the top five international players. The USA vs. The World team match will be the first official telecast of the new 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season.

Another side event to watch are the World Bowling Tour points battles to determine the top three men and top three women who will compete in the WBT Men's and Women's Finals, presented by the PBA, on Sunday, Nov. 19, at 3:30 p.m. (live on ESPN3, delayed telecast on ESPN on Sunday, Jan. 7, at 1 p.m. EST).

The three women finalists have locked up berths, although the order of appearance is still up in the air pending where they finish in the WSOB. The women are Latvia's Diana Zavjalova, Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, N.Y., and Shalin Zulkifli of Malaysia. Several men are still in contention for the top three spots, but that field should be narrowed at the end of the PBA World Championship cashers' round on Tuesday.

Finally – and by no means the least in order of importance – is the competition to earn PBA Player and Rookie of the Year credentials. Both races had leading contenders heading into Reno, but the WSOB will have a major impact when it comes to voting at the close of the year.

RED SOX STAR MOOKIE BETTS EARNS RESPECT AFTER OPENING ROUND

It's unlikely Boston Red Sox star Mookie Betts is about to abandon his day job for a bowling career, but in his second World Series of Bowling appearance, he continued to earn the respect of his fellow competitors and a small army of bowling industry advisors who are watching the action in Reno.

A day after he was awarded his second straight Gold Glove as the American League's top defensive right fielder, Betts bowled his first 10 qualifying games in the PBA Chameleon Championship presented by Reno Tahoe, roaring out of the gate with a 278 game before falling victim to the transition of lane conditions in Wednesday's first five-game round. He completed his first squad with games of 185, 189, 184 and 172 for a 1,008 total – keeping his head above a 200 average, which is the hallmark in advanced-level bowling.

In the evening five-game round, Betts had games of 209, 235, 213, 192 and 169 to finish with a 2,026 total for his 10 Chameleon games – a 202.67 average.

“I had a couple of good games, so positives are always good,” Betts said. “I did better the second time. I didn’t have a good plan for that first round. All of the good players here can form a plan pretty quickly when they have to, but for me it’s a matter of trying to formulate a plan a little earlier and stick with it.

“The 278 was a nice start and it wasn’t really a surprise,” he added. “I know I can do it, but I have to roll with the transitions in the lane patterns. I have the ability; I just need the mindset.”

LANETALK GETS A READ ON FIRST FULL ROUND OF COMPETITION

LaneTalk, PBA’s statistical analysis partner, is tracking detailed data for all sorts of performance aspects of WSOB IX, and is sharing a great deal of information each day of the World Series on its Facebook page. Among the tidbits gleaned from Wednesday’s Chameleon Championships were these factoids:

- The field of 195 players knocked down a total of 412,799 pins – a 212.24 average.
- The high score in the Chameleon round was 300 (by three players); the low game was 107.
- The entire field’s strike percentage was 55.66. First shots resulted in splits 8.24% of the time and non-strike shots resulted in single-pin spares 23.21% of the time.
- The field had an 88.16% “clean frame” average, converting “makeable” spares 86.12% of the time.

Some of Chameleon qualifying leader Tom Smallwood’s stats vs. the field included:

- An average of 243.9, more than 30 pins better than the field at large;
- His strike percentage was 68.42%, also a significant edge over the field;
- Smallwood had a 98% “clean frame” average and he converted 100% of his “makeable” spares.

NEXT UP ON XTRA FRAME: ANIMAL PATTERN PREVIEW, WRAP-UP SHOWS ON TAP

As the 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour continues in Reno, Xtra Frame's extensive coverage of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Resorts Reno Properties will include preview and wrap-up shows before-and-after each of the animal pattern events. Here's the projected schedule heading into the weekend. All times are Pacific:

Saturday – PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game five-game qualifying squads, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Sunday – Pepsi PBA Scorpion Championship presented by GoBowling.com five-game qualifying squads, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Scorpion wrap-up show also will unveil the players who will advance to PBA World Championship cashers' round competition on Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 13-14, at 1 and 5 p.m.)

Xtra Frame subscriptions are available in a variety of packages: three-day (\$3.99), 30-day (\$7.99) and Xtra Frame Season Ticket (a full-year's coverage at an average cost of \$1.25 per week) subscriptions are available by visiting "xtraframe.tv" and clicking on the "subscribe now" link. As a reminder, new monthly or Season Ticket subscribers also are automatically entered into monthly sweepstakes where they have chances to win a new high-performance bowling ball from Brunswick, DV8 or MOTIV.

Japanese Star Shota Kawazoe Leads PBA WSOB IX Shark Qualifying in Quest of Dream PBA Title

RENO, Nev. – Japan’s Shota Kawazoe, one of his home country’s premier players for more than a decade, rolled into the lead in the PBA Shark Championship presented by Xtra Frame at the National Bowling Stadium with a fundamentally-sound 248 average over the 10-game qualifying portion of the event.

Thursday’s competition on the long Shark 45-foot pattern was the second of four animal pattern qualifying stages that are part of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Resorts Reno Properties, and the Go Bowling! PBA Tour.

Kawazoe, a 28-year-old bowling center “head pro” in Japan, has spent half of this year in the United States, bowling PBA Regional and Xtra Frame PBA Tour events to prepare for the WSOB IX in quest of his dream – a PBA Tour title. Thursday, he rolled games of 268, 227, 259, 279 and 223 in the early round and he completed his Shark qualifying Thursday evening with games of 238, 227, 259, 257 and 243 for a 10-game total of 2,480 pins. He led qualifying by 49 pins over Norway’s Glenn Pedersen, who is making his WSOB debut. Three pins behind Pedersen was Chameleon top qualifier Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., with 2,428 pins; Thomas Larsen of Denmark with a 2,423 total and two-hander Kyle Troup of Taylorville, N.C., with 2,420 pins.

“A PBA title is my dream,” Kawazoe said, noting finishing second in the 2017 DHC PBA Japan Invitational after out-averaging the field in Tokyo by 20 pins, “was heart breaking. I hope, I hope I can win here.”

Kawazoe may not be a known commodity in the United States, but among his bowling feats in Japan was bowling back-to-back 300 games on live television, earning US\$300,000 in bonus prize money. “A miracle,” he said with a laugh.

The top 16 players who advanced to the Shark single-elimination match play competition on Wednesday, Nov. 15, at 3:30 p.m. again included a strong international presence including players from Japan, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, England and Germany in addition to the United States

WSOB IX, which officially kicked off the 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule, resumes Saturday with two five-game qualifying squads each in the PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Challenge Mobile Game followed by two five-game rounds of Pepsi PBA Scorpion Championship presented by GoBowling.com qualifying on Sunday. All qualifying rounds will be covered live on Xtra Frame at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. All competition throughout the WSOB also will be covered game-by-game on pba.com’s “live scoring” feature.

At the conclusion of Sunday's Scorpion round, the top 49 players based on combined 40-game animal pattern qualifying totals will advance to the PBA World Championship cashers' round which will involve additional five-game rounds on each of the four animal patterns next Monday and Tuesday at 1 and 5 p.m. Leading the PBA World Championship qualifying after 20 of 40 games were Smallwood with 4,867 pins; Sweden's Jesper Svensson with a 4,799 total; Norway's Pedersen with 4,867 pins; Kawazoe with a 4,760 total and DJ Archer of Friendswood, Texas, with 4,738 pins.

The 40-game totals also will determine the top five United States and top five international players who will compete in the USA vs. The World team match that will be contested at 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 17, for telecast on Sunday, Dec. 10, on ESPN.

All times listed are Pacific Standard.

PBA SHARK CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY XTRA FRAME

(a part of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX presented by Eldorado Reno Resorts Properties and the 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour)

National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Thursday

Final Qualifying Standings (after 10 games; top 16 advance to Shark Championship Round of 16 single-elimination match play on Wednesday, Nov. 15)

- 1, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 2,480.
- 2, Glenn Pedersen, Norway, 2,431.
- 3, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2,428,
- 4, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 2,423.
- 5, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 2,420.
- 6, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 2,417.
- 7, Chris Arcaro, Carolina Beach, N.C., 2,413.
- 8, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 2,409.
- 9, Charlie Brown Jr., Grandville, Mich., 2,408.

- 10, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 2,405.
- 11, Richie Teece, England, 2,394.
- 12, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 2,393, \$100.
- 13, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2,390.
- 14, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 2,386.
- 15, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,377.
- 16, Pascal Winterheimer, Germany, 2,376.

Failed to advance:

- 17, Zachary Dwyer, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., 2,367.
- 18, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,364.
- 19, (tie) Daniel Fransson, Sweden, and Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 2,361.
- 21, (tie) Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill., and Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 2,357.
- 23, Jim Pratt, Avondale, Ariz., 2,353.
- 24, Yannathon Larpapharat, Thailand, 2,351.
- 25, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 2,350.
- 26, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2,348.
- 27, Matthew McNeil, Minneapolis, Minn., 2,343.
- 28, BJ Moore III, Greensburg, Pa., 2,341.
- 29, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 2,338.
- 30, Patrick Girard, Canada, 2,333.
- 31, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 2,332.
- 32, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,330.
- 33, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 2,328.
- 34, (tie) Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., Stuart Williams, England, and Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 2,325.
- 37, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 2,323.
- 38, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 2,318.
- 39, Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., 2,316.
- 40, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 2,314.

41, Mattias Wetterberg, Sweden, 2,308.

42, (tie) Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., and Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 2,307.

44, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 2,305.

45, Tobias Boerding, Germany, 2,302.

46, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2,297.

47, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 2,293.

48, Muhammad Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, 2,291.

49, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 2,286.

50, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 2,284.

51, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 2,283, \$100.

52, Matthew Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 2,280.

53, Frank Drevenstedt, Germany, 2,274.

54, Sam Cooley, Australia, 2,271.

55, Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C., 2,270.

56, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,264.

57, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 2,261.

58, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 2,258.

59, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 2,257.

60, Daria Pajak, Poland, 2,253.

61, Timo Schroeder, Germany, 2,247.

62, Miguel Lopez, Peoria, Ariz., 2,245.

63, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 2,244.

64, (tie) Tan Chern, Malaysia, and AJ Chapman, Wichita, Kan., 2,241.

66, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2,239.

67, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 2,238.

68, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 2,237.

69, Raymond Lussier, San Jose, Calif., 2,236.

70, (tie) Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., and Ramon Hilferink, Netherlands, 2,234.

72, Dom Barrett, England, 2,232.

73, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 2,227.

74, (tie) Craig LeMond, Jasper, Ind., and Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 2,217.

76, (tie) Michael Tang, San Francisco, and Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 2,216.

78, (tie) Connor Pickford, Plano, Texas, Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., and Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 2,213.

81, Annop Arromsaranon, Thailand, 2,212.

82, Matthew O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 2,206.

83, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,205.

84, Yousif Falah, Bahrain, 2,203.

85, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 2,201.

86, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, IL, 2,198.

87, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 2,197.

88, (tie) Brett Cunningham, Clay, N.Y., and Kyle King, Glendale, Ariz., 2,196.

90, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 2,195.

91, J.R. Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 2,192.

92, Miguel Rosales, Anaheim, Calif., 2,186.

93, Andrew Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 2,185.

94, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 2,184.

95, (tie) Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., and Ryan Graywacz, Canastota, N.Y., 2,180.

97, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 2,178.

98, Graham Fach, Canada, 2,177.

99, David Krol, Nixa, Mo., 2,175.

100, Pyry Puharinen, Finland, 2,174.

101, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 2,173.

102, (tie) Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, Blayne Fletcher, Australia, and Zulmazran Zulkifli, Malaysia, 2,170.

105, Anthony DeStasio, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 2,169.

106, Adam Hayes, Australia, 2,168.

107, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 2,167.

108, (tie) Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., and Mik Stampe, Denmark, 2,164.

- 110, Michael Smith, Centennial, Colo., 2,160.
- 111, Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 2,159.
- 112, Jens Mathiesen, Norway, 2,158.
- 113, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 2,156.
- 114, Michael Murray, Australia, 2,154.
- 115, (tie) Carsten Hansen, Denmark, Austin Hunt, Kennewick, Wash., Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., and Oeyvin Kulseng, Norway, 2,152.
- 119, (tie) Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., and Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 2,151.
- 119, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 2,151.
- 122, PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 2,148.
- 123, Syafiq Ridhwan, Malaysia, 2,146.
- 124, Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo., 2,140.
- 125, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 2,137.
- 126, (tie) Saulnier Valentin, France, and Svein Ake Ek, Norway, 2,136.
- 128, Adrian Ang Loong, Malaysia, 2,135.
- 129, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 2,129.
- 130, (tie) David Haynes, Las Vegas, Francois Louw, South Africa, and Billy Asbury, Odenton, Md., 2,124.
- 133, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 2,123.
- 134, Julio Cesar Blancas, Mexico, 2,118.
- 135, Hyun Bum Kim, South Korea, 2,117.
- 136, Shalin Zulkifli, Malaysia, 2,116.
- 137, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 2,114.
- 138, Matt Bollhalter, Niceville, Fla., 2,112.
- 139, Ahmed Alawadhi, Bahrain, 2,111.
- 140, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 2,109.
- 141, Andrew Graff, Las Vegas, 2,108.
- 142, Kole Payne, Charlotte, N.C., 2,102.
- 143, Tom Sorce, Blasdell, N.Y., 2,094.
- 144, John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 2,093.

145, Markus Jansson, Sweden, 2,092.

146, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 2,091.

147, (tie) Mookie Betts, Boston, and Adam Pogge, Austin, Texas, 2,089.

149, Yebgueni Velez, Ecuador, 2,085.

150, (tie) Ryan Zagar, Racine, Wis., and Nick Christy, Newport, N.C., 2,083.

152, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2,073.

153, (tie) Gabriel Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., and Jeremy Mooney, West Palm Beach, Fla., 2,071.

156, (tie) Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, and Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 2,068.

159, (tie) Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., and Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 2,066.

161, Derek Handy, Redmond, Wash., 2,063.

162, Stephen Hahn, Ashburn, Va., 2,053.

163, Justin Wyman, Fairport, N.Y., 2,048.

164, Shaun Cornett, Carmichael, Calif., 2,046.

165, (tie) Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, and Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 2,033.

167, Andre Eubanks, Los Angeles, 2,032.

168, Casey Knutson, Sparks, Nev., 2,030.

169, Alex Liew Liang, Malaysia, 2,029.

170, Gaetan Mouveroux, France, 2,025.

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173, Jonathan Hoczman, Argentina, 2,010.

174, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 2,001.

175, Jason Zook, Tampa, Fla., 1,991.

176, Andrew Mienkiewicz, Massapequa, N.Y., 1,986.

177, Kristian Rogers, Salisbury, N.C., 1,979.

178, JT Jackson, Sherman Oaks, Calif., 1,973.

179, Michael Vitalone, Jr., Lake Worth, Fla., 1,950.

- 180, William Tarpein, McDonough, Ga., 1,937.
- 181, Ben Zakrocki, Philadelphia, 1,929.
- 182, Jun Hyung Seo, South Korea, 1,926.
- 183, Tommy Barna, Westminster, Md., 1,925.
- 184, Matthew Wozney, Clayton, Del., 1,924.
- 185, Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., 1,920.
- 186, Steve Ford, Seaside, Ore., 1,914.
- 187, Mateo Hernandez, Argentina, 1,863.
- 188, Jeff Bragg, Linesville, Pa., 1,830.
- 189, Mikhail West-Marin, Paradise, Calif., 1,827.
- 190, Tristan Butler, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1,806.
- 191, Cody Copeland, Abilene, Texas, 1,782.
- 192, Joseph Purdom, Lemoyne, Pa., 1,762.
- 193, Josh Montgomery, Flower Mound, Texas, 1,707.
- 194, Andrew McLinden, Gardnerville, Nev., 1,662.
- 195, Jiafei Fang, China, withdrew.

300 Games (9): Timo Schroeder, Michael Smith, Sean Rash, Tom Daugherty, Scott Newell, Tom Smallwood, Kamron Doyle, Darren Tang, Liz Johnson.

PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Qualifying Standings (after 20 of 40 qualifying games; top 49 after Cheetah and Scorpion rounds will advance to cashers' round on Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 13 and 14):

- 1, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 4,867
- 2, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 4,799.
- 3, Glenn Pedersen, Norway, 4,793.

- 4, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 4,760.
- 5, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 4,738.
- 6, Yannathon Larpapharat, Thailand, 4,710.
- 7, (tie) Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., and Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 4,705.
- 9, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 4,687.
- 10, Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill., 4,686.
- 11, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 4,685.
- 12, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 4,679.
- 13, (tie) Jason Belmonte, Australia, and Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 4,676.
- 15, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 4,672.
- 16, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 4,670.
- 17, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 4,664.
- 18, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 4,631.
- 19, Richie Teece, England, 4,612.
- 20, Matthew Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 4,602.
- 21, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 4,598.
- 22, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 4,595.
- 23, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 4,593.
- 24, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 4,587.
- 25, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 4,577.
- 26, Matthew McNeil, Minneapolis, Minn., 4,576.
- 27, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 4,573.
- 28, Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 4,557.
- 29, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 4,554.
- 30, BJ Moore III, Greensburg, Pa., 4,541.
- 31, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 4,537.
- 32, Pascal Winterheimer, Germany, 4,535.
- 33, (tie) Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., and Annop Arromsaranon, Thailand, 4,534.
- 35, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 4,520.

- 36, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 4,514.
- 37, Michael Tang, San Francisco, 4,508.
- 38, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 4,506.
- 39, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 4,505.
- 40, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 4,504.
- 41, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 4,502.
- 42, (tie) Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., and Connor Pickford, Plano, Texas, 4,501.
- 44, Adrian Ang Loong, Malaysia, 4,494.
- 45, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 4,492.
- 46, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 4,484.
- 47, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 4,472.
- 48, Dom Barrett, England, 4,469.
- 49, (tie) Mattias Wetterberg, Sweden, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., and Martin Larsen, Sweden, 4,464.
- 52, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 4,463.
- 53, Tobias Boerding, Germany, 4,452.
- 54, Stuart Williams, England, 4,451.
- 55, Chris Arcaro, Carolina Beach, N.C., 4,450.
- 56, Yousif Falah, Bahrain, 4,449.
- 57, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 4,447.
- 58, Patrick Girard, Canada, 4,445.
- 59, (tie) Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, and EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 4,439.
- 61, Timo Schroeder, Germany, 4,432.
- 62, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 4,428.
- 63, Charlie Brown Jr, Grandville, Mich., 4,427.
- 64, (tie) Zachary Dwyer, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., and Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 4,424.
- 66, Ahmed Alawadhi, Bahrain, 4,422.
- 67, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 4,421.
- 68, Francois Louw, South Africa, 4,418.
- 69, Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C., 4,417.

70, (tie) Kim Bolleby, Thailand, and AJ Chapman, Wichita, Kan., 4,416.

72, Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., 4,415.

73, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 4,414.

74, (tie) Tan Chern, Malaysia, and Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 4,413.

76, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 4,407.

77, Muhammad Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, 4,406.

78, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 4,402.

79, PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 4,399.

80, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 4,391.

81, Matthew O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 4,390.

82, Sam Cooley, Australia, 4,385.

83, (tie) Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, and Graham Fach, Canada, 4,380.

85, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 4,375.

86, Ryan Graywacz, Canastota, N.Y., 4,373.

87, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 4,372.

88, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 4,364.

89, Anthony DeStasio, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 4,352.

90, Raymond Lussier, Canada, 4,350.

91, Andrew Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 4,349.

92, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 4,342.

93, Syafiq Ridhwan, Malaysia, 4,334.

94, Blayne Fletcher, Australia, 4,331.

95, (tie) Carsten Hansen, Denmark, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., and Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 4,329.

99, Craig LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 4,328.

100, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 4,326.

101, Jim Pratt, Avondale, Ariz., 4,321.

102, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 4,314.

103, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 4,309.

104, John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 4,306.

105, Pyry Puharinen, Finland, 4,305.

106, Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 4,294.

107, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 4,292.

108, (tie) Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, and Michael Murray, Australia, 4,286.

110, Julio Cesar Blancas, Mexico, 4,280.

111, (tie) Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., and David Krol, Nixa, Mo., 4,279.

113, (tie) Billy Asbury, Odenton, Md., and Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 4,278.

115, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 4,277.

116, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 4,276.

117, Frank Drevenstedt, Germany, 4,275.

118, Daria Pajak, Poland, 4,269.

119, Miguel Lopez, Peoria, Ariz., 4,266.

120, (tie) Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., and Gaetan Mouveroux, France, 4,260.

122, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 4,258.

123, Saulnier Valentin, France, 4,255.

124, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 4,241.

125, (tie) Zulmazran Zulkifli, Malaysia, and Nick Christy, Newport, N.C., 4,240.

127, Ramon Hilferink, Netherlands, 4,239.

128, Jens Mathiesen, Norway, 4,237.

129, Tom Sorce, Blasdell, N.Y., 4,235.

130, Mik Stampe, Denmark, 4,233.

131, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 4,228.

132, Markus Jansson, Sweden, 4,220.

133, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 4,209.

134, Gabriel Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 4,208.

135, Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 4,206.

136, Alex Liew Liang, Malaysia, 4,204.

137, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., 4,203.

138, Kole Payne, Charlotte, N.C., 4,200.

139, Kyle King, Glendale, Ariz., 4,196.

140, Shalin Zulkifli, Malaysia, 4,184.

141, Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo., 4,183.

142, (tie) Andrew Graff, Las Vegas, and Jeremy Mooney, West Palm Beach, Fla., 4,180.

144, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 4,171.

145, (tie) Austin Hunt, Kennewick, Wash., and Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 4,169.

147, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 4,163.

148, Matt Bollhalter, Niceville, Fla., 4,162.

149, Hyun Bum Kim, South Korea, 4,161.

150, (tie) Ryan Zagar, Racine, Wis., and Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 4,153.

152, Svein Ake Ek, Norway, 4,149.

153, Oeyvin Kulseng, Norway, 4,146.

154, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 4,135.

155, Derek Handy, Redmond, Wash., 4,133.

156, Michael Smith, Centennial, Colo., 4,124.

157, Jason Zook, Tampa, Fla., 4,123.

158, Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 4,119.

159, Mookie Betts, Boston, 4,115.

160, Amanda Fry, Antelope, Calif., 4,114.

161, Andre Eubanks, Los Angeles, 4,105.

162, Kristian Rogers, Salisbury, N.C., 4,100.

163, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 4,097.

164, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 4,082.

165, Adam Pogge, Austin, Texas, 4,079.

166, Casey Knutson, Sparks, Nev., 4,078.

167, Tommy Barna, Westminster, Md., 4,068.

168, Stephen Hahn, Ashburn, Va., 4,067.

169, Brett Cunningham, Clay, N.Y., 4,054.

- 170, Christopher O'Neil, Decatur, Ill., 4,020.
- 171, John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 4,018.
- 172, Shaun Cornett, Carmichael, Calif., 3,977.
- 173, Miguel Rosales, Anaheim, Calif., 3,948.
- 174, Michael Vitalone, Jr., Lake Worth, Fla., 3,946.
- 175, Adam Hayes, Australia, 3,935.
- 176, Andrew Mienkiewicz, Massapequa, N.Y., 3,893.
- 177, JT Jackson, Sherman Oaks, Calif., 3,892.
- 178, Justin Wyman, Fairport, N.Y., 3,891.
- 179, Jonathan Hocsman, Argentina, 3,868.
- 180, William Tarpein, McDonough, Ga., 3,865.
- 181, Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., 3,843.
- 182, Jun Hyung Seo, South Korea, 3,837.
- 183, Mikhail West-Marin, Paradise, Calif., 3,831.
- 184, Yebgueni Velez, Ecuador, 3,829.
- 185, Mateo Hernandez, Argentina, 3,786.
- 186, Ben Zakrocki, Philadelphia, 3,758.
- 187, Matthew Wozney, Clayton, Del., 3,676.
- 188, Joseph Purdom, Lemoyne, Pa., 3,653.
- 189, Tristan Butler, Fort Wayne, Ind., 3,597.
- 190, Steve Ford, Seaside, Ore., 3,587.
- 191, Jeff Bragg, Linesville, Pa., 3,581.
- 192, Josh Montgomery, Flower Mound, Texas, 3,555.
- 193, Cody Copeland, Abilene, Texas, 3,473.
- 194, Andrew McLinden, Gardnerville, Nev., 3,441.
- 195, Jiafei Fang, China, withdrew.

Houston Rockets Star Chris Paul Brings His CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational to Houston Dec. 1 at Bowlero The Woodlands

HOUSTON – Houston Rockets All-Star point guard Chris Paul brings his State Farm® CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational presented by Go Bowling! to his new home of Houston when he hosts the ninth fundraiser Friday, Dec. 1 at Bowlero The Woodlands in the Houston suburb of Conroe, Texas.

Paul, also an accomplished bowler, is the event's defending champion and will be joined by an A-list group of celebrities and PBA Tour players who will compete in the doubles format event which benefits the Chris Paul Family Foundation. The foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting youth education, health, sports and social responsibility.

The show will air on ESPN Sunday, Feb. 4 at 2 p.m. ET.

In addition to Paul, the early list of celebrities anticipated to compete are former NFL star and 2017 Dancing With The Stars contestant Terrell Owens, Boston Red Sox All-star outfielder Mookie Betts and Paul's All-Star Rockets teammate James Harden. Additional celebrities will be announced at a later date.

PBA Tour stars scheduled to compete in the Celebrity Invitational are:

- EJ Tackett, defending PBA Player of the Year and eight-time Tour titlist
- Pete Weber, PBA Hall of Famer and 37-time Tour winner
- Norm Duke, PBA Hall of Famer and 38-time Tour winner
- Bill O'Neill, 8-time Tour winner
- Sean Rash, former Player of the Year and 12-time Tour winner
- DJ Archer, two-time PBA Tour champion from Houston

Paul won last year's event with Barnes as his partner for his third Invitational title.

Celebrity bowlers who have participated in previous events include NBA stars LeBron James, Dwyane Wade, Blake Griffin, Rudy Gay and Kevin Durant; National Football League stars Michael Strahan, Hines Ward, LaMarr Woodley, Reggie Bush, C.J. Anderson and hip-hop stars DJ Khaled, Chris "Ludacris" Bridges, Lil Wayne, French Montana and Nelly, television personality Chris Hardwick, comedian/motion picture star Kevin Hart and television star Jesse Williams.

Ticket packages for the ESPN taping of the event are available by visiting pba.com/tickets.

VIP Package - \$250 - includes meet & greet with Chris Paul, dinner, open bar, premium seat and signed Bowlero Pin

Premium Package - \$80 – Includes premium seat and two drink tickets

Stadium Seat – \$50 - General Admission seating

Admission Ticket – \$20 - Standing room only; does not include a seat on set

The Celebrity Invitational begins with a red carpet ceremony at 5:30 p.m. CT at Bowlero The Woodlands (27000 I-45 N, Conroe, TX 77385) with the ESPN-taping of competition beginning at 6:30 p.m.

State Farm CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational pres. by Go Bowling! past winners:

2017 – Chris Barnes/Chris Paul

2016 – Pete Weber/Terrell Owens

2015 – Ronnie Russell/French Montana

2013 – Chris Barnes/Chris Hardwick

2012 – Pete Weber/Jerry Ferrara/Blake Griffin

2011 – Jason Belmonte/Chris Paul

2010 – Jason Belmonte/Chris Paul

2009 – Jason Couch/LeBron James

GEICO PBA WSOB IX Notebook: Red Sox Star Mookie Betts Continues to Improve, Posts Best Round to Date

Boston Red Sox star Mookie Betts had his best day yet in world-class bowling competition, averaging a personal-best 208.9 in the PBA Shark Championship presented by Xtra Frame round of GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Resorts Reno Properties competition Thursday at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nev.

After finishing the 10-game Chameleon round with a 202.67 average, Betts rolled games of 227, 215, 202, 207 and 155 in his first five-game Shark round, and finished his qualifying on the Shark 45-foot oiling pattern with games of 179, 222, 223, 237 and 222. After 20 games, with 20 more to come on the Cheetah 33 and Scorpion 42 patterns Saturday and Sunday, respectively, Betts is scoring at a 205.75 pace – ranking 159th in the international field of 195 bowlers.

With the exception of one “bad” game each round, Betts is bowling at a competitive level.

“I started the second (Shark) round with a 170,” he said. “I wasn’t rolling the ball right. It’s tough to get a read on the lane condition if you aren’t rolling the ball right, so I just stepped back, figured it out and didn’t have to make many changes after that.

“I put what I did two years ago behind me,” he added, referring to his WSOB debut in 2015. “I think I was (below a 200 average in every round), so now I’m just getting ready for the next game, the next round. In baseball, it’s a new at-bat. Here it’s a new game. When you can throw some strikes, you can make up for open frames, but my spare shooting is much, much better than it was two years ago. It’s definitely keeping me in the game this time.

“The thing is, the scores here are really, really high, but that’s why these guys are the best in the world,” Betts said.

Betts finished the animal pattern qualifying portion of the 2015 WSOX with a composite 190 average. So far, he’s scoring at a 15 pins-per-game higher pace.

LANETALK SAYS JAPAN’S KAWAZOE HAD 30-PIN EDGE ON WSOB IX FIELD

LaneTalk, PBA’s statistical analysis partner, continues to tracking detailed performance data for a variety of aspects of WSOB IX. Among the tidbits gleaned from Thursday’s Shark Championship qualifying, led by Japan’s Shota Kawazoe, were these factoids:

– The field of 195 players knocked down a total of 422,367 pins (compared to the Chameleon round’s 412,799 pins) – a 217.6 average.

– The high score in the Chameleon round was 300 (by nine players); the low game was 85.

– The entire field’s strike percentage was 58.01. First shots resulted in splits 7% of the time and non-strike shots resulted in single-pin spares 23.41% of the time.

– The field had an 89.93% “clean frame” average, converting “makeable” spares 88% of the time.

Some of Shark qualifying leader Shota Kawazoe's stats vs. the field included:

- An average of 248, 30.4 pins better than the field at large;
- His strike percentage was 71.79%, also a significant edge over the field;
- Kawazoe had a 99% “clean frame” average and, like Chameleon leader Tom Smallwood a day earlier, he converted 100% of his “makeable” spares.

UPDATED CASHERS' LIST FOR CHAMELEON, SHARK CHAMPIONSHIPS

Overlooked in summaries of the Chameleon 39 and Shark 45 qualifying rounds were cashers in 17th through 32nd place in both events. Below are the missing summaries of additional cashers after 10 games for each animal pattern qualifying round:

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Other Cashers (after 10 games):

- 17, Annop Arromsaranon, Thailand, 2,322, \$850.
- 18, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 2,316, \$820.
- 19, Ahmed Alawadhi, Bahrain, 2,311, \$800.
- 20, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 2,301, \$780.
- 21, Francois Louw, South Africa, 2,294, \$760.
- 22, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 2,293, \$740.
- 23, Michael Tang, San Francisco, 2,292, \$720.
- 24, Connor Pickford, Plano, Texas, 2,288, \$700.
- 25, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,286, \$700.
- 26, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 2,284, \$700.
- 27, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 2,280, \$700.

28, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 2,268, \$700.

29 (tie), Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., and Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,265, \$700.

31, w-Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 2,263, \$700.

32 (tie), Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, and Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 2,259, \$350.

PBA SHARK CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY XTRA FRAME

Other Cashers (after 10 games):

17, Zachary Dwyer, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., 2,367, \$850.

18, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,364, \$820.

19, Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 2,361, \$790.

19, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 2,361, \$790.

21, w-Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill., 2,357, \$750.

21, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 2,357, \$750.

23, Jim Pratt, Avondale, Ariz., 2,353, \$720.

24, Yannaphon Larpapharat, Thailand, 2,351, \$700.

25, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 2,350, \$700.

26, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2,348, \$700.

27, Matthew McNeil, Minneapolis, Minn., 2,343, \$700.

28, BJ Moore III, Greensburg, Pa., 2,341, \$700.

29, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 2,338, \$700.

30, Patrick Girard, Canada, 2,333, \$700.

31, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 2,332, \$700.

32, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,330, \$700.

FRIDAY: A DAY TO REST AND RE-TOOL

Friday was mostly a day of rest and re-tooling for WSOB IX players. The only scheduled activity at the National Bowling Stadium was a two-hour practice session with half of the lanes in the Stadium oiled

with the 33-foot Cheetah pattern, which comes into play Saturday, and the other half oiled with the 42-foot Scorpion pattern which will complete the animal pattern qualifying rounds on Sunday.

NEXT ON XTRA FRAME: CHEETAH, SCORPION PREVIEW, WRAP-UP SHOWS

As the 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour continues in Reno, Xtra Frame's extensive coverage of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Resorts Reno Properties will include preview and wrap-up shows before-and-after each of the animal pattern events. Here's the projected schedule heading into the weekend. All times are Pacific:

Saturday – PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game five-game qualifying squads, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Sunday – Pepsi PBA Scorpion Championship presented by GoBowling.com five-game qualifying squads, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Scorpion wrap-up show also will unveil the players who will advance to PBA World Championship cashers' round competition on Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 13-14, at 1 and 5 p.m.)

Xtra Frame subscriptions are available in a variety of packages: three-day (\$3.99), 30-day (\$7.99) and Xtra Frame Season Ticket (a full-year's coverage at an average cost of \$1.25 per week) subscriptions are available by visiting "xtraframe.tv" and clicking on the "subscribe now" link. As a reminder, new monthly or Season Ticket subscribers also are automatically entered into monthly sweepstakes where they have chances to win a new high-performance bowling ball from Brunswick, DV8 or MOTIV.

Andrew Cain Tops PBA Five-Game Record to Take Early Lead in GEICO PBA WSOB IX Cheetah Championship

RENO, Nev. – Andrew Cain of Phoenix charged into the lead after the first five qualifying games in the PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Challenge Mobile Game Saturday afternoon at the National Bowling Stadium, rolling a PBA five-game record of 1,352 pins including a 300 game.

The full field will complete its final five qualifying games on the short Cheetah 33 oiling pattern Saturday evening.

Cain, a 36-year-old lefthander, had games of 254, 278, 265, 255 and 300 for a 270.4 average to break the PBA record of 1,350 set by Joel Reyes in Fountain Valley, Calif., in 2007. Cain, who is trying for his first PBA Tour title, held a 45-pin lead over Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., who also had a 300 game in his 1,307 total. Thomas Larsen of Denmark was third with 1,299 pins followed by Jesper Svensson of Sweden with 1,294 and Kim Bolleby of Thailand with a 1,284 total.

For a complete list of Cheetah and PBA World Championship scores on a game by game basis, visit "live scoring" on pba.com's home page.

The Cheetah Championship is the third of four animal pattern qualifying events leading into the PBA World Championship. All of the events are part of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Reno Resorts Properties and the 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour.

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Animal pattern qualifying rounds for the PBA World Championship conclude Sunday with the 10-game Pepsi PBA Scorpion Championship presented by GoBowling.com round. After the Scorpion round, the top 49 players based on 40 games in the four animal pattern stages will bowl another five games on each of the four animal patterns Monday and Tuesday.

The 60-game pinfall totals will determine the five players who will compete for the PBA World Championship on Sunday, Nov. 19 (live streamed on ESPN3, taped for delayed telecast on ESPN on Sunday, Jan. 31, at 3 p.m. EST).

Competition in the four animal pattern events will continue on Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 15-16, with single-elimination match play rounds to reduce the top 16 qualifiers in each of those events to four players for match play-style finals. All match play rounds will be covered live on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel (visit xtraframe.tv for subscription information). All four animal pattern finals will be contested on Saturday, Nov. 18, live on ESPN3 and recorded for telecast on ESPN.

Here are the pairings for the first two animal pattern match play rounds:

PBA CHAMELEON CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY RENO TAHOE

(A part of the 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour)

National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Wednesday, Nov. 15, 11 a.m. PST

Round of 16 (best-of-five-game single-elimination match play)

Match 1 – Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., vs. Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind.

Match 2 – Adrian Ang Loong, Malaysia, vs. Yannaphon Larpapharat, Thailand.

Match 3 – Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill., vs. Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y.

Match 4 – DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, vs. Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz.

Match 5 – Francois Lavoie, Canada, vs. Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash.

Match 6 – Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, vs. Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y.

Match 7 – Glenn Pedersen, Norway, vs. Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas.

Match 8 – Jason Belmonte, Australia, vs. Jesper Svensson, Sweden.

Round of 8 (best-of-three-game single-elimination match play, 1:30 p.m.; four winners advance to Chameleon Championship finals on Saturday, Nov. 18, at noon)

Match 1 – Smallwood-Sanders winner vs. Loong-Larpapharat winner.

Match 2 – Johnson-Ciminelli 3 winner vs. Archer-Blanchard winner.

Match 3 – Lavoie-Kent winner vs. Wilkins-Pepe winner.

Match 4 – Pedersen-Malott winner vs. Belmonte-Svensson winner.

PBA SHARK CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY XTRA FRAME

(A part of the 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour)

National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Wednesday, Nov. 15, 3:30 p.m. PST

Round of 16 (best-of-five-game single-elimination match play)

Match 1 – Shota Kawazoe, Japan, vs. Pascal Winterheimer, Germany.

Match 2 – Charlie Brown Jr., Grandville, Mich., vs. DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas.

Match 3 – Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., vs. Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C.

Match 4 – Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., vs. Thomas Larsen, Denmark.

Match 5 – Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., vs. Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill.

Match 6 – Richie Teece, England, vs. Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas.

Match 7 – Chris Arcaro, Carolina Beach, N.C., vs. Jesper Svensson, Sweden.

Match 8 – Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., vs. Glenn Pedersen, Norway.

Round of 8 (best-of-three-game single-elimination match play; four winners advance to Shark finals on Saturday, Nov. 18, at 2:30 p.m.)

Match 1 – Kawazoe-Winternheimer winner vs. Brown-Archer winner.

Match 2 – Daugherty-Troup winner vs. Angelo-Larsen winner.

Match 3 – Smallwood-Kruml winner vs. Teece-Simonsen winner.

Match 4 – Arcaro-Svensson winner vs. Kent-Pedersen winner.

Puharinen.Pyry_Finland_2017 WSOB age 15 (17)FINLAND'S PYRY PUHARINEN IS WSOB IX'S YOUNGEST PLAYER

Finland's Pyry Puharinen (left), a lanky two-hander, is the youngest player in WSOB IX at age 15, matching the age Trey Ford of Bartlesville, Okla., made his WSOB debut two years ago. Ford, also a two-handed player, is the second youngest player in the 2017 field at the ripe old age of 17.

NEXT ON XTRA FRAME: SCORPION SHOWS, WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CASHERS' ROUND

The 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour rolls on in Reno and Xtra Frame's extensive coverage of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Resorts Reno Properties, concludes its animal pattern coverage Sunday before moving into the pre- and post-round coverage of the PBA World Championship cashers' round Monday and Tuesday. Here's the projected schedule heading into the start of the new week. All times are Pacific:

Sunday – Pepsi PBA Scorpion Championship presented by GoBowling.com five-game qualifying squads, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Monday – PBA World Championship cashers’ round, Chameleon 39 round (five games), 1 p.m.; Shark 45 round (five games), 5 p.m.

Tuesday – PBA World Championship cashers’ round, Cheetah 33 round (five games), 1 p.m.; Scorpion 42 round (five games), 5 p.m.

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PBA TOUR TITLIST JAKOB BUTTURFF WINS QUBICA AMF WORLD CUP

Two-time PBA Tour titlist Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., won the men’s QubicaAMF World Cup title Saturday in Hermosillo, Mexico, defeating Colombia’s Oscar Rodriguez for the title, 246-201, after cruising past Malaysia’s Ahmad Muaz in the semifinal round, 266-176. Butturff, a 23-year-old left-hander who was representing the United States in the annual multi-nation competition, threw 17 strikes in 21 attempts on his way to the win. Krizziah Lyn Tabora of The Philippines won the women’s title with a 236-191 victory over Malaysian PWBA titlist Siti Rahman.

Denmark’s Thomas Larsen Averages 255.6 to Lead GEICO PBA WSOB IX Cheetah Qualifying

RENO, Nev. – Denmark’s Thomas Larsen, one of Europe’s premier shot-makers, averaged 255.6 to top qualifying in the PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Challenge Mobile Games at the National Bowling Stadium Saturday.

Larsen, a 27-year-old right-hander and two-time PBA Tour title winner, rolled games of 257, 238, 268, 258 and 278 in his first block and 258, 254, 223, 256 and 266 in Saturday’s second five-game round to finish with a 10-game total of 2,556 pins, overtaking Andrew Cain of Phoenix who broke the PBA’s five-game scoring record with a 1,352 total in the afternoon round. The previous five-game record was 1,350 by Joel Reyes in Fountain Valley, Calif., in 2007.

The Cheetah round was the third and shortest (33 feet of oil) of four animal pattern qualifying stages that are part of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Resorts Reno Properties, and the Go Bowling! PBA Tour.

“When I had it today, I struck a ton and when I didn’t, I was able to make the adjustments pretty quickly, so, yes, it was a really good day,” Larsen said. “I always seem to bowl well in Reno, and in the World Series. I really like this tournament.”

Larsen won both of his PBA Tour titles in international competition (Abu Dhabi in 2013 and Kuwait in 2014). He finished third in both the 2015 and 2016 Chameleon Championship, so winning a title on U.S. soil is “what I really want. That would be awesome.”

Trailing Larsen in the Cheetah standings were Sweden’s Jesper Svensson with a 2,519 total, Cain with 2,511 pins, Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., with an even 2,500 and Thailand’s Kim Bolleby with a 2,476 total.

The top 16 players who advanced to the Cheetah single-elimination match play competition on Thursday, Nov. 16, at 11 a.m. again included a diverse international group representing Denmark, Sweden, Thailand, Malaysia, South Africa, Australia, Canada and the U.S.

WSOB IX, which officially kicked off the 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule, resumes Sunday with two five-game qualifying squads of the Pepsi PBA Scorpion Championship presented by GoBowling.com. At the conclusion of the Scorpion round, the top 49 players based on combined 40-game animal pattern qualifying totals will advance to the PBA World Championship cashers’ round which will involve additional five-game rounds on each of the four animal patterns Monday and Tuesday at 1 and 5 p.m. Leading the PBA World Championship qualifying after 30 of 40 games were Svensson with 7,318 pins; Larsen with 7,235; Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., with 7,205; Jason Belmonte of Australia with 7,076 and Anthony Pepe of Elmhurst, N.Y., with 7,067 pins.

The 40-game totals also will determine the top five United States and top five international players who will compete in the USA vs. The World team match that will be contested at 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 17, for telecast on Sunday, Dec. 10, on ESPN.

Sunday’s Scorpion round will be covered live on Xtra Frame at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., and fans can follow the game-by-game drama as players battle for berths in the PBA World Championship on pba.com’s “live scoring” feature.

All times listed are Pacific Standard.

PBA CHEETAH CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY PBA CHALLENGE MOBILE GAME

(a part of the 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour)

National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Saturday

Final Qualifying Standings (after 10 games; top 16 advance to Cheetah Championship Round of 16 single-elimination match play on Thursday, Nov. 16)

- 1, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 2,556.
- 2, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 2,519.
- 3, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 2,511.
- 4, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2,500.
- 5, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 2,476.
- 6, Muhammad Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, 2,447.
- 7, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,435.
- 8, Francois Louw, South Africa, 2,432.
- 9, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 2,407.
- 10, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 2,406.
- 11, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2,400.
- 12, Sam Cooley, Australia, 2,399.
- 13, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 2,391.
- 14, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 2,390.
- 15, Graham Fach, Canada, 2,379.
- 16, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,364.

Other Cashers (after 10 games):

- 17, Michael Tang, San Francisco, 2,361, \$850.
- 18, Alex Liew Liang, Malaysia, 2,346, \$820.
- 19, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2,338, \$790.
- 20, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 2,335, \$790
- 21, Christopher O'Neil, Decatur, Ill., 2,333, \$750.
- 22, (tie) Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 2,326, and Dom Barrett, England, 2,326, \$720.
- 24, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 2,319, \$700.
- 25, Tobias Boerding, Germany, 2,318, \$700.
- 26, Svein Ake Ek, Norway, 2,315, \$700.
- 27, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 2,314, \$700.
- 28, Frank Drevenstedt, Germany, 2,312, \$700.
- 29, Matthew McNiel, Minneapolis, Minn., 2,308, \$700.
- 30, Syafiq Ridhwan, Malaysia, 2,300, \$700.
- 31, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 2,299, \$700.
- 32, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 2,297, \$700.

Did not cash:

- 33, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2,293.
- 34, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 2,286.
- 35, John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 2,277.
- 36, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 2,274.
- 36, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,274.
- 38, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 2,273.
- 38, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 2,273.
- 40, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 2,271.
- 41, (tie) Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., and Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 2,270.

- 43, Matthew Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 2,267.
- 44, (tie) Tom Sorce, Blasdell, N.Y., and Matt Bollhalter, Niceville, Fla., 2,264.
- 46, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 2,262.
- 47, Adrian Ang Loong, Malaysia, 2,260.
- 48, Jeremy Mooney, West Palm Beach, Fla., 2,259.
- 49, (tie) Christopher Sloan, Ireland, and Mik Stampe, Denmark, 2,257.
- 51, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 2,256.
- 52, (tie) John Furey, Freehold, N.J., Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., and Ramon Hilferink, Netherlands, 2,255.
- 55, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 2,254.
- 56, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,253.
- 57, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 2,252.
- 58, (tie) JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., and Francois Lavoie, Canada, 2,250.
- 60, (tie) Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, and BJ Moore III, Greensburg, Pa., 2,247.
- 62, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 2,246.
- 63, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 2,243.
- 64, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 2,236.
- 65, Pascal Winterheimer, Germany, 2,234.
- 66, (tie) EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., and Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., 2,233.
- 68, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,231.
- 69, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 2,230.
- 70, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 2,226.
- 71, (tie) Michael Vitalone, Jr., Lake Worth, Fla., Billy Asbury, Odenton, Md., PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 2,224, and Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., 2,224.
- 75, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 2,218.
- 76, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., 2,215.
- 77, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 2,214.
- 78, Anthony DeStasio, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 2,210.
- 79, Connor Pickford, Plano, Texas, 2,209.

80, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 2,208.
81, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,207.
82, Patrick Girard, Canada, 2,206.
83, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 2,204.
84, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 2,202.
85, (tie) Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., and Craig LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 2,201.
87, Hyun Bum Kim, South Korea, 2,193.
88, Carsten Hansen, Denmark, 2,192.
89, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 2,185.
90, Glenn Pedersen, Norway, 2,183.
91, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 2,181.
92, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 2,178.
93, (tie) Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, and Pyy Puharinen, Finland, 2,177.
95, (tie) Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, and Ryan Graywacz, Canastota, N.Y., 2,173.
97, Miguel Lopez, Peoria, Ariz., 2,169.
98, Nick Christy, Newport, N.C., 2,167.
99, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 2,166.
100, (tie) Stuart Williams, England, and Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 2,164.
102, Ryan Zagar, Racine, Wis., 2,163.
103, Julio Cesar Blancas, Mexico, 2,161.
104, Andre Eubanks, Los Angeles, 2,158.
105, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2,157.
106, Casey Knutson, Sparks, Nev., 2,152.
107, (tie) Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, and Amanda Fry, Antelope, Calif., 2,150.
109, Michael Murray, Australia, 2,148.
110, Markus Jansson, Sweden, 2,147.
111, Andrew Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 2,145.
112, Matthew Wozney, Clayton, Del., 2,143.
113, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 2,136.

114, Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo., 2,135.

115, Tan Chern, Malaysia, 2,132.

116, (tie) Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., and Chris Arcaro, Carolina Beach, N.C., 2,130.

118, Derek Handy, Redmond, Wash., 2,127.

119, Kole Payne, Charlotte, N.C., 2,126.

120, Brett Cunningham, Clay, N.Y., 2,120.

121, (tie) Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., and Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 2,117.

123, Shalin Zulkifli, Malaysia, 2,115.

124, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 2,102.

125, (tie) Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., and Daria Pajak, Poland, 2,100.

127, Saulnier Valentin, France, 2,099.

128, Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill., 2,098.

129, Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C., 2,097.

130, Richie Teece, England, 2,092.

131, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 2,089.

132, Gabriel Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 2,084.

133, Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 2,082.

134, Kyle King, Glendale, Ariz., 2,081.

135, Michael Smith, Centennial, Colo., 2,080.

136, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 2,079.

137, (tie) Kristian Rogers, Salisbury, N.C., and Mookie Betts, Boston, 2,078.

139, (tie) Stephen Hahn, Ashburn, Va., and DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 2,077.

141, (tie) David Krol, Nixa, Mo., and Blayne Fletcher, Australia, 2,075.

143, Mattias Wetterberg, Sweden, 2,072.

144, Mikhail West-Marin, Paradise, Calif., 2,071.

145, Ben Zakrocki, Philadelphia, 2,070.

146, Tommy Barna, Westminster, Md., 2,069.

147, Matthew O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 2,067.

148, (tie) Ahmed Alawadhi, Bahrain, and Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 2,066.

150, Yousif Falah, Bahrain, 2,064.

151, Josh Montgomery, Flower Mound, Texas, 2,063.

152, Yannaphon Larpapharat, Thailand, 2,062.

153, Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 2,060.

154, Oeyvin Kulseng, Norway, 2,057.

155, Jens Mathiesen, Norway, 2,054.

156, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 2,052.

157, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 2,049.

158, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 2,047.

159, Charlie Brown Jr., Grandville, Mich., 2,046.

160, Annop Arromsaranon, Thailand, 2,039.

161, Gaetan Mouveroux, France, 2,037.

162, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 2,027.

163, Zachary Dwyer, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., 2,025.

164, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 2,023.

165, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 2,022.

166, JT Jackson, Sherman Oaks, Calif., 2,015.

167, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 2,013.

168, Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 2,008.

169, Tristan Butler, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1,989.

170, Austin Hunt, Kennewick, Wash., 1,985.

171, (tie) Jason Zook, Tampa, Fla., and Adam Hayes, Australia, 1,979.

173, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,976.

174, Jim Pratt, Avondale, Ariz., 1,969.

175, Raymond Lussier, Canada, 1,968.

176, Adam Pogge, Austin, Texas, 1,953.

177, Jonathan Hocsmán, Argentina, 1,938.

178, Jun Hyung Seo, South Korea, 1,934.

179, Zulmazran Zulkifli, Malaysia, 1,933.

- 180, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,921.
- 181, Justin Wyman, Fairport, N.Y., 1,908.
- 182, (tie) Timo Schroeder, Germany, and Andrew Graff, Las Vegas, 1,879.
- 184, Steve Ford, Seaside, Ore., 1,867.
- 185, Miguel Rosales, Anaheim, Calif., 1,859.
- 185, Joseph Purdom, Lemoyne, Pa., 1,859.
- 187, Yebgueni Velez, Ecuador, 1,814.
- 188, Andrew Mienkiewicz, Massapequa, N.Y., 1,785.
- 189, Cody Copeland, Abilene, Texas, 1,749.
- 190, Mateo Hernandez, Argentina, 1,727.
- 191, William Tarpein, McDonough, Ga., 1,643.
- 192, Jeff Bragg, Linesville, Pa., 1,599.
- 193, Andrew McLinden, Gardnerville, Nev., 1,562.

300 Games: Andrew Cain, Mik Stampe, Josh Blanchard, Bill O'Neill, Dick Allen, Francois Louw, Norm Duke, Anthony Simonsen.

PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Qualifying Standings (after 30 of 40 qualifying games; top 49 after Sunday's Scorpion round will advance to cashers' round on Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 13 and 14):

- 1, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 7,318.
- 2, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 7,235.
- 3, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 7,205.
- 4, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 7,076.
- 5, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 7,067.
- 6, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 7,060.

- 7, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 7,004.
- 8, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 6,996.
- 9, Glenn Pedersen, Norway, 6,976.
- 10, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 6,955.
- 11, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 6,935.
- 12, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 6,926.
- 13, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 6,924.
- 14, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 6,912.
- 15, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 6,910.
- 16, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 6,908.
- 17, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 6,903.
- 18, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 6,895.
- 19, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 6,892.
- 20, Matthew McNeil, Minneapolis, Minn., 6,884.
- 21, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 6,883.
- 22 (tie), Matthew Sanders, Evansville, Ind.; Michael Tang, San Francisco, and Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 6,869.
- 25, Muhammad Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, 6,853.
- 26, Francois Louw, South Africa, 6,850.
- 27, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 6,846.
- 28, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 6,827.
- 29, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 6,824.
- 30, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 6,815.
- 31, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 6,811.
- 32, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 6,807.
- 33, Dom Barrett, England, 6,795.
- 34, BJ Moore III, Greensburg, Pa., 6,788.
- 35 (tie), Sam Cooley, Australia, and w-Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill., 6,784.
- 37, Yannaphon Larpapharat, Thailand, 6,772.

38, Tobias Boering, Germany, 6,770.
39, Pascal Winternheimer, Germany, 6,769.
40, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 6,764.
41, Graham Fach, Canada, 6,759.
42, Adrian Ang Loong, Malaysia, 6,754.
43, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 6,753.
44, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 6,752.
45, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 6,744.
46, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 6,739.
47, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 6,733.
48, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 6,728.
49, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 6,718.
50 (tie), AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, and w-Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 6,715.
52 (tie), Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, and Connor Pickford, Plano, Texas, 6,710.
54, Richie Teece, England, 6,704.
55, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 6,703.
56, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 6,694.
57, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 6,682.
58, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 6,672.
59, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 6,665.
60, Patrick Girard, Canada, 6,651.
61, Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., 6,648.
62 (tie), Syafiq Ridhwan, Malaysia, and Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 6,634.
64, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 6,630.
65, PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 6,623.
66, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 6,620.
67, Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 6,617.
68 (tie), Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., and Stuart Williams, England, 6,615.
70, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 6,611.

- 71, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 6,603.
- 72, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 6,600.
- 73 (tie), w-Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., and Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 6,599.
- 75, Frank Drevenstedt, Germany, 6,587.
- 76, John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 6,583.
- 77, Chris Arcaro, Carolina Beach, N.C., 6,580.
- 78, Annop Arromsaranon, Thailand, 6,573.
- 79, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 6,571.
- 80, Anthony DeStasio, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 6,562.
- 81, Alex Liew Liang, Malaysia, 6,550.
- 82, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 6,548.
- 83, Ryan Graywacz, Canastota, N.Y., 6,546.
- 84, Tan Chern, Malaysia, 6,545.
- 85, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, IL, 6,543.
- 86, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 6,540.
- 87, Mattias Wetterberg, Sweden, 6,536.
- 88, Craig LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 6,529.
- 89, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 6,526.
- 90, Carsten Hansen, Denmark, 6,521.
- 91, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 6,516.
- 92, Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C., 6,514.
- 93, Yousif Falah, Bahrain, 6,513.
- 94, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 6,510.
- 95, Billy Asbury, Odenton, Md., 6,502.
- 96, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 6,500.
- 97, Tom Sorce, Blasdell, N.Y., 6,499.
- 98, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 6,498.
- 99, Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 6,495.
- 100 (tie), Ramon Hilferink, Netherlands, and Andrew Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 6,494.

102, Mik Stampe, Denmark, 6,490.
103, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 6,489.
104, Ahmed Alawadhi, Bahrain, 6,488.
105, Pyry Puharinen, Finland, 6,482.
106, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 6,476.
107, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 6,475.
108, Charlie Brown Jr, Grandville, Mich., 6,473.
109, Svein Ake Ek, Norway, 6,464.
110, Matthew O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 6,457.
111, Zachary Dwyer, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., 6,449.
112, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 6,442.
113, Julio Cesar Blancas, Mexico, 6,441.
114, Jeremy Mooney, West Palm Beach, Fla., 6,439.
114, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 6,439.
116, Miguel Lopez, Peoria, Ariz., 6,435.
117, Michael Murray, Australia, 6,434.
118, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 6,429.
119, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 6,427.
120, Matt Bollhalter, Niceville, Fla., 6,426.
121, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 6,422.
122, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., 6,418.
122, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 6,418.
124, Nick Christy, Newport, N.C., 6,407.
125, Blayne Fletcher, Australia, 6,406.
126, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 6,396.
127, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 6,394.
128, Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 6,379.
129, w-Daria Pajak, Poland, 6,369.
130, Markus Jansson, Sweden, 6,367.

131 (tie), Hyun Bum Kim, South Korea; David Krol, Nixa, Mo., and Saulnier Valentin, France, 6,354.

134, Christopher O'Neil, Decatur, Ill., 6,353.

135, Raymond Lussier, Canada, 6,328.

136, Kole Payne, Charlotte, N.C., 6,326.

137, Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo., 6,318.

138, Ryan Zagar, Racine, Wis., 6,316.

139, Timo Schroeder, Germany, 6,311.

140, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 6,308.

141, Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 6,302.

142 (tie), w-Shalin Zulkifli, Malaysia, and Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 6,299.

144, Gaetan Mouveroux, France, 6,297.

145, Gabriel Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 6,292.

146, Jens Mathiesen, Norway, 6,291.

147, Jim Pratt, Avondale, Ariz., 6,290.

148, Kyle King, Glendale, Ariz., 6,277.

149, John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 6,273.

150, w-Amanda Fry, Antelope, Calif., 6,264.

151, Andre Eubanks, Los Angeles, 6,263.

152, Derek Handy, Redmond, Wash., 6,260.

153, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 6,236.

154 (tie), Casey Knutson, Sparks, Nev., and Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 6,230.

156, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 6,222.

157, Michael Smith, Centennial, Colo., 6,204.

158, Oeyvin Kulseng, Norway, 6,203.

159, Mookie Betts, Boston, 6,193.

160, Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 6,185.

161, Kristian Rogers, Salisbury, N.C., 6,178.

162, Brett Cunningham, Clay, N.Y., 6,174.

163, Zulmazran Zulkifli, Malaysia, 6,173.

164, Michael Vitalone, Jr., Lake Worth, Fla., 6,170.
165, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 6,158.
166, Austin Hunt, Kennewick, Wash., 6,154.
167, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 6,146.
168, Stephen Hahn, Ashburn, Va., 6,144.
169, Tommy Barna, Westminster, Md., 6,137.
170, Jason Zook, Tampa, Fla., 6,102.
171, Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., 6,067.
172, Andrew Graff, Las Vegas, 6,059.
173, Adam Pogge, Austin, Texas, 6,032.
174, Adam Hayes, Australia, 5,914.
175, JT Jackson, Sherman Oaks, Calif., 5,907.
176, Mikhail West-Marin, Paradise, Calif., 5,902.
177, Ben Zakrocki, Philadelphia, 5,828.
178, Matthew Wozney, Clayton, Del., 5,819.
179, Miguel Rosales, Anaheim, Calif., 5,807.
180, Jonathan Hocsman, Argentina, 5,806.
181, Justin Wyman, Fairport, N.Y., 5,799.
182, Jun Hyung Seo, South Korea, 5,771.
183, Andrew Mienkiewicz, Massapequa, N.Y., 5,658.
184, Yebgueni Velez, Ecuador, 5,643.
185, Josh Montgomery, Flower Mound, Texas, 5,618.
186, Tristan Butler, Fort Wayne, Ind., 5,586.
187, Mateo Hernandez, Argentina, 5,513.
188, Joseph Purdom, Lemoyne, Pa., 5,512.
189, William Tarpein, McDonough, Ga., 5,508.
190, Steve Ford, Seaside, Ore., 5,454.
191, Cody Copeland, Abilene, Texas, 5,222.
192, Jeff Bragg, Linesville, Pa., 5,180.

193, Andrew McLinden, Gardnerville, Nev., 5,003.

194, Shaun Cornett, Carmichael, Calif., withdrew.

195, Jiafei Fang, China, withdrew.

Mexico's Arturo Quintero Takes Early Lead in Scorpion Qualifying; Heated Race Set for World Championship

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RENO, Nev. – Mexico's Arturo Quintero rolled into the lead after the first five qualifying games in the Pepsi PBA Scorpion Championship presented by GoBowling.com Sunday afternoon at the National Bowling Stadium, averaging at a 252 pace for a 29-pin lead over Matt McNiel of Minneapolis.

Quintero finished the round with 1,260 pins. McNiel had a 1,231 total, followed by Liz Johnson of Palatine, Ill., with 1,216 pins; Zacharay Wilkins of Canada at 1,215 and BJ Moore III of Greensburg, Pa., at 1,212.

The full field will complete its final five qualifying games on the Scorpion 42-foot oiling pattern Sunday evening. The 10-game Scorpion qualifying round is the fourth and final animal pattern contest which will decide the 49 players who will advance to the PBA World Championship cashers' round starting Monday. Going into the final five qualifying games, more than a dozen players were within 50 pins of the 40-game cut.

For a complete list of Scorpion and PBA World Championship scores on a game by game basis, visit "live scoring" on pba.com's home page.

All of the animal pattern qualifying legs and the PBA World Championship are part of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Reno Resorts Properties and the 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour.

GEICO PBA WSOB IX Notebook V: Svensson Rules Cheetah Field; Pairings Set for Cheetah Match Play
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Animal pattern qualifying rounds for the PBA World Championship conclude Sunday with the 10-game Pepsi PBA Scorpion Championship presented by GoBowling.com round. After the Scorpion round, the top 49 players based on 40 games in the four animal pattern stages will bowl another five games on each of the four animal patterns Monday and Tuesday.

The 60-game pinfall totals will determine the five players who will compete for the PBA World Championship on Sunday, Nov. 19 (live streamed on ESPN3, taped for delayed telecast on ESPN on Sunday, Jan. 31, at 3 p.m. EST).

Competition in the four animal pattern events will continue with single-elimination match play rounds on Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 15-16, to reduce the top 16 qualifiers in each of those events to four players for match play-style finals. All match play rounds will be covered live on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel (visit xtraframe.tv for subscription information). All four animal pattern finals will be contested on Saturday, Nov. 18, live on ESPN3 and recorded for delayed telecast on ESPN.

Here are the pairings for the Cheetah match play rounds:

PBA CHEETAH CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY PBA CHALLENGE MOBILE GAME

(A part of the 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour)

National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Thursday, Nov. 16, 11 a.m. PST

Round of 16 (best-of-five-game single-elimination match play)

Match 1 – Thomas Larsen, Denmark, vs. Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa.

Match 2 – Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., vs. Francois Louw, South Africa.

Match 3 – Sam Cooley, Australia, vs. Kim Bolleby, Thailand.

Match 4 – Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., vs. Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J.

Match 5 – Andrew Cain, Phoenix, vs. Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y.

Match 6 – Jason Belmonte, Australia, vs. Muhammad Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia.

Match 7 – Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., vs. Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas.

Match 8 – Graham Fach, Canada, vs. Jesper Svensson, Sweden.

Round of 8 (best-of-three-game single-elimination match play, 1:30 p.m.; four winners advance to Chameleon Championship finals on Saturday, Nov. 18, at 4:15 p.m.)

Match 1 – Larsen-O’Neill winner vs. Ford-Louw winner.

Match 2 – Cooley-Bolleby winner vs. Pepe-Bohn winner.

Match 3 – Cain-Ciminelli winner vs. Belmonte-Ismail winner.

Match 4 – Duke-Simonsen winner vs. Fach-Svensson winner.

LANETALK SAYS SWEDEN’S JESPER SVENSSON HAD 36-PIN EDGE ON WSOB IX FIELD

LaneTalk, PBA’s statistical analysis partner, continues to track detailed performance data for a variety of aspects of WSOB IX. Among the tidbits gleaned from Saturday’s Cheetah Championship qualifying, led by Sweden’s Jesper Svensson, were the following factoids as the 22-year-old left-handed two-hander became the only player to qualify in the top 16 in all three animal pattern qualifiers thus far:

— The field of 195 players knocked down a total of 416,522 pins (compared to 422,367 pins for the Shark 45 round and 412,799 pins for the Chameleon 39 round). The field’s composite average was 215.81.

— The high score in the Cheetah round was 300 (by eight players); the low game was 109.

— The entire field’s strike percentage was 57.55. First shots resulted in splits 6.53% of the time and non-strike shots resulted in single-pin spares 23.28% of the time.

— The field had an 89.02% “clean frame” average, converting “makeable” spares 84.24% of the time.

Some of Cheetah qualifying leader Jesper Svensson’s stats vs. the field included:

— An average of 251.9, 36.1 pins better than the field at large;

— His strike percentage was 78.26%, more than 20% higher than the full field;

— Svensson had a 94% “clean frame” average and, converted 94.74% of his “makeable” spares.

Another LaneTalk tidbit clearly illustrated the preferred angle of attack in the Cheetah round. Playing an extreme outside angle to the pocket, the field-at-large put 100 first shots into the gutter. For the Chameleon round, the field of 195 threw a modest total of 15 “gutter balls” while the Shark round produced only seven by the entire field over 10 games.

SPARE SHOOTING PLAGUES MOOKIE BETTS IN ROLLER COASTER CHEETAH ROUND

Boston Red Sox star Mookie Betts posted his highest scoring round in PBA WSOB competition in Saturday’s Cheetah qualifying round, but inconsistent spare shooting prevented it from being significantly better.

“I missed a lot of spares. A lot,” Betts said after bowling games of 210, 256, 198, 246 and 184 for his first five games followed by 228, 170, 219, 193 and 174 for his second five games.

For the complete Cheetah round, Betts averaged a personal-best 207.8, improving his 30-game average to 206.43. But he wasn’t pleased.

“I turned a couple of 190s into 170s because of (missed spares),” Betts said. “I’d sometimes get to a pair of lanes where I didn’t figure out the condition until the sixth or seventh frame. You can’t do that against these guys.”

The 33-foot application of oil – the shortest of the PBA’s World Series animal pattern oil applications, also played into Betts’ spare shooting woes because less oil on the back end of a 60-foot lane creates more room for a ball to hook.

“When I can throw the ball straight, I’m pretty good with spares,” Betts said, “but with this short pattern hooking a little more, it changed things a bit for me. It’s something I need to work on.”

NEXT ON XTRA FRAME: PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CASHERS’ ROUND BEGINS

Xtra Frame's extensive coverage of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Resorts Reno Properties, moves into an important phase Monday when the four-part cashers' round of the PBA World Championship begins. The PBA World Championship is the final major of the 2017 season and the first major to be a part of the new 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule.

The PBA World Championship is down to a field of 49 after 40 games – 10 games each on the PBA Chameleon 39, Shark 45, Cheetah 33 and Scorpion 42 oiling patterns. All 49 players will now bowl another five games on each of the four oiling patterns Monday and Tuesday with the five leaders after 60 demanding games advancing to the World Championship finals, which will be contested on Sunday, Nov. 19 at noon PST (live on ESPN3, taped for telecast on ESPN on New Year's Eve day at 3 p.m. EST).

Fans can follow the World Championship's final qualifying stages through the "live scoring" feature on pba.com, and Xtra Frame subscribers can gain additional insights through pre- and post-round coverage of cashers' round Monday and Tuesday. Here's the projected schedule heading into the start of the new week. All times are Pacific:

Monday – PBA World Championship cashers' round, Chameleon 39 round (five games), 1 p.m.; Shark 45 round (five games), 5 p.m.

Tuesday – PBA World Championship cashers' round, Cheetah 33 round (five games), 1 p.m.; Scorpion 42 round (five games), 5 p.m.

Xtra Frame subscriptions are available in a variety of packages: three-day (\$3.99), 30-day (\$7.99) and Xtra Frame Season Ticket (a full-year's coverage at an average cost of \$1.25 per week) subscriptions are available by visiting "xtraframe.tv" and clicking on the "subscribe now" link.

Red Sox star Mookie Betts Bowls 300 Game in GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling

RENO, Nev. – Boston Red Sox right fielder Mookie Betts, bowling in the Professional Bowlers Association's World Series of Bowling at the National Bowling Stadium, bowled his first perfect game in PBA competition Sunday night in the fourth and final round of qualifying for the PBA World Championship.

Betts, who made his debut in PBA World Series competition in 2015 when he averaged 190 for 36 games on four different lane conditioning challenges, was averaging over 200 through the first three rounds of competition this year. After bowling his worst game of the tournament – a 169 in his 36th of 40 qualifying games – Betts threw 12 strikes for his first PBA 300 game in game 37.

A complete summary of the Pepsi PBA Scorpion Championship round, presented by GoBowling.com, will be posted on pba.com and distributed through the PBA Network of media outlets later tonight.

Big Scorpion Round Helps Mexico's Arturo Quintero Advance; Bosox Star Mookie Betts Rolls 300 Game
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Big Scorpion Round Helps Mexico's Arturo Quintero Advance; Bosox Star Mookie Betts Rolls 300 Game
RENO, Nev. – Two bowlers rose from the brink of despair to elation Sunday in the Pepsi PBA Scorpion Championship presented by GoBowling.com at the National Bowling Stadium, the final round of qualifying for the PBA World Championship.

One of the two – Mexico's Arturo Quintero – rose from 86th place into the PBA World Championship field of 49 finalists in 40th place after leading the Scorpion round with a 242 average. The other bowler – Boston Red Sox star Mookie Betts – followed his two worst games of the World Series with a 300 game, his first perfect game in professional competition. Although he didn't advance, Betts demonstrated he has skills beyond his baseball talents.

Also in the mix as qualifying came to an end after 40 combined games on four different animal pattern qualifying events, Sweden's Jesper Svensson emerged as the PBA World Championship's leading qualifier with a 9,594 pinfall total, topping Australia's Jason Belmonte by 189 pins heading into the two-day, four-round World Championship cashers' round beginning Monday. Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich.; Thomas Larsen of Denmark, and Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., rounded out the top five World Championship qualifiers.

Sunday's competition on the 42-foot Scorpion lane conditioning pattern was the fourth and final animal pattern qualifying stages that are part of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Resorts Reno Properties, and the Go Bowling! PBA Tour. Quintero led early and led late after bowling below expectations the three previous rounds.

"I woke up this morning and asked God for help," Quintero said. "I needed to bowl really good to make the World Championship cut. The Scorpion pattern was the toughest for a lot of guys, but I made the cut in that event last year and for me, it was the easiest pattern of all. It depends on your style of bowling, and I got a new ball drilled, which I used the entire round.

Quintero's 2,420 pinfall total for 10 games in the Scorpion round topped Devin Bidwell of Wichita, Kan., by 24 pins. Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., was third with 2,386 pins followed by BJ Moore III of Greensburg, Pa., with a 2,384 total and PBA rookie Kyle Sherman with a 2,372 total. The 16 players who advance to the Scorpion match play elimination round next Thursday included players from Mexico, England, Canada and Australia in addition to the U.S.

During the Scorpion round, Betts created the most excitement by bowling his first perfect game in one of the most prestigious professional tournaments in the world.

betts "I bowled the whole final five games without a 200 game," Betts grinned, noting he completed his WSOB IX with games of 169, 300, 199, 198 and 193. He completed his 40 games in a tie for 158th place with a 205.6 average, far below the World Championship cut, but 15 pins better than his average in his 2015 debut in the WSOB.

Comparing his 10th frame to coming to bat in the bottom of the ninth inning of a close major league game, Betts said, "I'm much more comfortable coming to bat in a situation like that. After I threw the first strike in the 10th, I turned around and saw the crowd and I'll admit, I was pretty nervous. I just used my experience in baseball, my breathing techniques and things like that.

"Any time you shoot 150, 160 games, there's some frustration but we had four games to go. I figured I'd turn it around at some point, and it happened the next game.

"Overall I accomplished my goal this year. I bowled pretty well on all of the patterns, so I had to be happy," Betts said. "I couldn't come in here expecting to make any cuts or make any money, so I set some goals I was able to reach and I did it."

Heading into the PBA World Championship cashers' round, which will involve additional five-game rounds on each of the four animal patterns Monday and Tuesday at 1 and 5 p.m. each day, Svensson not only rolled into the lead but also led a group of five international players who will represent The World in a special team match vs. the USA at 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 17. The USA vs. The World team match at 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 17, will be live streamed on ESPN and taped for telecast on Sunday, Dec. 10, on ESPN.

Members of the USA team will be Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich.; Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y.; Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C.; Matt McNiel, Minneapolis, and Bill O'Neill. Members of The World team will be Svensson, Belmonte, Denmark's Thomas Larsen, England's Dom Barrett and Malaysia's Muhammad Rafiq Ismail, who won a one-game roll-off over Japan's Shota Kawazoe for the fifth spot, 248-176.

All qualifying and match play elimination rounds of WSOB IX will be covered live on PBA's Xtra Frame online video streaming channel, and all competition throughout the WSOB also will be covered in game-by-game detail on pba.com's "live scoring" feature.

All times listed are Pacific Standard.

PEPSI PBA SCORPION CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY GOBOWLING.COM

(a part of the 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour)

National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Sunday

Final Qualifying Standings (after 10 games; top 16 advance to Scorpion Championship Round of 16 single-elimination match play on Thursday, Nov. 16)

- 1, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 2,420.
- 2, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 2,396.
- 3, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,386.
- 4, BJ Moore III, Greensburg, Pa., 2,384.
- 5, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 2,372.

- 6, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 2,363.
- 7, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 2,362.
- 8, Stuart Williams, England, 2,351.
- 9, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2,347.
- 10, Matthew McNeil, Minneapolis, Minn., 2,345.
- 11, (tie) Raymond Lussier, Canada, and Dom Barrett, England, 2,344.
- 13, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 2,333.
- 14, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2,329.
- 15, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 2,322.
- 16, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 2,308.

Other Cashers (after 10 games):

- 17, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 2,298, \$850.
- 18, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 2,297, \$820.
- 19, Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 2,295, \$790.
- 20, Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 2,292, \$790.
- 21, Matthew Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 2,289, \$750.
- 22, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 2,284, \$720.
- 23, Matthew O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 2,279, \$720.
- 24, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 2,276, \$700.
- 25, (tie) Julio Cesar Blancas, Mexico, 2,273, and Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 2,273, \$700.
- 27, (tie) Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,264, and Ryan Graywacz, Canastota, N.Y., 2,264, \$700.
- 29, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 2,261, \$700.
- 30, Muhammad Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, 2,260, \$700.
- 31, Tan Chern, Malaysia, 2,257, \$700.
- 32, Carsten Hansen, Denmark, 2,253, \$700.

Did not cash

- 33, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 2,252.
- 34, (tie) Tobias Boerding, Germany, and Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 2,251.
- 36, Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill., 2,249.
- 37, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 2,245.
- 38, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 2,240.
- 39, David Krol, Nixa, Mo., 2,238.
- 40, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 2,231.
- 41, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,228.
- 42, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 2,226.
- 43, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 2,225.
- 44, PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 2,223.
- 45, Richie Teece, England, 2,219.
- 46, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 2,215.
- 47, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 2,213.
- 48, Connor Pickford, Plano, Texas, 2,210.
- 49, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 2,209.
- 50, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 2,207.
- 51, Charlie Brown Jr, Grandville, Mich., 2,204.
- 52, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 2,203.
- 53, Timo Schroeder, Germany, 2,200.
- 54, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 2,192.
- 55, Zachary Dwyer, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., 2,187.
- 56, Andrew Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 2,185.
- 57, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 2,180.
- 58, Mik Stampe, Denmark, 2,179.
- 59, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,178.
- 60, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 2,175.

61, (tie) Darren Tang, San Francisco, and Yousif Falah, Bahrain, 2,173.

63, (tie) Annop Arromsaranon, Thailand, and Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 2,172.

65, (tie) Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., and Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 2,170.

67, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 2,169.

68, Derek Handy, Redmond, Wash., 2,166.

69, Frank Drevenstedt, Germany, 2,162.

70, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 2,159.

71, Saulnier Valentin, France, 2,158.

72, (tie) Sam Cooley, Australia, and Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 2,157.

74, (tie) Adrian Ang Loong, Malaysia, and Jeremy Mooney, West Palm Beach, Fla., 2,155.

76, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 2,153.

77, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2,149.

78, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2,145.

79, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2,143.

80, Francois Louw, South Africa, 2,141.

81, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 2,139.

82, Yannaphon Larpapharat, Thailand, 2,138.

83, Graham Fach, Canada, 2,137.

84, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 2,134.

85, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 2,132.

86, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 2,129.

87, JT Jackson, Sherman Oaks, Calif., 2,128.

88, Syafiq Ridhwan, Malaysia, 2,124.

89, (tie) Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., and Andrew Graff, Las Vegas, 2,123.

91, (tie) Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., and Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,121.

93, Pyry Puharinen, Finland, 2,120.

94, (tie) Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, and Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 2,117.

96, (tie) Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., and AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 2,115.

98, Jun Hyung Seo, South Korea, 2,113.

99, (tie) Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., and Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2,112.

102, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,111.

103, Patrick Girard, Canada, 2,110.

103, Gaetan Mouveroux, France, 2,110.

105, (tie) Nick Christy, Newport, N.C., Pascal Winterheimer, Germany, and Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 2,108.

108, (tie) Zulmazran Zulkifli, Malaysia, and Adam Pogge, Austin, Texas, 2,107.

110, Tom Sorce, Blasdell, N.Y., 2,105.

111, Stephen Hahn, Ashburn, Va., 2,103.

112, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 2,102.

113, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 2,101.

114, (tie) Craig LeMond, Jasper, Ind., and Glenn Pedersen, Norway, 2,100.

116, (tie) Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., and Jason Zook, Tampa, Fla., 2,094.

118, Oeyvin Kulseng, Norway, 2,093.

119, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 2,091.

120, Ramon Hilferink, Netherlands, 2,089, \$100.

121, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, IL, 2,084.

122, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 2,082.

123, Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 2,081.

124, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 2,079.

125, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 2,078.

126, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 2,077.

127, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 2,074.

128, (tie) Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, and Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 2,070.

130, Christopher O'Neil, Decatur, Ill., 2,064.

131, (tie) Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., and Hyun Bum Kim, South Korea, 2,063.

133, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 2,062.

134, Svein Ake Ek, Norway, 2,054.

- 135, (tie) Adam Hayes, Australia, and Mattias Wetterberg, Sweden, 2,053.
- 137, John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 2,048.
- 138, Daria Pajak, Poland, 2,047.
- 139, Amanda Fry, Antelope, Calif., 2,044.
- 140, Casey Knutson, Sparks, Nev., 2,043.
- 141, (tie) Jim Pratt, Avondale, Ariz., and John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 2,036.
- 143, Ryan Zagar, Racine, Wis., 2,035.
- 144, Mookie Betts, Boston, 2,031.
- 145, Tommy Barna, Westminster, Md., 2,030.
- 146, Billy Asbury, Odenton, Md., 2,019.
- 147, Shalin Zulkifli, Malaysia, 2,017.
- 148, Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo., 2,013.
- 149, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 2,012.
- 150, Blayne Fletcher, Australia, 2,008.
- 151, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 2,007.
- 152, Jens Mathiesen, Norway, 2,005.
- 153, Brett Cunningham, Clay, N.Y., 1,996.
- 154, Michael Murray, Australia, 1,994.
- 155, Chris Arcaro, Carolina Beach, N.C., 1,992.
- 156, Kristian Rogers, Salisbury, N.C., 1,987.
- 157, Michael Smith, Centennial, Colo., 1,986.
- 158, Alex Liew Liang, Malaysia, 1,977.
- 159, Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 1,975.
- 160, Kole Payne, Charlotte, N.C., 1,972.
- 161, Michael Tang, San Francisco, 1,970.
- 162, Kyle King, Glendale, Ariz., 1,966.
- 163, Anthony DeStasio, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 1,965.
- 164, Ahmed Alawadhi, Bahrain, 1,963.
- 165, Jonathan Hocsman, Argentina, 1,962.

- 166, Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C., 1,952.
- 167, Miguel Lopez, Peoria, Ariz., 1,946.
- 168, Justin Wyman, Fairport, N.Y., 1,941.
- 169, Andre Eubanks, Los Angeles, 1,930.
- 170, Michael Vitalone, Jr., Lake Worth, Fla., 1,924.
- 171, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 1,914.
- 172, Markus Jansson, Sweden, 1,908.
- 173, Steve Ford, Seaside, Ore., 1,900.
- 174, Matthew Wozney, Clayton, Del., 1,892.
- 175, Ben Zakrocki, Philadelphia, 1,883.
- 176, Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., 1,870.
- 177, Josh Montgomery, Flower Mound, Texas, 1,856.
- 178, Tristan Butler, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1,849.
- 179, Miguel Rosales, Anaheim, Calif., 1,847.
- 180, Mikhail West-Marin, Paradise, Calif., 1,841.
- 181, Andrew Mienkiewicz, Massapequa, N.Y., 1,833.
- 182, Matt Bollhalter, Niceville, Fla., 1,824.
- 183, William Tarpein, McDonough, Ga., 1,791.
- 184, Yebgueni Velez, Ecuador, 1,741.
- 185, Mateo Hernandez, Argentina, 1,730.
- 186, Cody Copeland, Abilene, Texas, 1,705.
- 187, Jeff Bragg, Linesville, Pa., 1,695.
- 188, Joseph Purdom, Lemoyne, Pa., 1,648.
- 300 Games: Ramon Hilferink, Stuart Williams, Mookie Betts.

PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Final Qualifying Standings (after 40 qualifying games; top 49 advance to cashers' round on Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 13 and 14):

- 1, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 9,594.
- 2, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 9,405.
- 3, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 9,354.
- 4, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 9,343.
- 5, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 9,252.
- 6, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 9,234.
- 7, Matthew McNeil, Minneapolis, Minn., 9,229.
- 8, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 9,197.
- 9, BJ Moore III, Greensburg, Pa., 9,172.
- 10, Matthew Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 9,158
- 11, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 9,146.
- 12, Dom Barrett, England, 9,139.
- 13, (tie) Muhammad Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, and Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 9,113.
- 15, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 9,110.
- 16, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 9,097.
- 17, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 9,090.
- 18, (tie) Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 9,078, and Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 9,078.
- 20, Glenn Pedersen, Norway, 9,076.
- 21, (tie) Francois Lavoie, Canada, and Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 9,074.
- 23, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 9,073.
- 24, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 9,066.
- 25, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 9,049.
- 26, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 9,044.
- 27, (tie) Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, and Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 9,036.
- 29, Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill., 9,033.
- 30, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 9,025.

- 31, Tobias Boerding, Germany, 9,021.
- 32, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 9,019.
- 33, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 9,008.
- 34, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 8,996.
- 35, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 8,995.
- 36, Francois Louw, South Africa, 8,991.
- 37, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 8,985.
- 38, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 8,979.
- 39, Stuart Williams, England, 8,966.
- 40, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 8,960.
- 41, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 8,954.
- 42, Sam Cooley, Australia, 8,941.
- 43, (tie) Richie Teece, England, and Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 8,923.
- 45, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 8,922.
- 46, Connor Pickford, Plano, Texas, 8,920.
- 47, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 8,919.
- 48, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 8,917.
- 49, Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 8,912.

Failed to advance:

- 50, Yannaphon Larpapharat, Thailand, 8,910.
- 51, Adrian Ang Loong, Malaysia, 8,909.
- 52, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 8,904.
- 53, Graham Fach, Canada, 8,896.
- 54, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 8,894.
- 55, Pascal Winternheimer, Germany, 8,877.
- 56, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 8,873.
- 57, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 8,857.
- 58, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 8,854.

- 59, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 8,847.
- 60, PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 8,846.
- 61, (tie) Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, and Michael Tang, San Francisco, 8,839.
- 63, (tie) Christopher Sloan, Ireland, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., and AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 8,830.
- 66, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 8,826.
- 67, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 8,824.
- 68, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 8,823.
- 69, Ryan Graywacz, Canastota, N.Y., 8,810.
- 70, Tan Chern, Malaysia, 8,802.
- 71, (tie) Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., and Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 8,797.
- 73, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 8,789.
- 74, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 8,785, \$100.
- 75, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 8,784.
- 76, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 8,777.
- 77, Carsten Hansen, Denmark, 8,774.
- 78, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 8,771.
- 79, Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., 8,763.
- 80, Patrick Girard, Canada, 8,761.
- 81, Syafiq Ridhwan, Malaysia, 8,758.
- 82, Frank Drevenstedt, Germany, 8,749.
- 83, Annop Arromsaranon, Thailand, 8,745.
- 84, Matthew O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 8,736.
- 85, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 8,724.
- 86, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 8,723.
- 87, Julio Cesar Blancas, Mexico, 8,714.
- 88, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 8,707.
- 89, Yousif Falah, Bahrain, 8,686.
- 90, Andrew Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 8,679.

- 91, Charlie Brown Jr, Grandville, Mich., 8,677.
- 92, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 8,673.
- 93, Raymond Lussier, Canada, 8,672.
- 94, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 8,670.
- 95, (tie) Mik Stampe, Denmark, and Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 8,669.
- 97, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 8,667.
- 98, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 8,663.
- 99, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 8,662.
- 100, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 8,638.
- 101, Zachary Dwyer, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., 8,636.
- 102, Craig LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 8,629.
- 103, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 8,627.
- 104, John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 8,619.
- 105, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 8,611.
- 106, Tom Sorce, Blasdell, N.Y., 8,604.
- 107, Pyry Puharinen, Finland, 8,602.
- 108, Jeremy Mooney, West Palm Beach, Fla., 8,594.
- 109, David Krol, Nixa, Mo., 8,592.
- 110, Mattias Wetterberg, Sweden, 8,589.
- 111, Ramon Hilferink, Netherlands, 8,583.
- 112, Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 8,576.
- 113, Chris Arcaro, Carolina Beach, N.C., 8,572.
- 114, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 8,571.
- 115, (tie) Alex Liew Liang, Malaysia, and Anthony DeStasio, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 8,527.
- 117, Billy Asbury, Odenton, Md., 8,521.
- 118, Svein Ake Ek, Norway, 8,518.
- 119, Nick Christy, Newport, N.C., 8,515.
- 120, Saulnier Valentin, France, 8,512.
- 121, Timo Schroeder, Germany, 8,511.

122, (tie) Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., and Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 8,496.

124, Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 8,477.

125, Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C., 8,466.

126, Ahmed Alawadhi, Bahrain, 8,451.

127, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 8,448.

128, Michael Murray, Australia, 8,428.

129, Derek Handy, Redmond, Wash., 8,426.

130, (tie) Christopher O'Neil, Decatur, Ill., and Hyun Bum Kim, South Korea, 8,417.

132, Daria Pajak, Poland, 8,416.

133, Blayne Fletcher, Australia, 8,414.

134, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 8,411.

135, Gaetan Mouveroux, France, 8,407.

136, Miguel Lopez, Peoria, Ariz., 8,381.

137, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 8,371.

138, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 8,365.

139, Ryan Zagar, Racine, Wis., 8,351.

140, Brad Miller, Maryland Heights, Mo., 8,331.

141, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 8,330.

142, Jim Pratt, Avondale, Ariz., 8,326.

143, John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 8,321.

144, Shalin Zulkifli, Malaysia, 8,316.

145, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 8,310.

146, Amanda Fry, Antelope, Calif., 8,308.

147, Kole Payne, Charlotte, N.C., 8,298.

148, (tie) Jens Mathiesen, Norway, and Oeyvin Kulseng, Norway, 8,296.

150, Zulmazran Zulkifli, Malaysia, 8,280.

151, Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 8,277.

152, Markus Jansson, Sweden, 8,275.

153, Casey Knutson, Sparks, Nev., 8,273.

154, Matt Bollhalter, Niceville, Fla., 8,250.

155, Stephen Hahn, Ashburn, Va., 8,247.

156, Kyle King, Glendale, Ariz., 8,243.

157, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 8,242.

158, (tie) Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, and Mookie Betts, Boston, 8,224.

160, Jason Zook, Tampa, Fla., 8,196.

161, Andre Eubanks, Los Angeles, 8,193.

162, Michael Smith, Centennial, Colo., 8,190.

163, Andrew Graff, Las Vegas, 8,182.

164, Brett Cunningham, Clay, N.Y., 8,170.

165, Tommy Barna, Westminster, Md., 8,167.

166, Kristian Rogers, Salisbury, N.C., 8,165.

167, Adam Pogge, Austin, Texas, 8,139.

168, Michael Vitalone, Jr., Lake Worth, Fla., 8,094.

169, JT Jackson, Sherman Oaks, Calif., 8,035.

170, Adam Hayes, Australia, 7,967.

171, Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., 7,937.

172, Jun Hyung Seo, South Korea, 7,884.

173, Jonathan Hoczman, Argentina, 7,768.

174, Mikhail West-Marin, Paradise, Calif., 7,743.

175, Justin Wyman, Fairport, N.Y., 7,740.

176, (tie) Matthew Wozney, Clayton, Del., and Ben Zakrocki, Philadelphia, 7,711.

178, Miguel Rosales, Anaheim, Calif., 7,654.

179, Andrew Mienkiewicz, Massapequa, N.Y., 7,491.

180, Josh Montgomery, Flower Mound, Texas, 7,474.

181, Tristan Butler, Fort Wayne, Ind., 7,435.

182, Yebgueni Velez, Ecuador, 7,384.

183, Steve Ford, Seaside, Ore., 7,354.

184, William Tarpein, McDonough, Ga., 7,299.

- 185, Mateo Hernandez, Argentina, 7,243.
- 186, Joseph Purdom, Lemoyne, Pa., 7,160.
- 187, Cody Copeland, Abilene, Texas, 6,927.
- 188, Jeff Bragg, Linesville, Pa., 6,875.
- 189, Gabriel Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 7,159.
- 190, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 7,154.
- 191, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., 7,006.
- 192, Austin Hunt, Kennewick, Wash., 6,742.
- 193, Andrew McLinden, Gardnerville, Nev., 5,869.
- 194, Shaun Cornett, Carmichael, Calif., 3,977.

Jesper Svensson Retains PBA World Championship Lead After Chameleon Round

Swedish two-handed star gains three pins over Australia's Jason Belmonte

RENO, Nev. (Nov. 13, 2017) – Sweden's left-handed, two-handed star, Jesper Svensson, gained a meager two pins over challenger Jason Belmonte of Australia after the Chameleon 39 qualifying round as the PBA World Championship entered its four-phase cashers' round Monday at the National Bowling Stadium.

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The 22-year-old Svensson, who entered the PBA World Championship as the qualifying leader, rolled games of 237, 247, 245, 237 and 269 on the 33-foot Chameleon lane condition to outscore Belmonte by three pins for the round. Svensson, who is averaging at a 240.64 pace, had a 45-game total of 10,829 pins. Belmonte, a right-handed two-handed player, was at 10,637 pins.

Svensson is trying for his second PBA major title; Belmonte is after major title number nine, which would put him alone in third place among the PBA's all-time major title winners. Neither player has won the PBA World Championship.

In third place heading into Monday evening's Shark 45 round was another two-hander, Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C., with 10,547 pins. Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., was in fourth place with 10,455 pins followed by Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., at 10,396.

The PBA World Championship cashers' round will conclude with the Cheetah 33 and Scorpion 42 five-game rounds Tuesday at 1 and 5 p.m. The top five bowlers after a total of 60 games will advance to the World Championship finals on Sunday, Nov. 19 at noon PST (live streamed on ESPN3, taped for telecast on ESPN on Dec. 31 at 1 p.m. EST).

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All times listed are Pacific Standard.

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National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Monday

Cashers' Round 1 Standings (after Chameleon round, 45 of 60 games completed):

- 1, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 10,829.
- 2, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 10,637.
- 3, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 10,457.
- 4, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 10,455.
- 5, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 10,396.
- 6 (tie), Matthew Sanders, Evansville, Ind., and Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 10,373.
- 8, Matthew McNeil, Minneapolis, Minn., 10,344.
- 9, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 10,335.
- 10, Muhammad Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, 10,314.
- 11, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 10,313.
- 12, BJ Moore III, Greensburg, Pa., 10,307.
- 13, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 10,289.
- 14, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 10,287.
- 15, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 10,263.
- 16, Glenn Pedersen, Norway, 10,260.
- 17, Dom Barrett, England, 10,243.
- 18 (tie), w-Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill., and Francois Lavoie, Canada, 10,241.
- 20, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 10,222.
- 21, Sam Cooley, Australia, 10,219.
- 22, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 10,216.
- 23, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 10,209.
- 24, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 10,204.
- 25, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 10,191.
- 26, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 10,185.
- 27, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 10,181.
- 28, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 10,169.
- 29, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 10,165.
- 30, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 10,155.
- 31 (tie), Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., and Tobias Boerding, Germany, 10,104.
- 33, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 10,100.
- 34, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 10,098.
- 35, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 10,093.
- 36, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 10,092.
- 37, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 10,088.
- 38, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 10,064.
- 39, Francois Louw, South Africa, 10,038.
- 40, Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 10,015.
- 41, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 10,010.
- 42 (tie), Richie Teece, England, and Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 10,009.
- 44, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 10,006.
- 45, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 10,003.
- 46, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 9,999.

47, Stuart Williams, England, 9,981.
48, Connor Pickford, Plano, Texas, 9,975.
49, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 9,935.

300 Game: Chris Warren.

Jesper Svensson Takes Commanding PBA World Championship Lead After Shark Round

Swedish two-handed star holds 303-pin lead over fellow two-hander Jason Belmonte in second

RENO, Nev. (Nov. 13, 2017) – Sweden's left-handed, two-handed star, Jesper Svensson averaged 250 for 10 games to take a commanding lead after the Chameleon and Shark rounds of the PBA World Championship Monday at the National Bowling Stadium.

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The 22-year-old Svensson, who entered the PBA World Championship as the qualifying leader, rolled games of 246, 224, 247, 268 and 269 on the 45-foot Shark lane conditioning pattern after posting games of 237, 247, 245, 237 and 269 on the 39-foot Chameleon pattern earlier in the day to finish with a 12,083 50-game overall pinfall total, good for a 241.6 average.

Svensson leads Australia's Jason Belmonte, a right-handed two-handed player, who is 303 pins behind in second with a 11,780 50-game pinfall total.

"I'm the guy they want to beat at this point so the thing to do now is stay focused," said Svensson, who is the winner of six PBA Tour titles including the 2016 PBA Tournament of Champions. "Today, I bowled well in both rounds but it felt good to have a strong finish on the Shark pattern. To this point I've been able to avoid major mistakes and have been able to do what I do best."

Svensson is trying for his second PBA major title; Belmonte is after major title number nine, which would put him alone in third place among the PBA's all-time major title winners. Neither player has won the PBA World Championship.

In third place heading into Tuesday afternoon's qualifying round on the 33-foot Cheetah lane condition was another two-hander, Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C., with 11,625 pins. Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., finished the day in fourth with 11,601 and 2009 PBA World Championship winner Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., finished fifth with 11,553.

The PBA World Championship cashers' rounds will conclude with five games on the 42-foot Scorpion Tuesday at 5 p.m. PST. The top five bowlers after a total of 60 games will advance to the World Championship finals on Sunday, Nov. 19 at noon PST (live streamed on ESPN3, taped for telecast on ESPN on Dec. 31 at 1 p.m. EST).

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Cashers' Round 2 Standings (after Shark round, 50 of 60 games completed):

- 1, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 12,083.
- 2, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 11,780.
- 3, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 11,625.
- 4, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 11,601.
- 5, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 11,553.
- 6, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 11,518.
- 7, Matthew Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 11,506.
- 8, Matthew McNeil, Minneapolis, Minn., 11,502.
- 9, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 11,472.
- 10, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 11,469.
- 11, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 11,454.
- 12, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 11,453.
- 13, BJ Moore III, Greensburg, Pa., 11,434.
- 14, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 11,423.
- 15, Muhammad Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, 11,400.
- 16, Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill., 11,397.
- 17, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 11,396.
- 18, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 11,395.
- 19, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 11,384.
- 20, Glenn Pedersen, Norway, 11,376.
- 21, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 11,361.
- 22, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 11,346.
- 23, Dom Barrett, England, 11,342.
- 24, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 11,340.
- 25, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 11,332.
- 26, Sam Cooley, Australia, 11,330.
- 27, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 11,319.
- 28, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 11,303.
- 29, Francois Louw, South Africa, 11,270.
- 30, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 11,261.
- 31, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 11,250.
- 32, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 11,240.
- 33, Tobias Boering, Germany, 11,236.
- 34, (tie) Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., and Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 11,228.
- 36, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 11,226.
- 37, Connor Pickford, Plano, Texas, 11,220.
- 38, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 11,218.
- 39, Richie Teece, England, 11,204.
- 40, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 11,195.
- 41, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 11,191.
- 42, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 11,182.
- 43, Stuart Williams, England, 11,180.
- 44, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 11,177.
- 45, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 11,154.
- 46, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 11,130.
- 47, Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 11,120.
- 48, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 11,114.
- 49, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 11,017.

Svensson Maintains World Championship Lead After Cheetah Round

Cashers round field to bowl last round on 42-foot Scorpion lane condition this evening

RENO, Nev. (Nov. 14, 2017) – With one more round and five games to go this evening, two-handers Jesper Svensson and Jason Belmonte maintained the top two positions after the Cheetah round of the PBA World Championship at the National Bowling Stadium, but the battle to fill out other stepladder positions intensified heading into this evening's final Scorpion pattern cashers' round. Svensson bowled games of 233, 247, 258, 257 and 255 in the Cheetah round bringing his overall pinfall total for 55 games to 13,311 (242 average), 358 pins ahead of Belmonte who maintained second with a 12,953 pinfall.

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In third place heading into the cashers' round on the 42-foot Scorpion pattern (at 5 p.m. PST) was Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., who finished with 12,853, followed by Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C., in fourth with 12,779.

Making a surge into fifth place was PBA Rookie of the Year contender Matt Sanders of Evansville, Ind., in fifth with 12,749. Sanders won the Xtra Frame Billy Hardwick Memorial Open earlier this year for his first PBA Tour title.

Just outside of the cutline are Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., in sixth with 12,710, followed by Anthony Pepe of Elmhurst, N.Y., 12,680, and Matt McNeil of Minneapolis with 12,653.

Svensson is trying for his second PBA major title; Belmonte is after major title number nine, which would put him alone in third place among the PBA's all-time major title winners. Neither player has won the PBA World Championship.

After the Scorpion round, the top five bowlers after a total of 60 games will advance to the World Championship finals on Sunday, Nov. 19 at noon PST (live streamed on ESPN3, taped for telecast on ESPN on Dec. 31 at 1 p.m. EST).

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National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Tuesday

Cashers' Round 3 Standings (after Cheetah round, 55 of 60 games completed):

- 1, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 13,311.
- 2, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 12,953.
- 3, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 12,853.
- 4, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 12,779.
- 5, Matthew Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 12,749.
- 6, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 12,710.

- 7, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 12,680.
- 8, Matthew McNeil, Minneapolis, Minn., 12,653.
- 9, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 12,63.
- 10, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 12,613.
- 11, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 12,606.
- 12, Muhammad Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, 12,574.
- 13, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 12,571.
- 14, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 12,559.
- 15, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 12,554.
- 16, Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill., 12,552.
- 17, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 12,532.
- 18, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 12,525.
- 19, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 12,508.
- 20, Sam Cooley, Australia, 12,485.
- 21, Francois Louw, South Africa, 12,484.
- 22, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 12,482.
- 23, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 12,474.
- 24, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 12,471.
- 25, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 12,469.
- 26, Dom Barrett, England, 12,453.
- 27, Tobias Boerding, Germany, 12,444.
- 28, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 12,428.
- 29, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 12,411.
- 30, BJ Moore III, Greensburg, Pa., 12,409.
- 31, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 12,397.
- 32, Richie Teece, England, 12,394.
- 33 (tie), Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., and EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 12,386.
- 35, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 12,371.
- 36 (tie), Kim Bolleby, Thailand, and Glenn Pedersen, Norway, 12,349.
- 38, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 12,347.
- 39, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 12,323.
- 40, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 12,318.
- 41, Stuart Williams, England, 12,292.
- 42, Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 12,268.
- 43, Connor Pickford, Plano, Texas, 12,261.
- 44, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 12,259.
- 45, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 12,224.
- 46, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 12,212.
- 47, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 12,202.
- 48, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 12,137.
- 49, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 12,085.

Jesper Svensson Cruises in Last Two Rounds to Earn PBA World Championship Finals Top Qualifier Honors

*Jason Belmonte, Ryan Ciminelli, Kyle Troup and Matt Sanders will join Svensson in
the ESPN-taped stepladder finals Sunday at noon PST at the National Bowling Stadium*

RENO, Nev. (Nov. 14, 2017) – After six days of competition and 60 games on four different lane conditions, Sweden's Jesper Svensson averaged 241 to earn top qualifier honors for the stepladder finals of the PBA World Championship.

The 22-year-old left-handed two-hander finished with a 14,465 60-game pinfall total at the National Bowling Stadium Tuesday to lead right-handed two-hander Jason Belmonte of Australia who qualified a distant second for the finals with a 14,129 pinfall total.

"Obviously a major (win) means more than the rest but it will be like bowling a new tournament," said Svensson, who as top qualifier needs only to win one match for the title. "I have to forget that I led the qualifying rounds by so many pins and focus on the best 10 frames I can bowl.

"It's really a different mindset than qualifying," Svensson added. "If you bowl a bad frame or a bad game there's plenty of time to make up for it. In the championship match, at the end of the day, it's whoever throws it the best the quickest."

In Tuesday's final cashers' round bowled on the 42-foot Scorpion lane condition, Svensson bowled games of 183, 255, 224, 224 and 246 after bowling games of 233, 247, 258, 257 and 255 earlier in the day on the 33-foot Cheetah lane condition.

The World Championship finals will be taped on Sunday, Nov. 19 at 3 p.m. EST/noon PST (live streamed on ESPN3, taped for telecast on ESPN on Dec. 31 at 1 p.m. EST).

The PBA World Championship is the crown jewel of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Reno Resorts Properties, and the final major championship of the PBA's 2017 season. WSOB IX is also a part of the 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule.

Svensson, already a six-time PBA Tour winner, will be trying for his second PBA major title after winning the 2016 PBA Tournament of Champions, while Belmonte, a 15-time Tour winner, will be trying for his ninth major, which would put him alone in third place among the PBA's all-time major title winners. Neither player has won the PBA World Championship.

Belmonte will also be trying for his third major title of the season winning the Barbasol PBA Players Championship and USBC Masters earlier this year.

"This win would be important for a number of reasons," said Belmonte, a three-time PBA Player of the Year. "It would be a major title I haven't won and it would go a long way to securing another Player of the Year honor."

Finishing third for the finals was seven-time Tour winner Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., who is also trying for his second major, after winning the 2015 U.S. Open. Ciminelli posted a 14,031 pinfall.

Two-time Tour winner Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C., another two-hander, earned the fourth qualifying position finishing with a 13,931 pinfall and PBA Rookie of the Year contender Matt Sanders of Evansville, Ind., bowled a 268 in the final game of the round to secure the fifth qualifying position for the finals with a 13,830 pinfall. Sanders won his first PBA Tour title earlier this season in the Xtra Frame Billy Hardwick Memorial Open.

World Championship qualifying and cashers' rounds were conducted on the 39-foot Chameleon, 45-foot Shark, 33-foot Cheetah and 42-foot Scorpion PBA lane conditioning patterns.

World Series of Bowling action continues Wednesday with PBA Chameleon Championship presented by Reno Tahoe and Shark Championship presented by Xtra Frame elimination rounds beginning at 11 a.m. PST. Fans can catch all the action on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame.

PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

**(a part of the 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour)
National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Tuesday**

Final Cashers' Round Standings (after 60 games; top five advance to PBA World Championship stepladder finals on Sunday, Nov. 19, 3 p.m. EST/noon PST):

- 1, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 14,465.
- 2, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 14,129.
- 3, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 14,031.
- 4, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 13,931.
- 5, Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 13,830.

Failed to advance:

- 6, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 13,794, \$11,100.
- 7, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 13,774, \$10,000.
- 8, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 13,760, \$9,000.
- 9, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 13,756, \$8,500.
- 10, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 13,747, \$8,000.
- 11, Matt McNeil, Minneapolis, Minn., 13,716, \$7,500.
- 12, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 13,668, \$7,000.
- 13, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 13,643, \$6,800.
- 14, Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill., 13,641, \$6,500.
- 15, Dom Barrett, England, 13,633, \$6,200.
- 16, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 13,632, \$5,900.
- 17, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 13,625, \$5,600.
- 18, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 13,618, \$5,400.
- 19, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 13,609, \$5,000.
- 20, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 13,595, \$4,800.
- 21, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 13,591, \$4,600.
- 22, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 13,572, \$4,400.
- 23, Sam Cooley, Australia, 13,556, \$4,200.
- 24, Muhammad Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, 13,555, \$4,000.
- 25, BJ Moore III, Greensburg, Pa., 13,550, \$3,800.
- 26, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 13,543, \$3,600.
- 27, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 13,524, \$3,400.
- 28, Tobias Boerding, Germany, 13,515, \$3,200.
- 29, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 13,511, \$3,100.
- 30, Francois Louw, South Africa, 13,495, \$3,000.
- 31, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 13,492, \$2,900.
- 32, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 13,477, \$2,850.
- 33, Stuart Williams, England, 13,475, \$2,800.
- 34, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 13,470, \$2,750.
- 35, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 13,465, \$2,700.
- 36, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 13,464, \$2,650.
- 37, Glenn Pedersen, Norway, 13,457, \$2,600.
- 38, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 13,445, \$2,550.
- 39, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 13,438, \$2,500.
- 40, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 13,411, \$2,450.
- 41, Connor Pickford, Plano, Texas, 13,370, \$2,400.
- 42, Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 13,356, \$2,350.
- 43, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 13,352, \$2,300.
- 44, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 13,328, \$2,250.
- 45, Richie Teece, England, 13,320, \$2,200.
- 46, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 13,309, \$2,150.

47, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 13,269, \$2,100.
48, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 13,110, \$2,050.
49, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 13,053, \$2,000.
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GEICO PBA WSOB IX Notebook VIII: WBT Men's Finals Field Set, but Order of Matches is Pending

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GEICO PBA WSOB IX Notebook VIII: WBT Men's Finals Field Set, but Order of Matches is Pending

Sweden's Jesper Svensson, Australia's Jason Belmonte and Marshall Kent (feature photo) of Yakima, Wash., have clinched berths in Sunday's World Bowling Tour Men's Finals, presented by the PBA, but the order of matches to decide the winner is still pending the outcome of the PBA World Championship, the final PBA event of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Reno Resorts Properties.

Svensson, the top qualifier for the PBA World Championship, can earn 100 points toward the 2017 World Bowling Tour standings if he wins the World Championship. He enters the finals with a 15-point lead over No. 2 qualifier Belmonte, who can finish as low as third place in the World Championship if he loses his first match, or 100 points if he wins the title. A loss for Belmonte would keep him in second place and a match against Kent. But if Belmonte wins his ninth major in the World Championship, he'll overtake Svensson by five points, making Svensson bowl Kent in the first WBT Men's Finals match.

The men and women will compete for \$12,500, \$7,500 and \$5,000 in prize money Sunday (the WBT Women's Finals field includes top qualifier Diana Zavjalova of Latvia, defending champion Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, N.Y., and Malaysia's Shalin Zulkifli). The WBT Men's and Women's Finals will follow the PBA World Championship finals Sunday at the National Bowling Stadium. ESPN3 will live-stream the finals and ESPN will tape the finals for broadcast on Sunday, Jan. 7, at 1 p.m. EST as part of the 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule.

SVENSSON SELECTS CHAMELEON 39 PATTERN FOR PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

As top qualifier for the PBA World Championship, Jesper Svensson of Sweden earned the right to select which of the four PBA animal patterns he wants the field to confront during the stepladder finals, and he has selected the Chameleon 39 pattern.

Svensson will only bowl one game – for the title – on the Chameleon pattern, but during the PBA Chameleon Championship presented by Reno Tahoe qualifying stage, he averaged 239.4 on the 39-foot pattern, second only to Tom Smallwood's 243.9. Smallwood, however, didn't make it to the World Championship finals. No. 2 qualifier Jason Belmonte finished in a tie for 14th in the 10-game Chameleon round (232.9 average), No. 3 Ryan Ciminelli was fifth (236.3 average), No. 4 Kyle Troup was 35th (224.2 average) and No. 5 Matt Sanders was 16th (232.2 average).

USA VS. THE WORLD TO BE CONTESTED ON EARL ANTHONY 42 OIL PATTERN

Speaking of oiling patterns, the USA vs. The World team match on Friday at 9 p.m. EST/6 p.m. PST will be contested on a neutral lane condition – the Earl Anthony 42 pattern that also was used in the PBA Regional and PBA50 Tour Challenge events that kicked off WSOB IX. None of the U.S. or international players have bowled on the 42-foot Anthony pattern.

For the U.S. players (Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich.; Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y.; Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C.; Matt McNeil, Minneapolis, and Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa.) and The World players (Jesper Svensson, Sweden; Jason Belmonte, Australia; Thomas Larsen, Denmark; Dom Barrett, England, and Muhammad Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia), the best-of-two-game Baker team match is more than an exhibit. The winning team will share in \$40,000 in prize money (\$8,000 each) while the losing team will split up \$20,000 in prize money (\$4,000 each).

LANETALK STATS COMPARE FULL-FIELD TO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CASHERS

Lanetalk, PBA's statistical analysis partner for WSOB IX, finished tracking performance data for the 49 PBA World Championship cashers as they completed their final five-game rounds on Cheetah 33 and Scorpion 42 animal patterns Tuesday, comparing the 49 leaders to how the entire field of 195 performed for 10 games on the same oiling patterns. Much more detailed information is available on Lanetalk's Facebook page, but here's a glimpse of the comparisons for the five-game Cheetah and Scorpion World Championship final rounds vs. the earlier 10-game rounds.

Cheetah 33 Championship comparisons:

— The field of 195 players had a composite average of 215.81 on the Cheetah pattern. The 49 World Championship cashers averaged 226.65 on the same pattern.

— The high score in the first Cheetah round was 300 (by eight players), but 299 was the top score in the cashers' round. The low game for the full field was 109; it was 150 among the 49 leaders.

— The entire field's strike percentage on the Cheetah was 57.55 vs. 62.76 for the cashers. First shots resulted in splits 6.53% of the time and non-strike shots resulted in single pins 23.28% of the time. The 49 cashers had a 5.51% split rate and an almost identical 23.24% single-pin rate.

— The field had an 89.02% "clean frame" average, converting "makeable" spares 84.24% of the time. The cashers were 92.57% clean and converted makeable spares at a 90.93% pace.

Scorpion 42 Championship comparisons:

— The field of 195 players averaged a WSOB-low 211.07, but the cashers picked up the scoring pace to 229.14.

— Three players bowled 300s in the opening round, but only one 300 was bowled in the cashers' round. The low game was 71 (an incomplete game by a player who withdrew). Among the cashers, 143 was the low score.

— The entire field's strike percentage was 54.84. First shots resulted in splits 8.47% of the time and non-strike shots resulted in single pins 23.37% of the time. The 49 cashers struck at a 63.66% rate, left splits on 6.45% of first shots and had a 22.75 single-pin rate.

— The field had an 87.79% "clean frame" average, converting "makeable" spares 86.66% of the time. The top 49 players had a 92.9% clean frame rate and converted makeable spares 93.7% of the time.

NEXT ON XTRA FRAME: PBA CHEETAH, SCORPION MATCH PLAY ELIMINATION ROUNDS

Xtra Frame's continuing coverage of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Resorts Reno Properties, concludes into coverage of the animal pattern match play elimination rounds Thursday. In addition to game by game coverage in real time through the "live scoring" feature on

pba.com, Xtra Frame will provide subscribers with additional insights through pre- and post-round coverage of each round.

Thursday's coverage includes the PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game best-of-five-game Round of 16 at 2 p.m. EST/11 a.m. PST and the best-of-three-game Round of 8 at 4:30 p.m. Eastern/1:30 p.m. Pacific. The four Round of 8 winners advance to the Cheetah Championship finals on Saturday at 7:15 p.m. Eastern/4:15 p.m. Pacific.

Following the Cheetah rounds will be the Pepsi PBA Scorpion Championship presented by GoBowling.com best-of-five-game Round of 16 at 6:30 Eastern/3:30 Pacific followed by the best-of-three Round of 8 at 9 p.m. Eastern/6 p.m. Pacific. The four winners advance to the Scorpion Championship finals on Saturday at 9 p.m. Eastern/6 p.m. Pacific.

The Cheetah and Scorpion finals will be live-streamed on ESPN3. ESPN will air both one-hour shows back-to-back on Sunday, Dec. 24, at 1 and 2 p.m. EST, respectively.

All of the WSOB IX finals are part of the 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour.

Xtra Frame subscriptions are available in a variety of packages: three-day (\$3.99), 30-day (\$7.99) and Xtra Frame Season Ticket (a full-year's coverage at an average cost of \$1.25 per week) subscriptions are available by visiting "xtraframe.tv" and clicking on the "subscribe now" link.

Liz Johnson Among Four Players Advancing to PBA Chameleon Championship Finals

Malott, Pepe and Smallwood join Johnson for taping of ESPN finals at noon Saturday at National Bowling Stadium

RENO, Nev. (Nov. 15, 2017) – Liz Johnson, Wes Malott, Anthony Pepe and Tom Smallwood swept their respective best-of-three Round of 8 matches Wednesday afternoon to advance to Saturday's finals of the PBA Chameleon Championship presented by Reno Tahoe that will be taped by ESPN at noon PST and live streamed on ESPN3.

The finals telecasts will use a format where the four finalists simultaneously bowl one game on the same pair of lanes with the top two scorers advancing to a head-to-head final match. The Chameleon finals will air on ESPN Sunday, Dec. 17 at 1 p.m. ET.

The Chameleon Championship is part of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Reno Resorts Properties and the 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule.

Johnson, a USBC Hall of Famer and three-time reigning Professional Women's Bowling Association Player of the Year, beat Josh Blanchard of Mesa, Ariz. 2-0 (239-224, 228-214) to advance to the finals.

Johnson, a native of western New York who now lives in Palatine, Ill., is a two-time PBA regional champion, and has a best PBA Tour finish of second which came in the 2005 Banquet Open. She also owns a record 10 PWBA Tour major titles. She will be hoping to join Kelly Kulick, the 2010 PBA Tournament of Champions winner, as the only women to win a PBA Tour title.

Malott, of Pflugerville, Texas, a 10-time Tour winner, made his first TV final at the National Bowling Stadium by beating Swedish two-hander and PBA World Championship top qualifier Jesper Svensson 2-0 (279-258, 255-214).

Pepe, of Elmhurst, N.Y., whose first PBA Tour title came in the 2014 Cheetah Championship, will be trying for his second PBA Tour title advancing to the finals by beating Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., 2-0 (202-202, won roll-off 20-19, 279-233).

Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., advanced to the finals with a 2-0 (249-178, 231-225) win over Thailand's Yannaphon Larpapharat. Smallwood, the 2009 PBA World Championship winner, will be trying for his third PBA Tour title.

Elimination rounds for the Shark Championship presented by Xtra Frame continue this afternoon. All competition is covered live by PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame.

PBA CHAMELEON CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY RENO TAHOE National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Wednesday

Round of 16 (best-of-five games, winners advance to round of 8, losers earn \$1,200)

Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., def. Matthew Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 3-0 (213-179, 246-206, 226-198).

Jesper Svensson, Sweden, def. Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3-1 (247-211, 215-243, 223-222, 279-221).

Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., def. Francois Lavoie, Canada, 3-2 (221-227, 155-258, 269-259, 254-253, 222-202).

Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., def. DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 3-1 (215-242, 248-202, 300-225, 235-214).

Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill., def. Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 3-2 (217-236, 238-248, 247-195, 248-207, 267-192).

Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., def. Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 3-2 (218-199, 187-204, 183-234, 245-185, 225-194).

Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, def. Glenn Pedersen, Norway, 3-1 (182-195, 245-225, 257-192, 279-180).

Yannaphon Larpapharat, Thailand, def. Adrian Ang Loong, Malaysia, 3-2 (198-223, 237-248, 266-227, 259-211, 225-187).

300 game: Josh Blanchard

Round of 8 (best-of-three games, winners advance to ESPN-taped finals Saturday at noon PT. ESPN telecast Dec. 17 at noon ET. Losers earn \$2,000)

Smallwood def. Larpapharat, 2-0 (249-178, 231-225).

Malott, def. Svensson, 2-0 (279-258, 255-214).

Pepe def. Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2-0 (202-202, won roll-off 20-19, 279-233).

Johnson def. Blanchard, 2-0 (239-224, 228-214).

Two Tour Winners and Two Players Making Their First PBA Tour Telecast

Advance to PBA Shark Championship Finals

PBA Tour winners Marshall Kent and Tom Daugherty, along with first-time finalists

Richie Teece and Charlie Brown Jr., advance to Shark Championship ESPN telecast

RENO, Nev. (Nov. 15, 2017) – Two PBA Tour champions and two players making their first PBA Tour telecasts won best-of-three Round of 8 matches Wednesday evening to advance to the PBA Shark Championship presented by Xtra Frame finals which will be taped Saturday by ESPN at 2:30 p.m. PST and live streamed on ESPN3.

Four-time PBA Tour winner Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., and two-time winner Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Fla., both swept their best-of-three matches. Kent defeated PBA World Championship finals top qualifier Jesper Svensson of Sweden, 2-0 (233-215, 248-226), while Daugherty beat Thomas Larsen of Denmark, 2-0 (234-225, 216-215).

Charlie Brown Jr., a 36-year-old rookie bowling in his first PBA Tour event, swept Shota Kawazoe of Japan, 2-0, to make his first PBA Tour telecast. Brown, of Grandville, Mich., had to win a three-frame roll-off, 29-27, in the first game after a 257-257 tie and then in the second game narrowly beat Kawazoe 248-244.

Bowling in his fourth World Series of Bowling, England's Richie Teece finally broke through to make his first Tour telecast by beating Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., 2-1 (212-243, 257-215, 226-212).

The finals telecasts will use a format where the four finalists simultaneously bowl one game on the same pair of lanes with the top two scorers advancing to a head-to-head final match. The Shark finals will air on ESPN Sunday, Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. ET.

The Shark Championship is part of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Reno Resorts Properties and the 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule.

Kent, the 2014 PBA Rookie of the Year, will be trying for his third win of the season having won the Oklahoma Open and Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open last summer.

Daugherty, who will be trying for his first win of the season, has a seventh and three ninth-place finishes this season. His last PBA Tour win came in the 2016 Wolf Open.

Elimination Rounds for the PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Challenge Mobile Game and Pepsi PBA Scorpion Championship presented by Go Bowling! continue Thursday beginning at 11 a.m. PST. All competition will be covered by PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame.

PBA SHARK CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED XTRA FRAME

National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Wednesday

Round of 16 (best-of-five games, winners advance to round of 8. Losers earn \$1,200)

Shota Kawazoe, Japan, def. Pascal Winterheimer, Germany, 3-1 (223-241, 238-211, 300-289, 227-216).

Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., def. Glenn Pedersen, Norway, 3-0 (247-191, 256-234, 216-212).

Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., def. Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 3-0 (267-245, 225-203, 256-192).

Thomas Larsen, Denmark, def. Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 3-2 (237-300, 237-267, 226-202, 261-233, 268-236).

Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., def. Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 3-1 (268-258, 210-163, 222-229, 212-200).

Richie Teece, England, def. Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 3-1 (221-198, 243-253, 235-212, 237-221).

Jesper Svensson, Sweden, def. Chris Arcaro, Carolina Beach, N.C., 3-1 (268-221, 258-224, 207-215, 268-207).

Charlie Brown Jr, Grandville, Mich., def. DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 3-0 (238-179, 258-218, 220-204).

300 games: Shota Kawazoe, Brad Angelo

Round of 8 (best-of-three games, winners advance to ESPN-taped finals Saturday at 2:30 p.m. PT. ESPN telecast Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. ET. Losers earn \$2,000)

Brown def. Kawazoe, 2-0 (257-257, Brown won roll-off 29-27, 248-244).

Kent def. Svensson, 2-0 (233-215, 248-226).

Teece def. Smallwood, 2-1 (212-243, 257-215, 226-212).

Daugherty def. Larsen, 2-0 (234-225, 216-215).

Svensson, Belmonte Headline All-International

PBA Cheetah Championship Finals Field

Australian Sam Cooley and Denmark's Thomas Larsen join Svensson and Belmonte in field of four

For Cheetah Championship ESPN finals

RENO, Nev. (Nov. 16, 2017) – Two-handers Jesper Svensson of Sweden and Jason Belmonte of Australia won best-of-three Round of 8 matches Thursday to headline an all-international field advancing to the PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Challenge Mobile Game finals which will be taped Saturday by ESPN at 4:15 p.m. PST and live streamed on ESPN3.

Svensson qualified for his second GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX presented by Eldorado Reno Resorts Properties telecast by sweeping PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., 2-0 (259-214, 268-201).

Svensson, a six-time PBA Tour winner, earned top-qualifier honors for the PBA World Championship finals after cashers' rounds were completed earlier in the week.

Belmonte, who qualified second for the World Championship finals, beat Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., 2-1, in his best-of-three match to also make his second WSOB IX finals telecast. After losing the first game 234-206, Belmonte came back to win the next two, 259-189 and 300-214.

For Belmonte, a 15-time Tour winner and three-time PBA Player of the Year, the Cheetah Championship finals marks his 17th World Series of Bowling telecast appearance.

The Cheetah Championship, which will be aired on ESPN Dec. 24 at 1 p.m. ET, is also part of the 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule.

Making it two players from Australia in the finals, Sam Cooley swept PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., 2-0 (243-212, 279-194) to advance to his first WSOB final. Cooley's best Tour finish was third in the 2016 Barbasol PBA Players Championship.

Two-time PBA Tour winner Thomas Larsen of Denmark rounded out the all-international finals field by sweeping South Africa's Francois Louw, 2-0 (232-189, 247-232), to advance to the final.

The finals telecasts will use a format where the four finalists simultaneously bowl one game on the same pair of lanes with the top two scorers advancing to a head-to-head final match.

Round of 16 and Round of 8 Elimination Rounds for the Pepsi PBA Scorpion Championship presented by Go Bowling! continue this afternoon and will be covered live by PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame.

PBA CHEETAH CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY PBA CHALLENGE MOBILE GAME

National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Thursday

Round of 16 (best-of-five games, winners advance to round of 8. Losers earn \$1,200)

Thomas Larsen, Denmark, def. Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3-1 (225-214, 173-227, 258-190, 258-191).

Jesper Svensson, Sweden, def. Graham Fach, Canada, 3-1 (247-257, 268-212, 231-202, 227-225).

Ryan Ciminelli (\$1,200), Cheektowaga, N.Y., def. Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 3-1 (238-235, 194-237, 217-179, 278-192).

Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., def. Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 3-2 (214-233, 257-213, 215-174, 218-257, 279-215).

Sam Cooley, Australia, def. Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 3-2 (243-256, 248-227, 279-226, 187-212, 279-233).

Jason Belmonte, Australia, def. Muhammad Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, 3-1 (235-203, 256-259, 269-225, 238-218).

Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., def. Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 3-2 (200-266, 279-218, 204-193, 214-256, 258-212).

Francois Louw, South Africa, def. Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 3-1 (216-227, 253-215, 232-201, 208-163).

Round of 8 (best-of-three games, winners advance to ESPN-taped finals Saturday at 4:15 p.m. PT. ESPN telecast Dec. 24 at 1 p.m. ET. Losers earn \$2,000)

Larsen def. Louw, 2-0 (232-189, 247-232).

Svensson def. Duke, 2-0 (259-214, 268-201).

Belmonte def. Ciminelli, 2-1 (206-234, 259-189, 300-214).

Cooley def. Bohn, 2-0 (243-212, 279-194).

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"YOUNGEST PBA TOUR TITLE WINNER" RECORD IS SAFE...FOR NOW

Norm Duke's record as the youngest player ever to win a PBA Tour title is safe...for now...after 17-year-old **Trey Ford III** of Bartlesville, Okla., lost his best-of-five-game, Round of 16 match to South Africa's **Francois Louw** in Thursday's PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game.

If Ford, bowling in his second PBA World Series of Bowling, had continued to advance and actually won the Cheetah Championship title on Saturday, he would have eclipsed Duke's record more than full year. Duke was 18 years, 345 days old when he won the Cleveland Open back in 1983. Ford will be 17 years, 85 days old on Saturday.

Ford, a two-handed player, had his best previous finish as a PBA member in the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Oklahoma Open in July when he finished 11th. In his WSOB debut in 2015 at age 15, Ford averaged 196.36 and finished in 195th place. After skipping WSOB XIII in 2016, Ford returned to Reno at age 17 and averaged 225.05 for his 40 games on the four animal patterns, qualifying for the PBA World Championship cashers' round in a tie for 42nd as well as qualifying No. 9 for the Cheetah Round of 16 .

Ultimately, Ford finished his PBA World Championship test in 43rd place with a composite 60-game average of 222.6 along with a top 16 finish in the Cheetah Championship. He will leave Reno with more than a year to chase Duke's record...but he also may be watching in the rearview mirror, because he isn't the only talented young teenager bowling in PBA competition these days.

Also making his PBA Tour debut in Reno this year was **Pyry Puharinen**, a 15-year-old two-hander from Finland. Puharinen finished the 40-game World Championship qualifying portion of WSOB IX in 107th place, averaging 215.05.

LANETALK STATS COMPARE TAKE A LOOK AT ANIMAL PATTERN FINALISTS

Lanetalk, PBA's statistical analysis partner for WSOB IX, has been tracking performance data for all 195 players through 10 qualifying games on each animal pattern, followed by the 49 PBA World Championship cashers as they completed their final five-game rounds on each pattern, and finally data for the 16 match play finalists in each event. Much more detailed information is available on Lanetalk's Facebook page, but here's a glimpse of the comparisons for the 10-game Cheetah and Scorpion rounds, the five-game cashers' rounds and Wednesday's best-of-five and/or best-of-three-game match play rounds:

Chameleon 39 Championship comparisons:

- Composite averages: full field of 195 - 212.24 (10 games); 49 World Championship cashers composite average: 224.72 (5 games); match play composite average: 226.1.
- Strike percentage: full field - 55.66%; WC cashers strike rate 62.35%; match play strike rate 62.84%.
- First shot splits: full field - 8.24%; WC cashers split rate 7.14%; match play split rate 6.42%.
- First shot single-pin leaves: full field - 23.21%; WC cashers 21.72%; match play finalists 23.78%.
- Clean frame rate: full field - 88.16%; WC cashers 91.51%; match play finalists 93.6%.
- "Makeable spares" conversion rate: full field - 86.12%; WC cashers 91.34%, match play finalists 94.35%.

Shark 45 Championship comparisons:

- Composite averages: full field of 195 – 217.6 (10 games); 49 World Championship cashers composite average: 229.14 (5 games); match play composite average: 232.13.
- Strike percentage: full field – 58.01%; WC cashers strike rate 63.66%; match play strike rate 65.64%.
- First shot splits: full field - 7%; WC cashers split rate 6.45%; match play split rate 4.81%.
- First shot single-pin leaves: full field - 23.41%; WC cashers 22.75%; match play finalists 29.55%.
- Clean frame rate: full field – 89.93%; WC cashers 92.9%; match play finalists 93.97%.
- “Makeable spares” conversion rate: full field - 88%; WC cashers 93.7%, match play finalists 91.98%.

“LIVE ON XTRA FRAME” COVERAGE FROM WSOB IX WRAPS UP

Xtra Frame’s extensive live coverage of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Resorts Reno Properties, ended Thursday with coverage of the Rounds of 16 and 8 in the PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game followed by the Pepsi PBA Scorpion Championship presented by GoBowling.com.

From Tuesday, Nov. 7, through Friday – with the exception of one rest day – Xtra Frame subscribers were able to watch the PBA Regional and PBA50 Tour Challenge finals, start-to-finish qualifying rounds on the Chameleon 39, Shark 45, Cheetah 33 and Scorpion 42 animal patterns, all of which were stages leading into the PBA World Championship. Then came the World Championship cashers’ extended qualifying rounds on the four animal patterns, followed by the match play elimination rounds in each of the four animal pattern events.

All in all, Xtra Frame’s crew of **Phil Brylow, Jef Goodger, Craig Elliott** and **Van McNeil**, plus commentary by PBA Hall of Famer **Marshall Holman**, assorted players and bowling industry representatives, gave bowling fans a comprehensive view of the WSOB that would never have been possible in years past. Subscribers who missed the live action always have the opportunity to visit the Xtra Frame archives for previously recorded sessions, interviews and more.

With the preliminaries completed Friday, Xtra Frame’s crew headed home for the holidays, turning the final stages of WSOB IX over to ESPN and ESPN3. Xtra Frame will return to live coverage in January when the DHC PBA Japan Invitational kicks off the 2018 PBA Tour season.

What a great way to launch the new 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour partnership.

And what a great Christmas gift idea for the bowler in your family? Xtra Frame subscriptions are available in a variety of packages: three-day (\$3.99), 30-day (\$7.99) and Xtra Frame Season Ticket (a full-year’s coverage at an average cost of \$1.25 per week) subscriptions are available by visiting “xtraframe.tv” and clicking on the “subscribe now” link.

Under the new Go Bowling! PBA Tour sponsorship, Bowling Proprietors’ Association of America centers are entitled to complimentary subscriptions, simply by contacting PBA’s **Dave Schroeder** at dave.schroeder@pba.com.

Belmonte Advances to Pepsi PBA Scorpion Championship Finals for Second WSOB IX Animal Pattern Telecast Appearance

Belmonte, defending PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett, Shawn Maldonado and Brandon Novak advance to final PBA Tour animal pattern telecast of WSOB IX

RENO, Nev. (Nov. 16, 2017) – Australian two-hander Jason Belmonte won his best-of-three Pepsi PBA Scorpion Championship presented by Go Bowling! Round-of-8 match at the National Bowling Stadium Thursday evening to make his second consecutive GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX animal pattern ESPN finals telecast.

Bowling on the 42-foot PBA Scorpion lane oil pattern, the three-time PBA Player of the Year also made his 18th career WSOB telecast by beating rookie Raymond Lussier of Canada, 2-0 (235-189, 276-237).

Belmonte, a 15-time Tour winner which includes eight majors, qualified for the Cheetah Championship finals earlier Thursday with a 2-1 Round-of-8 win over Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y.

Belmonte, who also qualified second for the PBA World Championship finals earlier in WSOB IX, added to his PBA major win total earlier this season with wins in the Barbasol PBA Players Championship and USBC Masters.

The Scorpion Championship finals will be taped Saturday by ESPN at 6 p.m. PT at the National Bowling Stadium and live streamed on ESPN3. The finals will air on ESPN Dec. 24 at 2 p.m. ET.

In addition to being part of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Reno Resorts Properties, the Scorpion Championship is also part of the 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule.

Defending PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., made his first WSOB IX finals appearance by beating Arturo Quintero of Mexico 2-1 (220-157, 188-247, 205-176). Tackett, an eight-time Tour winner, will be trying for his third Tour win of the season.

Brandon Novak of Chillicothe, Ohio, made his second consecutive Scorpion Championship finals appearance by beating Matt McNeil of Minneapolis, Minn., 2-1 (199-205, 279-237, 223-196). In 2016 Novak finished fourth in the WSOB Scorpion Championship.

Rounding out the Scorpion Championship finals telecast will be Shawn Maldonado of Houston who swept England's Dom Barrett 2-0 (234-232, 225-206).

All animal pattern championship ESPN finals telecasts (Chameleon, Shark, Cheetah and Scorpion) will use a format where the four finalists simultaneously bowl one game on the same pair of lanes with the top two scorers advancing to a head-to-head final match.

PEPSI PBA SCORPION CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY GO BOWLING! National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Thursday

Round of 16 (best-of-five games, winners advance to round of 8. Losers earn \$1,200)

Arturo Quintero, Mexico, def. Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 3-2 (228-219, 171-216, 219-214, 206-267, 236-223).

Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, def. Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 3-2 (213-225, 213-193, 258-227, 208-236, 265-235).

Jason Belmonte, Australia, def. Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3-1 (247-223, 206-235, 248-230, 238-220).

Shawn Maldonado, Houston, def. BJ Moore III, Greensburg, Pa., 3-1 (289-224, 246-239, 187-248, [290-231](#)).

Dom Barrett, England, def. Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 3-1 (246-247, 221-198, 247-214, 212-204).

Raymond Lussier, Canada, def. Zeke Bayt, [Westerville, Ohio, 3-1](#) (234-226, 225-224, 218-223, 257-190).

Matthew McNeil, Minneapolis, Minn., def. Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 3-2 (234-174, 186-189, 200-211, 216-161, 247-201).

EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., def. Stuart Williams, England, 3-0 (247-237, 254-219, 235-211).

Round of 8 (best-of-three games, winners advance to ESPN-taped finals Saturday at 6 p.m. PT. ESPN telecast Dec. 24 at 2 p.m. ET. Losers earn \$2,000)

Tackett def. Quintero, 2-1 (220-157, 188-247, 205-176).

Novak def. McNeil, 2-1 (199-205, 279-237, 223-196).

Belmonte def. Lussier, 2-0 (235-189, 276-237).
Maldonado def. Barrett, 2-0 (234-232, 225-206).

Germany's Tobias Börding Wins Inaugural PBA World Series of Bowling Award for Improved Performance

RENO, Nev. – Tobias Börding, a third-year Professional Bowlers Association member from Pucheim, Germany, has been named winner of the inaugural PBA Don Carano WSOB Award in recognition of his performance in the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Reno Resorts Properties.

The new award, created by the PBA, honors the memory of the late Don Carano and his entire family for their long-time support of the PBA. The award is a tribute to Don Carano's life-long pursuit of personal improvement, and specifically applies to Börding as the player who showed the most improvement in PBA World Championship qualifying from 2016 to 2017.

In 2016, Börding finished World Championship qualifying in 121st place. In 2017, he finished qualifying in 28th place, moving up 93 positions in the standings.

As the winner of the inaugural award, Börding will receive a premium bottle of wine from the Carano family winery, dinner for two at Carano's La Strada Ristorante and complimentary lodging at one of the Carano family's Eldorado Reno Resorts – Eldorado Resort Casino, Silver Legacy Resort Casino or Circus Circus Reno Hotel & Casino – for the 2018 PBA World Series of Bowling X.

The PBA Don Carano WSOB Award will be presented in future World Series of Bowling held in Reno to the player who shows the most improvement year over year in PBA World Championship qualifying.

Don Carano, patriarch of the Carano family that was integral in the building of the National Bowling Stadium and the development of Reno's Tri-Properties, died on Oct. 3 at age 85.

PBA Spare Shots

JASON BELMONTE LEADS QUALIFIERS FOR 2018 DHC PBA JAPAN INVITATIONAL

The PBA Tour's top 10 players in 2017 earnings based upon events open to all players have been finalized, and those players – plus defending champion **EJ Tackett** of Huntington, Ind. – have been invited to participate in the 2018 DHC PBA Japan Invitational Jan. 26-28 at Tokyo Port Bowl.

Earning invitations are: **Jason Belmonte**, Australia; **Jesper Svensson**, Sweden; **Marshall Kent**, Yakima, Wash.; **Rhino Page**, Orlando, Fla.; **Ryan Ciminelli**, Cheektowaga, N.Y.; **Anthony Simonsen**, Austin, Texas; **Sean Rash**, Montgomery, Ill.; **Yannaphon Larpapharat**, Thailand; **Kyle Troup**, Taylorsville, N.C., and **Dom Barrett**, England.

If any of the invitees is unable to attend, the "alternate" list is headed by **Bill O'Neill**, Langhorne, Pa., and **Francois Lavoie**, Canada.

In addition to the 11 players from the earnings list, the international field also will include three PBA members, one woman and one Korean PBA player invited by tournament sponsor DHC. Those players will be announced as soon as they have confirmed their intent to participate.

The tournament itself will feature a new format, beginning with the invited field and 32 Japanese players (a starting field of 48) bowling two six-game qualifying rounds on Saturday, Jan. 27 to cut the field to the top 16 for 16 games of head-to-head match play on Sunday. The top five after 28 games will advance to the stepladder finals on Sunday beginning at 5 p.m. Japan Standard Time (3 a.m. EST).

The entire DHC PBA Japan Invitational, which will pay the winner US\$45,000, will be live streamed on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel (visit xtraframe.tv for subscription information).

PBA BOWLING CHALLENGE MOBILE GAME TO UNVEIL NEW "PBA LEAGUE VENUES"

Concrete Software's wildly-popular PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game, which has been downloaded to more than 19 million mobile devices since its introduction, is adding another new element to capture the excitement of the PBA League program that has taken on a life of its own at its new "home" at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine.

The PBA Bowling Challenge game has offered a variety of unique venues for users, but the new addition is a series of venues tied to PBA League teams. Along with the new PBA League venues, which will debut on a weekly schedule beginning on Thursday, Dec. 7, the game will offer a special PBA 60th Anniversary venue. The new PBA League venue schedule will include the Dallas Strikers venue on Dec. 7; Silver Lake Atom Splitters, Dec. 14; L.A. X, Dec. 21; Portland Lumberjacks, Dec. 28; Motown Muscle, Jan. 4; Philadelphia Hitmen, Jan. 11; Brooklyn Styles, Jan. 18; New York WTT KingPins, Jan. 25, and the Elias Cup Finals venue on Feb. 1.

Everyone with a mobile device is invited to join the fun. The PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game app is a free download at Google Play and Apple App stores. Use these links: Google Play: <http://bit.ly/PBABowlingChallengeAnd> or Apple App Store: <http://bit.ly/PBABowlingChallengeiOS>

PBA STARS CHRIS BARNES, TOMMY JONES WIN WORLD BOWLING DOUBLES GOLD MEDAL

Long-time PBA competitors and friends **Tommy Jones** and **Chris Barnes**, who have combined for 25 appearances as members of Team USA, bowled as doubles partners for the first time in the World Bowling Men's Championships Tuesday at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas, and captured the World Bowling men's doubles gold medal with a 420-409 victory over Hong Kong's **Lau Kwun Ho** and **Eric Tseng**.

Barnes and Jones, who were members of the gold medal U.S. teams at the World Championships in 2008 and 2010, are competing in the multi-event World Bowling Men's Championships along with fellow PBA members **Marshall Kent, Jakob Butturff, AJ Johnson** and **Chris Via**. The team did not medal in singles earlier this week.

"Obviously, anytime you get to win for Team USA, it means a lot, and being able to win with one of my best friends makes it even more special," Jones said. "It's also really nice to get this gold medal early in the tournament to show the younger guys what it's all about and what it means to us and hopefully spark something for later in the week. We're here for one key thing, which is to win the team event, and it's nice to have that momentum."

Tuesday's doubles win was the sixth World Championships gold medal for Barnes, who will be inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in Indianapolis in February. Barnes won World Bowling Masters gold medal in 2010 and all-events in 2013 to complement two team titles and a previous doubles victory.

LANETALK'S WSOB IX SUMMARY ILLUSTRATES SKILL LEVEL

The overall skill level of the 195 PBA members who competed in GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Reno Resorts Properties, was illustrated in an end-of-event statistical summary by LaneTalk, PBA's stats partner for the event:

- Overall, tournament players bowled 9,041 games and knocked down 1,951,511 pins.
- For all four animal pattern events and the PBA World Championship, the entire field averaged 215.85.
- The full field threw strikes on 57.37% of all first shots, hitting the pocket 73.46% of the time.
- Players threw consecutive strikes 59.01% of the time.
- Of the non-strike shots, the field left "makeable spares" (non-splits) 33.03% of the time, and converted those leaves 86.97% of the time.
- As a group, the players left single pins 23.24% of the time. Within that stat were 6,366 10 pins which were converted 91.4% of the time and 2,810 7 pins which were converted 91.1% of the time.

XTRA FRAME AVAILABLE AT NO COST TO BPAA-MEMBER CENTERS

BPAA-member bowling centers are reminded that as part of the new 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour umbrella sponsorship package, they are eligible for complimentary Xtra Frame subscriptions, allowing them to make PBA's exclusive online bowling channel available to their customers at no cost.

It's easy: all a BPAA-member center has to do is contact PBA's **Dave Schroeder** (email: dave.schroeder@pba.com) and after confirming membership, Schroeder will provide the participating center with its promotional code and activation instructions in time for dozens of hours of coverage of WSOB IX events.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: SEAN LAVERY-SPAHR WINS DECISIVE GAME FOR TITLE

Sean Lavery-Spahr from Pasadena, Texas, defeated former PBA Southwest Region Player of the Year **Shawn Maldonado** of Houston, 221-211 in their decisive position round match, to win the 16th annual PBA Beaumont Southwest Open at Crossroads Bowling Center in Beaumont, Texas, Sunday. The victory was Lavery-Spahr's fourth career PBA Regional title.

Lavery-Spahr led the tournament after qualifying and through most of the match play finals, before Maldonado grabbed a 13-pin lead entering the final game. With the 30 bonus pins awarded for winning the match, the title was in doubt until the final frame when Lavery-Spahr left a 7-10 split, seemingly handing Maldonado the victory. However, Maldonado failed to convert the 2-4-5-8 spare in his 10th frame and Lavery-Spahr claimed the \$3,000 first place check.

Nathan Bohr of Austin, Texas, moved into second place when he defeated **Anthony Lavery-Spahr** (Sean's twin brother), 255-207, in their position round match to pass Maldonado. **Sean Lavery-**

Spahr finished the event with 4,986 total pins, including the match play bonus pins. Bohr followed with a 4,791 pinfall total, 12 pins ahead of Maldonado.

- PBA Regional action in December gets underway this weekend with the PBA MJK Pro Shop/Knob Hill Lanes Challenge presented by Brunswick, an event for non-title winners, in Manalapan, N.J.; the PBA/PBA50 Decker Appraisal Services Baker Doubles at Valley Lanes in Harrisonburg, Va., and the DHC/DHC Women's Scorpion Open tournaments in Ryugasaki, Japan.
- The Dec. 8-10 PBA Regional calendar includes the Petro TA South Open at Beltline Lanes in Columbia, S.C.. and the McKinley Lanes Central/East Challenge for non-championships in Niles, Ohio.
- Closing out the PBA's pre-holiday regional season schedule will be the PBA/PBA50 Houston Southwest Open Doubles presented by Bowling Dynamix at Emerald Bowl in Houston, Texas.
- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on pba.com (easily accessible for Apple device users using the new PBA app).

QUICK NOTES:

- **Josh** and **Aimee Blanchard** welcomed baby girl Piper on Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 11:08 a.m. Piper arrived at 8 pounds and 21 inches long.

GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX's ESPN Coverage Kicks Off Sunday with USA vs. The World Team Challenge

The top U.S. qualifiers take on top international qualifiers from WSOB IX in best-of-two-game showdown

RENO, Nev. - The five leading American players and the five top international players in PBA World Championship qualifying during the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX presented by Eldorado Resorts Reno Properties will face off in the second USA vs. The World team competition on ESPN Sunday at 1 p.m. ET, kicking off ESPN's coverage of the 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour.

The USA team, captained by PBA Hall of Famer and 22-time Tour champion Marshall Holman, includes PBA Tour champions Kyle Troup, Bill O'Neill, Ryan Ciminelli, Tom Smallwood and PBA regional winner Matt McNiel. Making up The World team, captained by England's Stuart Williams, are PBA Tour international standouts Jason Belmonte of Australia, Jesper Svensson of Sweden, Dom Barrett of England, Thomas Larsen of Denmark and newcomer Rafiq Ismail of Malaysia.

In what could be considered the all-star event of WSOB IX, players earned their spots on their respective teams based on their finishing positions after a combined 40 games of qualifying in the PBA Chameleon Championship presented by Reno Tahoe, PBA Shark Championship presented by Xtra Frame, PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Challenge Mobile Game and Pepsi PBA Scorpion Championship presented by GoBowling.com.

The teams will compete in a best-of-two-game Baker format final with a sudden-death roll-off should the teams tie after two games.

The U.S. team will try to defend its title from WSOB VIII when the USA (Mitch Beasley, BJ Moore, Matt O'Grady, Dick Allen, EJ Tackett) beat The World (Sam Cooley, Barrett, Arturo Quintero, Francois Lavoie, Martin Larsen) in a one-frame roll-off after each team won one game.

WSOB IX continues with back-to-back telecasts on ESPN of the Chameleon and Shark Championships Sunday, Dec. 17 beginning at 1 p.m. ET, followed by the Cheetah and Scorpion Championships Dec. 24 at 1 p.m., PBA World Championship Dec. 31 at 1 p.m. and wrapping up with World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals presented by PBA Jan. 7 at 1 p.m.

PBA Spare Shots

DHC ADDS FOUR PBA STARS TO DHC PBA JAPAN INVITATIONAL FIELD

Title sponsor DHC, a major Japanese skin care product company, has invited four additional PBA stars – including 2016 PBA Rookie of the Year **Francois Lavoie**, PBA Hall of Famer **Parker Bohn III** and incoming PBA Hall of Famer **Chris Barnes**, and PBA women's pioneer **Liz Johnson** – to the field for the 2018 DHC PBA Japan Invitational that will be held Jan. 26-28 at Tokyo Port Bowl.

The tournament, which will be covered in its entirety by PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame, also will include defending champion **EJ Tackett**, Huntington, Ind.; **Jason Belmonte**, Australia; **Jesper Svensson**, Sweden; **Marshall Kent**, Yakima, Wash.; **Rhino Page**, Orlando, Fla.; **Ryan Ciminelli**, Cheektowaga, N.Y.; **Anthony Simonsen**, Austin, Texas; **Sean Rash**, Montgomery, Ill.; **Yannaphon Larpapharat**, Thailand; **Kyle Troup**, Taylorsville, N.C., **Dom Barrett**, England, and a Korea PBA member to be announced.

First prize in the event will be \$45,000 and a PBA Tour title, if the winner is a PBA member.

CONCRETE SOFTWARE ISSUES "BEAT THE CHEETAH CHAMPION" CHALLENGE

How good are your virtual bowling skills? In a renewal of a competition introduced in 2016, Concrete Software, creator of the PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game, has issued a "Cheetah Challenge" in conjunction with the PBA Cheetah Championship finals, presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game.

The rules are simple: if you haven't already done so, download the free PBA Bowling Challenge app at Google Play or the Apple App store. Then select the "Limited Tournament" button on the landing page of the app to enter the tournament. "Bowl" one virtual game and if your game score beats the actual PBA Cheetah Championship winner's score, you will be automatically entered into a drawing to win 5,000 Gold Pins (in-game currency) and a pin signed by the Cheetah champion. Multiple entries are allowed.

The sweepstakes will begin at 1 a.m. EST on Dec. 24 and end at 12:59 p.m. on Jan. 2. Here is a link the official rules: http://bit.ly/PBA_OfficialRules.

Speaking of Concrete Software's PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game, this week marked the addition of a new element to capture the excitement of the PBA League program. The PBA Bowling Challenge game is adding a new PBA League venue on a weekly schedule, beginning today with the debut of the Dallas Strikers venue.

Everyone with a mobile device is invited to join the fun. The PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game app is a free download at Google Play and Apple App stores. Use these links: Google Play: <http://bit.ly/PBABowlingChallengeAnd> or Apple App Store: <http://bit.ly/PBABowlingChallengeiOS>

PBA 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION/HALL OF FAME DINNER TICKETS ON SALE

Tickets are now on sale for PBA's 60th Anniversary Celebration Dinner, including PBA's 2017 Hall of Fame induction ceremonies, on Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Marriott North in Indianapolis. Tickets, which include a cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres and open bar, are available for \$125 (plus service fee) through the "Tickets" link on pba.com (<https://www.pba.com/Tickets>).

In addition to a special PBA 60th Anniversary Celebration and the inductions of **Chris Barnes, Ron Mohr** and the late Indianapolis proprietor **Don Mitchell** into the PBA Hall of Fame, the PBA will recognize the 2017 GEICO PBA Chris Schenkel Player of the Year, Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year, Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award winner and the Tony Reyes Memorial Community Service Award winner. The program begins at 6:30 p.m. with a cocktail hour and "red carpet" reception followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited.

Advance tickets also are available at the same website address for the Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic ESPN finals at Woodland Bowl on Sunday, Feb. 18, at 1 p.m. ET. General admission tickets for other rounds of the event will be available at the door.

Reservations for the tournament pro-am at Woodland Bowl are being accepted by the host center. The pro-am, for adults and youth bowlers, will be held on Saturday, Feb. 17, at noon and 2:30 p.m. Participating bowlers will have the option of a standard or "upgrade" to include a Brunswick Vintage Inferno bowling ball. For more information, call Woodland Bowl at [317-844-4099](tel:317-844-4099).

PBA STARS WIN WORLD BOWLING TEAM GOLD MEDAL FOR U.S.; LAVOIE TOPS MASTERS

PBA stars, domestically and internationally, earned gold medals as the World Bowling Men's World Championships wrapped up at South Point Bowling Plaza Tuesday, including a gold medal performance in the five-man team event by **Chris Barnes, Jakob Butturff, Marshall Kent, Tommy Jones, Chris Via** and **AJ Johnson** who defeated Chinese Taipei in the best-of-three-game finale, 210-189 and 200-180.

Earlier in the event, Barnes and Jones teamed up to win men's doubles for Team USA.

Francois Lavoie, PBA's 2016 Rookie of the Year, won the men's Masters title to close the multi-event championships, defeating Taipei's Zu Zhe-Jia, 247-206, 216-199, in the gold medal match.

In the World Bowling Women's World Championships, current and/or former PBA members **Shannon O'Keefe, Kelly Kulick** and **Danielle McEwan** won the women's trios gold medal, **Shalin Zulkifli** helped Malaysia win the women's team title, and McEwan won the women's all-events gold medal. For complete World Bowling Championships results, visit worldbowling.org.

XTRA FRAME HOLIDAY SALE: SAVE \$10 ON "XF SEASON TICKET"

For the bowler in your family who has everything, a perfect Christmas gift might be a full-year of PBA Xtra Frame access, available exclusive Dec. 15-31 for the holiday discount price of only \$54.99. That's just over \$1 a week for 12 months of live streaming of PBA Tour action, access to a great library of past PBA Tour events and telecasts plus player interviews, bowling instruction, and more.

All you have to do is visit xtraframe.tv between 8 a.m. EST on Dec. 15 and 11:59 p.m. EST on Dec. 31 and enter "PBAHOLIDAY17" in the promo code box to secure the \$10 discount price.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: LOSCHETTER, KRETZER TEAM UP FOR DOUBLES TITLE

Ohio teammates **Chris Loschetter** of Avon and **Brian Kretzer** of Dayton defeated **Dick Allen** of Columbia, S.C., and **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** of Oxford, Fla., 258-230, to win the PBA/PBA50 Decker Appraisal Services Baker Doubles title presented by Hammer Sunday at Valley Lanes in Harrisonburg, Va.

Loschetter and Kretzer qualified fourth for the stepladder finals and defeated Virginia's **Chris Bolosan** of Hampton and **Troy McKinney** of Yorktown, 256-137, to start the four-team stepladder finals. They then eliminated fellow Ohioans **Joe Hostetler** of Louisville and **Dick Gran** of Hartville, 247-236, to advance to the title match.

The win marked Loschetter's 15th in PBA Regional competition and Kretzer's 23rd in standard and PBA50 regionals. The Loschetter/Kretzer team earned \$3,600.

- **Daniel Dunleavy** of Staten Island, N.Y., defeated **Andrew Suscreba** of Clifton, N.J., 246-233, to win the PBA MJK Pro Shop/Knob Hill Eastern Challenge presented by Brunswick on Saturday in Manalapan, N.J. PBA Challenge events are open to any member or non-member who has never won a PBA event.

Dunleavy, a 36-year-old non-member who has bowled frequently for several seasons, rolled a strike in the 10th frame to earn the win. Suscreba, who had missed a single pin spare early in the championship match, had struck out in his half of the 10th frame to force Dunleavy to strike. Dunleavy earned \$1,700 for the win, but does not receive credit for a PBA Regional title because he is a non-member.

In the semifinal matches, Dunleavy edged **Terry Thompson Jr.** of Copiague, N.Y., 225-224, when Thompson threw a seven-count with his the fill ball. Suscreba defeated rookie **Brent Tishuk** of Belvidere, N.J., 248-184, in the other semifinal match.

- The Dec. 8-10 PBA Regional calendar includes the Petro TA South Open at Beltline Lanes in Columbia, S.C.. and the McKinley Lanes Central/East Challenge for non-championships in Niles, Ohio.

- Closing out the PBA's pre-holiday regional season schedule will be the PBA/PBA50 Houston Southwest Open Doubles presented by Bowling Dynamix at Emerald Bowl in Houston, Texas.

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QUICK NOTES:

- **Shawn Switzer** of Canyon Country, Calif., will receive a new Brunswick ball, **Stacey Finnigan** of Jordan, N.Y., has won a new high-performance ball from DV8, and **Mark Wilks** of Greenwell Springs, La., a new high-performance MOTIV ball as November sweepstakes prizes for subscribing to Xtra Frame. The monthly sweepstakes is sponsored by the respective PBA Product Registered partners. Monthly winners are selected from among new Xtra Frame subscribers, who are automatically entered when they enroll as a monthly or Xtra Frame Season Ticket (full year) subscriber.

- **Francois Lavoie** shares his views about his historic 300 game in the 2016 U.S. Open finals in a PBA Player's Perspective now available on PBA's YouTube channel. To stay current with all of the latest additions to PBA's YouTube channel, be sure to "subscribe" when you visit YouTube.

U.S. Stars Defeat International Standouts to Successfully Defend USA vs. The World Team Title at WSOB IX

RENO, Nev. (Dec. 10, 2017) - The five leading American qualifiers in PBA World Championship pinfall during the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX presented by Eldorado Resorts Reno Properties combined for 20 clean frames and 18 strikes in 24 attempts to sweep the best-of-two-game USA vs. The World team competition, kicking off ESPN's coverage of the 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule Sunday.

The USA team, captained by PBA Hall of Famer and 22-time PBA Tour champion Marshall Holman, included PBA Tour champions Kyle Troup, Bill O'Neill, Ryan Ciminelli, Tom Smallwood and PBA regional winner Matt McNeil. Making up The World team, captained by England's Stuart Williams, were PBA Tour winners Jason Belmonte of Australia, Jesper Svensson of Sweden, Dom Barrett of England, Thomas Larsen of Denmark and 20-year-old newcomer Rafiq Ismail of Malaysia.

In what could be considered the all-star event of WSOB IX, players earned their spots on their respective teams based on their finishing positions after 40 games of qualifying in the PBA Chameleon Championship presented by Reno Tahoe, Shark Championship presented by Xtra Frame, Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Challenge Mobile Game and Pepsi Scorpion Championship presented by GoBowling.com.

In the first Baker format match contested at the National Bowling Stadium, where each player bowls two frames to combine for one score, the U.S. team took control with a 226-213 win when the World team couldn't catch up after a missed 1-2-4-6-10 washout in the fifth frame by Barrett.

The USA completely dominated game two, combining for a 279 while The World managed only 191. Troup, O'Neill, McNeil and Ciminelli struck in the first four frames. Smallwood then converted a 10-pin spare in the fifth frame before the team closed out the victory with a string of seven consecutive strikes.

"We may have been the underdogs on paper but all these guys had the qualities you need to contribute to a great team effort," said Holman. "I had a good idea of what lineup would work and went with my first instinct, but in reality, I could have put any lineup out there and we would have been in good shape."

The USA vs. The World event was conducted on the 42-foot PBA Earl Anthony lane condition which was a neutral condition the players had not competed on in WSOB IX.

"In Baker team competition, especially on a new lane condition, communication is key," said O'Neill, an eight-time PBA Tour winner. "With everyone's break point being so different it can be difficult to get the reads so it was important that we were on the same page."

"Marshall put together a good lineup and then it was up to us to take it from there," O'Neill added. "I think there was only one frame where we didn't hit the pocket and we had a high strike percentage so the rest took care of itself."

In 2016, the USA (Mitch Beasley, BJ Moore, Matt O'Grady, Dick Allen, EJ Tackett) beat The World (Sam Cooley, Barrett, Arturo Quintero, Francois Lavoie, Martin Larsen) in a one-frame roll-off after each team won one game.

WSOB IX action continues on ESPN Sunday, Dec. 17 with the Chameleon Championship at 1 p.m. ET followed immediately by the Shark Championship at 2 p.m.

USA vs. THE WORLD TEAM CHALLENGE
National Bowling Stadium Reno, Nev. (televised Sunday on ESPN)
(Best-of-two-game Baker format match)

Match One: USA (Kyle Troup, Bill O'Neill, Ryan Ciminelli, Matt McNeil, Tom Smallwood) def. The World (Jason Belmonte, Jesper Svensson, Dom Barrett, Thomas Larsen, Rafiq Ismail), 226-213.

Match Two: USA def. The World, 279-191.

PBA Returns to CBS Sports Network with 2018 PBA Tour Finals

Eight elite PBA Tour stars to compete for title in Thunderbowl Lanes arena in suburban Detroit in May

CHICAGO (Dec. 11, 2017) – Eight elite Professional Bowlers Association stars who have dominated PBA's earnings chart over a span of more than two years will compete in the historic Thunderbowl Lanes arena in Allen Park, Mich., May 5-6, in the second edition of the PBA Tour Finals.

The special event marks PBA's return to CBS Sports Network for a series of five two-hour prime-time telecasts as part of the 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule.

As the 2017 PBA Tour season comes to a close, leading the list of qualifiers for the 2018 event, based on total PBA Tour earnings for 2016 and 2017 as of Nov. 1, are defending champion EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., followed by Australia's Jason Belmonte; Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas; Jesper Svensson, Sweden; Dom Barrett, England; Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C.; Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., and Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill.

In 2017, Tackett won the inaugural PBA Tour Finals in Orlando, Fla., with a 666-628 victory over Belmonte.

The 2018 PBA Tour Finals field will be based on total earnings for 2016, 2017 and early 2018, concluding with the PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout April 17-18 at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine. Other events from late 2017 and early 2018 that will impact the earnings list include all GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX events, the DHC PBA Japan Invitational, PBA Tournament of Champions, Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic, Barbasol PBA Players Championship, Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship presented by BowlerX, USBC Masters and PBA League Elias Cup Championship.

Details regarding the PBA Tour Finals format will be announced. At stake will be a \$30,000 first prize and a PBA Tour title

The Finals will be taped for television by CBS Sports Network. Telecast dates and times will be announced later. The 10 hours of nationally-televised coverage will conclude the Go Bowling! PBA Tour series which began with the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Resorts Reno Properties, in December.

PRELIMINARY 2018 PBA TOUR FINALS QUALIFIERS' LIST
(Top 20 in composite PBA Tour earnings for 2016 and 2017, as of Nov. 1, 2017)

- 1, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., \$342,808 .
- 2, Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$241,757 .
- 3, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, \$210,374.
- 4, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, \$202,696.
- 5, Dom Barrett, England, \$187,360.
- 6, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., \$159,622.
- 7, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., \$157,675.
- 8, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., \$132,772.
- 9, Francois Lavoie, Canada, \$109,255.
- 10, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., \$102,790.
- 11, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, \$99,283.
- 12, Martin Larsen, Sweden, \$99,265.
- 13, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., \$96,880.
- 14, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., \$92,575.
- 15, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., \$85,800.
- 16, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., \$85,057.
- 17, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, \$84,237.
- 18, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., \$77,735.
- 19, Jason Sterner, Cocoa Beach, Fla., \$70,195.
- 20, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., \$70,065.

Niles, Ohio (Dec. 10, 2017) – Kevin Donovan of Painted Post, N.Y. defeated amateur Kyle Condrick of Austintown, Ohio, 247-245, to win his first Professional Bowlers Association Regional title in the McKinley Lanes Central/East Challenge at McKinley Lanes Sunday.

Donovan, who earned \$1,500, downed amateur Devon Miller of Dublin, Ohio, 200-187, and Condrick topped Sam DeWitt of Neville Island, Pa., 249-205, in the semifinal round to set up the championship match. Condrick received \$1,000 for his second place finish while DeWitt and Miller each earned \$750 as semi-final round losers.

The tournament field consisted of PBA members who do not hold a PBA title or non-members who have never won a PBA event.

The next PBA Central Region event will be Over 50/Under 50 Doubles event at Legend Lanes in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, Jan. 19-21.

PBA MCKINLEY LANES CENTRAL/EAST CHALLENGE McKinley Lanes, Niles, Ohio, Sunday

Championship:

Kevin Donovan, Painted Post, N.Y., (\$1,500) def. n-Kyle Condrick, Austintown, Ohio, (\$1,000), 247-245.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$750):

Condrick def. Sam DeWitt, Neville Island, Pa., 249-205.

Donovan def. n-Devon Miller, Dublin, Ohio, 200-187.

Round of 8 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$550 each):

DeWitt def. n-Kyle Cook, Centerville, Ohio, 2-0.
Condrick def. Eric Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2-0.
Miller def. Mike Zarcone, Towanda, N.Y., 2-0.
Donovan def. n-Dave Samic, Norton, Ohio, 2-1.

Round of 12 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$450 each):

Cook def. n-Kevin Kachele, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, 2-1.
E. Tackett def. Tim Regan, E. Northport, N.Y., 2-1.
Samic def. s-Larry Popp, Marion, Ohio, 2-1.
Miller def. Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2-1.

n-denotes non-member; s-denotes PBA50 player.

**Two GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX PBA Tour Finals Back-to-Back
This Sunday on ESPN Beginning at 1 p.m. ET**

RENO, Nev. (Dec. 13, 2017) – The Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule for 2017 continues with doubleheader action Sunday on ESPN beginning at 1 p.m. ET featuring the PBA Chameleon Championship presented by Reno Tahoe followed by the PBA Shark Championship presented by Xtra Frame. The finals are the first two animal pattern events of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX presented by Eldorado Resorts Reno Properties.

USBC Hall of Famer and three-time reigning PWBA Player of the Year Liz Johnson, and PBA Tour champions Wes Malott, Anthony Pepe and Tom Smallwood swept their respective best-of-three-game Round of 8 matches to advance to Sunday's Chameleon final at the National Bowling Stadium.

The finals will use a format where the four finalists simultaneously bowl one game on the same pair of lanes with the top two scorers advancing to a head-to-head final match.

Johnson, a native of western New York who now lives in Palatine, Ill., is a PBA regional champion, who will make her third PBA Tour television appearance. Her best finish was second in the 2005 Banquet Open when she became the first woman to qualify for a PBA Tour national television final. She also owns a record 10 PWBA Tour major titles. She will be trying to join Kelly Kulick, the 2010 PBA Tournament of Champions winner, as the only women to win a PBA Tour title.

Malott, a 10-time Tour winner from Pflugerville, Texas, will be trying for his first win of the season. Pepe, of Elmhurst, N.Y., won his only PBA Tour title in the 2014 Cheetah Championship, and Smallwood, of Saginaw, Mich., will be trying for his third Tour title.

For the Shark Championship, two PBA Tour champions and two players making their first telecast appearances will face off at 2 p.m.

Four-time PBA Tour winner Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., and two-time winner Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Fla., both swept their best-of-three matches to advance to the finals. Kent will be trying for his third win of the 2017 season and Daugherty his first.

Charlie Brown Jr. of Grandville, Mich., a 36-year-old rookie bowling in his first PBA Tour event, swept Shota Kawazoe of Japan, 2-0 in the Round of 8, to make his first PBA Tour telecast.

Bowling in his fourth World Series of Bowling, England's Richie Teece finally broke through to make his first Tour telecast by beating Smallwood, 2-1 in the Round of 8.

WSOB IX continues with back-to-back telecasts on ESPN of the PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game and the Pepsi PBA Scorpion Championship presented by GoBowling.com on Dec. 24 at 1 p.m. EST and the PBA World Championship Dec. 31 at 1 p.m. WSOB IX coverage concludes with World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals presented by PBA on Jan. 7 at 1 p.m.

PBA Spare Shots

GEICO PBA WORLD SERIES OF BOWLING IX CHRONICLES LOOKS INSIDE THE WSOB

A new "GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX Chronicles" produced by Xtra Frame's **Jef Goodger** made its debut on PBA's YouTube channel this week, with a PBA Chameleon Championship, presented by Reno Tahoe, qualifying episode kicking off a series that will give PBA fans an inside look at the WSOB.

Video features, which also are being posted on PBA's Facebook page and on Xtra Frame, will include qualifying and match play episodes recapping each of the PBA's four animal pattern events plus the PBA World Championship, providing fans with a glimpse of PBA competition they never get to see on national television before the finals air on ESPN.

The first of the feature videos features - World Series of Bowling IX Chronicles Part 1 - Chameleon Championship Qualifying: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CO2AL2Z2TZA> was followed by World Series of Bowling IX Chronicles Part 2 - Chameleon Championship Match Play: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3u4uP5dWebo>. PBA Shark Championship presented by Xtra Frame episodes will debut Thursday (Part 3 Qualifying) and Friday (Part 4 Match Play). ESPN's coverage of the Chameleon and Shark championship rounds begins at 1 p.m. EST on Sunday.

Next week it's PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game (Part 5 Qualifying) on Tuesday and Cheetah match play (Part 6) on Wednesday. Pepsi PBA Scorpion Championship presented by GoBowling.com (Part 7 Qualifying) debuts next Thursday followed by the Scorpion match play (Part 8) on Friday.

The following week will contain episodes for the World Championship.

"SPECTO" DATA WILL PROVIDE ADDED DIMENSION TO WSOB IX FINALS

Also upcoming is another high-tech look at GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling competition through the "eyes" of Kegel's new "Specto" data tracking system.

Specto, which uses a high-powered sensor to display data about a bowler's ball path and ball motion, has been designed as a teaching tool for bowling centers, coaches and individuals. Data is delivered through an easy-to-use app, and it will be used to analyze player data for each of the WSOB IX television finals. For more information about Specto, visit: <http://www.kegel.net/specto>.

Specto data for the PBA Chameleon and Shark Championships, which air Sunday on ESPN beginning at 1 p.m. EST, will be included in next week's PBA Spare Shots and on PBA's social media outlets.

PBA REGIONAL SPONSOR TO PRESENT 300 RING TO SPECIAL OLYMPIAN ON "FB LIVE"

Bowling Dynamix Pro Shops owner **Mike Austin**, sponsor of this weekend's PBA/PBA50 Houston Southwest Open Doubles at Emerald Bowl in Houston, Texas, is going to use the platform of the event to make a special Facebook Live presentation of one of his own USBC 300 rings to a young man who otherwise might never get one.

"When Mike saw a Facebook post about **Doug Kelley**, a Kentucky Special Olympian bowling a perfect game, he was excited," Austin's wife Lisa noted. "It didn't matter that he had never met the man or that he probably never would. But it's a special accomplishment and Mike wanted to do something to recognize him."

Knowing that 300 rings are only awarded for bowling in a certified league or tournament, Austin – an eight-time PBA Regional titlist and Houston Bowling Hall of Fame member, got an idea. He asked his wife to find Carol Farwell, identified as his coach in the news clip he saw. Lisa contacted Carol at Erlanger Super Bowl, and together they planned a Facebook Live presentation (<https://www.facebook.com/BowlingDynamix>) for Saturday (Dec. 16) at around 8 a.m. (CST) before the PBA Regional Austin is sponsoring gets underway at Emerald Bowl. The 300 ring, which has already been shipped to Kentucky, will be "awarded" to Kelley in a similar Facebook Live presentation at Erlanger Super Bowl.

According to Austin's research, Kelley is the first Special Olympian in Kentucky to shoot 300 in competition.

"Bowling is probably the only sport where Doug and I can compete with bowlers who are at all different skill levels and everyone has a shot at winning," Austin noted, adding the two men may never meet, but Kentucky is special to him because his father, Bruce, was born in Kentucky and Austin has been on Track's bowling staff since 2012. Track, one of the Ebonite family of brands, is based in Hopkinsville, Ky.

ENTRIES ARE NOW OPEN FOR "BIG FEBRUARY" EVENTS

Entries are now open for the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour "Big February" events including the PBA Tournament of Champions, Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic, Barbasol PBA Players Championship and the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship presented by Bowlerx.com:

2018 PBA Tournament of Champions, Fairlawn, Ohio, Feb. 5-11 (max. field size 80)

Prize Fund: First place \$50,000 25 cash spots based on full field

To enter: Contact PBA Tournament Entries Coordinator Mary von Krueger (email: mary@pba.com; phone: [206-332-9688](tel:206-332-9688)).

2018 Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic, Indianapolis, Feb. 12-18 (max. field size 224)

Prize Fund: First prize \$30,000, 56 cash spots (one in four) based on full field

To enter: Click on the member log in link on pba.com.

2018 Barbasol PBA Players Championship, Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 19-25 (max. field size 120)

Prize Fund: First prize \$40,000, 30 cash spots (one in four) based on a full field

To enter: Click on the member log in link on pba.com.

2018 Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship presented by BowlerX.com, Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 19-25 (max. field size 50 teams)

Prize Fund: First prize \$22,000, 13 cash spots based on full field

To enter: Contact PBA Tournament Entries Coordinator Mary von Krueger (email: mary@pba.com; phone: [206-332-9688](tel:206-332-9688)).

Note: Open to PBA members only; all participants must also bowl the Barbasol PBA Players Championship.

CONCRETE SOFTWARE "BEAT THE CHEETAH CHAMPION" CHALLENGE IS COMING

Reminder: Concrete Software, creator of the PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game, has issued a "Cheetah Challenge" in conjunction with the PBA Cheetah Championship finals, presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game.

The rules are simple: if you haven't already done so, download the free PBA Bowling Challenge app at Google Play or the Apple App store. Then select the "Limited Tournament" button on the landing page of the app to enter the tournament. "Bowl" one virtual game and if your game score beats the actual PBA Cheetah Championship winner's score, you will be automatically entered into a drawing to win 5,000 Gold Pins (in-game currency) and a pin signed by the Cheetah champion. Multiple entries are allowed.

The sweepstakes will begin at 1 a.m. EST on Dec. 24 and end at 12:59 p.m. on Jan. 2. Here is a link the official rules: http://bit.ly/PBA_OfficialRules.

Speaking of the PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game, another new PBA League venue has been added to the game this week. This week's addition to the PBA League venues features the Silver Lake Atom Splitters venue.

Join the fun. The PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game app is a free download at Google Play and Apple App stores. Use these links: Google Play: <http://bit.ly/PBABowlingChallengeAnd> or Apple App Store: <http://bit.ly/PBABowlingChallengeiOS>

XTRA FRAME HOLIDAY SALE BEGINS FRIDAY: SAVE \$10 ON "XF SEASON TICKET"

For the bowling fan in your family, a great Christmas gift that will keep on giving is a full-year of PBA Xtra Frame access, available exclusively Dec. 15-31 for the holiday discount price of only \$54.99. That's just over \$1 a week for 12 months of live streaming of PBA, PBA50 and PWBA Tour action, access to a great library of past PBA Tour telecasts plus player interviews, bowling instruction, and more.

Visit xtraframe.tv between 8 a.m. EST on Friday and 11:59 p.m. EST on Dec. 31 and enter "PBAHOLIDAY17" in the promo code box to secure the \$10 discount price.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: JASON STERNER WINS FIRST REGIONAL HELD AT A TRUCK STOP

• **Jason Sterner** of Rockledge, Fla., will become a footnote in PBA trivia after capturing the inaugural PBA Petro TA South Open Sunday at Beltline Lanes in Columbia, S.C., by defeating top qualifier **Kyle Troup** of Taylorsville, N.C., 246-240.

The trivia tidbit is that this was the first PBA Regional title decided at a "truck stop." Beltline Lanes is a unique bowling and entertainment center built inside the TA (TravelCenter America) Petro Stopping Center on the outskirts of Columbia.

Troup, who finished the title match first, ended his game with six strikes in a row, forcing Sterner to double in his 10th frame for the win. Sterner collected \$3,000 for his effort.

Sterner, the no. 3 qualifier, disposed of **Mike Vitalone Jr.** of Lake Worth, Fla., 222-216, in the first stepladder match, also needing a double in the 10th to win that match. In the second stepladder match, Sterner eliminated **Zack Brown** of Holly Springs, N.C., 247-195.

• **Kevin Donovan** of Painted Post, N.Y. defeated amateur **Kyle Condrick** of Austintown, Ohio, 247-245, to win his first PBA Regional title in the McKinley Lanes Central/East Challenge at McKinley Lanes in Niles, Ohio, Sunday.

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Liz Johnson Wins Chameleon Championship, Becomes Second Woman to Win PBA Tour Title
England's Richie Teece wins PBA Shark Championship for first PBA Tour title

RENO, Nev. – Liz Johnson of Palatine, Ill., became the second woman in the 60-year history of the Professional Bowlers Association to win a national tour title when she defeated Anthony Pepe of Elmhurst, N.Y., 220-206, in the title match of the PBA Chameleon Championship presented by Reno Tahoe at the National Bowling Stadium.

The Chameleon Championship, one of four PBA animal pattern championships conducted during the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX presented by Eldorado Resorts Reno Properties, aired Sunday on ESPN along with the finals of the PBA Shark Championship presented by Xtra Frame, which was won by England's Richie Teece. The back-to-back telecasts were part of the 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour package.

Johnson, the only woman to qualify for three PBA nationally-televised finals, threw solid pocket shots on her first nine attempts before leaving the 4-6-7-10 split in the 10th frame after the match had already been decided.

Johnson, a 25-time winner in Professional Women's Bowling Association competition including 10 major titles and three consecutive PWBA Player of the Year honors, was forced to bowl against men when the former women's pro tour ceased operations in 2003. Between 2004, when the PBA opened its membership to women for the first time, and 2015 when the PWBA was resurrected, Johnson won a PBA Regional title, and became the first woman to appear in a PBA national tour telecast in the 2004 Banquet Open in Wyoming, Mich., where she lost in the title match to Tommy Jones, 219-192. She also finished fourth in the 2014 PBA Cheetah Championship.

Kelly Kulick of Union, N.J., was the first woman to win a PBA Tour title, winning the 2010 PBA Tournament of Champions in Las Vegas by defeating Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, in the title match, 265-195.

"This is the cherry on top of my career," the 43-year-old Buffalo, N.Y., area native said. "This win is for all of the young girls in any sport, not just bowling, who have to compete against the guys. This is for you.

"I never thought I'd have the opportunity again," Johnson said. "You never know, bowling against the guys. Conditions haven't been very conducive to my 'A' game the past couple of years, but I felt pretty confident coming into the show.

"I don't think I've ever been intimidated, in my entire life, or scared of anyone on the lanes," she continued. "I grew up bowling against the guys since I was 10 or 11. I've been beating them since I was 17, so I didn't feel like I had anything to prove. I didn't have anything to lose, so I just went out to do my best, and that's all I can ask of myself."

Johnson advanced to the title match by bowling the highest score in a preliminary four-player shootout match where the two highest scores moved on. Johnson had a 257 game and Pepe a 255 while Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas (248) and Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich. (236), were eliminated.

To reach the Chameleon Championship telecast Johnson out-bowled a WSOB IX field of 195 bowlers from around the world.

In the second telecast of the ESPN doubleheader, Teece won the Shark Championship with a 193-176 victory over Charlie Brown Jr. of Grandville, Mich., in a battle of first-time PBA Tour television finalists. Teece put the title away with back-to-back strikes in the ninth and 10 frames for his only double of the contest.

Brown earned his berth in the championship match with a 227 in the preliminary shootout. Teece was second with a 209, eliminating Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Fla. (197) and Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash. (193).

"It's incredible," Teece said. "It's been a dream of mine ever since I started watching old VHS tapes of the PBA when I was 10 years old. I really, really give credit to the guys who won, and now I've joined that circle."

Teece made his decision to come to bowl in PBA competition more by necessity than choice.

"I was a web developer for three years after college, but the company I worked for ran out of projects for me. I was pretty sad about it, but the money they gave me (as a severance package) made me think about it. Joining the PBA was something I'd always dreamed about. I was young and three or four years later, here I am."

In winning his first PBA Tour title, Teece joined the ranks of the handful of players who have won a PBA title in their first television appearance. Canada's Graham Fach was the most recent to accomplish that feat when he won the 2016 Barbasol PBA Players Championship.

ESPN's coverage of the Go Bowling! PBA Tour's WSOB IX package continues on Sunday, Dec. 24, at 1 p.m. EST with back-to-back telecasts of the PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game and the Pepsi PBA Scorpion Championship presented by GoBowling.com. World Series coverage continues on Dec. 31 at 1 p.m. EST with the PBA World Championship finals.

**PBA CHAMELEON CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY RENO TAHOE
National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev. (finals aired on ESPN on Dec. 17)**

Championship: Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill. (\$20,000) def. Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y. (\$10,000), 220-206.

Shootout Match (top two scorers advance to championship match): Johnson 257; Pepe 255; Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 248 (\$5,000); Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 236 (\$4,000).

**PBA SHARK CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY XTRA FRAME
National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev. (finals aired on ESPN on Dec. 17)**

Championship: Richie Teece, England (\$20,000) def. Charlie Brown Jr., Grandville, Mich. (\$10,000), 193-176.

Shootout Match (top two scorers advance to championship match): Brown 227; Teece 209; Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 197 (\$5,000); Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 193 (\$4,000).

PBA Spare Shots

GEICO PBA WSOB IX CHRONICLES LOOKS INSIDE CHEETAH, SCORPION CHAMPIONSHIPS

The new "GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX Chronicles" produced by Xtra Frame's **Jef Goodger** for PBA's YouTube channel continue this week with the debut of PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game (WSOB IX Chronicles Part 7 Qualifying) and (Chronicles Part 8 Match Play), followed by the Pepsi PBA Scorpion Championship presented by GoBowling.com (Chronicles Part 9 Qualifying) on Thursday and (Chronicles Part 10 Match Play) on Friday.

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The first of the videos features (WSOB IX Chronicles Parts 1 and 2-Chameleon Championship presented by Reno Tahoe Qualifying and Match Play) and the PBA Shark Championship presented by Xtra Frame Qualifying and Match Play episodes (Chronicles Part 3: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gD49-CTT0tE> and Part 4: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jeKPicriIhc>) were posted on PBA's YouTube channel last week. The Chameleon TV finals recap (Part 5: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7W6TembZRsk>) and Shark TV finals recap (Part 6: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I16OtdhF-5Q>) were posted earlier this week.

ESPN's coverage of the Cheetah and Scorpion Championships will air back-to-back Sunday at 1 and 2 p.m. EST as part of the 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour series. Post-finals episodes of WSOB IX Chronicles will be posted on YouTube and PBA's social media outlets next Monday. Next week's WSOB IX Chronicles will contain episodes for the World Championship.

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TO RICHIE TEECE'S FRIENDS, HE'S COMMONLY KNOWN AS "BISCUIT"

The PBA's newest champion, **Richie Teece** of London, England, is commonly known as "Biscuit" among his British and international friends.

Biscuit, you say? In England, cookies are known as "biscuits"...and there's a popular type of biscuit called "Rich Tea." So with only a little manipulation, that's how the PBA Shark champion got his nickname.

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The sweepstakes will begin at 1 a.m. EST on Dec. 24 and end at 12:59 p.m. on Jan. 2. Here is a link the official rules: http://bit.ly/PBA_OfficialRules.

Speaking of the PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game, the third PBA League venue has been added to the game. This week's addition, available Thursday, is the L.A. X venue.

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XTRA FRAME HOLIDAY SALE CONTINUES: SAVE \$10 ON "XF SEASON TICKET"

For the bowling fan in your family, a great Christmas gift that will keep on giving is a full-year of PBA Xtra Frame access, available until Dec. 31 for the holiday discount price of only \$54.99. That's just over \$1 a week for 12 months of live streaming of PBA, PBA50 and PWBA Tour action, access to a great library of past PBA Tour telecasts plus player interviews, bowling instruction, and more.

Visit xtraframe.tv between 8 a.m. EST on Friday and 11:59 p.m. EST on Dec. 31 and enter "PBAHOLIDAY17" in the promo code box to secure the \$10 discount price.

THREE-TIME PBA50 TOUR TITLIST MICKEY SPIEZIO DIES AT 81

The PBA has learned that three-time PBA50 Tour titlist **Mickey Spiezio** of Crest Hill, Ill., died Monday at the age of 81.

Spiezio's PBA50 wins came in the 1987 Kessler Senior/Touring Pro Doubles (with **Rowdy Morrow**), 1988 Treasure Coast PBA Senior Open and Hammond PBA Senior Open in 1991.

Spiezio's most satisfying win came in the Treasure Coast Open when, as the no. 4 qualifier, he had to battle through three matches before finally outlasting **John Hricsina**, 215-212, in the title match for the win. To get to the title match he beat **Teata Semiz** in the semifinal, 216-215; **Earl Anthony** in the second match, 254-209, and **Harry Smith** in the opening stepladder match in a two frame roll-off after tying with 191.

"I must admit, I didn't think I could go all the way against those guys," he said after the victory.

His win in the Hammond Senior Open was nearly as satisfying when he qualified fifth and defeated **Doug Johnson**, **Dick Weber** and **Bill Gaume** before topping top qualifier **Robert Gibbs**, 233-228, in the title match.

Services will be held for Spiezio on Friday at 10:30 a.m. at the Blackburn-Giegerich-Sonntag Funeral Home, [1500 Black Road](http://www.blackburn-giegerich-sonntag.com), in Joliet, Ill. For more information, call [815-744-4444](http://www.blackburn-giegerich-sonntag.com).

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: MINIER, MALDONADO WIN PBA50/PBA DOUBLES IN HOUSTON

Former U.S. Senior Open champion **Rick Minier** and two-time PBA Southwest Region Player of the Year **Shawn Maldonado**, both from Houston, teamed up to win the fifth annual PBA50/PBA Houston Emerald Bowl Southwest Doubles, presented by Bowling Dynamix, Sunday.

The winning duo led the eight-game qualifying portion of the event by 67 pins over **Mike Bailey** and **Kurt Gengelbach**, both from Carrollton, Texas. After Minier and Maldonado lost three of their first four matches in the eight-game round-robin finals, the amateur team of **Ted Pritts** of Little Elm, Texas, and **Derek Williams**, from Groves, Texas, rolled into a 200-pin lead by winning their first six matches. Minier and Maldonado rebounded by winning matches five, six and seven to close to within 32 pins of the leaders going into position round where they defeated Pritts and Williams, 462-420, to claim the \$5,000 winners' check along with Minier's 13th regional title and Maldonado's ninth.

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QUICK NOTES

- **Enrique Tishman** is the November winner of a \$200 HotelPlanner.com certificate, redeemable for future lodging expenses, compliments of PBA's official travel partner. The monthly sweepstakes is open to anyone who books a hotel through the HotelPlanner.com link on pba.com. Those who book through HotelPlanner.com are automatically entered.

Jesper Svensson Wins PBA Cheetah Championship; EJ Tackett Tames the Scorpion *Former Rookies of the Year continue to set the pace for PBA's youth movement*

RENO, Nev. – Two former Professional Bowlers Association Rookies of the Year, Jesper Svensson of Sweden and EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., continued to set a high standard for the PBA's youth movement with victories in the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Resorts Reno Properties at the National Bowling Stadium.

Svensson, the 22-year-old 2015 PBA Rookie of the Year, defeated Denmark's Thomas Larsen, 245-194, to win the PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game for his seventh career PBA Tour title while Tackett, the 25-year-old 2013 Rookie of the Year, picked up his ninth title with a 245-207 victory over Australia's Jason Belmonte in the Pepsi PBA Scorpion Championship presented by GoBowling.com.

The Cheetah and Scorpion Championships were the final two PBA animal pattern championships conducted during the WSOB IX and aired back-to-back Sunday on ESPN as part of the 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour package.

Svensson, a hard-throwing left-handed two-handed player, struck on eight of his first nine shots, overpowering Larsen despite missing a 7 pin spare attempt in the fourth frame for his only flaw.

"By the end of the first match, I got lined up so I thought if I threw good shots, I'd have a good chance to win," said Svensson, who finished the preliminary round game with a string of eight strikes. "I screwed up a little when I missed that single pin, but I got right back in it."

If there was anything unusual about the match, it was an extraordinary level of intensity by the normally sedate, emotionless Swede.

"It was by far the most emotional title I've ever won," Svensson admitted. "Things have happened at home while I was here that..." He stumbled and added, "This title means more to other people than just me. I'm just really, really happy I could finish it off. I had a friend who passed away a week ago and I really believe he was watching me today. This one is for him, 100 percent. There's nothing I can do but continue doing what I love to do. It makes me appreciate that even more."

To reach the Cheetah Championship telecast Svensson edged Larsen in the four-player shootout preliminary, 259-256, but both advanced to the title match while Australia's Sam Cooley (236) and Jason Belmonte (222) were eliminated with the lowest scores.

In the second match of the ESPN doubleheader, Tackett made his only WSOB IX television appearance count, striking on five of his first six shots and adding another string of three strikes late in his match against Belmonte, the two-handed Australian star who is the leading challenger to displace Tackett as PBA Player of the Year in 2017. The win was Tackett's fourth of the year, one ahead of Belmonte, but two of Belmonte's titles are majors and he'll have a shot at another one in next Sunday's PBA World Championship finals.

Tackett not only realized where he stood compared to Belmonte in the competitive ranks, but he knew Belmonte was bowling at less than his physical best after an acute attack of food poisoning the night before.

"I found out Jason wasn't feeling well, but before the first game, I told him to dig deep...and after the first match, I told him to just keep on going, and he did," Tackett said. "I told him that we should finish the year on a high note, and we did. It could have gone either way."

"I knew the only chance I had (for Player of the Year) after the first few days here was to make this show and win," Tackett added. "In my eyes, (Belmonte) wins by a landslide, but if he doesn't win the (PBA World Championship), I think it'll be a pretty close vote. It's out of my hands."

Belmonte's 269 topped the preliminary shootout. Tackett was second with a 258 while Brandon Novak of Chillicothe, Ohio (242) and Shawn Maldonado of Houston, Texas (225) were eliminated.

ESPN's coverage of the Go Bowling! PBA Tour's WSOB IX package continues on Sunday, Dec. 31 at 1 p.m. EST with the PBA World Championship finals that will feature Svensson, Belmonte, and three other PBA Tour titlists – Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C.; Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., and rookie Matt Sanders of Evansville, Ind.

**PBA CHEETAH CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY PBA BOWLING CHALLENGE MOBILE GAME
National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Nov. 18 (finals aired on ESPN on Dec. 24)**

Championship: Jesper Svensson, Sweden (\$20,000) def. Thomas Larsen, Denmark (\$10,000), 245-194.

Shootout Match (top two scorers advance to championship match): Svensson 259; Larsen 256; Sam Cooley, Australia, 236 (\$5,000); Jason Belmonte, Australia, 222 (\$4,000).

**PEPSI PBA SCORPION CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY GOBOWLING.COM
National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Nov. 18 (finals aired on ESPN on Dec. 24)**

Championship: EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind. (\$20,000) def. Jason Belmonte, Australia (\$10,000), 245-207.

Shootout Match (top two scorers advance to championship match): Belmonte 269; Tackett 258; Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 242 (\$5,000); Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 225 (\$4,000).

Sunday on ESPN: PBA World Championship Features Established, Rising Stars in Final Major to Conclude the 2017 PBA Tour Season

RENO, Nev. - In the final major championship of the Professional Bowlers Association's 2017 season, one of the PBA's most talented young stars and one of its most decorated established stars will join a trio of rising stars in the finals of the PBA World Championship. ESPN's coverage begins Sunday at 1 p.m. EST.

At the top of Sunday's field is a budding young star on the brink of making PBA history: 22-year-old top qualifier Jesper Svensson of Sweden who averaged 241 over six days of competition and 60 games on four different lane conditions. Svensson, a left-handed, two-handed player, needs to win one more major (in addition to his seven conventional PBA Tour titles) to become the youngest player in PBA history to become title-eligible for the PBA Hall of Fame.

In the final major of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX presented by Eldorado Resorts Reno Properties and the 2017 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season, 34-year-old Australian two-handed star Jason Belmonte will be trying for the ninth major of his career to move into sole possession of third place on PBA's list of all-time major title winners behind PBA legends Pete Weber and Earl Anthony, both of whom have won 10 majors. So far this year, Belmonte has won the 2017 Barbasol PBA Players Championship and he became the first four-time USBC Masters champion in the history of that event.

Hoping to spoil a victory party by Svensson or Belmonte are PBA champions Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y.; Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C. and rookie Matt Sanders of Evansville, Ind. Troup, the third two-handed player in the finals, will meet Sanders in the first match of Sunday's stepladder finals. The winner of that match will bowl Ciminelli for the opportunity to meet Belmonte in the semifinal match. Sanders and Ciminelli are both left-handers.

The five finalists earned their berths in the PBA World Championship finals after competing in qualifying and cashers' rounds which were conducted on the 39-foot Chameleon, 45-foot Shark, 33-foot Cheetah and 42-foot Scorpion PBA lane conditioning patterns.

Svensson, who won the 2016 PBA Tournament of Champions at age 20, topped Belmonte by 366 pins to earn the top berth in the finals. Ciminelli, the 2015 U.S. Open champion, posted a 14,031 pinfall total to earn the no. 3 position in the stepladder. Troup, a two-time PBA Tour titlist, qualified fourth with a 13,931 pinfall and Sanders, a leading Rookie of the Year contender, bowled a 268 in his final qualifying game to secure the fifth qualifying position. Sanders won his first and only PBA Tour title earlier in the year in the Xtra Frame PBA Billy Hardwick Memorial Open.

World Series IX coverage on ESPN concludes with the World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals presented by PBA on Sunday, Jan. 7, at 1 p.m.

PBA Spare Shots

WES MALOTT TO DEFEND KING OF BOWLING CROWN TO KICK OFF TOC WEEK

Reigning King of Bowling **Wes Malott** will defend his title for the third time in another special Xtra Frame pay-for-view showdown that will take place at AMF Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio, prior to the start of the PBA Tournament of Champions. Fans will again be invited to vote to select his opponent.

Xtra Frame, PBA's online bowling channel, will stream the best-of-three-game exhibition event live at 6:30 p.m. Eastern on Tuesday, Feb. 6.

Voting will take place in two parts. From Jan. 15-19, fans will be invited to vote on pba.com for four players from a list of former Tournament of Champions winners who are entered in this year's event. The top four vote-getters will then advance to a ballot where fans can vote for one player on either pba.com or Twitter from Jan. 22-26. The player receiving the most votes will challenge Malott for the title.

Fans can purchase a one-time subscription to watch the event for \$2.99 beginning by visiting www.xtraframe.tv.

Malott won the original King of Bowling in 2009 in Lake Worth, Fla. and successfully defended his title when the event was revived after an eight-year absence in April in Portland, Maine. Malott, 40 years old and a 10-time, Hall of Fame-eligible PBA competitor when the special event was revived in Maine, rolled games of 238, 256 and 227 for a 721 three-game total pinfall series and a convincing victory over 2016 PBA Player of the Year **EJ Tackett** of Huntington, Ind., and **Jason Belmonte** of Australia, who recorded 664 and 640 series, respectively.

In the second edition of the renewal in Shawnee, Okla., in June, Malott faced **Tommy Jones** of Simpsonville, S.C., who had been selected by PBA fans, in a best-of-three-game match. Jones won first match, 278-200, but Malott rallied to win the next two games, 258-238 and 212-204, to retain his crown.

SPECIAL FANS FROM MEXICO TRAVEL TO WSOB IX TO WATCH EJ TACKETT BOWL

Reigning PBA Player of the Year **EJ Tackett** was surprised to learn he had a special group of fans in the audience at Reno's National Bowling Stadium when he won the Pepsi PBA Scorpion Championship presented by GoBowling.com, the final animal pattern event in the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX presented by Eldorado Resorts Reno Properties, a part of the 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour series.

"There was a family from Mexico that came here just to watch me bowl," Tackett said. "They have an 11-year-old son who has a medical condition that's very bad. It's very cool to be able to put on a performance after they came all this distance just to watch me bowl."

GEICO PBA WSOB IX CHRONICLES LOOK INSIDE PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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QUICK NOTES

- Bowlers Journal International senior editor **Bob Johnson** has reported that five-time PBA Tour champion **Glenn Allison** was involved in an automobile accident on Christmas Eve while on the way to La Habra "300" Bowl, where he works the desk part-time. Family members said the 87-year-old Allison fractured his sternum and has two fractures in his back, and is expected to remain at Pomona Valley Hospital for "a couple of weeks." Allison is best known for rolling the first 900 series in sanctioned ABC league competition on July 1, 1982, only to have official recognition denied due to non-complying lane conditions.

Australia's Jason Belmonte Wins Historic PBA World Championship

"Instant classic" includes two sudden-death roll-offs, unprecedented third major title in a single season

RENO, Nev. — Australia's Jason Belmonte re-wrote the Professional Bowlers Association record book again, winning his ninth career major championship with a thrilling 238-225 victory over top qualifier Jesper Svensson of Sweden in the PBA World Championship at the National Bowling Stadium. With the win, Belmonte became the first player in PBA's 60-year history to win three major championships in a single season.

The PBA World Championship, the final tournament of the 2017 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season, aired Sunday on ESPN as part of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Resorts Reno Properties. Belmonte's 16th career PBA Tour title was worth \$60,000, and it moved him into sole possession of third place on PBA's list of all-time major titlists behind PBA legends Earl Anthony and Pete Weber who both won 10 majors.

In addition to his historic victory, Belmonte was part of the first nationally-televised PBA Tour event that included two sudden-death roll-offs, one of which gave the two-handed Australian star his shot at the title.

"That's going to go down as one of the most exciting shows in a long time," said Belmonte, who added the PBA World Championship to his collection of major titles that includes two PBA Tournament of Champions, two PBA Players Championship and an unprecedented four United States Bowling Congress Masters titles. At age 34, he is a U.S. Open title away from the PBA Triple Crown (U.S. Open, TOC and PBA World Championship, Grand Slam (Triple Crown plus Masters) and the "Super Slam" (Grand Slam plus Players Championship).

Since winning his first major in the 2011 PBA Players Championship at age 27, Belmonte has won his nine titles over a span of seven seasons. It took Anthony 11 seasons to win his first nine majors; it took Weber 26 seasons to accomplish the same feat. Both won their 10th majors in the next season.

"It feels bloody amazing," Belmonte said. "I wasn't aware of being the first to win three majors in a year until Kimberly Presser mentioned it after the show. It's been a really, really great year. I don't know what else to say.

"I'm honored to be one win away from arguably the two best bowlers who ever lived on the all-time majors list," he added. "I don't know how I'll feel if I get to 10 majors, but I'll tell you that no. 9 is a pretty good feeling."

The opening match of the World Championship set the stage for the rest of the day when 2017 PBA Rookie of the Year contender Matt Sanders of Evansville, Ind., and two-time PBA Tour winner Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C., finished in a 248-248 tie. After missing a 10 pin spare attempt on his final shot, Troup struck on his first shot in the one-ball sudden-death roll-off and moved on when Sanders left a 7 pin on his roll-off shot.

In the second match, Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., survived a 193-180 battle with Troup, who missed a pair of three-pin spare conversion attempts.

In the semifinal match, Ciminelli appeared to have Belmonte on the ropes after striking on seven of his first eight shots while Belmonte began with four spares. But Belmonte got lined up and threw the final eight strikes, forcing the finals' second sudden-death roll-off when Ciminelli left the 2-4 on his fill ball for a 257-257 tie. In the roll-off, Belmonte went first and left a 7 pin. Needing a strike to win, Ciminelli left the 2-5-6 on his first shot.

"I was fortunate Ryan didn't bowl one pin higher than me," Belmonte admitted. "If you watch Ryan enough, you know he's one of the best players out here in the clutch."

In the championship match, Belmonte started with three strikes, converted a 10 pin spare and then got a fortunate strike in the fifth frame when a finger grip came out of his ball.

"I thought I was in real trouble when the grip came out and I still struck," he said. "But then I was wondering if the glue (on the new grip) would set, or if I'd start thinking about it coming out again.

"I also know that just when you think Jesper's having a bad game, he'll strike out on you."

It appeared that was exactly what was about to happen. After leaving the 4-6-10 in the first frame for an open, Svensson threw the next five strikes to take the lead. Svensson was nursing a nine-pin lead after six frames when the changing lane conditions impacted both players.

"The traffic of urethane balls Jesper and Kyle were using laid down an oil track that made reading the progression difficult," Belmonte said. "You can usually see early tell-tale signs, but not this time. It got to the point I didn't know what to do."

Four consecutive single-pin spares, including a 7 pin on Svensson's first shot in the 10th frame, gave Belmonte an opening.

"In the last frame, needing two strikes to win after not striking on that lane the three previous attempts, I made two of the best shots I've ever thrown in my life," Belmonte said. "It was a good guess and even better execution.

"After Jesper left that 7 pin, I knew all I had to do was throw one more great shot," Belmonte said. "I never think I've won until I look up and see, mathematically, I've won."

Working on a strike in the ninth frame, Belmonte struck on his first shot in the 10th and needing only a high count on his second to lock up the title, Belmonte struck again and then he looked up at the scoreboard, confirming he had won.

With his fourth title of the 2017 season – including three majors – Belmonte became the odds-on favorite to win his fourth GEICO Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year title in the past five years. Voting will take place early in January.

The PBA Tour will return to action Jan. 23-27 when a field of 15 PBA Tour stars, led by Belmonte and defending champion EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., head to Tokyo to compete in the 2018 DHC PBA Japan Invitational.

ESPN's coverage of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX concludes next Sunday with the World Bowling Tour Women's and Men's Finals presented by the PBA at 1 p.m. EST. Competing in the women's finals will be Malaysia's Shalin Zulkifli, Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, N.Y., and top qualifier Diana Zavjalova of Latvia. Men's finalists will be Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash.; Svensson and Belmonte.

PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

National Bowling Stadium, Reno (aired on ESPN on Dec. 31)

Final Standings: 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$60,000. 2, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, \$30,000. 3, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., \$25,000. 4, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., \$20,000. 5, Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., \$15,000.

Stepladder Results: Match One – Troup def. Sanders, 248-248, 10-7 in one-ball roll-off. Match Two – Ciminelli def. Troup, 193-180. Semifinal – Belmonte def. Ciminelli, 257-257, 9-7 in one-ball roll-off. Championship – Belmonte def. Svensson, 238-225.