

## **PBA Tour Begins Points Race to PBA Playoffs in Season Opener**

*PBA Hall of Fame Classic kicks off 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule*

**ARLINGTON, Texas (Jan. 3, 2019)** – As the Professional Bowlers Association kicked off its 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season Thursday with the first round of qualifying in the PBA Hall of Fame Classic at the International Research and Training Center, the race to qualify for the new PBA Playoffs that will be held in April in Portland, Maine, officially begins.

During the 2019 season, competition points will be awarded to all players in all PBA Tour events that are open to all players, with point values varying according to a three-tier system under a new system being introduced this season. Under the tier system, Tier 1 tournaments are major championships, Tier 2 events are standard PBA Tour events, and Tier 3 are limited field or abbreviated format events.

Here's how the points system will work: Tier 3 tournaments establish the "base points" values starting with 2,500 for first place, 1,500 for second, 1,150 for third, 950 for fourth, 850 for fifth, etc. Points decline based upon how a player finishes in the event, but all players in the tournament will earn points. For Tier 2 events, the points values are doubled. For Tier 1 championship events, points will be worth three times the base value (i.e., 7,500 for first place, 4,500 for second, etc.) For a complete summary of the PBA's competition points structure and tier values per tournament, visit: <https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/PointsList/114?list=1>.

The PBA Hall of Fame Classic, which launches the PBA Tour's historic season of television coverage by FOX Sports on its FOX and FS1 channels, will be the first event to offer points. The HOF Classic, which airs live on FS1 Sunday at 11 a.m. EST, is designated as a Tier 3 event because it includes a limited field (70 players) and an abbreviated format (six qualifying games for all players Thursday and Friday plus another six qualifying games for the top 18 on Saturday to determine Sunday's top five stepladder finalists). All qualifying rounds will be live-streamed by PBA's online streaming partner, FloBowling.

The FOX Sports portion of the 2019 schedule, concluding with the USBC Masters, will be the basis for qualifying for the PBA Playoffs. Of the 24 qualifiers, the top eight players will earn first round byes for the single-elimination match play playoffs which will reward the winner with a \$100,000 prize.

Competition points also will be important for other reasons:

- Points earned during the summer tour's USBC Cup series will qualify players for the end-of-season PBA China Tiger Cup;
- Points earned in 2019 will qualify players for invitations to the 2020 DHC PBA Japan Invitational;
- The 2019 competition points champion will win the Harry Smith Competition Points award;
- 2019 points will be considered in selecting the 2019 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year and Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year.
- Composite points from 2018 and 2019 will determine the field for the 2019 PBA Tour Finals.

The Hall of Fame Classic field of 70 was filled during a six-game Pro Tour Qualifier at the IRTC on Tuesday. Players who advanced into the tournament proper are Canada's Mitch Hupé with 1,493 pins, rookie Greg Young of Viera, Fla., 1,360; Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,352; Justin Wyman, Fairport, N.Y., 1,336, and Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1,283.

### **TIER STRUCTURE FOR PBA ON FOX TOURNAMENTS**

Jan. 2-6 – PBA Hall of Fame Classic, Arlington, Texas (Tier 3).

Jan. 8-13 – PBA Oklahoma Open, Shawnee, Okla. (Tier 2).  
 Jan. 8-13 - Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship, Shawnee, Okla. (Tier 3).  
 Jan. 22-27 – PBA Lubbock Sports Open, Lubbock, Texas (Tier 2).  
 Feb. 5-10 – PBA Tournament of Champions, Fairlawn, Ohio (Tier 1).  
 Feb. 12-17 – PBA Players Championship, Columbus, Ohio (Tier 1).  
 Feb. 19-24 – Go Bowling! PBA Indianapolis Open, Indianapolis (Tier 2).  
 Feb. 26-March 3 – Go Bowling! PBA Jonesboro Open, Jonesboro, Ark. (Tier 2).  
 March 12, 18 – PBA World Series of Bowling X Cheetah Championship, Allen Park, Mich. (Tier 3).  
 March 13, 19 - PBA World Series of Bowling X Chameleon Championship, Allen Park, Mich. (Tier 3).  
 March 14, 20 - PBA World Series of Bowling X Scorpion Championship, Allen Park, Mich. (Tier 3).  
 March 12-16, 21 - PBA World Series of Bowling PBA World Championship, Allen Park, Mich. (Tier 1).  
 March 26-April 1 – USBC Masters, Las Vegas (Tier 1).

#### **TIER STRUCTURE FOR PBA SUMMER TOUR/USBC CUP TOURNAMENTS**

July 25-28 – Storm PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, Houston, Texas (Tier 3).  
 Aug. 9-11 – Chesapeake Open, Chesapeake, Va. (Tier 3).  
 Aug. 12-14 – Wilmington Open, Wilmington, N.C. (Tier 3).  
 Aug. 16-18 – Gene Carter’s Pro Shop Open, Middletown, Del. (Tier 3).  
 Aug. 21-23 – Bowlerstore Classic presented by Moxy’s Xtra Pair, Coldwater, Ohio (Tier 3).  
 Aug. 24-31 – FloBowling PBA Wolf Open, Aurora, Ill. (Tier 3).  
 Aug. 24-31 – FloBowling PBA Bear Open, Aurora, Ill. (Tier 3).  
 Aug. 24-31 – FloBowling PBA Aurora Open, Parkside Lanes, Aurora, Ill. (Tier 2).

#### **TIER STRUCTURE FOR PBA FALL TOUR EVENTS**

Sept. 4-9 – Storm Lucky Larsen Masters, Helsingborg, Sweden (Tier 3).  
 Sept. 27-Oct. 4 – Thailand Open, Bangkok, Thailand (Tier 3).  
 Oct. 23-30 – U.S. Open, Mooresville, N.C. (Tier 1).  
 Oct. 31-Nov. 6 – Kuwait Open, Kuwait City, Kuwait (Tier 3).

### **Jakob Butturff Holds Early First Round Lead in PBA Hall of Fame Classic**

*First live FS1 telecast of 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season set for Sunday*

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Butturff, who is trying for his fifth career PBA Tour title, rolled games of 244, 279, 266, 226, 269 and 267 to cruise to a 141-pin lead over EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Ind., after half of the 70-player field had completed its first round. The second half of the field bowls its six-game round at 5 p.m. EST.

Squad B bowls its second six-game qualifying round Friday at 10 a.m.; Squad A will complete its qualifying at 5 p.m. The top 18 bowlers then will bowl a third six-game qualifying round Saturday at 10 a.m., after which the top five players will advance to Sunday’s 11 a.m. FS1 stepladder finals. All preliminary qualifying rounds are being live-streamed on FloBowling.com.

Fans also can follow the tournament as it happens on [pba.com](https://www.pba.com/PBALiveScoring?TournamentID=2755)’s live scoring feature (<https://www.pba.com/PBALiveScoring?TournamentID=2755>).

## **PBA HALL OF FAME CLASSIC**

**International Training and Research Center, Arlington, Texas, Thursday**

### **Early First Round Standings (after six games, A squad only; B squad competes later Thursday)**

- 1, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 1,551.
- 2, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 1,410.
- 3, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,360.
- 4, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 1,348.
- 5, Jason Sterner, Fayetteville, Ga., 1,316.
- 6, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 1,313.
- 7, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 1,306.
- 8, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,303.
- 9, Sam Cooley, Australia, 1,295.
- 10 (tie), Thomas Larsen, Denmark, and Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,274.
- 12, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,271.
- 13, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 1,270.
- 14 (tie), Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., and Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,259.
- 16, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 1,257.
- 17, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 1,253.
- 18, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 1,252.
- 19, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 1,251.
- 20, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,234.
- 21, Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 1,224.
- 22, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,218.
- 23, Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 1,217.
- 24, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 1,191.
- 25, Daria Pajak, Poland, 1,190.
- 26, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,189.
- 27 (tie), Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., and Richie Teece, England, 1,179.
- 29, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 1,166.
- 30, Justin Wyman, Fairport, N.Y., 1,157.
- 31, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 1,155.
- 32, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 1,148.
- 33, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,136.
- 34, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 1,135.
- 35, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,103.

Jakob Butturff Averages to 258 to Lead PBA Hall of Fame Classic First-Round Qualifying

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Butturff, who is trying for his fifth career PBA Tour title, rolled games of 244, 279, 266, 226, 269 and 267 for a 1,551 pinfall total in cruising to a 135-pin lead over Australian two-handed star Jason Belmonte, who finished the opening six-game qualifying round with a 1,416 total. EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Ind., was third with 1,410 pins followed by Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., with a 1,383 total and Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., with 1,360 pins.

"I had a really good year in 2018 and what I want to do is prove to everyone that I can keep it going," Butturff said. "I found the lane conditions today very much like the PBA 60th Anniversary Classic last year, which I won. If I'm on a lane condition where I see early hook, that fits my game perfectly. That's what I saw today, and I just kept it going."

Squad B returns to bowl its second six-game qualifying round Friday at 10 a.m.; Squad A will complete its qualifying at 5 p.m. The top 18 bowlers after 12 games will bowl a third six-game round Saturday at 10 a.m. to determine the top five players for Sunday's live FS1 stepladder finals on FS1 at 11 a.m. EST.

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- 5, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,360.
- 6, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 1,358.
- 7, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 1,348.
- 8, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 1,335.
- 9, Stuart Williams, England, 1,322.
- 10, Rhino Page, Orlando, 1,320.
- 11, Jason Sterner, Fayetteville, Ga., 1,316.
- 12, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 1,313.
- 13, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 1,306.
- 14, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,303.
- 15, Sam Cooley, Australia, 1,295.

16, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 1,288.  
17, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 1,286.  
18, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 1,281.  
19 (tie), Thomas Larsen, Denmark, and Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,274.  
21, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,271.  
22, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 1,270.  
23, Anthony Pepe, East Elmhurst, N.Y., 1,266.  
24 (tie), Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., and Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,259.  
26, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 1,257.  
27, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,256.  
28 (tie), Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, and DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 1,253.  
30, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 1,252.  
31 (tie), Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., and Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 1,251.  
33 (tie), Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., and Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 1,248.  
35, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,242.  
36, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 1,241.  
37 (tie), Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, and Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,234.  
39, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,227.  
40, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,226.  
41, Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 1,224.  
42, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,218.  
43, Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 1,217.  
44, Dom Barrett, England, 1,209.  
45, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,207.  
46, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 1,206.  
47, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,205.  
48, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 1,194.  
49, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,193.  
50, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 1,191.  
51 (tie), Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., and Daria Pajak, Poland, 1,190.  
53, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,189.  
54, Mitch Hupe, Canada, 1,181.  
55 (tie), Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., and Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1,180.  
57 (tie), Francois Lavoie, Canada; Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., and Richie Teece, England, 1,179.  
60, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 1,166.  
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65, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,136.  
66, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 1,135.  
67, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 1,133.  
68, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,103.  
69, Kenneth Bland Jr., San Antonio, Texas, 1,090.  
70, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 1,070.

## PBA Spare Shots

### NEWLY RE-DRESSED PBA SEMI TRAILERS READY TO ROLL ACROSS AMERICA

If you are cruising America's interstate highways in the months ahead, you may get a glimpse of the PBA's newly re-dressed 18-wheel billboards, a pair of rolling tributes to the stars of the PBA, the major media outlets that will bring the world's best bowlers to the public in the months ahead, and some of the PBA's key business partners.

The PBA semis will travel from Maine to California, making 19 stops in between for Go Bowling! PBA Tour events and visiting another 12 cities for PBA50 Tour tournaments. The pair of 53-foot trailers each will transport roughly 25 tons of players' equipment and resources necessary to conduct a professional bowling tournament. The trailers also include the PBA's mobile pro shop which serves between 150 and 300 bowlers each week, drilling between 200 and 300 bowling balls per event.

If you happen to see a PBA semi, honk and wave. It's a great way to let the driver know you're following the PBA.

### WATCH THE PBA HALL OF FAME INDUCTIONS SATURDAY EVENING ON FLOBOWLING

PBA fans are invited to watch the PBA Hall of Fame induction ceremonies that will take place Saturday evening at the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame in Arlington, Texas, live on FloBowling, starting at 7:45 p.m. EST.

Entering the PBA Hall of Fame will be PBA Tour champions **Patrick Allen** of South Salem, N.Y., and **Mika Koivuniemi** of Finland for superior performance along with veteran bowling journalist **Bob Johnson** of Las Vegas and long-time Indianapolis tournament host **Jim Doty**.

The ceremonies also will recognize 2018 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year **Andrew Anderson** of Holly, Mich.; Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year **Kamron Doyle** of Brentwood, Tenn.; Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award recipient **Tom Smallwood** of Saginaw, Mich., and Tony Reyes Memorial Community Service Award recipient **Chris Barnes** of Double Oak, Texas.

For FloBowling subscription information, visit [FloBowling.com](http://FloBowling.com).

### PBA STARS CHRIS BARNES, TOMMY JONES END LONG-TIME ROLES ON TEAM USA

PBA tour stars **Tommy Jones** of Simpsonville, S.C., and **Chris Barnes** of Double Oak, Texas, have mutually announced the 2018 World Bowling Men's Championships in Hong Kong marked their last as members of Team USA after a combined 27 years as members of the team.

Barnes, a 48-year-old right-hander, is a 16-time Team USA member, while Jones, a 40-

year-old right-hander, has made 11 appearances on the team. Jones also spent one year on Junior Team USA.

Barnes, a 2018 PBA Hall of Fame inductee who also will join the USBC Hall of Fame in 2019, and Jones have won dozens of medals competing for Team USA, including three five-player team gold medals (2008, 2010 and 2017) and one doubles title (2017). The duo will be recognized during a special Team USA celebration at the 2019 USBC Convention in Las Vegas April 29-May 2.

### **POPULAR PBA TOURNAMENT HOST, JOURNALIST RED BURNHAM DIES**

**Clinton George (Red) Burnham**, a long-time PBA Tour tournament host as manager of Bradley Bowl in Windsor Locks, Conn., and a well-known bowling journalist, has died. The Tariffville, Conn., resident was 89.

Burnham was active with the National Guard while he was working as a sportswriter and photographer for the Hartford Times. His bowling column, "Knock on Wood", ran for more than 50 years. He managed Simsbury Lanes before moving over to Bradley Bowl where he brought the PBA Tour to Windsor Locks with the help of his friend, **Ken West**.

Services were held at the Vincent Funeral Home in Simsbury, Conn., on Jan. 4. In lieu of flowers, the family requested that memorial donations may be made to the Special Olympics, 1133 19th Street NW, 12th Floor, Washington, DC 20036-3604. Friends are invited to visit Burnham's "Book of Memories" at [www.vincentfuneralhome.com](http://www.vincentfuneralhome.com) for online condolences.

### **PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: PBA50 EVENT IN CALIFORNIA NEXT UP**

PBA Regional competition resumes in the new year over the Jan. 11-13 weekend with the PBA50 Patton Amusement and Genesis Western Open presented by Ebonite at West Valley Bowl in Tracey, Calif.

- The PBA Central and Southwest Regions will hold their first events of 2019 over the Jan. 18-20 weekend. Legend Lanes in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, will host the PBA/PBA50 Don Vay Memorial Central Doubles while South Plains Lanes in Lubbock, Texas, hosts the Lubbock Sports Southwest Open presented by Ebonite.
- The only regional event on top for the Jan. 26-27 weekend is the PBA Japan Region's Roto Grip Cup and Shark Open at PBA Fuji Bowl in Iruma, Japan.
- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit [pba.com](http://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](http://pba.com) (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

### **QUICK NOTES:**

- Matchroom Multi Sport COO **Emily Frazer** has announced that England's **Dom Barrett** will captain the European team while PBA Hall of Famer **Chris Barnes** of Double Oak, Texas, will be captain of the United States team in the Weber Cup's first

visit to the U.S., June 18-21, at Mandalay Bay Resort in Las Vegas. Team members will be announced later. Fans can follow @WeberCup on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to get all the latest news.

#### Televised 300 Game Means "Go Bowling Free America" for PBA Fans

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CHICAGO – A new "Go Bowling Free America" promotion by GoBowling.com will reward PBA fans with a free game of bowling at any participating Bowling Proprietors' Association of America bowling center if a PBA player rolls a 300 game during a FOX or FS1 telecast of any Go Bowling! PBA Tour final in 2019.

To obtain the free game of bowling coupon in the event of a perfect game on TV, fans must pre-register to receive the coupon by email (visit: [https://woobox.com/om2wkt?source=YOUR\\_SOURCE\\_NAME](https://woobox.com/om2wkt?source=YOUR_SOURCE_NAME)). The free game offer will apply if any player bowls a perfect game during any FOX or FS1 nationally-televised PBA Tour finals during the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season.

The first telecast of the season will be the finals of the PBA Hall of Fame Classic Sunday on FS1 at 11 a.m. EST from the International Training and Research Center in Arlington, Texas.

In addition to the free game coupon promotion, all participating BPAA-member centers across America received complimentary posters promoting the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule. The promotions are being done in concert with the FOX Sport-PBA #Chasing300" rallying theme for the new season.

During the 2019 season, the bowling family will see a variety of marketing initiatives emerge under the umbrella of #Chasing300, including a \$1 million bonus prize being offered to any player bowling a 300 game in the championship match of one of the following 2019 PBA on FOX events: the PBA Tournament of Champions, PBA Players Championship, PBA Indianapolis Open and WSOB PBA World Championship.

#### Red-Hot Jakob Butturff Dominates PBA Hall of Fame Classic Qualifying

Top 18 players advance to final qualifying round; live FS1 finals set for Sunday at 11 a.m. EST

ARLINGTON, Texas (Jan. 4, 2019) – Jakob Butturff, the unorthodox 24-year-old left-hander from Tempe, Ariz., continued his torrid scoring pace, threatening the Professional Bowlers Association's 12-game scoring record as he dominated qualifying in the PBA Hall of Fame Classic Friday at the International Training and Research Center.

The Hall of Fame Classic is the opening event of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season.

After averaging 258 for his first six qualifying games Thursday, Butturff he nearly duplicated that performance Friday, starting the second round with games of 238, 259, 255, 263 and 268. Needing to finish with a 249 game to break the PBA 12-game record of 3,083 pins set by PBA Hall of Famer Mike Aulby in Baltimore, Md., in 1996, Butturff closed with a 197 (his only sub-200 game of the tournament) for a 3,031 pinfall total and a 175-pin lead over four-time PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia who had 2,856 pins.

"I came up short of the record, but a record's a record, and winning a title is just as important. When I bowl, I always put my foot down," Butturff said. "I may lead by 300 pins, but I'm never going to let my opponent think it's a gimme. I have a pretty comfortable lead, but I'm still going to give it the best I've got. I know the other guys are capable of putting up big numbers."

Rounding out the top five were Jason Sterner, Fayetteville, Ga., and Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., who were tied for third with 2,756 pins, and Rhino Page, Orlando, with a 2,749 total.

The top 18 bowlers after 12 games will bowl a third six-game round Saturday morning to determine the top five players for Sunday's live FS1 stepladder finals on FS1 at 11 a.m. EST.

Saturday's final qualifying round will be being live-streamed on FloBowling.com at 10 a.m. EST, followed by coverage of the PBA Hall of Fame induction ceremonies Saturday at 7:45 p.m. EST. Fans also can follow Saturday's qualifying round as it happens on pba.com's live scoring feature: (<https://www.pba.com/PBALiveScoring?TournamentID=2755>).

## PBA HALL OF FAME CLASSIC

International Training and Research Center, Arlington, Texas, Friday

Second Round Standings (after 12 games, top 18 players advance)

- 1, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 3,031.
- 2, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2,856.
- 3 (tie), Jason Sterner, Fayetteville, Ga., and Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,756.
- 5, Rhino Page, Orlando, 2,749.
- 6, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 2,740.
- 7, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 2,736.
- 8, Sam Cooley, Australia, 2,691.
- 9 (tie), Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., and Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2,663.
- 11, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 2,645.
- 12, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 2,636.
- 13, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 2,620.

- 14, Stuart Williams, England, 2,617.
- 15, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,605.
- 16, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 2,592.
- 17, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 2,591.
- 18, x-Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 2,590.

Failed to advance:

- 19, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 2,590.
- 20, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2,576.
- 21, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 2,569.
- 22, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,565.
- 23, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2,561.
- 24 (tie), Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., and Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 2,557.
- 26, Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 2,544.
- 27 (tie), Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, and Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 2,536.
- 29, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 2,531.
- 30, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 2,530.
- 31, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 2,520.
- 32 (tie), Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., and AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 2,519.
- 34, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,517.
- 35, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 2,505.
- 36, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 2,493.
- 37 (tie), Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., and Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 2,492.
- 39, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 2,491.
- 40, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 2,487.
- 41, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 2,484.
- 42, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 2,483.
- 43, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 2,473.
- 44, Allan Smith, Killeen, Texas, 2,449.
- 45 (tie), Mitch Hupe, Canada; Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., and Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 2,443.
- 48, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 2,442.
- 49, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,438.
- 50, Dom Barrett, England, 2,437.
- 51 (tie), Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., and Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,436.
- 53, Anthony Pepe, East Elmhurst, N.Y., 2,431.
- 54, Richie Teece, England, 2,419.
- 55, Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 2,417.
- 56, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 2,416.
- 57, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,414.
- 58, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 2,403.
- 59, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 2,391.
- 60, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 2,379.
- 61, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 2,370.
- 62, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 2,360.
- 63, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2,339.
- 64, Daria Pajak, Poland, 2,310.
- 65, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,304.
- 66, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 2,289.
- 67, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 2,268.
- 68, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 2,239.
- 69, Justin Wyman, Fairport, N.Y., 2,224.

70, Kenneth Bland Jr., San Antonio, Texas, 2,181.

x- Troup def. Larsen, 218-211, in a one-game roll-off to break a tie for 18th place.

300 Game: EJ Tackett.

## **Televised 300 Game Means “Go Bowling Free America” for Nation’s Bowling Fans**

*Reward for perfect game applies to any 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour telecast on FOX or FS1*

**CHICAGO** – A new “Go Bowling Free America” promotion by GoBowling.com will reward PBA fans, league and casual bowlers across America, with a free game of bowling at any participating Strike Ten Entertainment (STE) bowling center if a PBA player rolls a 300 game during a FOX or FS1 telecast of any Go Bowling! PBA Tour final in 2019.

To obtain the free game of bowling coupon in the event of a perfect game on TV, fans must pre-register to receive the coupon by email (visit: [www.gobowling.com/BowlFreeAmerica](http://www.gobowling.com/BowlFreeAmerica)). The free game offer will apply if any player bowls a perfect game during any FOX or FS1 nationally-televised PBA Tour finals during the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season.

The first telecast of the season will be the finals of the PBA Hall of Fame Classic Sunday on FS1 at 11 a.m. EST from the International Training and Research Center in Arlington, Texas.

In addition to the free game coupon promotion, all participating STE-member centers across America received complimentary posters promoting the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule. The promotions are being done in concert with the FOX Sport-PBA #Chasing300” rallying theme for the new season. A list of participating STE centers can be found through the GoBowling.com search engine.

During the 2019 season, the bowling family will see a variety of marketing initiatives emerge under the umbrella of #Chasing300, including a \$1 million bonus prize being offered to any player bowling a 300 game in the championship match of one of the following 2019 PBA on FOX events: the PBA Tournament of Champions, PBA Players Championship, PBA Indianapolis Open and WSOB PBA World Championship.

## **Jakob Butturff Hangs on to Top Berth for PBA Hall of Fame Classic Finals**

*First Go Bowling! PBA Tour title of 2019 season to be decided live on FS1 Sunday at 11 a.m. EST*

**ARLINGTON, Texas (Jan. 5, 2019)** – Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., held off a hard-charging Jason Belmonte of Australia to earn the top berth for Sunday’s Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Fame Classic finals at the International Training and Research Center.

The finals will air live on FOX Sports’ FS1 channel at 11 a.m. EST. The Hall of Fame Classic will be the first title decided in the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season.

Butturff, a 24-year-old left-hander who is trying for his fifth PBA Tour title, led the tournament through all three qualifying rounds, finishing with an 18-game total of 4,284 pins, 11 ahead of Belmonte. After scoring at a 252 clip for the first 12 games, Butturff slowed down Saturday, rolling games of 268, 214, 215, 138, 215 and 203 while Belmonte steadily closed in. A split in the 10th frame, which he converted, prevent Belmonte from overtaking the young left-hander.

"It was a bit of a struggle today. There were fewer bowlers and a different crossing pattern, so things were different," Butturff said. "But I was able to hold on to the lead and tomorrow's a different day."

Belmonte, who finished with 4,273 pins, wasn't dismayed. The Australian two-hander and four-time PBA Player of the Year had games of 185, 260, 247, 228, 253 and 244 to close the gap.

"I got off to a slow start, but I bowled well after that," the 18-time titlist said. "I have no goals this year; I'm just going to try to be the best bowler I can every week. I want to be bowler of the year again, but if I start to focus on things like that, I get in my own way. If I bowl my best, good things will happen." Rounding out the top five are Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., who finished with 4,111 pins; Swedish two-hander Jesper Svensson with a 4,091 total and veteran left-hander Rhino Page of Orlando with 4,076 pins.

The GoBowling! PBA Tour's next events will be the PBA Oklahoma Open and Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla. Qualifying, which will run concurrently for both events, begins Tuesday. FloBowling will live-stream all qualifying rounds. The finals of the Oklahoma Open will air live on FS1 on Sunday, Jan. 13, at 11 a.m. EST. The Roth-Holman Doubles finals will air on FS1 on Sunday, Jan. 20, at 1 p.m. EST.

## **PBA HALL OF FAME CLASSIC**

**International Training and Research Center, Arlington, Texas, Saturday**

### **Final Qualifying Standings (after 18 games, top five advance to Sunday's FS1 stepladder finals)**

- 1, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 4,284.
- 2, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 4,273.
- 3, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 4,111.
- 4, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 4,091.
- 5, Rhino Page, Orlando, 4,076.
- 6, Jason Sterner, Fayetteville, Ga., 4,022, \$4,800.
- 7, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 3,980, \$4,300.
- 8, Sam Cooley, Australia, 3,971, \$3,900.
- 9, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 3,970, \$3,600.
- 10, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 3,930, \$3,400.
- 11, Stuart Williams, England, 3,884, \$3,200.
- 12, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 3,881, \$3,000.
- 13, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 3,871, \$2,800.
- 14, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 3,863, \$2,600.
- 15, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 3,842, \$2,400.
- 16, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 3,827, \$2,200.
- 17, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 3,822, \$2,100.
- 18, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 3,810, \$2,000.

**300 Game:** Bill O'Neill.

## **PBA Hall of Fame Welcomes Four New Members**

*International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame hosts first induction ceremonies*

**ARLINGTON, Texas (Jan. 5, 2019)** – There was no more appropriate place to welcome the Professional Bowlers Association's four newest Hall of Fame members than the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame itself, and that's exactly what happened Saturday when Finland's Mika Koivuniemi; Patrick Allen of South Salem, N.Y.; Jim Doty of Indianapolis, and Bob Johnson of Las Vegas joined the PBA's elite.

The first induction ceremonies ever held within the IBM/HF itself were part of the PBA Hall of Fame Classic weekend which concludes Sunday with the PBA's first live stepladder finals telecast on FOX Sport's FS1 channel at 11 a.m. EST. The HOF Classic is the first tournament of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season.

But Saturday night was for coats and ties, and cocktail dresses, as two decorated PBA Tour champions, a long-time PBA tournament host and an award-winning bowling journalist were honored for their highly successful careers contributions to professional bowling. It was a ceremony filled with good humor, serious appreciation and moments of emotion.

### **MIKA KOIVUNIEMI**

Koivuniemi, who now resides in the United Arab Emirates where he is coaching the UAE national bowling team, is a 14-time PBA Tour champion who earned his nickname – Major Mika – after winning two majors before he won his first “standard” PBA Tour title. In his first PBA television appearance, he defeated PBA star Pete Weber by a single pin to win the 2000 USBC Masters. A year later he won the U.S. Open, and he claimed the crown jewel of his PBA career in 2011, when he won the \$250,000 first prize in the \$1 million PBA Tournament of Champions.

“I have sat in these ceremonies many times and don't remember what anyone said,” Koivuniemi began, “so I thought, how can I do something people will remember? Maybe give my speech in Finnish. Or maybe with my accent, they won't remember anyway.

“I've very proud to be the first European elected to the PBA Hall of Fame,” he continued on a more serious note. “In 1995, I decided to come to the U.S. to see how good I was.”

He related how after one early failure, PBA member Mike Miller offered him some advice that stuck.

“Mike Miller said to me, you have to get better or you'll go back home in a year,” Koivuniemi said. “I decided to work harder.”

### **PATRICK ALLEN**

Allen, a 13-time PBA Tour title winner, won PBA's 2004-05 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year after becoming the second player in PBA history to finish among the top five in all four PBA majors during the same season – finishing second in the USBC Masters and U.S. Open, fifth in the PBA Tournament of Champions and winning the PBA World Championship.

"To make it into the hall of fame on the first ballot was a thrill," Allen said. "Seventeen years later, it was like it all happened in a flash. But here we are. The day comes when you have to say when. It's painful, but it's great to be back among my friends tonight." Allen also had special words for his presenter, fellow PBA Hall of Famer Doug Kent.

"Doug was responsible for two careers: his own and mine," Allen said. "He told me I had to learn the technical side of the sport, and then he taught me."

### **JIM DOTY**

Doty is general manager of Royal Pin Leisure centers, the Indianapolis chain that includes long-time PBA host Woodland Bowl. Under his leadership, Woodland Bowl has hosted PBA events over a span of 20 years, including the U.S. Open, PBA Touring Players Championship, USBC Masters, PBA World Championship, PBA Tournament of Champions and PBA League Elias Cup finals among other events. Woodland Bowl is the only center to host all five PBA major Championships.

"It's been close to 40 years we've been hosting tournaments, and I've got a lot of stuff on some of you," he said jokingly to the numerous PBA players in the room.

"It's been a labor of love," he said, "but if it wasn't for my dedicated staff, we'd never host the PBA. I can't put into words how important this is to me. It's amazing the talent the players have; you have to love having these guys come to our place."

"Randy Pedersen once called Woodland Bowl the Yankee Stadium of bowling, and he's right. The list of players who have grown up here is a long one. It's great to know all of the people who know us as the place where the pros bowl. I'm proud of that."

### **BOB JOHNSON**

Johnson began his journey into bowling journalism at age 15 and eventually served as editor of four national bowling magazines, winning 75 national writing awards for his news, feature and editorial compositions, many of which directly involved the PBA. Currently Senior Editor of Bowlers Journal International and editor of the BJI Cyber Report, he is a recipient of both the International Bowling Media Association's Luby Hall of Fame Award and the Mid-America Bowling Writers Golden Quill Award.

To mark the occasion, Johnson and his wife Michelle purchased a commemorative brick for the sidewalk outside the IGM/HF, wrote a check to the breast cancer charity of PBA staffer Mary von Krueger's charity of choice and donated the cost of his Hall of Fame ring to BVL, bowling's official charity in support of the nation's military veterans.

"I'm not a ring guy," Johnson said, "except for this one (pointing to his wedding ring)."

"I learned that one of the secrets to bringing a story to life is what you put between the commas," he noted. "I've always tried to write the best stories I can. I doesn't always work... Telling PBA players' stories has been a real pleasure and I hope I can continue doing it for many more years."

Also recognized during the ceremonies were 2018 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year Andrew Anderson of Holly, Mich.; Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year Kamron Doyle of Brentwood, Tenn.; PBA Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award winner Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., and PBA Tony Reyes Memorial Community Service Award recipient Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas.

## **Bill O'Neill Becomes Hall of Fame Eligible with Win in PBA Hall of Fame Classic,**

*Go Bowling! PBA Tour makes its 2019 debut live on FOX Sports' FS1 channel*

**ARLINGTON, Texas (Jan. 6, 2019)** – Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., defeated top qualifier Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., 199-194, to win the Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Fame Classic title at the International Training and Research Center Sunday and in the process became title-eligible for election to the PBA Hall of Fame in the future.

The finals aired live on FOX Sports' FS1 channel in the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour's debut event in its new multi-year television agreement with FOX.

O'Neill, after throwing 17 strikes on 22 attempt in eliminating Sweden's Jesper Svensson, 258-219, and Australia's Jason Belmonte, 268-188, struggled through his first four frames of the title match before throwing four strikes in a row to take the lead against Butturff, who missed two spare attempts. Butturff's failure to convert the 4-7 in the ninth frame proved to be the difference.

"It might have appeared on TV that I got super nervous (early in the title match), but actually I was really calm," O'Neill said. "I just made a bad shot and got a little out of rhythm, so in the third frame we talked about trying another ball. I wanted to try one more hand position change, and I made what I thought was a pretty good shot, but I left the 7-10, so I switched balls and I was good to go.

"It was one of those things," he continued. "When it's your day, it's your day. I believed in myself. I believed in my game plan. I've been on TV enough to know things happen fast and you have to stick with your plan, and you go down with the ship."

With his 10th title, O'Neill will be eligible for the 2025 PBA Hall of Fame ballot, his 20th year of PBA membership. But reaching the title-eligible part of the criteria was the key step.

"Anyone in my position who says he isn't thinking about it would be a liar," O'Neill added. "To become Hall of Fame eligible in the Hall of Fame Classic is pretty cool, but I'm not done yet. I'm ready to keep going."

In the opening match, Svensson defeated Rhino Page of Orlando, Fla., 201-198.

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### **PBA HALL OF FAME CLASSIC**

**International Training and Research Center, Arlington, Texas, Sunday**

#### **Final Standings**

1, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., \$25,000.

2, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., \$13,000.

- 3, Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$8,000.
- 4, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, \$7,000.
- 5, Rhino Page, Orlando, \$6,000.

**Playoff Results:**

Match One: Svensson def. Page, 201-198.  
Match Two: O'Neill def. Svensson, 258-219.  
Semifinal Match: O'Neill def. Belmonte, 268-188.  
Championship: O'Neill def. Butturff, 199-194.

Sweden's Jesper Svensson Averages 259 to Lead

PBA Oklahoma Open First Round

Svensson and Kyle Troup lead Roth-Holman Doubles after first round

SHAWNEE, Okla. (Jan. 8, 2019) – Seven-time Go Bowling! Professional Bowlers Association Tour winner Jesper Svensson of Sweden averaged 259 for seven games to lead after the first round of the PBA Oklahoma Open Tuesday at the FireLake Bowling Center.

The two-handed left-hander bowled an 1,814 pinfall total with games of 237, 275, 299, 268, 228, 257 and 250 to hold a 70-pin lead over four-time tour winner Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., who finished the round in second with a 1,740 pinfall.

"That was crazy," said the 23-year-old Svensson, who won the 2016 PBA Tournament of Champions in Shawnee. "I didn't have a bad game and I really only had a few bad shots. Everything was working the way I wanted it to."

Svensson won twice in 2017 but failed to win in 2018 with best tour finishes of second in the PBA Tournament of Champions and third in the PBA Tour Finals. He finished fourth in the PBA Hall of Fame Classic 2019 season opener last Sunday in Arlington, Texas.

"Since the second half of last year I've been struggling with my mental game," Svensson added. "I've worked with a coach to help improve my focus and I feel like I'm in a good place with that now. The goal is to recognize when you're in a good flow or rhythm and stay in that moment."

Butturff, who finished second in the Hall of Fame Classic, had games of 216, 227, 258, 266, 256, 239 and 278 in the first round.

Qualifying continues Wednesday with the second seven-game qualifying round after which the field will be cut to the top 24 players for a casher's round Thursday morning. The top 16 players after the cashers round will advance to the first match play round Thursday afternoon and the second match play round Friday morning that will determine the top five for the stepladder finals which will air live on FS1 Sunday at 11 a.m. ET (10 a.m. CT).

The qualifying rounds of the Oklahoma Open also determine the standings for the Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship. After Wednesday's qualifying round, the top 12 doubles team will advance to two Baker format match play rounds on Friday and Saturday that will determine the top five doubles teams for the taped FS1 telecast at 1:30 p.m. ET (12:30 p.m. CT) on Sunday. The Doubles Championship will air on FS1 Jan. 20 at 1 p.m. ET (noon CT).

Svensson and three-time tour winner Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C., who teamed up to win the 2017 Roth-Holman Doubles Championship, lead after the first round with a 3,471 combined seven-game pinfall total holding a 117-pin lead over Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill. and Matt Ogle of Louisville, Ky., who finished with 3,354.

All preliminary rounds of the Oklahoma Open and Roth-Holman Doubles Championship are live-streamed on FloBowling.com.

## PBA OKLAHOMA OPEN

FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla., Tuesday

### First Round Standings (after 7 games)

- 1, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 1,814.
- 2, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 1,740.
- 3, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 1,739.
- 4, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,714.
- 5, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,713.
- 5, Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 1,713.
- 7, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, Nev., 1,711.
- 8, Dom Barrett, England, 1,708.
- 9, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 1,697.
- 10, (tie) Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, and Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1,675.
- 12, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,660.
- 13, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,657.
- 14, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 1,655.
- 15, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 1,647.

16, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 1,642.  
17, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 1,640.  
18, Patrick Girard, Canada, 1,639.  
19, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 1,635.  
20, (tie) Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., and Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,633.  
22, Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 1,628.  
23, Sam Cooley, Australia, 1,625.  
24, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 1,622.  
25, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 1,617.  
26, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 1,613.  
27, Mitch Hupe, Canada, 1,609.  
28, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 1,604.  
29, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 1,599.  
30, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 1,594.  
31, (tie) Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., and Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 1,593.  
33, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 1,592.  
34, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 1,591.  
35, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 1,582.  
36, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,579.  
37, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,574.  
38, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 1,572.  
39, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,569.  
40, (tie) Martin Larsen, Sweden, and Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 1,566.  
42, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 1,562.  
43, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,559.  
44, (tie) Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, and Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 1,558.  
46, (tie) Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., and Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill., 1,548.  
50, Charlie Brown Jr., Grandville, Mich., 1,546.  
51, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 1,543.  
51, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,543.  
53, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,530.  
54, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 1,529.  
55, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,525.  
56, (tie) Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., and Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,524.  
58, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,522.  
59, Richie Teece, England, 1,519.  
60, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 1,518.  
61, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 1,513.  
62, (tie) Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, and Anthony Pepe, East Elmhurst, N.Y., 1,511.  
65, (tie) Arturo Quintero, Mexico, and Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,508.  
67, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 1,506.  
68, Rhino Page, Orlando, 1,505.  
69, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,504.  
70, Stuart Williams, England, 1,501.  
71, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,500.  
72, (tie) Pontus Andersson, Sweden, and Jason Sterner, Fayetteville, Ga., 1,498.  
74, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,496.  
75, Stephen Pavlinko, Sewell, N.J., 1,494.  
76, Austin Boulds, Creal Springs, Ill., 1,491.  
77, (tie) Blake Demore, Springfield, Mo., and Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 1,490.  
79, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 1,485.

- 80, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 1,479.
- 81, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,466.
- 82, (tie) Allan Smith, Killeen, Texas, and David Krol, Nixa, Mo., 1,461.
- 84, Paul Brewbaker, Taylor, Mich., 1,446.
- 85, A.J. Rice, Salem, Ala., 1,444.
- 86, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 1,442.
- 87, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 1,432.
- 88, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 1,430.
- 89, Justin Wyman, Fairport, N.Y., 1,399.
- 90, Justin Knowles, Okemos, Mich., 1,388.
- 91, Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 1,386.
- 92, Trey Ford, Bartlesville, Okla., 1,379.
- 93, Eduardo Astiazaran, Tucson, Ariz., 1,373.
- 94, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,347.
- 95, Kenneth Bland Jr., San Antonio, Texas, 1,330.
- 96, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 1,317.

#### MARK ROTH-MARSHALL HOLMAN PBA DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

First Round Standings (combined pinfall totals after 7 games)

- 1, Jesper Svensson, Sweden/Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 3,471.
- 2, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky./Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3,354.
- 3, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, Nev./Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 3,339.
- 4, Anthony Lavery-Spah, Pasadena, Texas/Sam Cooley, Australia, 3,338.
- 5, Patrick Girard, Canada/Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 3,336.
- 6, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo./Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 3,302.
- 7, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla./Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 3,268.
- 8, Dom Barrett, England/Osku Palermaa, Finland, 3,267.
- 9, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz./Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3,262.
- 10, Christopher Sloan, Ireland/Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 3,237.
- 11, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn./Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 3,218.
- 12, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C./Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 3,206.
- 13, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas/Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 3,180.
- 14, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa./Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3,176.
- 15, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill./Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 3,166.
- 16, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas/Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,164.
- 17, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill./Richie Teece, England, 3,154.
- 18, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J./Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 3,145.
- 19, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind./Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 3,141.
- 20, (tie) Charlie Brown Jr, Grandville, Mich./Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., and Andres Gomez, Colombia/Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 3,137.
- 22, (tie) AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa/Mitch Hupe, Canada, and DJ Archer, Spring, Texas/Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 3,127.
- 24, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan./Martin Larsen, Sweden, 3,114.
- 25, Rhino Page, Orlando/Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 3,104.
- 26, Arturo Quintero, Mexico/Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 3,102.
- 27, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich./Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,099.
- 28, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn./Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 3,094.
- 29, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo./Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 3,083.

30, (tie) Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio/Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., and Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio/Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 3,077.  
32, Francois Lavoie, Canada/Stuart Williams, England, 3,063.  
33, Anthony Pepe, East Elmhurst, N.Y./Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill., 3,059.  
34, Austin Boulds, Creal Springs, Ill./Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 3,039.  
35, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y./Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 3,025.  
36, Greg Young, Viera, Fla./Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 3,003.  
37, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J./Stephen Pavlinko Jr., Sewell, N.J., 3,000.  
38, A.J. Rice, Salem, Ala./Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 2,992.  
39, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas/Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 2,971.  
40, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich./Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 2,968.  
41, Jason Sterner, Fayetteville, Ga./Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2,845.  
42, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill./Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 2,830.  
43, Allan Smith, Killeen, Texas/Kenneth Bland Jr., San Antonio, Texas, 2,791.

300 games - Nicholas Pate, Darren Tang, Christopher Sloan, Zachery Wilkins

### **MLB, NFL and NASCAR Celebrities Announced for 10th CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational Presented by Go Bowling!**

**CONROE, Texas (Jan. 9, 2019)** – The Professional Bowlers Association and **Chris Paul** Family Foundation have announced a list of MLB, NFL and NASCAR celebrities and PBA stars who will participate in the 2019 CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational, presented by GoBowling!, which will return to Bowlero The Woodlands on Thursday, Jan. 17. The star-studded CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational will air on FOX on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 3 at 2 p.m. ET.

In addition to returning celebrity competitors 2018 Pro Football Hall of Fame inductee **Terrell Owens**, and 2018 American League Most Valuable Player and World Series champion **Mookie Betts**, new celebs expected to compete are Houston Astros All-Star infielder **Alex Bregman**, four-time NFL Pro Bowl quarterback **Michael Vick** and two-time Monster Energy NASCAR winner and driver of the #10 Go Bowling Ford Mustang **Aric Almirola**. Also scheduled to compete is CBS's Big Brother Season 20 star **Tyler Crispen**.

Paul, the tournament host and a nine-time NBA All-Star, is hoping to defend his doubles title with PBA Hall of Fame partner **Norm Duke** and win for the fifth time overall in the multi-format event which benefits the Chris Paul Family Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting youth, education, health, sports and social responsibility.

Other PBA stars schedule to compete include Hall of Famers **Pete Weber** and **Chris Barnes**, 2018 PBA Player of the Year **Andrew Anderson**, four-time PBA Player of the Year **Jason Belmonte**, 18-time tour winner **Tommy Jones**, 12-time winners **Sean Rash** and **EJ Tackett** and two-time winner **Kyle Troup**.

The Celebrity Invitational begins with a red carpet ceremony at 3 p.m. CT (doors open at 2:30 p.m.) on Jan. 17 at Bowlero The Woodlands (27000 I-45 N, Conroe, TX 77385) with the FOX taping of competition beginning at 4 p.m.

Three different ticket options for the CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational are available. For information and advance purchase, click on [www.pba.com/Tickets](http://www.pba.com/Tickets). The packages are as follows:

**Premium General Package - \$75** - Includes full buffet, two non-premium drink tickets and one bleacher seat.

**General Admission - \$50** - Includes one bleacher seat.

**Standing Room Only - \$25**

**CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational Past Winners:**

2018 – Norm Duke/Chris Paul

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

Jesper Svensson Averages 252 After Second Round

To Retain Lead in PBA Oklahoma Open

Svensson and Kyle Troup also retain lead in Roth-Holman Doubles after two rounds

SHAWNEE, Okla. (Jan. 9, 2019) – Sweden's Jesper Svensson continued to set the pace after the second round of qualifying in the PBA Oklahoma Open Wednesday, averaging 252 for two rounds to lead 24 players who advanced to Thursday's cashers round.

Averaging 259 after Tuesday's first round, the two-handed left-hander, who owns seven Go Bowling! PBA Tour titles, compiled a 3,529 14-game two round pinfall total. He bowled games of 236, 230, 265, 234, 258, 255 and 237 in the second round.

"When 230 is your low game you can't complain," said the 23-year-old Svensson. "My focus is good and I'm confident on every shot. I'm able to stay ahead of my game and what I need to do as the round progresses so if I don't throw a strike I'm getting nine which makes it easy to adjust from there."

Svensson holds a 101-pin lead over four-time tour winner Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., who finished with a 3,428 pinfall after the second round. Butturff had games of 234, 198, 244, 255, 278, 221 and 258 in the second round.

In what turned out to be a disappointing runner-up finish in the season-opening PBA Hall of Fame Classic last Sunday when he opened twice in the title match to lose to winner Bill O'Neill, the 24-year-old Butturff is hoping to make amends in the Oklahoma Open.

"You have to have the mindset to let it go especially when you're bowling week-in and week-out," said the 24-year-old left-hander. "I had my 15 minutes of disappointment but that's history now. All I can do is give 100 percent on every ball I throw."

Four-time PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia moved from a tie for 20th after the first round to third after bowling games of 246, 236, 245, 212, 253, 277 and 279 in the second round finishing with a 3,381 pinfall.

Svensson, Belmonte and Butturff all made the championship round in the Hall of Fame Classic.

The top 16 players after the cashers round will advance to the first match play round Thursday afternoon and the second match play round Friday morning that will determine the top five for the stepladder finals which will air live on FS1 Sunday at 11 a.m. ET (10 a.m. CT).

The qualifying rounds of the Oklahoma Open also determine the standings for the Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship.

With the conclusion of Wednesday's second round, Svensson and partner Kyle Troup continued to top Roth-Holman Doubles qualifying after two rounds with a combined 6,643 pinfall total leading 12 doubles teams advancing to two Baker format match play rounds on Friday and Saturday that will determine the top five teams for the taped FS1 telecast at 1:30 p.m. ET (12:30 p.m. CT) on Sunday. The Doubles Championship will air on FS1 Jan. 20 at 1 p.m. ET (noon CT).

All preliminary rounds of the Oklahoma Open and Roth-Holman Doubles Championship are live-streamed on FloBowling.com.

## PBA OKLAHOMA OPEN

FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla., Wednesday

Second Round Standings (after 14 games. Field cut to top 24 for Thursday's cashers round)

- 1, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 3,529.
- 2, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 3,428.
- 3, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3,381.
- 4, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 3,378.
- 5, Dom Barrett, England, 3,375.
- 6, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 3,363.
- 7, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 3,353
- 8, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3,348.
- 9, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 3,305.
- 10, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,301.
- 11, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 3,300.
- 12, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 3,298.
- 13, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, Nev., 3,284.
- 14, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 3,265.
- 15, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,249.
- 16, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 3,246.
- 17, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 3,240.
- 18, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 3,230.
- 18, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 3,230.
- 20, (tie) Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., and Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 3,227.
- 22, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 3,222.
- 23, Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 3,217.
- 24, Patrick Girard, Canada, 3,216.

Failed to advance:

- 25, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 3,212.
- 26, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 3,208.
- 27, (tie) AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., and Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 3,206.
- 29, Sam Cooley, Australia, 3,191.
- 30, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 3,179.
- 31, Mitch Hupe, Canada, 3,171.
- 32, Charlie Brown Jr, Grandville, Mich., 3,170.
- 33, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 3,169.
- 34, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 3,168.
- 35, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 3,163.
- 36, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 3,161.
- 37, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 3,160.
- 38, (tie) Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., and Andres Gomez, Colombia, 3,153.
- 40, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 3,150.
- 41, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 3,142.
- 42, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 3,135.
- 43, Stuart Williams, England, 3,133.
- 44, Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 3,130.
- 45, Rhino Page, Orlando, 3,121.
- 46, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 3,115.
- 47, (tie) Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 3,114 and Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 3,114.
- 49, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3,113.
- 50, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 3,106.
- 51, Richie Teece, England, 3,102.
- 52, Anthony Pepe, East Elmhurst, N.Y., 3,087.

- 53, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 3,084.
- 54, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 3,081.
- 55, Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill., 3,078.
- 56, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 3,065.
- 57, Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 3,063.
- 58, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 3,049.
- 59, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 3,043.
- 60, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 3,040.
- 61, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 3,036.
- 62, (tie) David Krol, Nixa, Mo., and Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 3,035.
- 64, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 3,034.
- 65, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 3,033.
- 66, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 3,028.
- 67, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 3,021.
- 68, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 3,020.
- 69, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,018.
- 70, Stephen Pavlinko, Sewell, N.J., 3,016.
- 71, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 3,014.
- 72, (tie) Greg Young, Viera, Fla., and Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 3,010.
- 74, Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 3,003.
- 75, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 3,002.
- 76, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 3,000.
- 77, A.J. Rice, Salem, Ala., 2,999.
- 78, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2,998.
- 79, (tie) Arturo Quintero, Mexico, and Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 2,997.
- 81, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 2,971.
- 82, Jason Sterner, Fayetteville, Ga., 2,941.
- 83, Justin Knowles, Okemos, Mich., 2,915.
- 84, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 2,904.
- 85, Blake Demore, Springfield, Mo., 2,896.
- 86, Paul Brewbaker II, Taylor, Mich., 2,893.
- 87, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2,880.
- 88, Austin Boulds, Creal Springs, Ill., 2,876.
- 89, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., 2,869.
- 90, Justin Wyman, Fairport, N.Y., 2,846.
- 91, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 2,816.
- 92, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 2,807.
- 93, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 2,780.
- 94, Allan Smith, Killeen, Texas, 2,750.
- 95, Eduardo Astiazaran, Tucson, Ariz., 2,723.
- 96, Kenneth Bland Jr., San Antonio, Texas, 2,643.

#### MARK ROTH-MARSHALL HOLMAN PBA DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Second Round Standings (combined pinfall totals after 14 games. Field cut to top 12 doubles teams that will advance to Friday's Baker match play rounds)

- 1, Jesper Svensson, Sweden/Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 6,643.

- 2, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas/Sam Cooley, Australia, 6,569.
- 3, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo./Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 6,544.
- 4, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz./Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 6,541.
- 5, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa./Jason Belmonte, Australia, 6,534.
- 6, Dom Barrett, England/Osku Palermaa, Finland, 6,517.
- 7, Patrick Girard, Canada/Zachary Wilkins, Canada, 6,516.
- 8, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky./Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 6,509.
- 9, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, Nev./Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 6,501.
- 10, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla./Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 6,479.
- 11, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas/Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 6,470.
- 12, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill./Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 6,418.

Failed to advance:

- 13, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill./Richie Teece, England, 6,407.
- 14, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas/Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 6,373.
- 15, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind./Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 6,365.
- 16, Rhino Page, Orlando/Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 6,329.
- 17, Francois Lavoie, Canada/Stuart Williams, England, 6,312.
- 18, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas/Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 6,275.
- 19, Arturo Quintero, Mexico/Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 6,262.
- 20, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn./Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 6,257.
- 21, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y./Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 6,256.
- 22, Charlie Brown Jr., Grandville, Mich./Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 6,254.
- 23, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio/Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 6,233.
- 24, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich./Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 6,209.
- 25, Christopher Sloan, Ireland/Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 6,198.
- 26, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa/Mitch Hupe, Canada, 6,185.
- 27, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich./Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 6,181.
- 28, Anthony Pepe, East Elmhurst, N.Y./Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill., 6,165.
- 29, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C./Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 6,163.
- 30, A.J. Rice, Salem, Ala./Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 6,159.
- 31, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan./Martin Larsen, Sweden, 6,158.
- 32, (tie) Andres Gomez, Colombia/Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., and Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio/Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 6,150.
- 34, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn./Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 6,096.
- 35, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo./Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 6,091.
- 36, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas/Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 6,070.
- 37, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J./Stephen Pavlinko Jr., Sewell, N.J., 6,056.
- 38, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J./Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 6,043.
- 39, Greg Young, Viera, Fla./Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 6,012.
- 40, Austin Boulds, Creal Springs, Ill./Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 5,876.
- 41, Jason Sterner, Fayetteville, Ga./Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 5,821.
- 42, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill./Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 5,801.
- 43, Allan Smith, Killeen, Texas/Kenneth Bland Jr., San Antonio, Texas, 5,393.

300 games – Marshall Kent, Nicholas Pate, Darren Tang

## Two Solid Rounds Move Jakob Butturff Into PBA Oklahoma Open Lead

SHAWNEE, Okla. (Jan. 10, 2019) – Four-time Go Bowling! PBA Tour winner Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., averaged 243 for eight games and posted a 5-3 record after the first match play round Thursday to take the lead in the PBA Oklahoma Open at the FireLake Bowling Center.

The 24-year-old lefthander finished with a 7,252 29-game pinfall total including match play bonus pins to lead seven-time tour winner Dom Barrett of England in second with 7,210.

Butturff, the runner-up in last week's season-opening PBA Hall of Fame Classic, bowled games of 277, 245, 191, 279, 195, 258, 265 and 239 in match play.

"I had two bad games but wasn't too worried about it," Butturff said. "I'm in a good mindset where I don't have to ask myself 20 questions when something's wrong. I'm able to stay ahead of my game and make the right adjustments quickly and start striking again."

"In the two 190 games I got to a couple pair of lanes where it seemed like I had one lane figured out but not the other," he continued. "In the next match I just had to start over, repeat good shots and start striking again."

Butturff had moved into the tournament lead after the cashers round earlier in the day bowling games of 279, 237, 264, 265, 259, 228 and 193. In the 193 game he again fell victim to failing to make easy spares when he missed a seven pin and a four pin.

The lefthander admitted to the weakness in his game, especially in higher scoring tournaments.

"When the scoring pace is high in a tournament, I'm always thinking about what I need to do to keep striking and sometimes don't give spares the attention I need to," Butturff said.

Barrett's 6-2 record in match play was highlighted by a 300-276 win over 12-time tour winner Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., in the second match. Barrett's other games in the round were 243, 279, 269, 259, 240, 212 and 224.

Rounding out the top five were Jesper Svensson of Sweden (4-4) 7,161; Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill. (5-2-1) 7,148 and Nick Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn. (6-2) 7,142. Four-time PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia finished the day in sixth with a 5-3 record and 7,133 pinfall.

Pate has bowled three 300 games in the tournament thus far including one in Thursday's cashers round, which is one short of the record of four in one tournament held by Walter Ray Williams Jr., Dave D'Entremont and John Bauerle Jr.

The 16-player field will return Friday morning for the final match play round at 11 a.m. CT that will determine the top five for the stepladder finals which will air live on FS1 Sunday at 11 a.m. ET (10 a.m. CT).

PBA Mark Roth-Marshall Holman Doubles Championship action also resumes on Friday with 12 teams competing in the first round of Baker format match play at 6 p.m. CT. The 12 doubles teams will return Saturday for the second Baker match play round at 10 a.m. which will determine the top five teams for the taped FS1 telecast at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday. The Doubles Championship will air on FS1 Jan. 20 at 1 p.m. ET (noon CT).

All preliminary rounds of the Oklahoma Open and Roth-Holman Doubles Championship are live-streamed on FloBowling.com.

## PBA OKLAHOMA OPEN

FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla., Thursday

Fourth Round Standings (after 29 games. Includes match play record and total pinfall including bonus pins)

- 1, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 5-3, 7,252.
- 2, Dom Barrett, England, 6-2, 7,210.
- 3, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 4-4, 7,161.
- 4, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 5-2-1, 7,148.
- 5, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 6-2, 7,142.
- 6, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 5-3, 7,133.
- 7, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 5-3, 7,085.
- 8, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 4-4, 7,010.
- 9, Patrick Girard, Canada, 4-4, 6,948.
- 10, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 5-2-1, 6,940.
- 11, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 3-5, 6,883.
- 12, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 3-5, 6,824.
- 13, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3-5, 6,803.

- 14, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 3-5, 6,760.
- 15, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 1-7, 6,651.
- 16, Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 1-7, 6,581.

### Third Round Standings

(after 21 games. Field cut to top 16 for match play)

- 1, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 5,153.
- 2, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 5,118.
- 3, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 5,071.
- 4, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 5,046.
- 5, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 5,039.
- 6, Dom Barrett, England, 5,004.
- 7, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 4,989.
- 8, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 4,979.
- 9, (tie) Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., and Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 4,929.
- 11, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 4,915.
- 12, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 4,903.
- 13, (tie) Patrick Girard, Canada, and Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 4,866.
- 15, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 4,856.
- 16, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 4,844.

Failed to advance:

- 17, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 4,842, \$2,000.
- 18, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, Nev., 4,811, \$2,000.
- 19, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 4,810, \$1,600.
- 20, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 4,808, \$1,550.
- 21, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 4,804, \$1,530.
- 22, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 4,773, \$1,520.
- 23, Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 4,764, \$1,510.
- 24, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 4,738, \$1,500.

## PBA Spare Shots

### IT'S EARLY, BUT BILL O'NEILL TAKES PBA PLAYOFFS POINTS LEAD

It's a small sample and there's a long way to go, but after the opening event of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season, PBA Hall of Fame Classic winner **Bill O'Neill** of Langhorne, Pa., is the leader in the race to the inaugural PBA Playoffs.

Why bring it up when there are still 12 events to be held between now and the USBC Masters – the final PBA Playoffs qualifying event that will conclude on April 1 in Las

Vegas. Just to give fans an idea of how easy it will be to follow the points race as the season moves along. Right now, it's as easy as clicking on this link on [pba.com](https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/PointsList/132?list=1): <https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/PointsList/132?list=1>.

In the very near future it'll be even easier to find because a new PBA Playoffs link is under construction and will have a prominent presence on the [pba.com](https://www.pba.com) home page. To recap the program: the top 24 in points will earn a trip to the Playoffs. The top 8 earn a first-round bye. The Playoffs is a 10-show series from Portland, Maine, including live final four and championship round telecasts on FOX June 1-2. The Playoffs will pay the highest first prize in bowling, \$100,000.

After the PBA Hall of Fame Classic, O'Neill took the lead with 2,500 points for winning the event, which was ranked as a Tier 3 event in the PBA's three-tier rating system because it was both a limited field and an abbreviated format tournament. Tier 2 tournaments are "standard" PBA events that award twice as many points as the Tier 3 base system; Tier 1 tournaments are PBA major championships that award three times the Tier 3 points. All players who bowl in every Go Bowling! PBA Tour event will earn points.

The other top 10 finishers and the points they earned in the HOF Classic are as follows:

- 2, **Jakob Butturff**, 1,500;
- 3, **Jason Belmonte**, 1,150;
- 4, **Jesper Svensson**, 950;
- 5, **Rhino Page**, 850;
- 6, **Jason Sterner**, 775;
- 7, **EJ Tackett**, 745;
- 8, **Sam Cooley**, 715;
- 9, **DJ Archer**, 685;
- 10, **Kris Prather**, 655.

## **BOWL4LIFE PBA ROOKIE WATCH TO FOLLOW PBA'S FIRST-YEAR PLAYERS IN 2019**

Thanks to the support of the Bowl4Life Foundation, created by long-time Brunswick Tour Rep **Chuck Gardner**, there will be a new reward system for the 2019 season's top PBA rookie, based in part on the same PBA point system that will qualify players for the PBA Playoffs, among other things.

PBA Spare Shots will include a regular "Bowl4Life PBA Rookie Watch" as the season progresses. At year end, the player who is elected 2019 Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year will earn \$2,500 bonus from the Bowl4Life Foundation and the foundation will donate another \$2,500 to a youth bowler scholarship in the Rookie of the Year's name.

Some of the rookies who have made an early appearance in 2019 include **Michael Coffey**, Melbourne, Fla.; **Michael Davidson**, Versailles, Ohio; **Patrick Hanrahan**, Wichita, Kan.; **Mykle Holliman**, Collierville, Tenn.; **AJ Rice**, Salem, Ala.; **Andrew Suscreba**, Clifton, N.J.; and three-time Junior Team USA member **Greg Young**, Viera, Fla. Other first-year players may also join the fray.

The **Bowl4Life** Foundation is a non-profit formed by Gardner in 2013 with the intention of growing the sport by assisting bowlers of all ages in improving their skill levels and knowledge of the game. In addition, the Foundation has awarded over \$52,000 in scholarships to youth bowlers.

Bowl4Life relies on sponsors, merchandise sales from its website, and fundraising activities. Through its fundraising efforts, the hope is to expand the **#growbowling** concept into an industry-leading revival. Fans can follow Bowl4Life on Facebook to stay abreast of its announcements.

### **PBA STARS BARNES, KOIVUNIEMI, KULICK ELECTED TO USBC HALL OF FAME**

**PBA stars Chris Barnes** and **Mika Koivuniemi**, and **Kelly Kulick**, the first woman to win a PBA Tour title, will be part of the 2019 United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame class that will be inducted on May 1 during the annual USBC Convention at The Orleans in Las Vegas.

Barnes, 48, of Double Oak, Texas, was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in 2018. He owns 19 PBA Tour titles, including three majors. The 1998 PBA Rookie of the Year and the 2007-08 PBA Player of the Year is one of five bowlers to have won both awards and one of six to have won the PBA Triple Crown.

Koivuniemi, 51, is a Finland native who was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in January. Since joining the PBA Tour at age 32, he has 14 titles including three majors. The most successful European in PBA Tour history also is a two-time PBA Player of the Year (2003-04 and 2010-11).

Kulick, 41, of Union, N.J., made bowling history in 2010 when she won the PBA Tournament of Champions, defeating both Koivuniemi and Barnes in that show. She also was the first and only woman to earn an exemption to bowl full-time on the PBA Tour under the old PBA Tour Trials program. Kulick won PWBA Rookie of the Year honors in 2000, won six women's major titles and won 22 gold medals as a 14-year member of Team USA.

The trio of superior performance honorees will join the late Kegel founder **John Davis** (Meritorious Service), journalist **Bob Johnson** (Meritorious Service) and another pair of PBA Hall of Famers – former Player Services Director **Larry Lichstein** (Pioneer) and the late **Jim St. John** (Veterans) – as inductees.

### **PBA STARS WIN BERTHS ON TEAM USA 2019**

Hours after learning of her election to the USBC Hall of Fame, **Kelly Kulick** won the women's title in the 2019 USBC Team USA Trials while fellow USBC Hall of Famer **John Janawicz** of Winter Haven, Fla., topped a sold-out field of 175 men to claim his second in the event.

At the conclusion of the annual tournament, all members of Team USA for the coming year as determined either by their performances in the event or by being selected by the

National Selection Committee. PBA members who will be members of Team USA 2019 include **Nick Pate** of Inver Grove Heights, Minn.; **Darren Tang** of San Francisco; 2018 PBA Player of the Year **Andrew Anderson** of Holly, Mich.; **EJ Tackett** of Bluffton, Ind.; **Kyle Troup** of Taylorsville, N.C.; **Jakob Butturff** of Tempe, Ariz.; and **Marshall Kent** of Yakima, Wash.

Landing berths on women's Team USA were PBA members **Missy Parkin** of Laguna Hills, Calif., and **Danielle McEwan** of Stony Point, N.Y.

### **PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: PBA50 EVENT IN CALIFORNIA NEXT UP**

PBA Regional competition resumes over the Jan. 11-13 weekend with the PBA50 Patton Amusement and Genesis Western Open presented by Ebonite at West Valley Bowl in Tracey, Calif.

- The PBA Central and Southwest Regions will hold their first events of 2019 over the Jan. 18-20 weekend. Legend Lanes in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, will host the PBA/PBA50 Don Vay Memorial Central Doubles while South Plains Lanes in Lubbock, Texas, hosts the Lubbock Sports Southwest Open presented by Ebonite.
- The only regional event on tap for the Jan. 26-27 weekend is the PBA Japan Region's Roto Grip Cup and Shark Open at PBA Fuji Bowl in Iruma, Japan.
- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit [pba.com](http://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](http://pba.com) (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

### **QUICK NOTES:**

- Another addition to the roster for the upcoming CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational, presented by Go Bowling!, will be **Chris Paul's** Houston Rockets teammate **PJ Tucker**. Previously announced celebrities include NFL Hall of Famer **Terrell Owens**, Major League Baseball stars **Mookie Betts** and **Alex Bregman**, former NFL star and current FOX NFL analyst **Michael Vick**, NASCAR champion **Aric Almirola** and CBS's Big Brother star **Tyler Crispen**. PBA stars who will compete are Hall of Famers **Norm Duke**, **Pete Weber** and **Chris Barnes**; **Andrew Anderson**, **Jason Belmonte**, **Tommy Jones**, **Sean Rash**, **EJ Tackett** and **Kyle Troup**. Tickets for the event, which begins at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 17, at Bowlero The Woodlands in Conroe, Texas, are available at [www.pba.com/Tickets](http://www.pba.com/Tickets).
- 11th Frame blogger **Jeff Richgels** has reported that PBA member **Jerry Marrs** was at work in early October when he suffered his second heart attack in six years. Six days later the 40-year-old Marrs had quadruple bypass surgery. Fast forward three months to Sunday, Jan. 6 when Marrs won the ninth annual King Classic Ritchie Buss Memorial at Four Seasons Bowl in Freeport, Ill., over a field of PBA Midwest Region and top amateur competitors. Marrs made this post on Facebook after his win: "...This is unbelievable! I had one goal in this tournament being my first one back from my

quadruple bypass surgery, and that was to cash. Never in the wildest dreams did I think I'd win!"

### **Jakob Butturff in Familiar Territory as PBA Oklahoma Open Finals Top Qualifier**

*Patrick Girard, Jesper Svensson, Dom Barrett and Tom Daugherty will join  
Butturff in Sunday's stepladder finals telecast on FS1*

**SHAWNEE, Okla. (Jan. 11, 2019)** – For the second consecutive tournament of the season, four-time PBA Tour winner Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., captured the top qualifying position for a Go Bowling! PBA Tour stepladder final and will lead a five-player field for the PBA Oklahoma Open finals telecast which will air live on FS1 this Sunday at 11 a.m. ET from the FireLake Bowling Center.

It is actually the third consecutive PBA Tour event that Butturff has earned the top qualifying spot for the finals dating back to the season-ending 2018 U.S. Open in October where he finished second to England's Dom Barrett, losing 207-206 in the title match.

Butturff, who finished second in last week's PBA Hall of Fame Classic, posted a 10-6 overall record in match play and finished with a 9,362 37-game pinfall total (including match play bonus pins) to take the top qualifying position.

In what turned out to be a disappointing runner-up finish in the Hall of Fame Classic title match to Bill O'Neill because of two missed spares, the 24-year-old Butturff is more than prepared to break his string of runner-up finishes from the top qualifying spot.

"Failure doesn't mean give up – it means stay patient," said the left-hander. "I've had to work hard on my mental game strength and it's been put to the test recently. You need a lot of mental strength to rebound from disappointment. I'm learning from my past mistakes and believe that just makes you stronger."

Canadian Patrick Girard posted an 8-0 record in Friday's match play round (12-4 overall) and averaged 257 to move from ninth heading into the round to finish second for the finals with a 9,251 pinfall.

Girard will be trying for his first PBA Tour title with previous best finishes of fourth twice in 2005 and a fifth-place finish in the 2018 PBA Players Championship.

Also making his second consecutive championship round appearance of the young season was Sweden's Jesper Svensson who qualified third for the finals with a 9-7 overall match play record and 9,214 pinfall.

The 23-year-old left-handed two-hander who owns seven PBA Tour titles, finished fourth in the Hall of Fame Classic.

Despite winning only two matches in the final round of match play, Barrett, also a seven-time tour winner, hung on to qualify fourth for the finals finishing with an 8-8 match play record and 9,187 pinfall.

In a dramatic position round match, two-time tour winner Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Fla., defeated four-time PBA Player of the Year and 18-time tour winner Jason Belmonte of Australia, 279-269, to surge from eighth place to take the fifth and final stepladder spot.

The 43-year-old Daugherty went 11-5 in match play and finished with a 9,146 overall pinfall total to edge out Belmonte, who finished sixth with a 7-9 record and 9,133 pinfall.

PBA competition continues this evening from the FireLake Bowling Center beginning at 6 p.m. CT with the first Baker match play round of the Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship. After tonight's round the 12 doubles teams will return Saturday at 10 a.m. for the final Baker round which will determine the top five teams for the taped FS1 telecast at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday. The Doubles Championship will air on FS1 Sunday, Jan. 20 at 1 p.m. ET (noon CT).

## **PBA OKLAHOMA OPEN**

**FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla., Friday**

**Fifth Round Standings (after 37 games. Top five advance to Sunday's stepladder finals on FS1. Includes match play record and total pinfall including bonus pins)**

- 1, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 10-6-0, 9,362.
- 2, Patrick Girard, Canada, 12-4-0, 9,251.
- 3, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 9-7-0, 9,214
- 4, Dom Barrett, England, 8-8-0, 9,187.
- 5, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 11-5-0, 9,146.
- 6, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 7-9-0, 9,133, \$4,500.
- 7, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 12-3-1, 9,098, \$4,000.
- 8, Anthony Lavery-Spah, Pasadena, Texas, 8-8-0, 9,073, \$3,500.
- 9, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 9-7-0, 9,053, \$3,600.
- 10, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 8-7-1, 9,052, \$3,100.
- 11, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 8-8-0, 8,917, \$3,100.
- 12, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 7-9-0, 8,862, \$2,900.
- 13, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 5-11-0, 8,852, \$2,800.
- 14, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 5-11-0, 8,666, \$2,700.
- 15, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 4-12-0, 8,526, \$2,700.
- 16, Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 4-12-0, 8,479, \$2,500.

**300 games** – Ildemaro Ruiz

## **Duke, Malott Lead Roth-Holman Doubles Championship After First Baker Match Play Round**

**SHAWNEE, Okla. (Jan. 11, 2019)** – After two qualifying rounds from the PBA Oklahoma Open and Friday's first Baker format match play round, PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke and 2008-09 PBA Player of the Year Wes Malott lead the PBA Mark Roth-Marshall Holman Doubles Championship at the FireLake Bowling Center.

The 2011 and 2015 Roth-Holman Doubles champions combined for a 5-1 record and averaged 259 in Friday's first Baker format match play to vault from 10th to the top spot finishing with a 8,185 34-game pinfall total (including match play bonus pins).

The Baker format requires each player to alternate frames in a game combining for one score.

"I can tell you that each one of us wants this win bad," said the 54-year-old Duke, who is trying for his 39th PBA Tour title. We're confident in one another's ability and we don't do a lot of talking and

strategizing. We just play our own games and feed off the natural chemistry that we have as doubles partners.”

Defending Roth-Holman Doubles Championship winners four-time PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte and 10-time tour winner Bill O’Neill posted a 6-0 record in match play and averaged 243 to finish the day in second just 12 pins behind Duke and Malott with a 8,173 pinfall.

Rounding out the top five heading into Saturday’s final match play round are Patrick Girard/Zach Wilkins (4-2) 8,159; Sam Cooley/Anthony Lavery-Spahr (5-1) 8,111, and Kyle Sherman/Brad Miller (3-3) 8,056.

The 12-team field will return Saturday morning at 10 a.m. CT for the final Baker six-game Baker round which will determine the top five teams for the taped FS1 telecast at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday which will take place after the live PBA Oklahoma Open Championships. The Doubles Championship will air on FS1 Sunday, Jan. 20 at 1 p.m. ET (noon CT).

Fans can catch the final match play round on FloBowling.com.

### **PBA MARK ROTH-MARSHALL HOLMAN DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla., Friday**

#### **Third Round Standings (after 34 games. Includes match play record and total pinfall including bonus pins).**

- 1, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla./Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 5-1, 8,185.
- 2, Bill O’Neill, Langhorne, Pa./Jason Belmonte, Australia, 6-0, 8,173.
- 3, Patrick Girard, Canada/Zach Wilkins, Canada, 4-2, 8,159.
- 4, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas/Sam Cooley, Australia, 5-1, 8,111.
- 5, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo./Kyle Sherman, O’Fallon, Mo., 3-3, 8,056.
- 6, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, Nev./Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 3-3, 8,035.
- 7, Jesper Svensson, Sweden/Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1-5, 8,003.
- 8, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky./Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2-4, 7,970.
- 9, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill./Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 3-3, 7,901.
- 10, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz./Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1-5, 7,897.
- 11, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas/Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2-4, 7,848.
- 12, Dom Barrett, England/Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1-5, 7,829.

#### **Miller, Sherman Go 6-0 in Final Match Play Round to Earn Top Qualifier Honors for PBA Roth-Holman Doubles Championship FS1 to tape stepladder finals Sunday after live PBA Oklahoma Open finals**

SHAWNEE, Okla. (Jan. 12, 2019) – Trying for their first Go Bowling! PBA Tour titles, Brad Miller and Kyle Sherman rode a 6-0 record in the final Baker format match play round to earn top qualifier honors for Sunday’s FS1 taping of the PBA Mark Roth-Marshall Holman Doubles Championship at the FireLake Bowling Center.

Miller, of Lees Summit, Mo., and Sherman, of O’Fallon, Mo., who finished with a 9,802 40-game pinfall total (including match play bonus pins) and 9-3 overall record in match play, combined for games of 279, 266, 279 248, 248 and 246 (261 average) to move from fifth heading into the round to the top qualifier spot.

The Baker format requires each player to alternate frames in a game combining for one score. Miller's best previous best tour finish was fifth in the 2015 Xtra Frame Iowa Midwest Open and Sherman's previous best was ninth in the 2017 U.S. Open.

"Our game plan was to stay slow in all parts of the game," said the 28-year-old Miller. "Our experience throughout the whole tournament was if we got too fast in our approach, or with our ball speed, we would leave a lot 10 pins. So, staying was the key for us."

Both players star in a popular YouTube channel called Brad & Kyle, with more than 10,000 subscribers, that chronicles their exploits on and off the bowling circuit.

"We'll have a lot of good content for that now," Miller said. "We're both a little bit in dreamland at the moment, so we want to just soak it all in and enjoy the experience of making our first TV show."

Another feature on the channel is the 24-year-old Sherman's recovery after hip surgery for a torn labrum in August. The PBA Oklahoma Open and Roth-Holman Doubles Championship are his first tournaments back since then.

Also trying for their first PBA Tour titles will be No. 2 qualifiers Sam Cooley of Australia and Anthony Lavery-Spahr of Pasadena, Texas, and No. 3 qualifiers Canadians Patrick Girard and two-hander Zacharay Wilkins.

Cooley and Lavery-Spahr combined for an 8-4 overall match play record and finished with a 9,724 pinfall. Girard, who also qualified second for Sunday's live FS1 Oklahoma Open finals, and Wilkins posted a 6-6 record and 9,671 pinfall.

Defending champions four-time PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia and Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., qualified fourth thanks to a 9-3 overall match play record and finishing with a 9,658 pinfall. Their second match play round was highlighted by a 300-268 win over Cooley and Lavery-Spahr. Belmonte will be trying for his 19th tour win and O'Neill his 11th after winning the season-opening PBA Hall of Fame Classic.

Twelve-time tour winner Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill. and partner Matt Ogle of Louisville, Ky., making his first tour stepladder final, made a dramatic run in the position round match jumping from eighth to qualify for the fifth and final spot with a 279-245 win over brothers Darren and Michael Tang.

PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke and 2008-09 PBA Player of the Year Wes Malott found the going tougher in the second match play round dropping from first after the first round to seventh. The 2011 and 2015 Roth-Holman Doubles champions finished with a 6-6 match play record and 9,600 pinfall

The Roth-Holman Doubles Championship taping on Sunday will take place at 1:30 p.m. CT after the live PBA Oklahoma Open Championships on FS1 at 10 a.m. CT. The Doubles Championship will air on FS1 Sunday, Jan. 20 at 1 p.m. ET (noon CT).

#### **PBA MARK ROTH-MARSHALL HOLMAN DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP**

FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla., Saturday

Fourth Round Standings (after 40 games. Top five advance to Sunday's Baker format stepladder finals. Includes match play record and total pinfall including bonus pins).

- 1, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo./Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 9-3, 9,802.
- 2, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas/Sam Cooley, Australia, 8-4, 9,724.
- 3, Patrick Girard, Canada/Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 6-6, 9,671.
- 4, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa./Jason Belmonte, Australia, 9-3, 9,658.
- 5, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky./Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 5-6-1, 9,622.

- 6, Jesper Svensson, Sweden/Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 4-7-1, 9,601, \$8,000.
- 7, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla./Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 6-6, 9,600, \$7,000.
- 8, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, Nev./Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 5-7, 9,546, \$6,000.
- 9, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz./Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 5-7, 9,491, \$5,000.
- 10, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill./Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 5-7, 9,398, \$4,000.
- 11, Dom Barrett, England/Osku Palermaa, Finland, 4-6-2, 9,388, \$3,500.
- 12, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas/Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 4-8, 9,253, \$3,000.

## **Jakob Butturff Ends Top Qualifier Slump to Win PBA Oklahoma Open for Fifth Career Tour Title**

**SHAWNEE, Okla. (Jan. 13, 2019)** – Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., finally closed the deal by winning the PBA Oklahoma Open as the stepladder finals top qualifier to capture his fifth career tour title Sunday at the FireLake Bowling Center.

After losing last week's 2019 season-opening PBA Hall of Fame Classic and the 2018 season-ending U.S. Open title match as top qualifier, the 24-year-old left-hander finally broke the slump by defeating left-handed two-hander Jesper Svensson of Sweden 267-201, in the title match of the second stop of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season televised live by FS1.

In the title match it looked like missing easy spares might again prove to be Butturff's undoing when he missed a seven pin in the second frame. As it turned out, he wouldn't need to attempt a spare again in the match, throwing the next nine strikes to seal the win against Svensson who couldn't mount a challenge to Butturff's strike barrage.

"I did have flashbacks from last week, but I got over it quickly and was able to get back in the mindset of letting that go and start fresh with the next shot," Butturff said. "I decided to make a ball change to improve pin carry at that point and fortunately started striking again."

Butturff joined Hall of Famers Earl Anthony, Johnny Petraglia and Walter Ray Williams Jr. as the only players to earn a top seed for the stepladder finals in three consecutive PBA Tour telecasts. Had he lost, he would have become the first player to lose three consecutive tournaments from the top qualifier position.

Butturff missed two easy spares in his loss to Bill O'Neill in the Hall of Fame Classic title match which ended up costing him the win.

"I knew I would break through with a win sooner or later because I've had experience winning out here (on tour)," Butturff said. "I feel like I'm in good company when you think of the greats in the game who were in a similar position that have had their share of second-place finishes."

"I will say that I think after all I've been through recently, this is probably my most satisfying win so far," he added.

Svensson, who qualified third for the finals and was trying for his eighth tour title, advanced to the championship match by beating No. 2 qualifier Patrick Girard of Canada, 239-218, in the semifinal. Girard was trying for his first PBA Tour title and to become only the third Canadian to win on tour.

In the opening stepladder match, No. 4 qualifier, seven-time tour winner Dom Barrett of England beat No. 5 qualifier, two-time Tour winner Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Fla., 245-162, to advance to the

second match against Svensson. Svensson then beat Barrett in the second match, 267-231, to advance to the semifinal.

The next stop for the PBA Tour will be the PBA Lubbock Sports Open Jan. 22-27 at South Plains Lanes. The finals will be televised live by FS1 at 3 p.m. ET on Sunday, Jan. 27.

**PBA OKLAHOMA OPEN**  
**FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla., Sunday**

**Final Standings**

- 1, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., \$25,000.
- 2, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, \$13,000.
- 3, Patrick Girard, Canada, \$9,000.
- 4, Dom Barrett, England, \$7,000.
- 5, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., \$6,000.

**Playoff Results:**

Match One: Barrett def. Daugherty, 245-162.  
Match Two: Svensson def. Barrett, 267-231.  
Semifinal Match: Svensson def. Girard, 239-218.  
Championship: Butturff def. Svensson, 267-201.

**PBA Announces Multi-Year Agreement to Add USBC Masters, U.S. Open to PBA on FOX Schedule**

**ARLINGTON, Texas (Jan. 15, 2019)** – The Professional Bowlers Association, United States Bowling Congress and Bowling Proprietors' Association of America today announced a multi-year agreement to include the USBC Masters and U.S. Open as major events on the Go Bowling! PBA Tour television package on FOX Sports.

FOX Sports will televise the U.S. Open live on FOX from 2020 through 2022 and the USBC Masters live on FS1 from 2019 through 2022. The announcement was made today at the BPAA Mid-Winter Summit in New Orleans.

"The PBA is thrilled to have these two major professional events as part of the PBA Tour television package on FOX Sports for years to come," PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark said. "It is terrific for the bowling industry to rally behind the PBA Tour on FOX Sports and collaborate on a long-term commitment for these major events."

As a result of the agreement, the 2020 U.S. Open will move up in the calendar with the televised finals set for Sunday, Feb. 23, 2020. The current U.S. Open format will continue, with a host venue for the 2020 event to be announced later.

The USBC Masters will continue to be conducted in its traditional time window in conjunction with the USBC Open Championships.

“The PBA Tour move to FOX Sports is fantastic for bowling and everyone associated with the U.S. Open and USBC Masters is excited to be part of it,” USBC Executive Director Chad Murphy said. “The media attention and investment in competitive bowling keeps growing and this partnership is another great win-win for the sport.”

Known as the BPAA All-Star from 1941-1970, the U.S. Open now is a collaborative effort of the BPAA and USBC.

“Elevating the U.S. Open to FOX provides a new level of exposure for a tournament with a rich BPAA history,” BPAA Executive Director Frank DeSocio said. “The launch of the PBA Tour on FOX has been extremely impressive and we are proud to be involved.”

### **Hall of Famer Chris Barnes to Defend PBA Lubbock Sports Open Title**

*Jakob Butturff to try to set new mark for consecutive No. 1 stepladder finals qualifying berths*

**LUBBOCK, Texas (Jan. 17, 2019)** – PBA Hall of Famer and defending champion Chris Barnes will lead a world-class field of established and rising PBA stars from around the globe who will return to South Plains Lanes for the 2019 PBA Lubbock Sports Open.

This year, the Lubbock Sports Open will be in the national sports spotlight when FS1 televises the stepladder finals of the fourth stop of the 2019 GoBowling! PBA Tour season live at 3 p.m. ET (2 p.m. CT) on Sunday, Jan. 27.

One of the PBA’s young stars competing in Lubbock will be last week’s PBA Oklahoma Open winner and last season’s Lubbock Sports Open runner-up Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., who will be trying to break a record he currently shares with PBA greats Walter Ray Williams Jr., Earl Anthony and Johnny Petraglia.

If Butturff can qualify first for the stepladder finals in Lubbock, he would become the first player to be the No. 1 seed in four consecutive singles PBA Tour tournaments.

Butturff finally broke through to win from the No. 1 stepladder finals qualifying spot in last Sunday’s Oklahoma Open on FS1 for his fifth career tour title after losing the title match in two previous tournaments. He lost the season-ending 2018 U.S. Open as No. 1 qualifier to winner Dom Barrett of England and the 2019 season-opening PBA Hall of Fame Classic to winner Bill O’Neill before beating Jesper Svensson from the top spot in the Oklahoma Open.

Barnes, a 2018 PBA Hall of Fame inductee who also will join the USBC Hall of Fame on May 1, won his 19th PBA singles title in Lubbock last year, striking out in the 10th frame to defeat top qualifier Butturff, 207-206. Lubbock was also the site of Butturff’s first PBA Tour title victory in 2016.

The Lubbock Sports Open will also feature a mixed (or dual) lane condition which will add to the challenge for the 96-player field.

The tournament officially gets underway at 8 a.m. Wednesday with the first of two seven-game qualifying squads on the PBA’s 32-foot Wolf oiling pattern. The other half of the field will bowl its first qualifying round at 1:30 p.m. The two squads reverse order for a second seven-game qualifying round on the 42-foot Scorpion lane condition Thursday, after which the top 25 percent of the field advance to a seven-

game cashers round Friday at 8 a.m. on mixed lane conditions – the Scorpion on the left lane and the Wolf on the right. The top 16 players after 21 games will bowl two eight-game match play rounds at 1:30 p.m. on Friday and 8 a.m. Saturday. The top five after 37 games will compete in the stepladder finals live on FS1 Sunday at 3 p.m. ET (2 p.m. CT). The stepladder finals will also feature the Scorpion pattern on the left lane and Wolf pattern on the right lane.

Fans can also catch all the action through PBA's online streaming partner FloBowling. For schedule and subscription information visit FloBowling.com.

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 Saturday at 2 and 5:30 p.m. For pro-am information, call South Plains Lanes at (806) 794-4844.

### **PBA XTRA FRAME LUBBOCK SPORTS OPEN** **South Plains Lanes, Lubbock, Texas, Jan. 22-27 (all times CT)**

#### **Tuesday, Jan. 22**

9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. - Practice sessions  
7 p.m. – Pro-Am squads

#### **Wednesday, Jan. 23**

8 a.m. - A Squad, 7 qualifying games (Wolf 32 oil pattern)  
1:30 p.m. – B Squad, 7 qualifying games (Wolf 32 oil pattern)

#### **Thursday, Jan. 24**

8 a.m. - B Squad, 7 qualifying games (Scorpion 42 oil pattern)  
1:30 p.m. – A Squad, 7 qualifying games (Scorpion 42 oil pattern)  
Top 25% of field after 14 games advances to cashers round

#### **Friday, Jan. 25**

8 a.m. – Cashers round, 7 games (Scorpion 42 on left lane, Wolf 32 on right lane)  
Top 16 after 21 games advance to round robin match play  
1:30 p.m. – Top 16, match play round one, 8 games (Scorpion 42 on left lane, Wolf 32 on right lane)

#### **Saturday, Jan. 26**

8 a.m. – Top 16, match play round two, 8 games (Scorpion 42 on left lane, Wolf 32 on right lane)  
Top five after 37 games advance to stepladder finals  
2 & 5:30 p.m. – Pro-Am squads

#### **Sunday, Jan. 27**

2 p.m. – Top five stepladder finals, live on FS1 (Scorpion 42 on left lane, Wolf 32 on right lane)

### **PBA Spare Shots**

#### **RED SOX STAR MOOKIE BETTS TO RECEIVE BPAA MEDIA AWARD**

Boston Red Sox star **Mookie Betts**, after an American League Most Valuable Player season that included earning his first World Series championship ring, also will be honored by the bowling family in late June when he receives the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America Media Award for the significant mass media coverage he has generated for bowling over the past three years.

Betts, an accomplished bowler, participated in the 2015 and 2017 PBA World Series of Bowling in Reno, highlighted by a 300 game he bowled in the 2017 Scorpion Championship. That unique accomplishment led to an on-field presentation of a PBA 300 ring by PBA CEO and Commissioner **Tom Clark** at a Red Sox game at Fenway Park last summer.

Ever since he began competing in PBA-level competition, Betts' athletic skills as a bowler have accompanied almost every media conversation about his talents on television, radio, social media and in newspaper and magazine stories. He also has participated in NBA star **Chris Paul's** popular CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational bowling event that airs on Super Bowl Sunday. Betts will be a participant for the third consecutive year when the 2019 event airs for the first time on FOX on Sunday, Feb. 3, at 2 p.m. Eastern.

### **SHEDDING A LITTLE LIGHT ON THE SUBJECT**

**Jacques Darden** has been providing the lighting services for professional bowling telecasts for 33 years, but like everything else in today's world, technology has changed his contribution to the sport.

Darden is in the process of converting his vast array of lights to LED, which veteran players have already noticed because LED lighting is much cooler and cleaner. Because LED lights don't generate heat, they don't affect lane conditions like tungsten lights did in the good ol' days. Observant television fans might also notice the lighting is much closer to "daylight white," and Darden said some of his new LEDs include color options that allow him to change lighting to red, blue, green or whatever special effect the situation might call for, just by making some subtle adjustments.

### **PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: PAVONE WINS FIRST TITLE AS PBA REGIONAL ACTION RESUMES**

**Skip Pavone** of San Jose, Calif., won nine of his 12 matches to post a winning 22-game total of 5,552 pins Sunday in the PBA50 Patton Amusement West Senior Open at West Valley Bowl in Tracy, Calif.

Pavone, who won his first PBA Regional title and the \$1,800 first prize, defeated **Bob Rosenau** of Redding, Calif., by 142 pins. Pavone had a 9-3 match play record and 5,410 pins to earn the \$1,000 second prize.

- The PBA Central and Southwest Regions will hold their first events of 2019 over the Jan. 18-20 weekend. Legend Lanes in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, will host the PBA/PBA50 Don Vay Memorial Central Doubles while South Plains Lanes in Lubbock, Texas, hosts the Lubbock Sports Southwest Open presented by Ebonite.
- The only regional event on tap for the Jan. 26-27 weekend is the PBA Japan Region's Roto Grip Cup and Shark Open at PBA Fuji Bowl in Iruma, Japan.

- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit [pba.com](http://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](http://pba.com) (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

#### QUICK NOTES:

- Fans can follow the points status of eligible PBA Tour players competing for berths on the U.S. and European Weber Cup teams as the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season progresses on Twitter and Facebook by clicking on the following links”:

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/webercup/status/1085141731685945344> or

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WeberCup/photos/a.643454192442977/2027287540726295/?type=3&theater>

- Creating the Difference, an educational company offering products and services for the bowling industry, has become product registered with the PBA as an accessory company, CEO **Ron Hickland Jr.** has announced. Creating the Difference offers ball cleaning products and ball restoration products, and recently introduced sanding pads to its product mix. For more information, visit [ctdbowling.com](http://ctdbowling.com).

### **Rash, Ogle Sweep Stepladder Finals to Win PBA Mark Roth-Marshall Holman Doubles Championship**

*Rash and Ogle beat Missourians Brad Miller and Kyle Sherman 213-200 in Baker format title match*

**SHAWNEE, Okla. (Jan. 20, 2019)** – Doubles partners Sean Rash and Matt Ogle won all four Baker format stepladder matches to win the 2019 PBA Mark Roth-Marshall Holman Doubles Championship aired Sunday on FS1 from the FireLake Bowling Center.

Rash, who won his 13th career Go Bowling! PBA Tour title, and Ogle, who won his first title in his first TV appearance, beat Missourians Brad Miller and Kyle Sherman, 213-200, in the title match.

The Baker format requires each player to alternate frames in a game to combine for one score.

After Rash opened with a 4-7-9 split in the first frame, he and Ogle got back on track by striking in the next four frames to take a 13-pin lead into the sixth frame. Miller and Sherman, also making their first telecast appearances, tried to make a challenge by striking in the fifth, sixth and seventh but when Miller opened in the eighth by missing a four pin, it enabled Rash and Ogle to stay in front for the rest of the match.

It was an emotional win for both Rash and Ogle who qualified fifth for the stepladder finals. It was Rash's first win since 2017 and after what he described as his worst season of his year career in 2018.

I was almost in a depression,” said the 36-year-old Rash, whose last tour win came in the 2017 Xtra Frame Gene Carter Pro Shop Classic. “It got to the point where I wondered if I wanted to do it (bowl) anymore, but then I just had to force myself to do the things I needed to do to get better by getting in shape, eat right and make the changes with my game like going from a 16-pound ball to a 15.

In 2018 Rash finished in a tie for fifth in the PBA Tour Finals for his best finish of the season.

"You hear a lot of chat in the background like, 'is he ever going to win again,' or people just generally writing you off," Rash added. "I finally saw some improvement at the end of last year but I was just hoping for the best when the new season started. You never know when you're going to get it back again."

For the 34-year-old Ogle, who is in his third season as a PBA member and bowls on tour mainly part-time, winning a PBA title fulfilled a lifelong goal in the sport.

"It's a dream come true," said Ogle, who has used a two-handed delivery since suffering from a carpal tunnel injury in his right wrist in 2006. "When someone like Sean believes in you and wants you to be his doubles partner that's an opportunity that's not going to come around too often."

"It was a situation where we have good communication and have a good understanding of each other's game so it was a natural fit from the start," Ogle added. "We had our ups and downs during the tournament but it's a sign of a good team when you can come back from adversity to make the adjustments to recover."

Rash and Ogle started the finals with a 256-172 win over No. 4 qualifiers defending champions four-time PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte and Bill O'Neill, who won his 10th career title in the season opening PBA Hall of Fame Classic, to advance to the second stepladder match.

Rash and Ogle then defeated No. 3 qualifiers Canadians Patrick Girard and Zach Wilkins, 216-210, in the second stepladder match to advance to the semifinal match where they beat No. 2 qualifiers Sam Cooley and Anthony Lavery-Spahr, 258-216.

The five doubles teams reached the finals through their combined individual qualifying scores from the PBA Oklahoma Open after which the top 12 teams advanced to two Baker format match play rounds to determine the top five teams for the finals.

The next stop for the Go Bowling! PBA Tour will be the PBA Lubbock Sports Open Jan. 22-27 at South Plains Lanes in Lubbock, Texas. The stepladder finals will be telecast live by FS1 at 3 p.m. ET on Jan. 27.

## **PBA MARK ROTH-MARSHALL HOLMAN DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP**

**FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla.**

**(televised Sunday on FS1. Baker format requiring each player to alternate frames in a game to combine for one score)**

### **Final Standings:**

- 1, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill./Matt Ogle, Louisville, Ky., \$25,000.
- 2, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo./Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., \$13,000.
- 3, Sam Cooley, Australia/Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, \$12,000.
- 4, Patrick Girard, Canada/Zachary Wilkins, Canada, \$11,000.
- 5, Jason Belmonte, Australia/Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., \$10,000.

### **Playoff Results:**

**Match One:** Rash/Ogle def. Belmonte/O'Neill, 256-172.

**Match Two:** Rash/Ogle def. Girard/Wilkins, 216-210.

**Semifinal:** Rash/Ogle def. Cooley/Lavery-Spahr, 258-216.

**Championship:** Rash/Ogle def. Miller/Sherman, 213-200.

## **Jakob Butturff Wins PBA Lubbock Sports Southwest Open**

**Lubbock, Texas (January 20, 2019)** –Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., overcame a tightly bunched leaderboard in the final position round match to win his 20th PBA Regional title Sunday in the PBA Lubbock Sports Southwest Open at South Plains Lanes, a prelude event to the Go Bowling! PBA Tour's Lubbock Sports Open that begins Tuesday.

Butturff, undoubtedly the hottest player in the PBA, held a 38-pin lead over Sam Cooley of Australia going into the 21st and final game of the tournament while snapping at their heels were former PBA Player of the Year Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., and Tom Daugherty from Riverview, Fla. Only 66 pins separated the top four players. In the final game, Butturff suffered a first frame open, but rebounded with a plethora of strikes to win his match against Cooley, 248-202, earn an additional 30 bonus pins for winning the match, and he won the tournament going away by completing an unbeaten 8-0 round of match play.

Rash defeated Daugherty, 222-210, to jump to second place as Cooley claimed third while Daugherty maintained fourth place. Butturff earned \$4,000 for the victory, Rash collected \$2,400, as Cooley added \$1,600, while Daugherty settled for \$1,200.

The PBA's Lubbock Sports Open follows at South Plains with the finals to be televised live on Fox Sports' FS1 channel on Sunday at 2 p.m. Central.

The next PBA Southwest Region event will be the PBA FireLake Southwest Open, April 5-7, in Shawnee, Okla.

### **PBA LUBBOCK SPORTS SOUTHWEST OPEN, presented by Ebonite South Plains Lanes, Lubbock, Texas, Sunday**

#### **Final Match Play Standings (after 21 games, including match play bonus pins):**

1, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 8-0, 5,006, \$4,000. 2, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 6-2, 4,914, \$2,400. 3, Sam Cooley, Australia, 7-1, 4,892, \$1,600. 4, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 3-5, 4,876, \$1,200. 5, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 5-3, 4,705, \$1,000. 6, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 4-4, 4,700, \$925. 7, Jason Sterner, Fayetteville, Ga., 6-2, 4,665, \$850. 8, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 5-3, 4,546, \$800.

9, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 3-5, 4,529, \$750. 10, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 3-5, 4,484, \$725. 11, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 3-5, 4,451, \$700. 12, Stuart Williams, England, 4-4, 4,412, \$675. 13, Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 2-5-1, 4,317, \$650. 14, Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas, 0-7-1, 4,286, \$625. 15, n-Dylan Macon, Lubbock, Texas, 2-6, 4,273, \$600. 16, n-Blake Starr, Oklahoma City, 2-6, 4,176, \$575.

## . PBA Spare Shots

### DAVE LAMONT TO FILL IN AS FOX SPORTS ANNOUNCER FOR LUBBOCK SPORTS OPEN

Veteran PBA announcer Dave LaMont will fill in as the lead announcer for the Lubbock Sports Open live on FS1 on Sunday, Jan. 27, at 3 p.m. EST, replacing Rob Stone, who has previous commitments with FOX and won't be available for Sunday's PBA telecast.

### TRUE OR FALSE: BO BURTON MAY HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO WEBER'S TROPHY CRASH

Bowling fans who watched the televised finals of the 1991 U.S. Open from Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis will never forget the trophy presentation when winner Pete Weber hoisted the majestic ceramic eagle trophy, gave it a shake and saw it crash and shatter into a thousand pieces on the approach.

How that *actually* happened came to light during the 2019 PBA Hall of Fame ceremonies in Arlington, Texas, when PBA HOF legend **Nelson (Bo) Burton Jr.** told the crowd he may have contributed to the trophy incident. According to Bo, when he saw the trophy sitting off to the side before the ABC-TV telecast, he decided to show the eagle to the crowd, so he unscrewed the nut that held the eagle to the base...and forgot to re-attach the nut when he replaced the eagle on the base. So, bottom line, one of PBA's historic moments was actually his fault.

Was the story true or a fable invented by Burton? When asked to confirm the story, he laughed and said, "You decide. It remains a mystery. What I actually did was mention to **Chris Schenkel** that it was a really pretty trophy, so I picked it up and staged it for a camera shot," Burton said. "Whether or not I loosened the eagle, who knows? I honestly don't know what happened...but it's a good story."

### PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: BUTTURFF JOINS ELITE GROUP WITH 20TH REGIONAL TITLE

**Jakob Butturff** of Tempe, Ariz., overcame a tightly bunched leaderboard in the final position round match to win his 20th PBA Regional title Sunday in the PBA Lubbock Sports Southwest Open at South Plains Lanes, reaching the 20-title milestone in only 59 tournaments.

At age 24, Butturff is believed to be the youngest player to reach that title milestone. He is the 38th player in PBA history to win 20 regional titles.

Butturff, undoubtedly the hottest player in the PBA, held a 38-pin lead over **Sam Cooley** of Australia going into the 21st and final game of the tournament while snapping at their heels were former PBA Player of the Year **Sean Rash** of Montgomery, Ill., and **Tom Daugherty** from Riverview, Fla. Only 66 pins separated the top four players. In the final game, Butturff suffered a first-frame open, but rebounded with a plethora of strikes to win his match against Cooley, 248-202. He earned an additional

30 bonus pins for winning the match and won the tournament going away by completing an unbeaten 8-0 round of match play.

The tournament was a prelude event to the Go Bowling! PBA Tour's Lubbock Sports Open that begins Wednesday in Lubbock, Texas.

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- **Brian Kretzer** of Dayton, Ohio and partner **Ronnie Russell** of Marion, Ind., defeated **Eugene McCune** of Munster, Ind. and non-PBA member **Ryan Burks** of Valparaiso, Ind., 2-0, in a best-of-three-game title match to win the PBA/PBA50 Don Vay Memorial Central Doubles Classic title at Legend Lanes in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, Sunday.

Teams in the PBA Central Region's first tournament of 2019 included one bowler age 50 or older, and one bowler under the age of 50. The title was the Kretzer's 25th and Russell's ninth. They also split a \$4,000 first prize.

Kretzer and Russell blanked **Larry Verble** of Mason, Mich., and **T.J. Schmidt** of Mishawaka, Ind., 2-0, while McCune and Burks topped **Doug Kent** of Newark, N.Y. and **Tim Pfeifer** of Oakdale, Pa., 2-1, in the best-of-three semifinal round to set up the championship match.

- The only regional event on tap for the Jan. 26-27 weekend is the PBA Japan Region's Roto Grip Cup and Shark Open at PBA Fuji Bowl in Iruma, Japan.

- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit [pba.com](http://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](http://pba.com) (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

#### QUICK NOTES:

- Fans can follow the points status of eligible PBA Tour players competing for berths on the U.S. and European Weber Cup teams as the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season progresses on Twitter and Facebook by clicking on these links: <https://twitter.com/webercup/status/1085141731685945344> or <https://www.facebook.com/WeberCup/photos/a.643454192442977/2027287540726295/?type=3&theater>

- After three Go Bowling! PBA Tour points events in 2019, the eight leaders in the race to the PBA Playoffs are: **Jakob Butturff**, 7,185 points; **Jesper Svensson**, 4,725; **Sean Rash**, 3,830; **Bill O'Neill**, 3,705; **Jason Belmonte**, 3,550; **Patrick Girard**,

3,250; **Anthony Lavery-Spah**r, and **Matt Ogle**, 2,880. The top 24 in points following the USBC Masters will qualify for the inaugural PBA Playoffs; the top eight will earn a first-round bye in the single-elimination Playoffs. To follow the points competition as the season progresses, use this

link: <https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/PointsList/132?list=1>. An additional points competition including 2018 and 2019 points will qualify the field for the 2019 PBA Tour Finals. To track the top eight in that competition, click here: <https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/PointsList/132?list=5>.

- Another ongoing competition to follow is the Bowl4life PBA Rookie Watch which will lead to the 2019 PBA Rookie of the Year earning a \$2,500 bonus from the Bowl4Life Foundation while the foundation donates another \$2,500 to a youth bowler scholarship in the Rookie of the Year's name. After three Go Bowling! PBA Tour events, the top three rookies in PBA competition points are: **Matt Ogle**, Louisville, Ky.; **Patrick Hanrahan**, Wichita, Kan., and **Jake Rollins**, Glen Rock, N.J.

### **After Slow Start, Prather Rebounds to Take PBA Lubbock Sports Open Lead After First Round**

**LUBBOCK, Texas (Jan. 23, 2019)** – After a slow start, Kris Prather of Plainfield, Ill., rebounded to average 236.8 after the first round to lead the PBA Lubbock Sports Open Wednesday at South Plains Lanes.

In a tournament that features mixed (or dual) lane condition patterns, bowling on the PBA 32-foot Wolf lane condition, Prather finished the first round with a 1,658 seven-game pinfall total. After starting with games of 188 and 215, he came back with games of 258, 234, 290, 237 and 236.

"I started a little slow the first couple of games trying to find the right rhythm and ball speed," said the 27-year-old Prather. "If I was too aggressive, the ball was going through the nose, and if I wasn't aggressive enough, I couldn't get the ball to the pocket. I think it was a matter of just staying patient, getting loose and letting the rest of the round develop. My ball motion got better as the round went on."

Looking for his first Go Bowling! PBA Tour title, Prather started the season with two 10th-place finishes, in the PBA Hall of Fame Classic and PBA Oklahoma Open, after finishing 2018 with four consecutive championship round appearances.

Prather withstood a challenge by AJ Chapman of Manchester, Iowa, who finished the round in second 22 pins behind with 1,636. Chapman faltered in the final game of the round bowling 181.

Last week's Oklahoma Open winner Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., who has been the No. 1 qualifier for the stepladder finals in a record-tying three consecutive PBA Tour singles tournaments, struggled in the first round finishing the day in a tie for 42nd with a 1,450 pinfall. Butturff won the 2016 Lubbock Sports Open, finished second last season and third in 2017.

Defending champion PBA Hall of Famer Chris Barnes, who beat Butturff in last season's title match 207-206, finished the first round in a tie for 18th with 1,532.

The field returns for the second seven-game qualifying round on the 42-foot Scorpion lane condition Thursday, after which the top 24 players will advance to a seven-game cashers round Friday with the Scorpion condition on the left lane and the Wolf on the right.

The top 16 players after Friday's cashers round will advance to an eight-game match play round Friday afternoon and Saturday morning after which the top five will advance to the stepladder finals live on FS1 Sunday at 3 p.m. ET (2 p.m. CT). The stepladder finals will also feature the Scorpion pattern on the left lane and Wolf pattern on the right lane.

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## **PBA LUBBOCK SPORTS OPEN**

### **South Plains Lanes, Lubbock Texas, Wednesday**

#### **FIRST ROUND RESULTS (after 7 games)**

- 1, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 1,658.
- 2, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 1,636.
- 3, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 1,619.
- 4, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 1,612.
- 5, Stuart Williams, England, 1,593.
- 6, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 1,578.
- 7, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 1,571.
- 8, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,570.
- 9, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 1,567.
- 10, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 1,565.
- 11, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 1,559.
- 12, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,556.
- 13, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,553.
- 14, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 1,552.
- 15, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 1,549.
- 16, Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas, 1,543.
- 17, Sam Cooley, Australia, 1,541.
- 18, (tie) Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, and AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,532.
- 20, Rhino Page, Orlando, 1,526.
- 21, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,517.
- 22, Michael Steele, Abilene, Texas, 1,516.
- 23, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 1,513.
- 24, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 1,509.
- 25, Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C., 1,508.
- 26, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 1,504.
- 27, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,500.
- 28, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,499.
- 29, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,496.
- 30, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 1,494.
- 31, (tie) Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, and Francois Lavoie, Canada, 1,493.
- 33, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 1,492.
- 34, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 1,490.
- 35, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, Nev., 1,486.
- 36, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 1,484.
- 37, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 1,479.
- 38, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 1,467.
- 39, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,466.

40, Mitch Hupe, Canada, 1,458.  
41, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 1,451.  
42, (tie) Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, and Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 1,450.  
45, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 1,445.  
46, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,438.  
47, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 1,436.  
48, (tie) A.J. Rice, Salem, Ala., and Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 1,434.  
50, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 1,433.  
51, Jason Sterner, Fayetteville, Ga., 1,425.  
52, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,424.  
53, Stephen Pavlinko Jr., Sewell, N.J., 1,422.  
54, Cody Meiers, Lubbock, Texas, 1,420.  
55, (tie) Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., and Richie Teece, England, 1,417.  
57, Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1,404.  
58, Sean Wilcox, Altamonte Springs, Fla., 1,401.  
59, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,388.  
60, Jim Pratt, Avondale, Ariz., 1,381.  
61, Anthony Pepe, East Elmhurst, N.Y., 1,380.  
62, Eduardo Astiazaran, Mexico, 1,379.  
63, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 1,375.  
64, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 1,373.  
65, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 1,371.  
66, (tie) Billy Rogers, Mesquite, Texas, and Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 1,366.  
68, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 1,356.  
69, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,349.  
70, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, IL, 1,344.  
71, Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., 1,342.  
72, Will Vidulich, Montville, N.J., 1,336.  
73, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 1,335.  
74, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 1,334.  
75, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,331.  
76, Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., 1,329.  
77, Scotty Pope Jr., Odessa, Texas, 1,327.  
78, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 1,322.  
79, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 1,311.  
80, Levi Fintel, Lubbock, Texas, 1,298.  
81, Mason Edmondson, Amarillo, Texas, 1,293.  
82, Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 1,259.  
83, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 1,241.  
84, Tyler Albracht, Amarillo, Texas, 1,238.  
85, (tie) Scott McCleery, Lubbock, Texas, and Justin Wyman, Fairport, N.Y., 1,199.  
87, (tie) Ronald Johnson, III, Durango, Colo., and Kenneth Harlan, Lubbock, Texas, 1,183.  
89, Dave Chubb, Farmington, N.M., 1,171.  
90, Christopher Hull, Odessa, Texas, 1,108.  
91, James Britton, Grand Prairie, Texas, 1,090.  
92, Athol Packer, Jr., Little Elm, Texas, 1,084.  
93, Gordon Bellamy Jr, Orlando, Fla., 987.

**300 games – Dino Castillo**

## EJ Tackett Jumps Into PBA Lubbock Sports Open

### Lead After Second Round

2016 PBA Player of the Year leads 24 players advancing to Friday's cashers round

LUBBOCK, Texas (Jan. 24, 2019) – EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Ind., bowled a 1,566 seven-game pinfall total on PBA's 42-foot Scorpion lane condition in the second round of the PBA Lubbock Sports Open Thursday at South Plains Lanes to lead 24 players who advanced to Friday's cashers round.

The 26-year-old 2016 PBA Player of the Year and 12-time Go Bowling! PBA Tour winner finished the day with a 3,137 overall 14-game pinfall (224 average) after two rounds, surging from seventh with 1,571 after Wednesday's first round on the 32-foot Wolf lane condition.

Tackett, who won the 2015 Lubbock Sports Open, bowled games of 257, 190, 234, 199, 219, 272 and 195 in the second round to hold a narrow three-pin lead over three-time tour winner Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C., in second with a 3,134 after two rounds.

"For me, the key to bowling in tournaments with different lane conditions is staying ahead of the moves and adjustments you need to make and make sure you dial in your focus on each lane," said Tackett. "It's tough enough when you're bowling a tournament on the same condition, but on multiple conditions, it can create a domino effect of problems if you fall behind. You don't want to have to play catch up."

Despite finishing the second round with a 169, PBA Oklahoma Open winner Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., vaulted from 42nd to 19th, with a 2,982 pinfall. With the cashers round and two match play rounds to go, if the 2016 Lubbock Sports Open winner can become the top qualifier for Sunday's live stepladder finals on FS1, he would become the first player to qualify for the top position in four consecutive PBA Tour singles events.

Rounding out the top five after the second round were AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 3,107; Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 3,100 and Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 3,099.

Defending champion PBA Hall of Famer Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, maintained his position in 18th with a 2,995 pinfall to advance to the cashers round. First round leader Kris Prather of Plainfield, Ill., dropped to ninth with 3,083.

The players advancing to the cashers round will have the added challenge of having to bowl on the Scorpion condition on the left lane and Wolf condition on the right lane.

The top 16 players after Friday's cashers round will bowl an eight-game match play round on Friday afternoon and another Saturday morning after which the top five will advance to the stepladder finals live on FS1 Sunday at 3 p.m. ET (2 p.m. CT). The stepladder finals will also feature the Scorpion pattern on the left lane and Wolf pattern on the right lane.

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#### PBA LUBBOCK SPORTS OPEN

South Plains Lanes, Lubbock Texas, Thursday

#### SECOND ROUND RESULTS (after 14 games. Top 24 advance to Friday's cashers round)

- 1, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 3,137.
- 2, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 3,134.
- 3, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 3,107.
- 4, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 3,100.
- 5, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 3,099.
- 6, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 3,090.
- 7, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 3,086.
- 8, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 3,085.
- 9, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 3,083.
- 10, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 3,082.
- 11, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 3,076.
- 12, Stuart Williams, England, 3,069.
- 13, Rhino Page, Orlando, 3,059.
- 14, Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 3,030.
- 15, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3,022.
- 16, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 3,021.
- 17, Mitch Hupe, Canada, 2,996.
- 18, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,995.
- 19, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 2,982.
- 20, (tie) Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., and Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C., 2,962.
- 22, Jason Sterner, Fayetteville, Ga., 2,952.
- 23, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 2,951.
- 24, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 2,945.

#### Failed to advance

- 25, (tie) Richie Teece, England, and Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 2,942.

27, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 2,941.  
28, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 2,939.  
29, A.J. Rice, Salem, Ala., 2,933.  
30, Sam Cooley, Australia, 2,928.  
31, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,925.  
32, (tie) Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, and Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas, 2,922.  
34, Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 2,919.  
35, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 2,916.  
36, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 2,899.  
37, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 2,895.  
38, (tie) Arturo Quintero, Mexico, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., and Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 2,886.  
41, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 2,877.  
42, (tie) Christopher Sloan, Ireland, and Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 2,871, \$100.  
44, Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 2,869.  
45, Stephen Pavlinko Jr., Sewell, N.J., 2,861.  
46, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2,858.  
47, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 2,857.  
48, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 2,852.  
49, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 2,837.  
50, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 2,831.  
51, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, Nev., 2,828.  
52, Anthony Pepe, East Elmhurst, N.Y., 2,826.  
53, Cody Meiers, Lubbock, Texas, 2,822.  
54, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 2,809.  
55, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 2,806.  
56, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 2,803.  
57, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 2,786.  
58, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 2,783.  
59, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 2,778.  
60, Michael Steele, Abilene, Texas, 2,768.  
61, (tie) Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., and Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, IL, 2,764.  
63, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 2,763.  
64, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 2,760.  
65, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 2,755.  
66, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 2,752.  
67, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2,751.  
68, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 2,739.  
69, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 2,737.  
70, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 2,731.  
71, Jim Pratt, Avondale, Ariz., 2,718.  
72, Billy Rogers, Mesquite, Texas, 2,716.  
73, Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., 2,712.  
74, Sean Wilcox, Altamonte Springs, Fla., 2,703.  
75, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 2,695.  
76, Scotty Pope Jr., Odessa, Texas, 2,670.  
77, Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 2,668.  
78, Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., 2,658.  
79, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 2,655.  
80, Eduardo Astiazaran, Mexico, 2,642.  
81, Scott McCleery, Lubbock, Texas, 2,598.  
82, Mason Edmondson, Amarillo, Texas, 2,596.  
83, Will Vidulich, Montville, N.J., 2,578.

84, Kenneth Harlan, Lubbock, Texas, 2,566.  
85, Ronald Johnson III, Durango, Colo., 2,452.  
86, Tyler Albracht, Amarillo, Texas, 2,447.  
87, Justin Wyman, Fairport, N.Y., 2,405.  
88, Dave Chubb, Farmington, N.M., 2,357.  
89, Christopher Hull, Odessa, Texas, 2,329.  
90, Athol Packer Jr., Little Elm, Texas, 2,264.  
91, Steve Britton, Grand Prairie, Texas, 2,197.  
92, Gordon Bellamy Jr, Orlando, Fla., 2,048.  
93, Levi Fintel, Lubbock, Texas, 2,184.

300 games – Greg Ostrander

### **Kretzer, Russell win PBA/PBA50 Don Vay Memorial Doubles**

**Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio (Jan. 20, 2019)** – Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio and partner Ronnie Russell of Marion, Ind., defeated Eugene McCune of Munster, Ind. and non-PBA member Ryan Burks of Valparaiso, Ind., 2-0, in a best-of-three-game title match to win the Professional Bowlers Association's PBA/PBA50 Don Vay Memorial Central Doubles Classic title at Legend Lanes Sunday.

Teams in the PBA Central Region's first tournament of 2019 included one bowler age 50 or older, and one bowler under the age of 50. The title was the Kretzer's 25th and Russell's ninth. They also split a \$4,000 first prize.

Kretzer and Russell blanked Larry Verble of Mason, Mich., and T.J. Schmidt of Mishawaka, Ind., 2-0, while McCune and Burks topped Doug Kent of Newark, N.Y. and Tim Pfeifer of Oakdale, Pa., 2-1, in the best-of-three semifinal round to set up the championship match.

McCune and Burks earned \$1,000 each for second place while the Verble/Schmidt and Kent/Pfeifer teams each earned \$800 as semifinal round losers.

The event drew a field of 45 teams.

The next PBA Central Region event will be a PBA50 tournament in Crawfordsville, Ohio, Feb. 22-24.

### **PBA/PBA50 DON VAY MEMORIAL CENTRAL DOUBLES CLASSIC Legend Lanes, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, Sunday**

#### **Championship (best of three games):**

s-Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio/Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind. (\$4,000) def. s-Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind./n-Ryan Burks, Valparaiso, Ind. (\$2,000), 406(10)-406(7), 429-388.

#### **Semifinal Round (best of three games, losing teams eliminated and earned \$1,600 each):**

Kretzer/Russell def. s-Larry Verble, Mason, Mich./T.J. Schmidt, Mishawaka, Ind., 2-0.

McCune/Burks def. s-Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y./Tim Pfeifer, Oakdale, Pa., 2-1.

#### **Round of 8 (best of five games, losing teams eliminated earned \$1,300 each):**

Kent/Pfeifer def. s-Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio/Kyle Bigelow, Troy, Ohio, 3-0.

Verble/Schmidt def. s-n-Don Hogue, Akron, Ohio/Joe Bailey, Doylestown, Ohio, 3-1.  
Kretzer/Russell def. s-n-Chuck Tompkins, Reynoldsburg, Ohio/n-Chad Roberts, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, 3-2.  
McCune/Burks def. ss-Dick Gran, Hartville, Ohio/Pat Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 3-2.

**Round of 12 (best of five games, losing teams eliminated earned \$1,100 each):**

Hogue/Bailey def. s-Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio/Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 3-1.  
Tompkins/Roberts def. ss-Tom Howison, Chillicothe, Ohio/n-Vicktor Varner, Akron, Ohio, 3-0.  
Zakrajsek/Bigelow def. s-Dean Billings, Rootstown, Ohio/n-Steven Waters, Northfield, Ohio, 3-2.  
McCune/Burks def. s-R.J. Alman, Murrysville, Pa./n-John George, Tarentum, Pa., 3-1.

n-denotes non-PBA member; s-denotes PBA50 player; ss-denotes PBA60 player

## **Prather Regains PBA Lubbock Sports Open Lead Heading Into Match Play**

by jschneider | Friday, January 25, 9:32 AM

First round PBA Lubbock Sports Open leader Kris Prather regained his lead after Friday's cashers round on the mixed 42-foot Scorpion and 32-foot Wolf lane conditions heading into this afternoon's first round of match play at South Plains Lanes at 2:30 p.m. ET (1:30 CT).

Prather fired a 1,667 seven-game pinfall total with games of 205, 227, 243, 300, 266, 203 and 223 to lead 16 players who advanced to match play with a 4,750 pinfall total for 21 games.

Five-time PBA Tour winner Jakob Butturff continued his march up the standings into seventh after finishing in a tie for 42nd after the first round. He posted a 1,606 pinfall in the cashers round with games of 247, 190, 238, 204, 268, 214 and 245 finishing with a 4,588 overall pinfall after three rounds.

If the 2016 Lubbock Sports Open winner can become the top qualifier for Sunday's live stepladder finals on FS1, he would become the first player to qualify for the top position in four consecutive PBA Tour singles events.

Defending champion PBA Hall of Famer Chris Barnes just made the cut finishing 16th with a 4,508 pinfall. Second round leader 2015 Lubbock Sports Open winner EJ Tackett dropped to sixth with 4,604.

After this afternoon's first match play round and another round Saturday morning, the top five will be determined for the stepladder finals live on FS1 Sunday at 3 p.m. ET (2 p.m. CT). The stepladder finals will also feature the Scorpion pattern on the left lane and Wolf pattern on the right lane.

## **PBA LUBBOCK SPORTS OPEN**

**South Plains Lanes, Lubbock, Texas**

### **THIRD ROUND RESULTS**

**(after 21 games. Top 16 advance to first match play round)**

- 1, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 4,750.
- 2, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 4,666.
- 3, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 4,637.
- 4, Stuart Williams, England, 4,636.
- 5, Anthony Lavery-Spaher, Pasadena, Texas, 4,610.
- 6, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 4,604.
- 7, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 4,588.
- 8, Rhino Page, Orlando, 4,563.
- 9, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 4,555.
- 10, Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 4,541.
- 11, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 4,539.
- 12, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 4,534.
- 13, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 4,515.
- 14, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 4,514.
- 15, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 4,513.
- 16, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 4,508

### **Failed to advance**

- 17, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 4,481, \$2,000.
- 18, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 4,468, \$1,800.
- 19, Mitch Hupe, Canada, 4,420, \$1,600.
- 20, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 4,393, \$1,555.
- 20, Jason Sterner, Fayetteville, Ga., 4,393, \$1,555.
- 22, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 4,388, \$1,520.
- 23, Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C., 4,332, \$1,510.
- 24, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 4,104, \$1,500.

## **Prather Regains PBA Lubbock Sports Open Lead After First Match Play Round**

*16-player field returns Saturday morning for final match play round to  
determine five finalists for Sunday's stepladder finals on FS1*

**LUBBOCK, Texas (Jan. 25, 2019)** – With a leaderboard that saw a lot of movement, Kris Prather of Plainfield, Ill., posted a 4-4 record in the first match play round but still emerged as the leader of the PBA Lubbock Sports Open Friday at South Plains Lanes.

Bowling on dual lane conditions – PBA 42-foot Scorpion pattern on the left lane and 32-foot Wolf condition on the right lane – Prather holds the lead with a 6,607 29-game pinfall total, including 30 bonus pins for each match win, to hold a seven-pin lead over three-time Go Bowling! PBA Tour winner Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C., who had a 6-2 record in match play and finished the day with a 6,600 pinfall.

"It's tough out there," said the 27-year-old Prather who led after the first round and holds a 223.6 average thus far in the tournament. "Pair to pair the lanes are playing so different because guys are bowling different angles with different types of equipment trying to find what works best for them.

"You just hope that you can make the most of the pairs of lanes you match up the best with," he added. "You're kind of at the mercy of who bowls on the pair that you move to after each game and how the bowlers played them."

Looking for his first tour title, Prather started the season with two 10th-place finishes, in the PBA Hall of Fame Classic and PBA Oklahoma Open, after finishing 2018 with four consecutive championship round appearances.

Making a jump from 10th after Friday morning's cashers round, San Francisco native Michael Tang, who now makes his home in Johnstown, Ohio, went 7-0-1 in match play and had a 6,595 pinfall to move into third.

Rounding out the top five were six-time tour winner Rhino Page, Orlando (5-2-1) 6,525, in fourth, and 13-time tour winner Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., who moved from 11th after the cashers round to fifth after posting a 5-3 record and 6,523 pinfall.

Rash teamed with Matt Ogle to win the PBA Mark Roth-Marshall Holman Doubles Championship which aired last Sunday on FS1.

The 16-player field returns Saturday morning for the final match play round at 9 a.m. ET (8 a.m. CT) after which the top five players will be determined for Sunday's live stepladder finals on FS1 at 3 p.m. ET (2 p.m. CT)

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### **PBA LUBBOCK SPORTS OPEN South Plains Lanes, Lubbock Texas, Friday**

#### **FOURTH ROUND RESULTS**

**(after 29 games. Includes match play record and total pinfall including bonus pins. All players advance to Saturday morning's final match play round)**

- 1, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 4-4, 6,607.
- 2, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 6-2, 6,600.
- 3, Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 7-0-1, 6,595.

- 4, Rhino Page, Orlando, 5-2-1, 6,525.
- 5, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 5-3, 6,523.
- 6, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 6-2, 6,444.
- 7, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 2-6, 6,418.
- 8, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 5-2-1, 6,399.
- 8, Anthony Lavery-Spah, Pasadena, Texas, 3-4-1, 6,399.
- 10, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 3-5, 6,360.
- 11, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 2-5-1, 6,323.
- 12, Stuart Williams, England, 2-6, 6,292.
- 13, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 2-6, 6,267.
- 14, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 3-4-1, 6,257.
- 15, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 2-6, 6,165.
- 16, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 4-4, 6,112.

### **THIRD ROUND RESULTS**

**(after 21 games. Top 16 advanced to first match play round)**

- 1, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 4,750.
- 2, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 4,666.
- 3, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 4,637.
- 4, Stuart Williams, England, 4,636.
- 5, Anthony Lavery-Spah, Pasadena, Texas, 4,610.
- 6, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 4,604.
- 7, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 4,588.
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**300 games – Kris Prather**

Rash Goes 8-0 in Final Match Play Round to Take

PBA Lubbock Sports Open Stepladder Finals Top Seed

Rash will be joined by Dick Allen, Michael Tang, Kyle Troup and Rhino Page

in Sunday's live FS1 stepladder finals telecast

LUBBOCK, Texas (Jan. 26, 2019) – Boosted by an 8-0 record in the final match play round, Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., earned the top seed for the stepladder finals of the PBA Lubbock Sports Open Saturday at South Plains Lanes.

After three qualifying and two match play rounds, Rash earned the top berth with a 37-game 8,586 pinfall total (including match play bonus pins) and 13-3 overall match play record, to lead the five players who advanced to Sunday's finals that will air live on FS1 at 3 p.m. ET (2 p.m. CT).

"Last week was a big confidence boost," said the 13-time tour winner, who teamed with Matt Ogle to win the PBA Mark Roth-Marshall Holman Doubles Championship that aired on FS1 last Sunday. "Obviously winning is a big confidence boost but you're always going to have the ups and downs. There's still work to be done but it feels good to be riding the ups right now."

Rash's 8-0 performance moved him into the lead after finishing Friday's match play round in fifth with a 5-3 record.

In match play, players bowled on a dual lane condition – the PBA 42-foot Scorpion lane condition on the left lane and 32-foot Wolf condition on the right lane. The same conditions will be used for the stepladder finals.

"It was about filling frames and taking advantage of opportunities," said Rash, whose last singles tour title came in the 2017 Xtra Frame Gene Carter Pro Shop Classic. "If you were bowling an opponent who was struggling, you had to take advantage of that by bearing down and making your spares if you weren't able to strike."

Qualifying second for the finals with a 9-7 match play record and 8,428 pinfall was five-time tour winner Dick Allen of Lexington, S.C. Making his first telecast appearance of 2019, Allen's last tour win came in the 2018 PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout.

San Francisco native Michael Tang rode an 11-4-1 match play record and 8,412 pinfall to qualify third for the finals to make his first career singles telecast appearance as a PBA member. Now living in Johnstown, Ohio, the 23-year-old right-hander finished second in the 2018 Roth-Holman Doubles Championship with his brother Darren, and was runner-up in the 2017 USBC Masters as an amateur. Tang finished with a 7-0-1 record after Friday's first match play round.

Three-time tour winner Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C., had an 8-8 record in match play and 8,393 pinfall to qualify fourth. Making his first telecast appearance in 2019, the 23-year-old two-hander's last tour win came in the 2018 Lucky Larsen Masters in Sweden.

Six-time tour winner Rhino Page of Orlando earned the No. 5 position with a 10-5-1 match play record and 8,373 pinfall. The left-hander jumped from seventh in the position round match with a 246-245 win over 12-time tour winner EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Ind., for his second telecast appearance of 2019. Page, the 2017 U.S. Open winner, finished fifth in the season-opening PBA Hall of Fame Classic.

## PBA LUBBOCK SPORTS OPEN

South Plains Lanes, Lubbock Texas, Saturday

### FIFTH ROUND RESULTS

(after 37 games. Includes match play record and total pinfall including bonus pins. Top five advance to Sunday's live finals on FS1)

- 1, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 13-3, 8,586.
- 2, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 9-7, 8,428.
- 3, Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 11-4-1, 8,412.
- 4, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 8-8, 8,393.
- 5, Rhino Page, Orlando, 10-5-1, 8,373.
- 6, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 8-8, 8,347, \$4,600.
- 7, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 10-6, 8,310, \$4,000.
- 8, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 7-8-1, 8,271, \$3,500.
- 9, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 6-9-1, 8,258, \$3,300.
- 10, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 5-11, 8,157, \$3,100.
- 11, Stuart Williams, England, 7-9, 8,150, \$3,000.
- 12, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 8-7-1, 8,132, \$3,000.
- 13, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 6-9-1, 8,033, \$2,800.
- 14, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 5-11, 7,964, \$2,700.
- 15, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 5-11, 7,867, \$2,600.
- 16, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 7-9, 7,865, \$2,500.

### **Missed Spare in 10th Frame by Sean Rash Enables Dick Allen to Win PBA Lubbock Sports Open**

*Allen gets just enough in 10th frame of title match to win 201-200*

**LUBBOCK, Texas (Jan. 27, 2019)** – Taking advantage of a missed 10 pin in the 10th frame by top qualifier Sean Rash in the title match, Dick Allen won the PBA Lubbock Sports Open Sunday for his sixth career Go Bowling! PBA Tour title.

Bowling on a dual lane condition – the PBA 42-foot Scorpion condition on the left lane and the 32-foot Wolf lane condition on the right lane – the 40-year-old Allen, who qualified second for the finals, defeated Rash 201-200 in the title match at South Plains Lanes.

Down by 18 heading into the 10th frame, Allen doubled on his first two shots in the 10th and then got eight on his fill ball after Rash's misfortune which was just enough for the victory. Allen benefited from a late falling 2 pin on a light hit on first strike.

"I knew it was a bad shot about 35 feet down the lane," Allen said of his first strike in the 10th. "Whatever the result was going to be, it was definitely out of my hands at that point. I think when Sean missed that spare it took me a while to realize I still had a shot to win."

Allen recovered to throw a solid strike on his second ball in the 10th but then threw another bad shot leaving the 3-6 on the fill ball.

"I was very fortunate on that last shot because that could have easily been six," Allen added. "It was a roller coaster ride out there."

The title match was a far different experience for Allen than the semifinal where he beat two-hander No. 4 qualifier Kyle Troup 278-188 to advance to the title match against Rash.

For Allen, who is in his 20th year on tour, it was his first win since the 2018 PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout and his first title on television since winning the 2011 Dick Weber Playoffs.

"I'm no spring chicken anymore," Allen said. "I hope I can continue a trend of being a late bloomer. At my age I know I don't have that many competitive years left so I'll just enjoy the ride as long as I can."

Rash was trying for his second consecutive and 14th career win after teaming with Matt Ogle to win the Mark Roth-Marshall Holman Doubles Championship which aired on FS1 last Sunday.

In the second match, Troup, who was trying for his fourth career title, finished with four strikes in a row to beat Michael Tang 228-215 to advance to the semifinal match. Tang, the No. 3 qualifier for the finals, was trying for his first career tour win.

Troup capitalized on open frames in the ninth and 10th by No. 5 qualifier Rhino Page, who was trying to win his seventh career title, to win the opening match 198-186.

The 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour heads to Ohio for back-to-back majors in February for the PBA Tournament of Champions from AMF Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn (Feb. 4-10) and the PBA Players Championship at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl (Feb. 12-17). The Tournament of Champions will air live on FOX at 4:30 p.m. ET on Feb. 10 and the Players Championship will air live on FS1 at 1 p.m. on Feb. 17.

The next PBA telecast on FS1 will be the CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational presented by Go Bowling! Feb. 3 at 2 p.m. ET.

**PBA LUBBOCK SPORTS OPEN**  
**South Plains Lanes, Lubbock, Texas, Sunday**

**Final Standings:**

- 1, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., \$25,000.
- 2, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., \$13,000.
- 3, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., \$8,000.
- 4, Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, \$7,000.
- 5, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., \$6,000.

**Playoff Results:**

**Match One:** Troup def. Page, 198-186.

**Match Two:** Troup def. Tang, 228-215.

**Semifinal:** Allen def. Troup, 278-188.

**Championship:** Allen def. Rash, 201-200.

Chris Paul Welcomes Cast of Stars to 10th Anniversary CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational

Terrell Owens, Mookie Betts, JJ Watt join PBA stars for Super Bowl Sunday special event's debut on FOX

CONROE, Texas – National Basketball Association star Chris Paul will welcome an all-star lineup of athletes, entertainers and Professional Bowlers Association stars to his 10th anniversary CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational, presented by Go Bowling!, when it makes its broadcast television debut on FOX on Sunday, Feb. 3 at 2 p.m. EST, at Bowlero at The Woodlands.

The Super Bowl Sunday special, benefitting the Chris Paul Family Foundation, will feature well-known athletes including returning competitors Terrell Owens, recently inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame, and reigning American League MVP and World Series champion Mookie Betts of the Boston Red Sox, along with a guest appearance by Houston Texans superstar defensive end J.J. Watt. Also participating will be Paul's Houston Rockets teammate PJ Tucker, Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver William Jackson III, and NASCAR champion Aric Almirola, driver of the No. 10 Go Bowling! Ford. Entertainers in the field will include Big Brother Season 20 star Tyler Crispen, model and Big Brother contestant Angela Rummans, and Grammy-nominated rapper/artist Bun B.

"This is totally different than any bowling I do during the summer or with my friends and teammates," Paul said of his annual event. "The pressure is different, there are a lot of people here, the lights are bright, but I'll make sure I do enough to win."

Regarding the 10th anniversary of the event, and its network debut on FOX, Paul added, ""It's crazy. I'm excited. It's amazing that it's been 10 years. I'm so grateful to the PBA and the bowlers, I can't say thank you enough."

The field of PBA stars will include Hall of Famers Norm Duke, Pete Weber and Chris Barnes; past PBA Players of the Year Jason Belmonte, Tommy Jones, EJ Tackett, Sean Rash and Andrew Anderson, and PBA Tour champion Kyle Troup. In the five-frame Baker format single-elimination match game battle for

the prestigious Chris Paul trophies, Duke will be paired with Paul as defending champions, trying to help Paul claim the title for a record fifth time. Weber will again bowl with Owens, Barnes will be paired with Jackson, Jones with Betts, Tackett with Tucker, Belmonte with Almirola and Troup with Crispen. Rash and Anderson will engage in a two-minute "PBA Speed Strike Challenge" to determine who gets to bowl with Rummans.

The featured doubles competition will involve modified five-frame matches in which the PBA partner will bowl the sixth, eighth and 10th frames while the celebrity bowls the seventh and ninth frames. It's a fast, fun format, but one that competitors take seriously, especially one as intense as Major League Baseball's premier player in 2019, Mookie Betts.

"It means a lot," Betts said. "It's tough to create friendships with athletes in different sports, but Chris Paul has been a great friend and great guy."

Despite his growing friendship with Paul, Betts has his eyes on the prize after losing to Paul and his PBA partners in the championship match the last two years.

"I can't lose again," Betts said. "I lost the last two years. I can't lose again."

Also as part of the telecast, 2018 Teen Masters age-group winners Brandon and Justin Bohn (sons of PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III), Tom Hankey Jr. and Jenna Williams; former University of Nebraska All-American Gazmine Mason, and PBA Tour champion DJ Archer, who will compete in a one-shot, low-count out "mini clash." The winner will advance to a similar "super clash" with the celebrity stars.

The CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational will air on FOX for the first time, and for the first time, PBA's online streaming partner, FloBowling, will make the show available to its international subscribers. For more information, visit FloBowling.com. PBA fans also can watch a series of "red carpet" interviews with celebrity and PBA participants on PBA's YouTube channel.

During the 2019 season, viewers can live stream the PBA shows on the FOX Sports app, through the FOX and FS1 streams. The shows will be available on desktop at FOXSports.com and through the app store or on connected devices including Apple TV, Android TV, Fire TV, Xbox One and Roku. In addition, all programs will be available on FOX Sports on SiriusXM channel 83 on satellite radios and on the SiriusXM app. For more information, visit FOX Sports Press Pass.

HISTORY OF CP3 PBA CELEBRITY INVITATIONAL WINNERS (host city in parenthesis)

2018 – Norm Duke/Chris Paul (Houston)  
2017 – Chris Barnes/Chris Paul (Los Angeles)  
2016 – Pete Weber/Terrell Owens (Los Angeles)  
2015 – Ronnie Russell/French Montana ((Los Angeles)  
2013 – Chris Barnes/Chris Hardwick (Los Angeles)  
2012 – Pete Weber/Jerry Ferrara/Blake Griffin (Los Angeles)  
2011 – Jason Belmonte/Chris Paul (New Orleans)  
2010 – Jason Belmonte/Chris Paul (New Orleans)  
2009 – Jason Couch/LeBron James (Winston-Salem, N.C.)

#### HISTORY OF CP3 "CELEBRITY CLASH" WINNERS

2018 – Terrell Owens  
2017 – Mookie Betts  
2016 – John Burkett  
2015 – Chris Paul  
2013 – Quinton Aaron  
2012 – Jesse Williams  
2011 – Nelly

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PBA Tournament of Champions and Players Championship Already a Critical

## Stretch for Players in Young Go Bowling! PBA Tour Season

PBA Playoffs, \$1 million 300 game bonus come into focus in season's first major championships

CHICAGO (Jan. 30, 2019) – With the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season barely a month old, players already find themselves at a critical juncture in the PBA Playoffs race with two majors back-to-back in February.

Both are Tier 1 points events under the PBA's new competition points system. The 54th PBA Tournament of Champions – PBA's signature event that requires a player to have a PBA title to compete – gets underway Feb. 4-10 at AMF Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio. It will be followed a week later by the PBA Players Championship, Feb. 12-17, at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl in Columbus, Ohio.

The Tournament of Champions stepladder finals will be televised live on FOX at 4:30 p.m. ET on Sunday, Feb. 10 and the Players Championship finals will air live on FS1 on Sunday, Feb. 17 at 1 p.m. ET.

In addition to the PBA Playoffs race, the Tournament of Champions and Players Championship will be the first tournaments to feature a \$1 million bonus if a player bowls a 300 game in the title match of either stepladder final. While there have been 26 televised 300 games in the history of the PBA Tour, only two have been accomplished in the title match and neither of those took place in a major championship.

The two other opportunities to win the \$1 million 300 game bonus will come in the title matches of the live Go Bowling! Indianapolis Open finals Sunday, Feb. 24 at 3 p.m. ET on FS1 and PBA World Championship that will air as part of the PBA World Series of Bowling X in suburban Detroit on March 21 at 8 p.m. ET.

In the upcoming majors stretch, four-time PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte will again try to tie, and or break, the record for most PBA major wins. The nine-time majors champion made a run at the record in 2018 by finishing fourth in the Tournament of Champions and second in the Players Championship when he lost to Tom Smallwood, 259-239, in the title match. PBA Hall of Famers Earl Anthony and Pete Weber share the record for most major titles with 10. Weber also will bowl in both events, trying to take sole possession of the record.

Tournament of Champions defending champion Matt O'Grady of Rahway, N.J., made an incredible run to win the 2018 title, coming all the way from a pre-tournament qualifier to the stepladder finals where, as the No. 5 qualifier, he won all four stepladder matches culminating with a 207-193 title match win over Sweden's Jesper Svensson to win his first PBA Tour title.

Competition points earned in both majors will be valuable for players who are competing for 24 berths in the inaugural PBA Playoffs. Players will continue to compile points through the USBC Masters which concludes April 1. The preliminary rounds of the PBA Playoffs will be held April 7-10 at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, which will air on FS1 throughout April and May with the top four players returning to Portland to compete for a \$100,000 first prize – the richest in bowling – during the live finals that will air over two days (June 1-2) on FOX. To view the current PBA points list click on <https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/PointsList/132?list=1>

Preliminary rounds of both the Tournament of Champions and Players Championship will be streamed live on FloBowling.com. Fans can purchase tickets for the finals by clicking on [www.pba.com/tickets](http://www.pba.com/tickets).

For preliminary round tickets and pro-am entry information contact Riviera Lanes at (330) 836-7985 and Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl at (614) 491-7155.

#### PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS SCHEDULE

AMF Riviera Lanes, Fairlawn, Ohio (all times Eastern)

Monday, Feb. 4

3 p.m. – Pre-tournament qualifier

Tuesday, Feb. 5

2-4 p.m. - Practice Session

Wednesday, Feb. 6

11 a.m. - Qualifying Round 1 (6 games)

6 p.m. - Qualifying Round 2 (6 games)

Thursday, Feb. 7

11 a.m. - Qualifying Round 3 (6 games)

Top 24 players advance to Round Robin Match Play

6 p.m. - Match Play Round 1 (8 games)

Friday, Feb. 8

11 a.m. - Match Play Round 2 (8 games)

6 p.m. - Match Play Round 3 (8 games)

Top 5 players advance to Stepladder Finals

Saturday, Feb. 9

Pro-ams - 9 a.m., noon, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 10

4:30 p.m. - Live stepladder finals on FOX

#### PBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl, Columbus, Ohio

Tuesday, Feb. 12

Practice session - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

7:30 p.m. - Celebrity Pro-Am

Wednesday, Feb. 13

10 a.m. - Qualifying Round 1 (6 games)

4:30 p.m. - Qualifying Round 2 (6 games)

Thursday, Feb. 14

10 a.m. - Qualifying Round 3 (6 games)

Top 24 players advance to Round Robin Match Play

5 p.m. - Match Play Round 1 (8 games)

Friday, Feb. 15

11 a.m. - Match Play Round 2 (8 games)

5 p.m. - Match Play Round 3 (8 games)

Top 5 players advance to Stepladder Finals

Saturday, Feb. 16

Pro-ams - 3 p.m., 6 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 17

1 p.m. – Live stepladder finals on FS1

PBA Spare Shots

PBA LEGEND CARMEN SALVINO TO COMPETE IN TOC AT AGE 85

There seems to be no stopping PBA legend Carmen Salvino.

The 85-year old PBA Hall of Famer will compete in his 29th PBA Tournament of Champions, extending his record as the oldest player to compete in a Go Bowling! PBA Tour event.

PBA's most famous showman is one of the few remaining links to the storied tournament's origin dating back to the inaugural event in 1962.

"I'm in shape and ready to go," said the 17-time tour winner. "I'm working out and doing a lot of bowling to get ready. My weight hasn't changed in 63 years. I'm 195 (pounds) and haven't fluctuated five pounds either side of that."

Salvino began planning to bowl in the 2019 TOC after competing in last season's PBA 60th Anniversary Classic in Indianapolis.

"People have no idea of how it feels to go into the locker room of one of the great tournaments and see all the guys," Salvino said. "For me, it goes beyond bowling—just to be there with those guys is a thrill."

The 1962 TOC was held at Play Bowl in Indianapolis and was actually billed as the Indianapolis 500 Festival Tournament of Champions according to the Indianapolis Star's coverage of the tournament. It's an often-overlooked event because the tournament would not be held again for three years. In 1965, Firestone began its landmark sponsorship, the classic moved to Bowlarama in Akron, Ohio and then to AMF Riviera Lanes the following year where it remained for 29 years.

The first TOC was a two-day event featuring 25 PBA Tour champions – everyone who had won a title since the PBA's formation four years earlier. It was conducted immediately after the Indianapolis PBA Open, the final regular event of the Tour season, which also was held at Play Bowl. Salvino finished third in the inaugural tournament (his best finish in the classic). Joe Joseph won with a two-game total of 480 pins followed by fellow Michigan star Billy Golembiewski with 413 pins and Salvino with a 409 total.

"I'm an example of not letting your age stop you," Salvino added. "I'm looking forward to showing those young guns a thing or two."

#### LIVE LUBBOCK SPORTS OPEN TELECAST CONTINUES STRONG FOX VIEWERSHIP GAINS

Sunday's live FS1 telecast of the PBA Lubbock Sports Open continued a strong trend of viewership gains under the PBA's new relationship with FOX Sports.

"We are gaining momentum with our new broadcast partner FOX Sports," said PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark. "Our fans are finding us."

Sunday's telecast of the PBA Lubbock Sports Open finals was the most viewed show on FS1 so far this year, Clark said, producing a 28% gain over the previous week's Roth-Holman PBA Doubles Championship telecast, and an 83% gain over the PBA Oklahoma Open telecast the Sunday before the doubles show. The original airing of the Lubbock Open averaged 345,000 viewers with the first re-air later Sunday evening tallying another 157,000 viewers. The live Lubbock show also had 316% more viewers than the program FS1 aired in the same time slot the previous year.

For the year to date, through five original shows plus re-airs on FOX, FS1 and FS2, the PBA has attracted 6,921,000 viewers, up 26% over the first five shows in 2018 on different network, Clark noted.

#### LIVE FOX TELECAST HELPS SPARK MEDIA FRENZY OVER KYLE TROUP'S HAIR...AND FLAIR

Guppy Troup built his legion of fans with his showmanship and colorful wardrobe in a 1970s and '80s PBA Tour career that resulted in eight titles, and now son Kyle Troup is extending the Troup family legacy by adding an Afro hairdo, a two-handed delivery and his own charisma to the family portfolio.

Troup's third-place finish in Sunday's Lubbock Sports Open, live on FS1, helped the 27-year-old Taylorsville, N.C., two-hander create his own unique fan club when his hair – and flair – became a social media hit. It was noted prominently by TMZ ([https://www.tMZ.com/2019/01/28/bowler-afro-kyle-troup/?fbclid=IwAR1yqIjTMwsAqVbavfQcCUgn6bu30bLA63UmwSNKsDfU\\_Eco72TMTcJcJ4M](https://www.tMZ.com/2019/01/28/bowler-afro-kyle-troup/?fbclid=IwAR1yqIjTMwsAqVbavfQcCUgn6bu30bLA63UmwSNKsDfU_Eco72TMTcJcJ4M)); became a trending topic on Twitter (<https://twitter.com/barstoolsports/status/1090036603484020736>), and captured the attention of SI.com's "Extra Mustard" (<https://www.si.com/extra-mustard/2019/01/29/pba-bowler-kyle-troup-fro-pants-celebration-video>).

It's becoming obvious that this "Guppy minnow" hasn't swum very far away from the school...

#### FLOBOWLING UNVEILS ITS OWN "PBA POWER RANKINGS"

While FOX Sports is providing the PBA with new dimensions in television coverage, PBA's new online streaming partner is likewise opening new doors and windows into the vast social media world with its event coverage, feature stories and related features such as its new "PBA Power Rankings" that provide fans with an ongoing discussion topic: Who's the best?

This week, for example, Lubbock Sports Open winner Dick Allen makes his first appearance in the rankings while a significant amount of shuffling among the contenders also took place in Week Five of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season. Unchanged in Flo's rankings: Jakob Butturff retains the top spot as the season's top player heading into the PBA Tournament of Champions, where FloBowling's coverage of the preliminary rounds begins on Feb. 6.

The PBA Power Rankings, with rationale for each player's ranking, are just another special feature PBA fans can follow as FloBowling subscribers (to subscribe, visit [flobowling.com](http://flobowling.com)). To catch you up on where things stand, following the PBA Lubbock Sports Open, here are the current Top 10 Power Rankings (with the previous week's ranking in parenthesis):

1, Jakob Butturff (previous ranking: 1)

2, EJ Tackett (3)

- 3, Jason Belmonte (2)
- 4, Kris Prather (6)
- 5, Jesper Svensson (4)
- 6, Dom Barrett (5)
- 7, Sean Rash (15)
- 8, Kyle Troup (14)
- 9, Rhino Page (12)
- 10, Andrew Anderson (9)

#### PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: REGIONAL ACTIVITIES SUPPLEMENT MAJORS IN FEBRUARY

In addition to the Go Bowling! PBA Tour's first major championships of the 2019 season, PBA's regional members will have a slate to events available as well, beginning with a pair of "challenge" events for non-title winners in the PBA South Region over the Feb. 8-10 weekend in Tavares, Fla.: the PBA50 Break Point Alley Challenge and the PBA Break Point Alley Challenge, both presented by Ebonite.

- PBA50 regional activity continues in the South Region over the Feb. 15-17 weekend when Paradise Lanes in Spartanburg, S.C., hosts the PBA50 Dave Edwards Toyota South Open presented by 900 Global.
- The PBA Central and Midwest Regions will participate in the joint PBA50 Plaza Lanes Central/Midwest Open in Crawfordsville, Ind., over the Feb. 22-24 weekend. Over the same weekend, South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas will host a doubleheader including the South Point West Challenge on Friday, and the South Point Member/Non-Member Doubles, both presented by Radical.
- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit [pba.com](http://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](http://pba.com) (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

#### QUICK NOTES:

- After the first four Go Bowling! PBA Tour points events in 2019, the eight leaders in the race to the PBA Playoffs are: Jakob Butturff (8,255), Sean Rash (6,830), Dick Allen (5,735), Jesper Svensson (4,725), Anthony Lavery-Spahr (4,435), EJ Tackett (4,110), Kris Prather (4,080) and Kyle Troup (3,875). The top 24 in points following the USBC Masters will qualify for the inaugural PBA Playoffs; the top eight will earn

a first-round bye in the single-elimination Playoffs. To follow the points competition as the season progresses, use this link: <https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/PointsList/132?list=1>.

An additional points competition including 2018 and 2019 points will qualify the field of eight for the 2019 PBA Tour Finals. To track the leaders in that competition, click here: <https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/PointsList/132?list=5>.

- The Bowl4life PBA Rookie Watch will lead to the 2019 PBA Rookie of the Year earning a \$2,500 bonus from Chuck Gardner's Bowl4Life Foundation while the foundation donates another \$2,500 to a youth bowler scholarship in the Rookie of the Year's name. After four Go Bowling! PBA Tour events, the top three rookies in PBA competition points are: Jake Rollins (1,430), Patrick Hanrahan (1,365) and AJ Rice (815).
- Tickets for the Weber Cup's American debut June 18-21 at Mandalay Bay Resort in Las Vegas will go on sale at 10 a.m. PST on Monday, Feb. 4. Tickets are priced from just \$20 per session via AXS and at [www.webercup.com](http://www.webercup.com). Fans can follow the points status of eligible PBA Tour players competing for berths on the U.S. and European Weber Cup teams as the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season progresses on Twitter and Facebook: <https://twitter.com/webercup/status/1085141731685945344> or <https://www.facebook.com/WeberCup/photos/a.643454192442977/2027287540726295/?type=3&theater>

## **Jakob Butturff Continues to Shine; Canadians Impact 2018 PBA Regional Awards**

**CHICAGO (Feb. 1, 2019)** - Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., continued to be the player to beat in the PBA Northwest Region, winning another title and finishing second in his other three Northwest Region tournaments to retain his Player of the Year title in 2018. But across the PBA's seven regions, players with Canadian roots made a major impact in 2018, claiming three regional Player of the Year honors and a Rookie of the Year award.

While the 24-year-old Butturff only bowled in four PBA Northwest tournaments in 2018, he also won PBA Regional titles in the Central, Midwest and West Regions while running his career titles total to 19 by the end of the year.

Butturff's accomplishments in 2018 were among the highlights of the PBA Regional Award winners, announced today by Director of the PBA Regional and PBA50 Tours John Weber, recognizing Players of the Year, Rookies of the Year, PBA50 Players of the Year and Pat Patterson Award winners, for contributions to the regional program, in each of its seven domestic regions.

Award winners were selected by the PBA's regional managers: Russ Mills, East Region; Sam Zurich, South Region; Bobby Jakel, Central Region; recently-retired Rich Weber, Midwest Region; Pete McCordic, Southwest Region, and Gary Mage, West and Northwest Regions.

Here's a summary of the 2018 PBA Regional Award winners:

**EAST** – Darren Andretta of Wantagh, N.Y., bowled in six events, winning two titles and finishing second in a third to earn Player of the Year. Rookie of the Year is Todd Sigeti of Lititz, Pa., after a seven-for-seven record as a casher and a 13th place best finish. Rick Graham of Lancaster, Pa., won Senior Player of the Year after recording six top-five finishes in eight tries, including one title. Steve Pavlinko Sr. of Sewell, N.J., was recipient of the East Region's Pat Patterson Award.

**SOUTH** – PBA Tour veteran Dick Allen of Lexington, S.C., won PBA South Region Player of the Year honors for the first time since the 2004-05 season, making match play in nine of 12 events, winning three titles and added three other top-five finishes. Former Teen Masters champion and two-time Junior Team USA member Mike Coffey of Melbourne, Fla., won Rookie of the Year honors after winning one title and recording two other top-five finishes in his first five tournaments. Veteran Stoney Baker of Canton, Ga., with three titles and six total top-five finishes in PBA50 events, was a dual honoree – winning Senior Player of the Year honors along with the South Region's Pat Patterson Award.

**CENTRAL** – Ontario native Graham Fach, the first Canadian to win a PBA Tour title (2016 PBA Players Championship), repeated as the Central Region Player of the Year after finishing in the top five in six of 13 tournaments, including winning one title. Kyle Cook of Centerville, Ohio, captured Rookie of the Year honors after posting three top-five finishes including his first title. Harry Sullins of Chesterfield Twp., Mich., ended Brian Kretzer's two-year hold on Senior Player of the Year, claiming that honor for the third time himself after winning a pair of titles and finishing in the top five on two other occasions. Bill Wammes of Bowling Green, Ohio, was recipient of the region's Pat Patterson Award.

**MIDWEST** – PBA Tour player AJ Johnson of Oswego, Ill., retained the PBA Midwest Region Player of the Year award after a first-, second- and third-place season. Chicago's Dakota Vostry won Rookie of the Year honors, cashing in six of 11 events with a season-best fifth-place finish. Jeff Johnson of Freeport, Ill., won Senior Player of the Year honors after posting four top-five finishes, including one title, in eight events. Kevin Kullman of Lockport, Ill., repeated as the Midwest's Pat Patterson Award recipient.

**SOUTHWEST** – Two of the PBA's Tour Canadian stars, Francois Lavoie and Mitch Hupé, won the Southwest Region's top honors. Lavoie repeated as Player of the Year after winning a pair of titles and posting two additional top-five finishes. Hupé, a Wichita State University alum like Lavoie, earned Rookie of the Year cashed in four of five events with a fifth-place finish. Beaumont, Texas proprietor and PBA Hall of Famer Mark Williams won the region's Senior Player of the Year honors along with the Southwest Pat Patterson Award.

**WEST** – The fourth native Canadian to impact the PBA Regional program was Quebec's Ray Lussier, now living in San Jose, Calif., who won both Player and Rookie of the Year honors after winning his first PBA Regional title and posting two second-place finishes. Ron Mohr of Las Vegas won West Region Senior Player of the Year honors for the fourth time after second- and third-place finishes in a limited schedule of five events. Joe Goldstein Jr. of San Bruno, Calif., was awarded the Pat Patterson Award.

**NORTHWEST** – In addition to Butturff's third straight Northwest Player of the Year award, Tanner Spacey of Burien, Wash., recorded second- and five-place finishes in the four tournaments he entered to earn Rookie of the Year honors. PBA Tour and PBA50 Tour veteran Hugh Miller of Mercer Island, Wash., repeated as PBA50 Player of the Year after one win and two other top-five finishes in three events. Darron Stanley of Vancouver, Wash., was selected as the Pat Patterson Award recipient.

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. The PBA Regional program annually conducts roughly 150 events across the nation and in its Japan Region.

## **Mookie Betts, Tommy Jones Win CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational**

*American League's top player in 2018 achieves another goal in third Chris Paul benefit appearance*

**CONROE, Texas** – Boston Red Sox star Mookie Betts was still in the midst of celebrating a stunning baseball season in which he won almost every key award possible, including helping his team to a World Series victory. But stuck in the back of his mind was the fact that in two previous appearances, he and his Professional Bowlers Association partners had finished second in NBA star Chris Paul's annual CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitationals.

Betts was determined to end that streak, and in the 10th anniversary CP3 benefit bowling event that aired on FOX on Sunday just ahead of the Super Bowl, Betts found his stroke just in time as he and 18-time PBA Tour titlist Tommy Jones rolled to a convincing 101-86 victory over 2017 CP3 champions Pete Weber and Pro Football Hall of Famer Terrell Owens in the modified five-frame title match at Bowlero at the Woodlands.

"I finally got one," Betts said after hoisting his Heisman-style trophy. "Now I'm going to enjoy it and get ready for baseball."

The doubles competition involved a modified five-frame format in which the PBA partner bowled the sixth, eighth and 10th frames while the celebrity bowled the seventh and ninth frames.

Betts, a life-long bowler who has demonstrated his skills on the lanes as a competitor in the PBA World Series of Bowling twice – including bowling a 300 game in the 2017 WSOB – made a key speed adjustment in his delivery just in time to give Jones the help he needed. The 2018 American League MVP, batting champion, defensive player of the year, etc., thrilled the crowd inside Bowlero when he converted the challenging 2-10 split in his first frame of the doubles competition. Jones led off with a strike and then sandwiched two more strikes around Betts' 10 pin spare conversion to record a 100-84 decision over Australia's Jason Belmonte and NASCAR champion Aric Almirola in their opening match.

"I was just throwing the ball too hard but I figured it out," Betts said. "It was fun. I don't think Tommy missed, so I kinda rode his back."

In the semifinal round, Betts struck in both of his frames, providing key support especially after Jones left a 4-10 split that he failed to convert in his second frame. Betts and Jones advanced to the title match with a 116-72 decision over the split-plagued team of Big Brother star Tyler Crispen and his PBA partner, Kyle Troup.

Betts again made a key contribution in the final match, following Jones' first-frame strike with one of his own, and when Jones struck again, the outcome was all but decided after Weber and Owens started their game with back-to-back splits and open frames.

“The charity is first and foremost, but the competition is fun too, and seeing guys from other sports, different backgrounds and other professions, all coming together to play one sport is definitely fun. But I don’t like to lose; you never like to lose, so I’m glad we won this time.”

The 10th anniversary Super Bowl Sunday special, benefitting the Chris Paul Family Foundation, again featured a field of well-known athletes including a guest appearance by Houston Texans superstar defensive end J.J. Watt; a supporting cast of PBA stars and an opportunity for Teen Masters age-group winners Brandon and Justin Bohn, Tom Hankey Jr. and Jenna Williams, and collegiate All-American Gazmine Mason to rub elbows with the celebrity stars.

“We have a lot of great guys who come out for this event,” Paul said. “When Mookie doesn’t strike, we’re surprised, but this is the first year he’s won it so that shows that even if guys might be better players, when you get out here, things happen. It’s a whole lot of fun.”

The 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season and the race to the PBA Playoffs heats up with back-to-back major championships (and Tier 1 points events), beginning with the PBA Tournament of Champions at AMF Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio, Feb. 4-10, followed by the PBA Players Championship, Feb. 12-17, at Wayne Webb’s Columbus Bowl in Columbus, Ohio. FOX will air the TOC finals live at 4:30 p.m. ET on Sunday, Feb. 10 and the Players Championship finals will air live on FS1 on Sunday, Feb. 17 at 1 p.m. ET. Preliminary rounds of both events will be live streamed by FloBowling.

### **CP3 PBA CELEBRITY INVITATIONAL**

**Bowlero at The Woodlands, Conroe, Texas (aired Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019 on FOX)  
(Modified five-frame alternate frame doubles format)**

#### **Championship:**

Tommy Jones/Mookie Betts def. Pete Weber/Terrell Owens, 101-86.

#### **Semifinal Round:**

Jones/Betts def. Kyle Troup/Tyler Crispen, 116-72.

Weber/Owens def. Norm Duke/Chris Paul, 104-94.

#### **First Round:**

Duke/Paul def. EJ Tackett/PJ Tucker, 95-65.

Weber/Owens def. Chris Barnes/William Jackson III, 96-70.

Jones/Betts def. Jason Belmonte/Aric Almirola, 100-84.

Troup/Crispen def. Andrew Anderson/Angela Rummans, 76-60.

#### **CELEBRITY SUPER CLASH (one-ball, low score eliminated):**

Final Round: Tyler Crispen def. Gazmine Mason, 10-7.

Preliminary Rounds in Order of Elimination: PJ Tucker, Bun B, Mookie Betts, William Jackson III, Terrell Owens, Aric Almirola, Chris Paul.

**MINI CLASH (one-ball, low score eliminated):**

Final Round: Gazmine Mason def. Tom Hankey Jr., 10-9 (Mason advanced to Super Clash).

**PBA SPEED STRIKE CHALLENGE (most strikes in two minutes)**

Andrew Anderson def. Sean Rash, 10-8 (Anderson advanced to doubles competition as Angela Rummans' partner).

Houston's Shawn Maldonado Leads Six Regional Champions into PBA TOC Field

Pre-Tournament Qualifiers earn berths in Tournament of Champions; qualifying begins Wednesday

FAIRLAWN, Ohio (Feb. 4, 2019) – Nine-time PBA Regional title winner Shawn Maldonado, a 32-year-old two-handed player from Houston, Texas, will lead a field of six PBA Regional champions into the PBA Tournament of Champions when qualifying in the first major championship of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season gets underway Wednesday at AMF Riviera Lanes.

Maldonado, who averaged 231.5 in Monday's eight-game pre-tournament qualifier, finished with 1,852 pins to easily out-distance fellow Texan Sean Lavery-Spahr of Pasadena, who had 1,726 pin. Also advancing to join the field of 60 PBA Tour titlists in the TOC proper will be Stephen Pavlinko Jr. of Sewell, N.J.; Patrick Dombrowski of Parma, Ohio; Nathan Bohr of Austin, Texas, and Darren Tang of Las Vegas.

After a practice session from 2-4 p.m. on Tuesday, qualifying in the TOC begins on Wednesday with six-game rounds at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET. Qualifying continues with the third qualifying round at 11 a.m. on Thursday with a cut to the top 24 players advancing to robin match play round Thursday at 6 p.m., and Friday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. After 42 games, the top five players will advance to Sunday's live stepladder finals on FOX at 4:30 p.m.

Fans can follow all rounds of qualifying and match play through PBA's online streaming partner, FloBowling. For schedule and subscription information visit FloBowling.com.

**PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS**

AMF Riviera Lanes, Fairlawn, Ohio, Monday

Pre-Tournament Qualifier (after 8 games; top six advance to Wednesday's qualifying)

- 1, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 1,852.
- 2, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,726.
- 3, Stephen Pavlinko Jr., Sewell, N.J., 1,696.
- 4, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 1,690.
- 5, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 1,683.
- 6, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, Nev., 1,674.

Failed to advance:

- 7, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 1,653.
- 8, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 1,646.
- 9, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 1,641.
- 10, Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., 1,618.
- 11, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,617.
- 12, Aaron Lorincz, Center Line, Mich., 1,613.
- 13, Joe Bailey, Wooster, Ohio, 1,591.
- 14, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 1,575.
- 15, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,573.
- 16, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 1,571.
- 17, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,561.
- 18, Jim Pratt, Avondale, Ariz., 1,553.
- 19, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,533.
- 20, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 1,501.
- 21, Darren Andretta, Wantagh, N.Y., 1,496.
- 22, Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1,494.
- 23, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 1,492.
- 24, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 1,476.
- 25, Zachery Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,457.
- 26, Kyle Mayberry, Mechanicsburg, Ohio, 1,440.
- 27, Frank Bellavia Jr., Niagara Falls, N.Y., 1,391.

## PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS SCHEDULE

AMF Riviera Lanes, Fairlawn, Ohio (all times Eastern)

Tuesday, Feb. 5

2-4 p.m. – Official Practice Session

Wednesday, Feb. 6

11 a.m. - Qualifying Round 1 (6 games)

6 p.m. - Qualifying Round 2 (6 games)

Thursday, Feb. 7

11 a.m. - Qualifying Round 3 (6 games)

Top 24 players after 18 games advance to round robin match play

6 p.m. - Match Play Round 1 (8 games)

Friday, Feb. 8

11 a.m. - Match Play Round 2 (8 games)

6 p.m. - Match Play Round 3 (8 games)

Top 5 players after 42 games advance to stepladder finals

Saturday, Feb. 9

9 a.m., noon, 3 and 6 p.m. – Pro-Am squads

Sunday, Feb. 10

4:30 p.m. - Live stepladder finals on FOX

### **Trip to Watch Sunday's TOC Finals Next Up for 10-Year-Old Who Bowled 300 and Appeared on Jimmy Kimmel LIVE**

*Kai Strothers is youngest to reach perfection in New Jersey; hopes to one day become a PBA member*

**FAIRLAWN, Ohio** – Kai Strothers, a 10-year-old from Maplewood, N.J., hopes to one day follow in the footsteps of his favorite Professional Bowlers Association stars – Jason Belmonte and Gary Faulkner Jr. – and bowl on the sport's biggest stage.

Kai took a big step toward that goal on January 19 when he bowled his first 300 game in his youth league at Jersey Lanes in nearby Linden, a feat that landed him an appearance on Jimmy Kimmel LIVE via satellite.

Now, thanks to an invitation from Go Bowling! PBA Tour Commissioner Tom Clark, Kai and his parents will have a front row seat for one of professional bowling's most prestigious championship rounds when he attends Sunday's PBA Tournament of Champions finals at AMF Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio. The stepladder finals air live on FOX at 4:30 pm EST.

"Kai's accomplishment on the lanes and his awesome performance on Jimmy Kimmel are inspiring," Clark said. "I cannot wait to introduce Kai to PBA legend Carmen Salvino at the finals and listen to that conversation. Whether you are 10 or 85, we are all chasing 300."

Salvino is bowling in his 29th PBA Tournament of Champions this year at record age 85.

If a PBA bowler rolls 300 in the TOC championship game on Sunday, he will win a \$1 million bonus as part of the PBA's #Chasing300 campaign. In the case of any 300 game on the PBA on FOX Sports schedule this season, Tour sponsor Go Bowling's "Go Bowling America" promotion will also give a free game of bowling coupon to everyone registered at [www.gobowling.com/BowlFreeAmerica](http://www.gobowling.com/BowlFreeAmerica).

When Kai was asked by Kimmel what else he'd like to accomplish after becoming the youngest bowler ever to bowl a 300 game in New Jersey, the 197-average youth bowler said his dream is to someday become a professional bowler.

The 10-year-old will see what it's like under the brightest lights in the game this Sunday.

To view Kai's appearance on the Kimmel show's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vtK7epq5BY>

## **Andrew Anderson is Early Leader in PBA Tournament of Champions**

by jschneider | Wednesday, February 06, 12:21 PM

Andrew Anderson is Early Leader in PBA Tournament of Champions

**FAIRLAWN, Ohio** — Two-time PBA Tour winner and 2018 PBA Player of the Year Andrew Anderson took the PBA Tournament of Champions first round lead Wednesday with a 1,470 six-game pinfall total.

The 23-year-old Anderson got off to a big start with 290 and then followed it up with games of 226, 231, 259, 244 and 220 at AMF Riviera Lanes.

"I was kind of surprised I bowled that well," said Anderson, who won the 2018 USBC Masters and finished third in last season's TOC. "I think the main thing was that I avoided having to play catch up with my adjustments. I was getting off to good starts and finished games well mainly by playing it safe and not being too aggressive."

Two-time PBA Tournament of Champions winner Jason Belmonte of Australia began his quest for a record-tying 10th PBA Tour major title finishing the round in second 19 pins behind Anderson with a 1,451 six-game pinfall. Belmonte had games of 268, 224, 227, 238, 199 and 245.

For Belmonte, a third TOC title would also tie him with Jason Couch and Mike Durbin for most wins in PBA's signature tournament which requires a player to have a PBA title to compete.

Qualifying continues this evening with the second qualifying round beginning at 6 p.m. ET. The entire field returns Thursday for the third qualifying round at 11 a.m. with a cut to the top 24 players advancing to robin match play round Thursday at 6 p.m., and Friday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. After 42 games, the top five players will advance to Sunday's live stepladder finals on FOX at 4:30 p.m.

Fans can follow all rounds of qualifying and match play through PBA's online streaming partner, FloBowling. For schedule and subscription information visit [FloBowling.com](http://FloBowling.com).

PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS  
AMF Riviera Lanes, Fairlawn, Ohio, Wednesday

FIRST ROUND RESULTS

(after 6 games)

- 1, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 1,470.
- 2, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,451.
- 3, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,438.
- 4, Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 1,417.
- 5, Rhino Page, Orlando, 1,371.
- 6, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 1,366.
- 7, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,354.
- 8, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,331.
- 8, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,331.
- 10, Kurt Pilon, Sterling Heights, Mich., 1,326.
- 11, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 1,324.
- 12, Dom Barrett, England, 1,315.
- 13, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,312.
- 13, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,312.
- 15, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 1,311.
- 15, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 1,311.
- 17, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,308.
- 17, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,308.
- 19, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,306.
- 20, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 1,305.
- 20, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,305.
- 22, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 1,301.
- 23, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,298.
- 24, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,286.
- 25, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 1,285.
- 26, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,283.
- 27, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 1,282.
- 28, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 1,281.
- 29, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,278.
- 30, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 1,277.
- 31, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 1,261.
- 31, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 1,261.
- 33, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas, 1,253.
- 33, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,253.
- 35, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 1,249.
- 36, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 1,243.
- 37, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 1,239.
- 38, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 1,237.
- 39, Jason Sterner, Fayetteville, Ga., 1,231.
- 40, Stuart Williams, England, 1,230.
- 41, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,227.
- 41, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,227.
- 41, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 1,227.
- 44, Richie Teece, England, 1,226.
- 45, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 1,223.
- 46, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,220.
- 47, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,215.
- 48, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,211.
- 49, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,210.
- 50, Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 1,206.

- 51, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 1,197.
- 52, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, Nev., 1,196.
- 53, Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 1,195.
- 53, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,195.
- 55, Anthony Pepe, East Elmhurst, N.Y., 1,192.
- 56, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 1,169.
- 56, Stephen Pavlinko, Sewell, N.J., 1,169.
- 58, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,166.
- 59, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,141.
- 60, JoJoe Yannaphon, Thailand, 1,122.
- 61, Annop Arromsaranon, Thailand, 1,100.
- 62, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,077.
- 63, Anthony LaCaze, Hanover Park, Ill., 1,022.
- 64, Carmen Salvino, Schaumburg, Ill., 989.
- 65, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 984.

Jason Belmonte Averages 235 After Two Rounds

to Lead PBA Tournament of Champions

FAIRLAWN, Ohio (Feb. 6, 2019) – Australia's Jason Belmonte began his quest for a record-tying 10th PBA Tour major title by averaging 235 after two rounds Wednesday to lead the PBA Tournament of Champions at AMF Riviera Lanes.

Finishing second after the first round earlier Wednesday with a 1,451 six-game pinfall total, the 35-year-old two-hander, who owns two Tournament of Champions titles, came back with a 1,373 pinfall in the second round to finish the day with 2,824 overall for 12 games.

The four-time PBA Player of the Year and 18-time PBA Tour titlist bowled games of 225, 247, 245, 215, 214 and 227 in the second round of the first major of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season.

"I'm really striving to get a good roll on the ball and keep the shape of my ball rolling down the lane smooth," Belmonte said. "I wanted to get the ball down the lane without a lot of sharp moves which I think helped my strike percentage."

For Belmonte, a third TOC title would also tie him with Jason Couch and Mike Durbin for most wins in PBA's signature tournament that requires a player to have a PBA title to compete.

"I don't want to be cliché, but my job is to bowl as good as I possibly can and the wins and trophies will come," Belmonte added. "We're only a third of the way through the tournament at this point but I'm looking at it from the perspective as more opportunity to bowl even better."

Belmonte holds a 97-pin lead over Matt Ogle of Louisville, Ky., in second with a 2,727 pinfall and Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., in third with 2,698. Ogle and Rash teamed up to win the PBA Mark Roth-Marshall Holman Doubles Championship in January. It was Rash's 13th tour win and Ogle's first.

Rounding out the top five were 2018 PBA Player of the Year Andrew Anderson of Holly, Mich., who finished the day in fourth with 2,693 and four-time PBA Tour winner Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., who finished fifth with 2,690.

The entire field returns Thursday for the third qualifying round at 11 a.m. ET. The field will then be cut to the top 24 players who will advance to the first eight-game match play round Thursday at 6 p.m. Match play continues Friday with rounds at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. that will determine the top five players who will advance to Sunday's live stepladder finals on FOX at 4:30 p.m.

Fans can follow all rounds of qualifying and match play through PBA's online streaming partner, FloBowling. For schedule and subscription information visit FloBowling.com.

PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS  
AMF Riviera Lanes, Fairlawn, Ohio, Wednesday

## SECOND ROUND RESULTS

(after 12 games)

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2,824.
- 2, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 2,727.
- 3, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,698.
- 4, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 2,693.
- 5, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,690.
- 6, Dom Barrett, England, 2,663.
- 7, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 2,662.
- 8, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,653.
- 9, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 2,652.
- 10, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 2,649.
- 11, Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 2,635.
- 12, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 2,626.
- 13, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 2,624.
- 14, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 2,622.
- 15, Rhino Page, Orlando, 2,619.
- 16, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2,604.
- 17, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,597.
- 18, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas, 2,589.
- 19, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 2,583.
- 20, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 2,581.
- 21, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 2,576.
- 22, Kurt Pilon, Sterling Heights, Mich., 2,573.
- 23, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 2,568.
- 24, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2,566.
- 25, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 2,565.
- 26, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2,564.
- 27, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 2,563.
- 28, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,554.
- 29, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 2,550.
- 30, (tie) Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., and Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 2,549.

- 32, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, Nev., 2,548.
- 33, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 2,542.
- 34, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 2,541.
- 35, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 2,537.
- 36, Stuart Williams, England, 2,527.
- 37, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 2,516.
- 38, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 2,511.
- 39, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 2,508.
- 40, (tie) Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, and Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 2,502.
- 42, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,499.
- 43, (tie) Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., and Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2,494.
- 45, Jason Sterner, Fayetteville, Ga., 2,489.
- 46, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 2,475.
- 47, Richie Teece, England, 2,466.
- 48, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 2,454.
- 49, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 2,438.
- 49, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 2,438.
- 51, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 2,435.
- 52, Anthony Pepe, East Elmhurst, N.Y., 2,434.
- 53, Annop Arromsaranon, Thailand, 2,402,
- 54, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 2,398.
- 55, JoJoe Yannaphon, Thailand, 2,389.
- 56, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 2,356.
- 57, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 2,352.
- 58, Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 2,334.
- 59, Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 2,246.
- 60, Stephen Pavlinko, Sewell, N.J., 2,231.
- 61, Anthony LaCaze, Hanover Park, Ill., 2,224.
- 62, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 2,206.
- 63, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2,179.
- 64, Carmen Salvino, Schaumburg, Ill., 2,021.
- 65, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 984.

300 games – Annop Arromsaranon, Cristian Azcona

## FIRST ROUND RESULTS

(after 6 games)

- 1, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 1,470.
- 2, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,451.
- 3, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,438.
- 4, Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 1,417.
- 5, Rhino Page, Orlando, 1,371.
- 6, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 1,366.
- 7, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,354.
- 8, (tie) Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,331 and Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,331.
- 10, Kurt Pilon, Sterling Heights, Mich., 1,326.
- 11, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 1,324.

12, Dom Barrett, England, 1,315.  
13, (tie) Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., and Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,312.  
15, (tie) EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind. and Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 1,311.  
17, (tie) Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., and Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,308.  
19, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,306.  
20, (tie) Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., and Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,305.  
22, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 1,301.  
23, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,298.  
24, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,286.  
25, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 1,285.  
26, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,283.  
27, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 1,282.  
28, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 1,281.  
29, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,278.  
30, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 1,277.  
31, (tie) Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., and Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 1,261.  
33, (tie) Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas, and Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,253.  
35, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 1,249.  
36, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 1,243.  
37, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 1,239.  
38, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 1,237.  
39, Jason Sterner, Fayetteville, Ga., 1,231.  
40, Stuart Williams, England, 1,230.  
41, (tie) Osku Palermaa, Finland, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., and Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 1,227.  
44, Richie Teece, England, 1,226.  
45, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 1,223.  
46, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,220.  
47, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,215.  
48, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,211.  
49, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,210.  
50, Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 1,206.  
51, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 1,197.  
52, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, Nev., 1,196.  
53, (tie) Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, and Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,195.  
55, Anthony Pepe, East Elmhurst, N.Y., 1,192.  
56, (tie) Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., and Stephen Pavlinko, Sewell, N.J., 1,169.  
58, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,166.  
59, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,141.  
60, JoJoe Yannaphon, Thailand, 1,122.  
61, Annop Arromsaranon, Thailand, 1,100.  
62, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,077.  
63, Anthony LaCaze, Hanover Park, Ill., 1,022.  
64, Carmen Salvino, Schaumburg, Ill., 989.  
65, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 984.

## **Belmonte Extends Lead, Tops 24 Players Heading Into PBA Tournament of Champions Match Play**

by jschneider | Thursday, February 07, 1:01 PM

**FAIRLAWN, Ohio** – As the PBA Tournament of Champions leader after Wednesday's second round Australia's Jason Belmonte was looking for opportunities to bowl even better and it seems he found them. The two-time Tournament of Champions winner extended his lead after Thursday's third qualifying round with a 4,279 18-game pinfall total (237 average) to lead 24 players who advanced to the match play portion of the tournament this evening at AMF Riviera Lanes.

Belmonte, who bowled games of 242, 277, 190, 240, 238 and 268 in the third round extended his lead to 225 pins over Sean Lavery-Spahr of Pasadena, Texas, in second with a 4,054 pinfall.

Rounding out the top five after qualifying were 2016 PBA Player of the Year and 2017 TOC winner EJ Tackett, 4,046; Josh Blanchard, 4,043, and 2018 PBA Player of the Year Andrew Anderson, 4,029.

PBA Lubbock Sports Open winner Dick Allen and 18-time tour and 2007 TOC winner Tommy Jones tied for 23rd to take the final match play spots with 3,862.

With support from his Avon Lake High School bowling team, Chris Loschetter, who is an assistant coach for the team, jumped from 33rd after the second round to 17th bowling games of 211, 186, 245, 220, 261 and 254 in the third round.

The 30-plus member Avon Lake team made a field trip to the TOC to see the second day of competition. "I'd like to say it was all for me but this was an opportunity for our players to see the greatest bowlers in the world," Loschetter said. "It's one thing for us as coaches to teach the game but for young bowlers to have the opportunity to see what we teach them at the highest level is an invaluable experience."

"This is as much fun as I've had bowling in a long time," Loschetter added. "I don't know if I would have made it to this point without their support."

The first match play round gets underway at 6 p.m. ET. Match play continues Friday with rounds at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. that will determine the top five players who will advance to Sunday's live stepladder finals on FOX at 4:30 p.m.

Fans can follow all the match play rounds through PBA's online streaming partner, FloBowling. For schedule and subscription information visit FloBowling.com.

## **PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS**

**AMF Riviera Lanes, Fairlawn, Ohio, Thursday**

### **THIRD ROUND RESULTS**

**(after 18 games. Top 24 players advance to match play)**

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 4,279.
- 2, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 4,054.
- 3, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 4,046.
- 4, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 4,043.
- 5, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 4,029.
- 6, Dom Barrett, England, 4,027.
- 7, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 4,012.
- 8, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 4,000.
- 9, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 3,990.
- 10, Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 3,971.
- 11, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 3,963.
- 12, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 3,950.
- 13, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 3,946.
- 14, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 3,939.

- 15, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 3,936.
- 16, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, Nev., 3,933.
- 17, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 3,919.
- 18, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 3,903.
- 19, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3,900.
- 20, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,890.
- 21, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 3,865.
- 22, Rhino Page, Orlando, 3,864.
- 23, (tie) Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., and Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,862.

**Did not advance**

- 25, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 3,861, \$2,500.
- 26, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 3,853.
- 27, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,848.
- 28, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 3,838.
- 29, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas, 3,829.
- 30, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 3,820.
- 31, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,819.
- 32, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 3,815.
- 33, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 3,807.
- 34, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 3,805.
- 35, Kurt Pilon, Sterling Heights, Mich., 3,796.
- 36, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 3,779.
- 37, Annop Arromsaranon, Thailand, 3,774, \$100.
- 38, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 3,764.
- 38, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,764.
- 40, (te) Jason Sterner, Fayetteville, Ga., and Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 3,758.
- 42, Stuart Williams, England, 3,747.
- 43, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 3,734.
- 44, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,722.
- 45, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 3,716.
- 46, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 3,704.
- 47, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,703.
- 48, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 3,695.
- 49, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 3,662.
- 50, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3,647.
- 51, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 3,637.
- 52, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 3,630.
- 53, Richie Teece, England, 3,613.
- 54, Anthony Pepe, East Elmhurst, N.Y., 3,573.
- 55, JoJoe Yannaphon, Thailand, 3,548.
- 56, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 3,542.
- 57, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 3,516.
- 58, Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 3,509.
- 59, Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 3,474.
- 60, Anthony LaCaze, Hanover Park, Ill., 3,403.
- 61, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,360.
- 62, Stephen Pavlinko, Sewell, N.J., 3,357.
- 63, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3,301.
- 64, Carmen Salvino, Schaumburg, Ill., 2,985.

**300 games – Josh Blanchard**

## Belmonte Extends Lead After Strong Finish in PBA Tournament of Champions First Match Play Round

FAIRLAWN, Ohio (Feb. 7, 2019) – Dominating after three rounds of qualifying and compiling a 6-2 record in Thursday's first match play round, two-hander Jason Belmonte of Australia extended his lead in the PBA Tournament of Champions at AMF Riviera Lanes.

The two-time Tournament of Champions winner, who is trying for a record-tying 10th career major title in the first major of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season, finished with a 6,226 26-game pinfall total, which includes 30 bonus pins for each match play win. He leads seven-time tour winner Dom Barrett of England, who also posted a 6-2 record but still finished 264 pins behind in second with 5,962.

Belmonte, a four-time PBA Player of the Year, had wins with games of 247, 201, 205, 196, 278 and 268 while losing with games of 205 and 157 in the middle of the round.

"There were definitely some things we saw in this first match play round we didn't see in qualifying," said Belmonte, who owns 18 career tour titles. "What you're going to typically see going forward is guys get out to a good start after the first one or two games, then who you bowl each match is really going to influence the adjustments you make from there.

"I definitely got caught in a couple games mainly because I didn't expect to see how drastically the lanes were changing," Belmonte added. "It was looking like I was going to be happy with a few wins and call it a day, but fortunately, I really executed the last two games."

If Belmonte can win the Tournament of Champions, he would tie PBA Hall of Famers Pete Weber and Earl Anthony for the all-time PBA majors record. A third Tournament of Champions win would also tie him with Jason Couch and Mike Durbin for most wins in PBA's signature event that requires a player to be a PBA champion to compete.

Finishing the day in third was 12-time tour titlist and 2017 Tournament of Champions winner EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Ind., who had a 4-4 match play record and 5,942 pinfall.

Two-time tour winner Michael Machuga of Erie, Pa., surged from 14th after the final qualifying round to fourth after posting a 5-3 record and finishing with a 5,926 pinfall. Also making a big move after qualifying was Jake Peters of Henderson, Nev., who moved from 13th after qualifying to fifth with a 6-2 record and 5,912 pinfall.

Match play continues Friday with eight-game rounds at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET that will determine the top five players who will advance to Sunday's live stepladder finals on FOX at 4:30 p.m.

The Tournament of Champions will be the first tournament of the season to offer a \$1 million bonus if a player can bowl a 300 game in the title match of the finals.

Fans can follow all the final day of match play through PBA's online streaming partner, FloBowling. For schedule and subscription information visit FloBowling.com.

PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS  
AMF Riviera Lanes, Fairlawn, Ohio, Thursday

#### FOURTH ROUND RESULTS

(after 26 games. Includes match play record and total pinfall including bonus pins)

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 6-2, 6,226.
- 2, Dom Barrett, England, 6-2, 5,962.
- 3, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 4-4, 5,942.
- 4, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 5-3, 5,926.
- 5, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 6-2, 5,912.
- 6, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2-5-1, 5,910.
- 7, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 5-2-1, 5,879.
- 8, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 5-3, 5,840.
- 9, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 5-3, 5,834.
- 10, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 6-2, 5,821.
- 11, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 4-4, 5,798.
- 12, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 2-6, 5,769
- 13, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 3-5, 5,746.
- 14, Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 3-5, 5,725.
- 15, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, Nev., 2-6, 5,714.
- 16, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 5-3, 5,692.
- 17, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 4-4, 5,658.
- 18, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 2-5-1, 5,630.
- 19, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 2-5-1, 5,622.
- 20, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 4-4, 5,614.
- 21, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 4-3-1, 5,613.
- 22, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 3-4-1, 5,549.
- 23, Rhino Page, Orlando, 2-6, 5,518.
- 24, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 3-5, 5,464.

#### THIRD ROUND RESULTS

(after 18 games. Top 24 players advanced to first match play round)

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 4,279.

- 2, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 4,054.
- 3, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 4,046.
- 4, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 4,043.
- 5, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 4,029.
- 6, Dom Barrett, England, 4,027.
- 7, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 4,012.
- 8, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 4,000.
- 9, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 3,990.
- 10, Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 3,971.
- 11, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 3,963.
- 12, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 3,950.
- 13, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 3,946.
- 14, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 3,939.
- 15, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 3,936.
- 16, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, Nev., 3,933.
- 17, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 3,919.
- 18, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 3,903.
- 19, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3,900.
- 20, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,890.
- 21, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 3,865.
- 22, Rhino Page, Orlando, 3,864.
- 23, (tie) Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., and Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,862.

Did not advance

- 25, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 3,861, \$2,500.
- 26, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 3,853.
- 27, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,848.
- 28, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 3,838.
- 29, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas, 3,829.
- 30, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 3,820.
- 31, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,819.
- 32, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 3,815.
- 33, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 3,807.
- 34, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 3,805.
- 35, Kurt Pilon, Sterling Heights, Mich., 3,796.
- 36, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 3,779.
- 37, Annop Arromsaranon, Thailand, 3,774.
- 38, (tie) Osku Palermaa, Finland, and Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,764.
- 40, (te) Jason Sterner, Fayetteville, Ga., and Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 3,758.
- 42, Stuart Williams, England, 3,747.
- 43, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 3,734.
- 44, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,722.
- 45, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 3,716.
- 46, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 3,704.
- 47, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,703.
- 48, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 3,695.
- 49, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 3,662.
- 50, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3,647.
- 51, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 3,637.
- 52, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 3,630.
- 53, Richie Teece, England, 3,613.

54, Anthony Pepe, East Elmhurst, N.Y., 3,573.  
55, JoJoe Yannaphon, Thailand, 3,548.  
56, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 3,542.  
57, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 3,516.  
58, Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 3,509.  
59, Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 3,474.  
60, Anthony LaCaze, Hanover Park, Ill., 3,403.  
61, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,360.  
62, Stephen Pavlinko, Sewell, N.J., 3,357.  
63, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3,301.  
64, Carmen Salvino, Schaumburg, Ill., 2,985.

300 games – Josh Blanchard

### **PBA Spare Shots**

#### **CP3 TELECAST CONTINUES TREND OF VIEWERSHIP GROWTH OF PBA ON FOX SPORTS CHANNELS**

Through six events, 9,736,000 viewers have tuned-in to watch the PBA on FOX, FS1 or FS2, including repeats, which represents a 41% increase over the total audience through six events last year (6,895,000).

Sunday's CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational delivered 819,000 viewers on FOX which was 9% better than last year's performance of 752,000 viewers for the comparable telecast last year. It ranks as the most-watched non-NFL adjacent PBA telecast in two years.

Not only was viewership for the **Chris Paul** PBA telecast up, but the audience increased through the majority of the telecast, peaking at 1,025,000 viewers from 3:30-4 p.m.

#### **AVON LAKE HIGH SCHOOL TEAM MAKES FIELD TRIP TO SUPPORT CHRIS LOSCHETTER**

Supported by his Avon Lake High School bowling team, PBA Tour champion **Chris Loschetter**, who is an assistant coach for the Avon, Ohio, team, jumped from 33rd to qualify 17th for the match play finals of the PBA Tournament of Champions Thursday at AMF Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio.

With the 30-plus members of the Avon Lake team cheering every shot, Loschetter rolled games of 211, 186, 245, 220, 261 and 254 in the third round to make the cut.

"I'd like to say it was all for me, but this was an opportunity for our players to see the greatest bowlers in the world," Loschetter said. "It's one thing for us as coaches to teach the game, but for young bowlers to have the opportunity to see what we teach them at the highest level is an invaluable experience."

"This is as much fun as I've had bowling in a long time," Loschetter added. "I don't think I would have made it to this point without their support."

For more about the Avon Lake team's field trip, see a feature on [flobowling.com](https://www.flobowling.com/video/6344606-coach-loschetter-gets-boost-from-high-school-team-at-toc): <https://www.flobowling.com/video/6344606-coach-loschetter-gets-boost-from-high-school-team-at-toc>

## **PBA UNVEILS EXPANDED LIBRARY OF LANE CONDITIONING PATTERNS**

The PBA has unveiled an expanded library of defined lane conditioning patterns for 2019 in order to create a more diverse series of challenges for PBA competition at all levels.

The PBA's well-known library of "animal patterns" that were introduced in the early 2000s include the Bear 41, Chameleon 39, Cheetah 33, Scorpion 42, Shark 48, Viper 36, Wolf 32 and Dragon 45. The numerical designation indicates the length in feet that oil is applied to the lane for each pattern.

The PBA also has a robust series of "legends" patterns named in honor of several of the PBA's greatest hall of famers. The new "legend" patterns introduced for 2019 include the **Billy Hardwick** 44, **Del Ballard** 34, **Mike Aulby** 38 and **Marshall Holman** 41. They join the list of previously introduced legends patterns that include the **Carmen Salvino** 44, **Dick Weber** 45, **Don Carter** 39, **Don Johnson** 40, **Earl Anthony** 43, **Johnny Petraglia** 37 and **Mark Roth** 42. The PBA also has a **Chris Paul** 42 pattern that has been used for the annual CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational.

The entire library of oiling patterns can be found on [pba.com](https://www.pba.com/OilPatterns) (<https://www.pba.com/OilPatterns>). Click on the "plus" sign beside the title of each pattern to view a colored diagram of the pattern.

"Each PBA lane pattern presents a different challenge for our players," said PBA Deputy Commissioner **Kirk von Krueger**. "Our lane maintenance team has created the library of patterns to provide our staff and tournament hosts with a variety of scoring environments which will test the versatility of our players, whether in PBA Tour, PBA Regional or PBA50 competition."

The Don Johnson 40 pattern is currently in use in the PBA Tournament of Champions. In addition to using specific patterns for certain events, the PBA Tour also is using "mixed patterns" for select events in 2019, where two different patterns will be used for qualifying rounds along with applying one of the two patterns to the left lane and the other to the right lane for other rounds in the tournament. The recently-completed Lubbock Sports Open, for example, used the Wolf 32 and Scorpion 32 patterns; the upcoming Go Bowling! PBA Indianapolis Open will use the Aulby 38 and Weber 45 patterns.

## **FELLOW PBA COMPETITOR ADDS TO KYLE TROUP'S "HAIR" LEGACY**

Colorful PBA Tour competitor **Kyle Troup** has become something of an online sensation lately, in part because of his Afro hair style, his colorful apparel and his showmanship. And now, a fellow PBA Tour competitor – **Keven Williams** of Springfield,

Mo. – is adding his touch to Troup’s growing popularity by writing a rap song entitled, “Pick It Out.”

Williams, a rapper who calls himself “KWill,” is planning to release his song soon, but Troup has already adopted it as his “strike song.” A teaser bit made its debut during Troup’s appearance in the live FS1 telecast of the PBA Lubbock Open finals that aired on Sunday, Jan. 27. If you haven’t seen or heard about it, check out this link: <https://www.facebook.com/IAmKevenWilliams/videos/10156928100283340/UzpfSTU5ODk5MzMzOTozMDYwNjExMjk0OTk0MTQ6MTA6MDoxNTUxNDI3MTk5OjQzMzQ3ODY3OTc1ODQ0ODM1MDU/>

### **“WHEN CARMEN SPEAKS, EVERYONE LISTENS”**

“When Carmen speaks, everyone listens,” PBA star Sean Rash noted on his Facebook page after 85-year-old PBA legend **Carmen Salvino** completed his three rounds of qualifying in the PBA Tournament of Champions Thursday in Fairlawn, Ohio, and used the center’s PA system to address the crowd. “Truly an honor to cross next to one of the Founding Members of the (PBA).”

After breaking his own record as the oldest player ever to compete in a PBA Tour event – again – Salvino delivered a short-but-sweet message, including, “...I’ll be back”: <https://www.facebook.com/SeanRashFanPage/videos/336568733866399/>.

Salvino, who bowled in the first PBA Tournament of Champions in 1962, also competed in the Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic a year ago at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis at the age of 84.

### **PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: PBA50, PBA “CHALLENGE” REGIONAL EVENTS ON TAP**

PBA’s regional bowlers seeking their first victory will have an opportunity next weekend when a pair of “challenge” events for non-title winners are held in the PBA South Region over the Feb. 8-10 weekend in Tavares, Fla. The PBA50 Break Point Alley Challenge and the PBA Break Point Alley Challenge, both presented by Ebonite, provide title opportunities to PBA members who have never won a title. Non-PBA members also are invited to enter, but they won’t be eligible for PBA title recognition if they win as a non-member.

- PBA50 regional activity continues in the South Region over the Feb. 15-17 weekend when Paradise Lanes in Spartanburg, S.C., hosts the PBA50 Dave Edwards Toyota South Open presented by 900 Global.

- The PBA Central and Midwest Regions will participate in the joint PBA50 Plaza Lanes Central/Midwest Open in Crawfordsville, Ind., over the Feb. 22-24 weekend. Over the same weekend, South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas will host a doubleheader including the South Point West Challenge on Friday, and the South Point Member/Non-Member Doubles, both presented by Radical.

- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit [pba.com](http://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](http://pba.com) (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

## **PBA CHESAPEAKE OPEN RE-NAMED IN HONOR OF PBA HALL OF FAMER HARRY O’NEALE**

The 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour event to be held at AMF Western Branch Lanes in Chesapeake, Va., in August has been re-named the PBA **Harry O’Neale** Chesapeake Open, presented by Ebonite, in honor of the PBA Hall of Famer and long-time PBA South Region tournament manager. The name change was made in cooperation between tournament host **Joey Cruz** and current South Region tournament manager **Sam Zurich**.

The tournament will be held Aug. 9-11 as part of the PBA Summer Tour. It will be the second event in the USBC Cup series that will award \$40,000 in bonus prize money, including \$20,000 to the points leader in the series.

### **QUICK NOTES:**

- Chuck Gardner’s Bowl4life Foundation has announced it will award a pair of \$2,500 Johnny Petraglia Bowl4Life scholarships in 2019 to USBC youth bowlers who have maintained a minimum 3.0 GPA and have a passionate involvement in USBC youth bowling. Applications will be based in part on submission of an essay defining “what patriotism means to you.” The scholarships are named in honor of PBA Hall of Famer Johnny Petraglia. Applications must be submitted between May 1 and June 29. For a copy of the application form, click here: [https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/1298/5849/files/B4L\\_JP\\_Application\\_19.pdf?1868012392972331161](https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/1298/5849/files/B4L_JP_Application_19.pdf?1868012392972331161)

Belmonte Will Bowl for 10th Major Title as Top Qualifier for

PBA Tournament of Champions Stepladder Finals

Marshall Kent, EJ Tackett, Josh Blanchard and Sean Lavery-Spahr will join Belmonte

for Sunday’s live FOX finals telecast of first major of the season

FAIRLAWN, Ohio (Feb. 8, 2019) – As top qualifier for the stepladder finals of the 54th PBA Tournament of Champions, four-time PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia will have to win one match in Sunday’s live FOX telecast for his 10th PBA Tour major which would tie him for the majors record with PBA Hall of Famers Pete Weber and Earl Anthony.

The finals telecast will air Sunday on FOX at 4:30 p.m. ET from AMF Riviera Lanes.

The 35-year-old two-hander compiled a 16-8 match play record and 10,097 42-game pinfall total, including match play bonus pins, at the end of Friday's final match play round to finish 224 pins ahead of four-time tour winner Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., who qualified second for the finals with a 9,873 pinfall and 18-6 match play record.

"When you have a big lead you can get complacent so my goal was just to keep a good steady pace," said Belmonte, who averaged 229 for the tournament. "If I could just bowl some solid 220s or 230s and win a few matches along the way, the other guys were going to have to shoot 250s and 260s consistently to catch me and that's hard to do."

For Belmonte and his opponent in the title match there will be more on the line than winning a major title as the Tournament of Champions will be the first of four tournaments during the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season that will pay a \$1 million bonus if a player bowls a 300 game in the title match.

Belmonte will also be trying for his third Tournament of Champions title, which would tie him with Jason Couch and Mike Durbin for most titles in PBA's signature tournament that requires a player to own a PBA title to compete. Belmonte, who finished fourth in 2018, won the Tournament of Champions back-to-back in 2014 and 2015.

"I just have to do my job to the best of my ability, hit my target and bowl the 10 best possible frames I can," Belmonte said. "The priority is to win the tournament, but hopefully I can start with at least a few strikes to make it exciting."

The 26-year-old Kent will be making his first telecast appearance of 2019 and will be trying for his first major title.

Also making his first telecast appearance of the season, 26-year-old EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Ind., a 12-time tour winner including the 2017 Tournament of Champions, won his last seven matches of the final eight-game match play round Friday to take the No. 3 seed for the finals. The 2016 PBA Player of the Year finished with a 14-10 match play record and 9,766 pinfall.

Qualifying fourth for the finals and trying for his first major was three-time tour winner 31-year-old Josh Blanchard of Mesa, Ariz., with a 13-10-1 match play record and 9,658 pinfall.

Sean Lavery-Spahr of Pasadena, Texas, who qualified fifth for the finals will try to duplicate what 2018 Tournament of Champions winner Matt O'Grady did last season and that is qualify for the tournament through a pre-tournament qualifier, advance through the qualifying and match play rounds, and then win all four stepladder matches for the title. The 28-year-old Lavery-Spahr, who owns four PBA regional titles, had a 10-13-1 record and 9,608 pinfall.

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AMF Riviera Lanes, Fairlawn, Ohio, Friday

#### SIXTH ROUND RESULTS

(after 42 games. Top five advance to Sunday's stepladder finals. Includes match play record and total pinfall including bonus pins)

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 16-8, 10,097.
- 2, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 18-6, 9,873.
- 3, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 14-10, 9,766.
- 4, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 13-10-1, 9,658.
- 5, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 10-13-1, 9,608.
- 6, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 11-13, 9,565, \$7,000.
- 7, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 13-11, 9,548, \$6,000.
- 8, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, Nev., 14-10, 9,531, \$5,000.
- 9, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 16-7-1, 9,528, \$4,500.
- 10, Dom Barrett, England, 15-9, 9,477, \$4,400.
- 11, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 13-11, 9,421, \$4,300.
- 12, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 13-11, 9,390, \$4,200.
- 13, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 12-11-1, 9,378, \$4,100.
- 14, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 12-12, 9,338, \$4,000.
- 15, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 12-10-2, 9,297, \$3,900.
- 16, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 11-11-2, 9,257, \$3,800.
- 17, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 7-17, 9,215, \$3,700.
- 18, Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 10-14, 9,117, \$3,600.
- 19, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 9-15, 9,088, \$3,500.
- 20, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 9-14-1, 9,028, \$3,400.
- 21, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 11-13, 9,015, \$3,300.
- 22, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 7-16-1, 8,994, \$3,200.
- 23, Rhino Page, Orlando, 9-15, 8,986, \$3,100.
- 24, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 8-16, 8,948, \$3,000.

300 games – Sean Lavery-Spahr

#### FIFTH ROUND RESULTS

(after 34 games. Includes match play record and total pinfall including bonus pins)

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 12-4, 8,198.
- 2, Sean Lavery-Spah, Pasadena, Texas, 8-7-1, 7,950.
- 3, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 12-4, 7,890.
- 4, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, Nev., 9-7, 7,761.
- 5, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 8-8, 7,760.
- 6, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 7-9, 7,759.
- 7, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 7-9, 7,742.
- 8, Dom Barrett, England, 11-5, 7,702.
- 9, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 9-7, 7,678.
- 10, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 11-5, 7,670.
- 11, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 9-7, 7,594.
- 12, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 8-8, 7,585
- 13, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 9-6-1, 7,564
- 14, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 8-8, 7,510
- 15, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 8-7-1, 7,450.
- 16, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 8-7-1, 7,446.
- 17, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 4-12, 7,422.
- 18, Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 7-9, 7,394.
- 19, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 5-10-1, 7,341.
- 20, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 8-8, 7,332.
- 21, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 6-9-1, 7,295.
- 22, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 6-10, 7,277.
- 23, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 5-11, 7,241.
- 24, Rhino Page, Orlando, 4-12, 7,157.

## **Belmonte Wins PBA Tournament of Champions for 10th Major to Tie Weber and Anthony on All-time Majors List**

*Belmonte beats EJ Tackett 225-196 in title match to also win record-tying  
third Tournament of Champions title*

**FAIRLAWN, Ohio (Feb. 10, 2019)** – Australian two-hander Jason Belmonte won his third PBA Tournament of Champions title Sunday to record his 10th PBA Tour major title, tying him with Hall of Famers Pete Weber and the late Earl Anthony for first on the all-time major titles list.

The 35-year-old Belmonte defeated 2017 Tournament of Champions winner EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Ind., 225-196, in the title match of PBA's signature tournament at AMF Riviera Lanes to also tie Hall of Famers Jason Couch and Mike Durbin for most Tournament of Champions titles. Belmonte, a four-time PBA Player of the Year, had previous Tournament of Champions wins back-to-back in 2014 and 2015.

"It's madness," said Belmonte, who was top qualifier for the stepladder finals. "To work so hard at your craft means the world to be here at this moment. "It hasn't completely sunk in and to have my name next to Pete and Earl is an overwhelming feeling right now.

"Never in my wildest dreams did I think I would achieve this," he added. "It doesn't seem real to have my name on that list with two of the greatest bowlers of all time."

In the title match, Belmonte started with the first four strikes before leaving a 10 pin in the fifth frame, which he missed. Despite the open frame, Belmonte held a 19-pin lead and Tackett could not take advantage of the opportunity to mount a challenge.

The Tournament of Champions also offered a \$1 million bonus if a player bowled a 300 game in the title match.

"I started off with five good shots and was pretty calm for the most part," Belmonte said. "I did feel the nerves on that spare shot and rushed it. I pride myself on making 10 pins, but my heart was racing and I think I was trying a little too hard to get that frame over with."

Belmonte, who won his 19th career tour title, also became the youngest to win 10 major titles. Anthony won his 10th major at 46 and Weber won the 2013 Tournament of Champions for his 10th major at 50. It also took Belmonte 12 years since becoming a PBA member in 2008 to win 10 majors which is also a record. It took Anthony 16 years and Weber 35 years.

Tackett, who was trying for his 13th career title and third major, qualified third for the finals and won matches against three-time tour winner Josh Blanchard of Mesa, Ariz., 264-236, in the second match, and No. 2 qualifier four-time tour winner Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., 238-192, in the semifinal match to advance to the title match against Belmonte.

In the opening stepladder match, Blanchard beat Sean Lavery-Spahr of Pasadena, Texas, 190-180, to advance to the second match against Tackett. Lavery-Spahr, a four-time PBA regional winner who qualified fifth for the finals, earned his spot in the Tournament of Champions field through a pre-tournament qualifier.

It won't be long before Belmonte will have an opportunity to break the majors record when the Go Bowling! PBA Tour travels to Columbus, Ohio for the season's second major – the PBA Players Championship – Feb. 12-17 at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl.

"Now that I've won 10 I can't wait to get to 11," Belmonte said. "If I get to 11, I'll be able to put my total focus on bowling and not so much on about the records."

The \$ 1 million bonus title match bonus remains in effect for the Players Championship stepladder finals which will be televised live on FS1 Feb. 17 at 1 p.m. ET.

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**AMF Riviera Lanes, Fairlawn, Ohio, Sunday**

##### **Final Standings:**

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$50,000.
- 2, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., \$25,000.
- 3, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., \$13,000.
- 4, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., \$11,000.
- 5, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, \$10,000.

##### **Playoff Results:**

Match One: Blanchard def. Lavery-Spahr, 190-180.

Match Two: Tackett def. Blanchard, 264-236.

Semifinal: Tackett def. Kent, 238-192.

Championship: Belmonte def. Tackett, 225-196.

## **Johnson, McMahon Win PBA Break Point Alley Challenge Events in Tavares**

**Tavares, Fla. (Feb. 10, 2019)** – Amateur Steve Johnson of Coral Springs, Fla., defeated Adam Glickman of Woodmere, N.Y., 189-169, to win the PBA Break Point Alley Challenge presented by Ebonite Sunday.

In the PBA50 portion of the PBA South Region doubleheader weekend, Brian McMahon of Boca Raton, Fla., defeated Doug Nairn of Debary, Fla., 242-224.

Johnson earned \$1,800 and McMahon's first win in PBA competition pocketed \$1,500, but only McMahon earned credit for a PBA title because Johnson was not a PBA member at the time he won.

Glickman earned \$1,000 for second place in the standard event while Nairn earned \$800 for his second-place finish in the PBA50 tournament.

The PBA South Region's next event will be the PBA50 Dave Edwards Toyota Spartanburg South Open for bowlers 50 and older in Spartanburg, S.C., Feb. 15-17.

### **PBA BREAKPOINT ALLEY CHALLENGE PRESENTED BY EBONITE Break Point Alley, Tavares, Fla., Sunday**

#### **Championship:**

n-Steve Johnson, Coral Springs, Fla. (\$1,800) def. n-Adam Glickman, Woodmere, N.Y. (\$1,000), 189-169.

#### **Semifinal Round (losers earned \$800):**

n-Johnson def. Matthew Martin, Axton, Va., 199-179.

n-Glickman def. Nick Johnston, Asheville, N.C. 249-163.

#### **Round of 8 (total pinfall three games, losers eliminated and earned \$700 each):**

n-Johnson def. n-Chris Trotta, Shirley, N.Y., 594-512.

Johnston def. n-Giorgio Clinaz Jr., Orlando, Fla., 558-532.

n-Glickman def. n-Evan Baranecky, N. Ft. Myers, Fla., 586-569.

Martin def. n-Kevin Fischer, Winter Park, Fla., 614-468.

#### **Round of 12 (total pinfall three games, losers eliminated and earned \$550 each):**

n-Baranecky def. n-Kyle Paxson, Orlando, Fla., 558-474.

n-Clinaz def. Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 593-589.

n-Johnson def. n-Lee Sebring, Oviedo, Fla., 571-524.

n-Fischer def. Charles Clifford Jr., Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., 572-569.

### **PBA50 BREAKPOINT ALLEY CHALLENGE PRESENTED BY EBONITE Breakpoint Alley, Tavares, Fla., Sunday**

#### **Championship:**

Brian McMahon, Boca Raton, Fla. (\$1,500) def. n-Doug Nairn, Debary, Fla. (\$800), 242-224.

#### **Semifinal Round (losers earned \$700):**

McMahon def. Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 190-186.

n-Nairn def. Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 212-182.

#### **Round of 8 (total pinfall three games, losers eliminated and earned \$550 each):**

n-Nairn def. John Dougherty, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., 561-522.

McMahon def. Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 521-509.  
Brunt def. Steve Putnam, Warner Robbins, Ga., 526-519.  
Scarborough def. Chuck Richardson, The Villages, Fla., 656-528.

**Round of 12 (total pinfall three games, losers eliminated and earned \$500 each):**

n-Nairn def. Lee Rautenberg, Boynton Beach, Fla., 555-471.  
Putnam def. Mal Williams, Greensboro, N.C., 584-514.  
Auerbach def. Widmar Vargas, Sun City Center, Fla., 543-479.  
Richardson def. n-Glenn Phillips, Mt. Dora, Fla., 601-516.

n-denotes non-PBA member.

## **Pittsburgh's Samuel Dewitt III Leads 15 Players into**

PBA Players Championship Field After PTQ

COLUMBUS, Ohio (Feb. 12, 2019) – Samuel Dewitt III of Pittsburgh, Pa., will lead a field of 15 players into the PBA Players Championship when qualifying for the second major championship of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season gets underway Wednesday at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl.

Dewitt finished the pre-tournament qualifier Tuesday with a six-game 1,371 pinfall total (228.5 average) with games of 246, 187, 276, 200, 259 and 203 to out-distance Mykell Holliman of Collierville, Tenn., in second with a 1,261 pinfall.

Kyle Bigelow of Troy, Ohio beat Steve Pavlinko of Sewell, N.J., 235-182 in a one-game roll-off to earn the final advancing spot after tying with a 1,120.

To review the Players Championship field, click here: <https://www.pba.com/Rosters/Details/2762>

Qualifying in the Players Championship begins on Wednesday with six-game rounds at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET. Qualifying continues with the third round at 10 a.m. on Thursday with a cut to the top 24 players advancing to robin match play round Thursday at 6 p.m., and Friday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. After 42 games, the top five players will advance to Sunday's live stepladder finals on FS1 at 1 p.m. ET.

Jason Belmonte, the winner of last week's PBA Tournament of Champions for a record-tying 10th major title, will be trying to become the sole all-time majors leader with a win in the Players Championship.

Defending champion Tom Smallwood defeated Belmonte 259-239 in the title match of the 2018 Players Championship for his second major and third career tour title.

The Players Championship will also feature a \$1 million bonus if a player can bowl a 300 game in Sunday's title match.

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#### PBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

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

Pre-Tournament Qualifier (after 6 games; top 15 advance to Wednesday's qualifying)

- 1, Samuel DeWitt III, Pittsburgh, Pa., 1,371.
- 2, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 1,261.
- 3, Jason Lundquist, Columbus, Ohio, 1,252.
- 4, Geoffrey Young, Roanoke, Texas, 1,236.
- 5, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 1,228.
- 6, Aaron Lorincz, Center Line, Mich., 1,215.
- 7, A.J. Rice, Salem, Ala., 1,212.
- 8, David Harold II, Columbus, Ohio, 1,206.
- 9, Zachery Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,185.
- 10, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,171.
- 11, Brandon Robertson, Venice, Fla., 1,158.
- 12, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 1,137.
- 13, Joe Bailey, Wooster, Ohio, 1,135.
- 14, Justin Knowles, Okemos, Mich., 1,129.
- 15, Kyle Bigelow, Troy, Ohio, 1,120.

Bigelow won one-game roll-off 235-182 to advance to Players Championship field

Failed to advance:

- 15, Stephen Pavlinko Jr., Sewell, N.J., 1,120.
- 17, Tim Pfeifer, Oakdale, Pa., 1,114.
- 18, Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., 1,104.
- 19, Kenneth Ryan, Morganville, N.J., 1,097.
- 20, Anthony Franz, Mount Vernon, Ohio, 1,077.
- 21, Charles Yancey, Marion, Ohio, 1,073.
- 22, Scott McIntire Jr., North Royalton, Ohio, 1,068.

23, Mike Eaton Jr., Wyoming, Mich., 1,056.  
24, Richard McCormick, Cincinnati, Ohio, 991.  
25, CL Smith, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, 869.

## **Belmonte Rockets to First Round Lead In PBA Players Championship**

by Jerry Schneider | Wednesday, February 13, 12:23 PM

### **Belmonte Rockets to First Round Lead In PBA Players Championship**

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** – Two-hander Jason Belmonte rocketed out of the gate in his pursuit to win a record 11th career PBA major title by firing a 1,508 six-game first round pinfall total (251 average) Wednesday to lead the first round of the PBA Players Championship at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl. Also trying for his second consecutive major title on the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour, after winning last week's PBA Tournament of Champions, the Australian bowled games of 268, 279, 267, 245, 231 and 218.

"The lanes got really tricky toward the end of the round," said the 19-time tour winner. "The friction was really building up in the middle of the lane so it was time to make an adjustment. You had to go way right or way left and my strength is moving left so that's what I did.

"At this point in the tournament I'm not trying to necessarily shoot 260 every game," he added. "The way the lanes transitioned I think a lot of guys will play them differently now that we've seen it for the first time. I'm not taking anything for granted. We'll just have to see what happens."

Belmonte holds a 66-pin lead over four-time tour winner Marshall Kent in second with 1,442 and a 74-pin lead over defending champion Tom Smallwood in third with 1,334.

Smallwood defeated Belmonte 259-239 in the title match of the 2018 Players Championship for his second major and third career tour title.

After this evening's second qualifying round at 5 p.m. ET, qualifying continues with the third round at 10 a.m. on Thursday with a cut to the top 24 players advancing to the first match play round Thursday at 6 p.m. Match play continues Friday with rounds at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. which will determine the top five players for Sunday's live stepladder finals on FS1 at 1 p.m. ET.

Belmonte is also trying to become the first three-time winner of the Players Championship. The 2011 and 2017 winner currently shares the lead with Dennis Horan, Dave Ferraro and Steve Hoskins.

The Players Championship will also offer a \$1 million bonus if a player can bowl a 300 game in Sunday's title match.

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#### **PBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP**

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

#### **FIRST ROUND RESULTS (after 6 games)**

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,508.
- 2, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,442.
- 3, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,434.
- 4, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 1,401.
- 5, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,393.
- 6, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 1,389.
- 7, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,382.
- 8, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 1,373.
- 9, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 1,368.
- 10, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 1,365.
- 11, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 1,362.
- 12, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 1,361.
- 13, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,356.
- 14, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,350.
- 15, Joe Bailey, Wooster, Ohio, 1,343.
- 15, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 1,343.
- 15, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 1,343.
- 18, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 1,341.
- 19, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 1,337.
- 20, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 1,328.
- 21, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 1,326.
- 22, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 1,323.
- 23, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,317.
- 24, Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, 1,314.
- 25, Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 1,309.
- 26, (tie) A.J. Rice, Salem, Ala., and Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,306.
- 28, Aaron Lorincz, Center Line, Mich., 1,298.
- 29, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,296.
- 30, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,295.
- 31, Jim Pratt, Avondale, Ariz., 1,294.
- 32, Francois Louw, South Africa, 1,292.
- 33, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 1,290.
- 34, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 1,288.
- 35, (tie) Zachery Tackett, Huntington, Ind., and Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,287.
- 37, (tie) David Harold, Columbus, Ohio, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, and Jason Sterner, Fayetteville, Ga., 1,284.
- 40, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 1,283.
- 41, Stuart Williams, England, 1,282.
- 42, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 1,271.
- 43, (tie) Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., and Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,262.
- 46, (tie) Pontus Andersson, Sweden, and Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 1,261.
- 48, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 1,260.
- 49, Kurt Pilon, Sterling Heights, Mich., 1,258.
- 50, (tie) Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, and Mitch Hupe, Canada, 1,251.
- 54, (tie) BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., and Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 1,249.
- 56, (tie) Richie Teece, England, Francois Lavoie, Canada, and Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 1,248.
- 59, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 1,247.
- 60, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,246.
- 61, (tie) Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, and Stephen Pavlinko, Sewell, N.J., 1,242.
- 63, Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 1,238.

64, Patrick Girard, Canada, 1,237.  
65, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 1,234.  
66, Annop Arromsaranon, Thailand, 1,233.  
67, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 1,231.  
68, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,229.  
69, (tie) Thomas Larsen, Denmark, and Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,225.  
71, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,222.  
72, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 1,220.  
73, (tie) Kyle Bigelow, Troy, Ohio, and Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 1,219.  
75, (tie) Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., and Osku Palermmaa, Finland, 1,216.  
77, Gaetan Mouveroux, France, 1,215.  
78, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 1,213.  
79, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,210.  
80, (tie) Andres Gomez, Colombia, and Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C., 1,209.  
82, Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., 1,199.  
83, (tie) Kyle Gillum, Columbus, Ohio, and Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 1,196.  
85, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 1,195.  
86, Sam Cooley, Australia, 1,193.  
87, (tie) JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., and Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 1,187.  
89, Samuel DeWitt, Pittsburgh, Pa., 1,186.  
90, Jimmy Cook, Indianapolis, 1,179.  
91, Jean Perez, Puerto Rico, 1,178.  
92, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 1,173.  
93, John Furey, Howell, N.J., 1,170.  
94, Billy Rogers, Mesquite, Texas, 1,169.  
95, Justin Knowles, Okemos, Mich., 1,167.  
96, Charlie Brown Jr, Grandville, Mich., 1,161.  
97, Dom Barrett, England, 1,158.  
98, Jason Lundquist, Columbus, Ohio, 1,156.  
99, (tie) Darren Tang, Las Vegas, Nev., Arturo Quintero, Mexico, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,154.  
102, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 1,150.  
103, JoJoe Yannaphon, Thailand, 1,140.  
104, Kim Bolleby, Sweden, 1,138.  
105, (tie) Chris Colella, Indianapolis, Ind., and Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 1,122.  
107, Rhino Page, Orlando, 1,119.  
108, (tie) Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., and Brandon Robertson, Venice, Fla., 1,115.  
110, Michael Baker, Moline, Ill., 1,107.  
111, Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 1,102.  
112, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 1,096.  
113, Geoffrey Young, Roanoke, Texas, 1,094.  
114, (tie) Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., and Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 1,084.  
116, Eduardo Astiazaran, Mexico., 1,083.  
117, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 1,070.  
118, Joshua Weiner, Hilliard, Ohio, 1,052.  
119, Justin Wyman, Fairport, N.Y., 1,045.  
120, Tristan Butler, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1,027.

Belmonte Has Strong Start After Two Rounds

To Take PBA Players Championship Lead

COLUMBUS, Ohio (Feb. 13, 2019) – Australian two-hander Jason Belmonte got off to a strong start in his bid to win a record 11th career PBA major title, averaging 234 after two rounds Wednesday to lead the PBA Players Championship at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl.

The 35-year-old Belmonte finished with a 2,817 12-game pinfall total, firing 1,508 in the first six-game round earlier in the day with games of 268, 279, 267, 245, 231 and 218, followed by 1,309 in the second round with games of 232, 209, 214, 204, 193 and 257.

"The lanes got really tricky starting at the end of the first round," said the 19-time tour winner. "The friction was really building up in the middle of the lane, so it was time to make an adjustment. You had to go way right or way left. My strength is moving left so that's what I did.

"At this point in the tournament I'm not trying to necessarily shoot 260 every game," he added. "The guys are playing the lanes quite a bit differently, so you just have to find that part of the lane where you can be most effective."

Belmonte is also trying for his second consecutive major title on the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour, after winning his third PBA Tournament of Champions title last Sunday. He is also trying to become the first three-time winner of the Players Championship.

Belmonte holds a 50-pin lead over defending champion Tom Smallwood of Saginaw Mich., in second with 2,767. Smallwood, a three-time tour winner defeated Belmonte 259-239 in the title match of the 2018 Players Championship for his second major and third career tour title.

Coming off a third-place finish in the Tournament of Champions, four-time tour winner Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., finished third after two rounds with 2,723.

Qualifying continues with the third round at 10 a.m. on Thursday with a cut to the top 24 players who will advance to the first match play round at 6 p.m. Match play continues Friday with rounds at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. which will determine the top five players for Sunday's live stepladder finals on FS1 at 1 p.m. ET.

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## PBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

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

### SECOND ROUND RESULTS (after 12 games)

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2,817.
- 2, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2,767.
- 3, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,723.
- 4, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 2,719.
- 5, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 2,709.
- 6, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 2,658.
- 7, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,639.
- 8, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 2,632.
- 9, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,631.
- 10, Patrick Girard, Canada, 2,628.
- 11, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 2,624.
- 12, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 2,618.
- 13, A.J. Rice, Salem, Ala., 2,614.
- 14, Zachary Wilkins, Canada, 2,613.
- 14, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 2,613.
- 16, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 2,607.
- 17, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 2,606.
- 18, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 2,599.
- 19, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 2,596.
- 20, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 2,595.
- 21, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 2,593.
- 22, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,590.
- 23, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 2,584.
- 24, Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 2,580.
- 25, Stuart Williams, England, 2,578.
- 26, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,575.
- 27, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 2,568.
- 28, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 2,565.
- 29, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,564.
- 30, Jason Sterner, Fayetteville, Ga., 2,557.
- 31, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 2,556.
- 32, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 2,555.
- 33, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 2,553.
- 34, (tie) Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., and Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 2,549.
- 36, (tie) Zachery Tackett, Huntington, Ind., and Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,544.
- 38, (tie) Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, and Francois Louw, South Africa, 2,543.

40, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 2,540.  
41, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 2,539.  
42, Aaron Lorincz, Center Line, Mich., 2,535.  
43, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 2,527.  
44, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 2,522.  
45, (tie) Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, and Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 2,511.  
47, Kurt Pilon, Sterling Heights, Mich., 2,508.  
48, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 2,506.  
49, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2,502.  
50, (tie) Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., and Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 2,500.  
52, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 2,496.  
53, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 2,486.  
54, Billy Rogers, Mesquite, Texas, 2,483.  
55, Richie Teece, England, 2,477.  
56, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 2,473.  
57, (tie) Gaetan Mouveroux, France, and Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 2,469.  
59, Dom Barrett, England, 2,468.  
60, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 2,459.  
61, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 2,454.  
62, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 2,451.  
63, Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., 2,450.  
64, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 2,446.  
65, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 2,444.  
66, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 2,443.  
67, Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C., 2,439.  
68, (tie) Sam Cooley, Australia, and Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 2,437.  
70, Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 2,435.  
71, (tie) Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, and Joe Bailey, Wooster, Ohio, 2,432.  
73, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 2,430.  
74, (tie) Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., and Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 2,428.  
76, (tie) Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, and Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 2,425.  
78, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 2,420.  
79, (tie) John Furey, Howell, N.J., and Jean Perez, Puerto Rico, 2,419.  
81, Mitch Hupe, Canada, 2,417.  
82, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 2,411.  
83, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, Nev., 2,401.  
84, Jimmy Cook, Indianapolis, 2,394.  
85, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 2,391.  
86, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 2,389.  
87, Annop Arromsaranon, Thailand, 2,387.  
88, (tie) Rhino Page, Orlando, and Charlie Brown Jr, Grandville, Mich., 2,377.  
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96, (tie) Greg Young, Viera, Fla., and David Harold, Columbus, Ohio, 2,345.  
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102, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 2,304.

- 103, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 2,298.
- 104, Chris Colella, Indianapolis, Ind., 2,292.
- 105, Kyle Gillum, Columbus, Ohio, 2,282.
- 106, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 2,281.
- 107, Jason Lundquist, Columbus, Ohio, 2,280.
- 108, Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 2,277.
- 109, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 2,276.
- 110, JoJoe Yannaphon, Thailand, 2,265.
- 111, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 2,257.
- 112, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., 2,247.
- 113, Stephen Pavlinko, Sewell, N.J., 2,246.
- 114, Justin Wyman, Fairport, N.Y., 2,220.
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94, Billy Rogers, Mesquite, Texas, 1,169.  
95, Justin Knowles, Okemos, Mich., 1,167.  
96, Charlie Brown Jr, Grandville, Mich., 1,161.  
97, Dom Barrett, England, 1,158.  
98, Jason Lundquist, Columbus, Ohio, 1,156.

99, (tie) Darren Tang, Las Vegas, Nev., Arturo Quintero, Mexico, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,154.  
102, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 1,150.  
103, JoJoe Yannaphon, Thailand, 1,140.  
104, Kim Bolleby, Sweden, 1,138.  
105, (tie) Chris Colella, Indianapolis, Ind., and Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 1,122.  
107, Rhino Page, Orlando, 1,119.  
108, (tie) Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., and Brandon Robertson, Venice, Fla., 1,115.  
110, Michael Baker, Moline, Ill., 1,107.  
111, Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 1,102.  
112, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 1,096.  
113, Geoffrey Young, Roanoke, Texas, 1,094.  
114, (tie) Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., and Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 1,084.  
116, Eduardo Astiazaran, Mexico., 1,083.  
117, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 1,070.  
118, Joshua Weiner, Hilliard, Ohio, 1,052.  
119, Justin Wyman, Fairport, N.Y., 1,045.  
120, Tristan Butler, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1,027.

## **2018 Champion Jakob Butturff Heads Field for PBA's Go Bowling! Indianapolis Open**

*Changes in store as Woodland Bowl hosts another big event on 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule*

**INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 14, 2019)** – The name of the tournament is a little different, but the Professional Bowlers Association's Go Bowling! PBA Indianapolis Open, set for Feb. 19-24 at Woodland Bowl, will again be a pivotal event on the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule.

Leading an expected capacity field of 120 of the world's premier bowlers into the seventh event of the 2019 PBA Tour season will be unorthodox left-hander Jakob Butturff, the winner of last year's Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic at Woodland, and one of the hottest players on Tour in 2019.

Butturff won the 2018 Indianapolis title with a 244-154 romp past Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash.

After the season's first five events, the 24-year-old from Tempe, Ariz., ranked third in the new PBA Playoffs points standings after a runner-up finish in the season-opening PBA Hall of Fame Classic, a title in the Oklahoma Open and a record-tying three consecutive events as the qualifying leader. He trailed only Jason Belmonte, the two-hander from Australia who won a PBA record-tying 10th major championship in the PBA Tournament of Champions on Sunday in Fairlawn, Ohio, and carried his hot streak into this week's PBA Players Championship in Columbus, Ohio, where he's trying for sole possession of the all-time major titles record.

Trailing Belmonte is Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., who won the Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship with Matt Ogle of Louisville, Ky.; finished second in the Lubbock Sports Open and placed ninth in last week's TOC.

The name of Woodland's 2019 tournament is slightly different, but there are some other big changes in store for fans and players. Among the most notable differences this year are:

- The finals on Sunday, Feb. 24, at 3 p.m. EST will be televised live on FOX Sport's FS1 channel as part of the PBA's historic television package that began in 2019;
- The Go Bowling! Indianapolis Open will be part of a new \$1 million bonus program. If either player in the title match rolls a 300 game, he'll win the bonus;
- In addition, if any player in the nationally-televised stepladder finals rolls a 300 game, title-sponsor Go Bowling.com (the online destination for bowling fans and enthusiasts seeking news and information about one of America's favorite pastimes and the nation's number one participatory sport) will award

a free game of bowling coupon to every fan who pre-registers (to pre-register to receive the coupon by email, visit: [www.gobowling.com/BowlFreeAmerica](http://www.gobowling.com/BowlFreeAmerica)).

- The seventh of 14 events leading up to the new PBA Playoffs will be classified as a Tier 2 event in a new points program that will qualify 24 players for the inaugural playoffs that begin in Portland, Maine, in April. The winner of the PBA Playoffs will earn a \$100,000 first prize. Fans can follow the points race on [pba.com](http://pba.com) (<https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/PointsList/132?list=1>).

- The Indianapolis Open will be contested entirely on a "mixed lane condition" scoring environment in which every round of qualifying, match play and even the stepladder finals will be contested with the Dick Weber 45 oiling pattern applied to the left lane and the Mike Aulby 38 oiling pattern applied to the right lane (the number indicates the length in feet oil is applied to the lanes).

- All qualifying and match play rounds of the tournament will be live streamed by PBA's new online streaming partner, FloBowling (subscriptions are available at [FloBowling.com](http://FloBowling.com)).

As usual, Woodland Bowl will welcome a world-class field of PBA Hall of Famers (Chris Barnes, Norm Duke, Pete Weber and Walter Ray Williams Jr.); past PBA Players and Rookies of the Year; PBA Tour title winners and international champions, and an exciting group of talented young players who are fighting for PBA Rookie of the Year honors. For a roster of players entered, click here: <https://www.pba.com/Rosters/Details/2763>. The field of 120 will be filled during a six-game "Pre-Tournament Qualifier" that will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 19, at 8 a.m. The PTQ also will use the mixed Weber-Aulby lane oiling system.

Continuing a PBA tournament tradition at Woodland Bowl, grassroots league bowlers are invited to bowl with PBA partners in a pro-am tournament. Pro-am squads are scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 23, at noon and 2:30 p.m. To enter, call Woodland Bowl: (317) 844-4099.

## **GO BOWLING! PBA INDIANAPOLIS OPEN SCHEDULE**

### **Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, Feb. 19-24**

*(All rounds will be contested on mixed lane oiling patterns: the 45-foot Dick Weber 45 oiling pattern will be applied to the left lane, the 38-foot Mike Aulby 38 pattern will be applied to the right lane)*

#### **Tuesday, Feb. 19**

8 a.m. – Pre-Tournament Qualifier, six games

2 p.m. – Official practice session

#### **Wednesday, Feb. 20**

10 a.m. – Qualifying Round One, 6 games

5 p.m. – Qualifying Round Two, 6 games

#### **Thursday, Feb. 21**

10 a.m. – Qualifying Round Three, 6 games

Top 24 after 18 games advance to round robin match play

6 p.m. – Match Play Round One, 8 games

#### **Friday, Feb. 22**

10 a.m. – Match Play Round Two, 8 games

6 p.m. – Match Play Round Three, 8 games

Top five after 42 games advance to stepladder finals

#### **Saturday, Feb. 23**

Noon, 2:30 p.m. – Pro-Am squads.

#### **Sunday, Feb. 24**

3 p.m. – Top five stepladder finals, live on FS1 (mixed patterns: Weber on left lane, Aulby on right lane)

## PBA Spare Shots

### LIVE TOC TELECAST ON FOX AGAIN POSTS GREAT AUDIENCE TOTALS

Sunday's live FOX telecast of the PBA Tournament of Champions finals from AMF Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio, averaged 1,131,000 viewers over the course of two hours, according to Nielsen Media Research figures released this week. The audience was 75% larger than last year's 646,000 viewers and ranks as the most-watched non-NFL adjacent PBA telecast since 2010.

Sunday's show, which featured **Jason Belmonte's** PBA record-tying 10th major championship, also hit a peak of 1.301 million viewers during the championship match according to Nielsen's figures. Belmonte defeated **EJ Tackett**, 225-196, to tie PBA Hall of Famers **Earl Anthony** and **Pete Weber**, the only other players in PBA history to win 10 major championships.

The 2019 telecast drew the largest audience for a live PBA Tour finals telecast since the historic 2010 PBA Tournament of Champions when **Kelly Kulick** won the PBA Tournament of Champions at Red Rock Bowling Center in Las Vegas to become the first woman ever to win a PBA Tour title.

Through seven events since the PBA on FOX series began, 12,281,000 viewers have tuned-in to watch the PBA on FOX, FS1 or FS2 including repeats, which is up 56% over last year's total audience through seven events (7,891,000) and 13% higher than the total audience for the entire 2018 season (10,907,000).

Belmonte will try for sole possession of the major titles record this week in the PBA Players Championship which is underway at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl in Columbus, Ohio. The finals will air live on FOX Sport's FS1 channel Sunday at 1 p.m. Eastern.

### JASON BELMONTE JUMPS INTO PBA PLAYOFFS POINTS LEAD WITH TOC VICTORY

With his victory Sunday in the PBA Tournament of Champions – the first Tier 1 event on the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule – **Jason Belmonte** jumped from 10th place into the 2019 PBA Playoffs points lead with 11,050 points.

Under the new PBA competition points structure in play this season, a win in a Tier 1 (major championship) event is worth 7,500 points – triple the value of the base points total for a victory (2,500 points) in a Tier 3 (limited entry and/or modified format) tournament. Tier 2 (standard PBA Tour) events award double the Tier 3 points.

Previous points leader **Jakob Butturff** slipped to third place with 8,645 points after finishing 48th in the TOC while **Sean Rash** moved into second place with 8,885 points after his eighth-place finish in Fairlawn. Rounding out the top eight heading into the PBA Players Championship – another Tier 1 major championship event – were TOC runner-up **EJ Tackett** (8,610), **Dick Allen** (6,950), **Bill O'Neill** (5,310), **Jesper**

**Svensson** (5,145), and **Kyle Troup** (4,700). Right behind Troup are **Marshall Kent** (4,620) and **Dom Barrett** (4,610).

Finishing in the top eight as of the end of the USBC Masters on April 1 is important because those players will earn a first-round bye in the new single-elimination PBA Playoffs. Finishing in the top 24 is a necessity to qualify for a place in the Playoffs. To follow the points competition as the season progresses, use this link: <https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/PointsList/132?list=1>. The PBA Playoffs begin on Monday, April 8, with live coverage of the opening Round of 24 matches on FS1 at 7 p.m. Eastern from Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine.

### **PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: JOHNSON, MCMAHON WIN CHALLENGE EVENTS IN FLORIDA**

Non-member **Steve Johnson** of Coral Springs, Fla., defeated **Adam Glickman** of Woodmere, N.Y., 189-169, to win the PBA Break Point Alley Challenge presented by Ebonite Sunday in Tavares, Fla., while **Brian McMahon** of Boca Raton, Fla., defeated **Doug Nairn** of Debary, Fla., 242-224, to win the PBA50 half of the doubleheader.

Johnson earned \$1,800 and McMahon's first win in PBA competition pocketed \$1,500, but only McMahon earned credit for a PBA title because Johnson was not a PBA member at the time he won.

- PBA50 regional activity continues in the South Region over the Feb. 15-17 weekend when Paradise Lanes in Spartanburg, S.C., hosts the PBA50 Dave Edwards Toyota South Open presented by 900 Global.
- The PBA Central and Midwest Regions will participate in the joint PBA50 Plaza Lanes Central/Midwest Open in Crawfordsville, Ind., over the Feb. 22-24 weekend. Over the same weekend, South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas will host a doubleheader including the South Point West Challenge on Friday, and the South Point Member/Non-Member Doubles, both presented by Radical.
- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit [pba.com](http://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](http://pba.com) (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

### **QUICK NOTES:**

- For fans who missed the live PBA Tournament of Champions telecast Sunday on FOX, the finals will be re-broadcast on FS1 Saturday at midnight EST (11 p.m. Central, 9 p.m. Pacific). In the event fans miss any PBA on FOX Sports telecast, they are encouraged to check local listings for re-airs on either FS1 or FS2.
- To no one's surprise, the new unofficial PBA Power Rankings, created by PBA's new online streaming partner, FloBowling, puts PBA Tournament of Champions

winner **Jason Belmonte** in the no.1 position (moving up from third). Rounding out the top 10 heading into the PBA Players Championship were: **EJ Tackett** (retaining his no. 2 position from the previous ranking); 3, **Jakob Butturff** (previously no. 1); 4, **Dom Barrett** (6); 5, **Sean Rash** (7); 6, **Rhino Page** (9); 7, **Kris Prather** (4); 8, **Jesper Svensson** (5); 9, **Bill O'Neill** (11) and 10, **Andrew Anderson** (10).

Belmonte Recovers From Slow Start in First Match Play Round

to Regain Lead in PBA Players Championship

COLUMBUS, Ohio (Feb. 14, 2019) – After losing his first two matches and falling as far down as seventh, Australia's Jason Belmonte finished strong by posting a 5-3 record to regain his lead after the first match play round of the PBA Players Championship Thursday at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl.

Trying for a record 11th PBA major title, Belmonte finished the day with a 6,124 26-game pinfall total, which includes 30 bonus pins for each match win, to hold a 127-pin lead over defending champion Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., in second who had a 6-2 match play record and 5,997 pinfall.

Smallwood beat Belmonte 259-239 in the title match of the 2018 Players Championship for his second major and third career tour title.

Belmonte, who won the PBA Tournament of Champions last Sunday for his 10th major to tie Hall of Famers Pete Weber and Earl Anthony for first on the all-time list, won with games of 257, 225, 268, 289 and 249 and lost with games of 186, 205 and 186 in the first match play round.

"I got off to a bad start because I was playing the lanes the way I wanted to play them and not the way the conditions dictated I should play them," said the two-time Players Championship winner. "I was having trouble getting the big games down the stretch, but fortunately, I was able to get a run at the end of the round."

"Generally, the lanes are playing tight down lane and there's not enough friction to get a consistent roll into the pocket," Belmonte, a four-time PBA Player of the Year added. "You just have to learn from your experience throughout the tournament and pull out whatever tricks you can to get the ball to the pocket consistently."

Four-time PBA Tour winner Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, rode 6-1-1 record and averaged 233.5 in the first match play round to surge from 21st into third with a 5,959 pinfall. Simonsen, who became the youngest to win a major when he won the 2016 USBC Masters at age 19, is trying for his second major title.

PBA Hall of Famer Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, compiled a 7-1 record and 5,905 pinfall to move into fourth while Brad Miller of Lees Summit, Mo., finished the day in fifth with a 4-4 record in match play and 5,893 pinfall.

Match play continues Friday with rounds at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET which will determine the top five players for Sunday's live stepladder finals on FS1 at 1 p.m. ET. The Players Championship, the second major of the Go Bowling! PBA Tour season, will offer a \$1 million bonus if a player can bowl a 300 game in Sunday's title match.

Fans can catch all the match play action on through PBA's online streaming partner, FloBowling. For schedule and subscription information visit FloBowling.com.

#### PBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

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

FOURTH ROUND RESULTS (after 26 games. Includes match play record and total pinfall including bonus pins)

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 5-3, 6,124.
- 2, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 6-2, 5,997.
- 3, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 6-1-1, 5,959.
- 4, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 7-1, 5,905.
- 5, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 4-4, 5,893.
- 6, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 3-4-1, 5,831.
- 7, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 3-5, 5,807.
- 8, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 4-4, 5,802.
- 9, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 6-2, 5,795.
- 10, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 4-4, 5,794.
- 11, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 5-2-1, 5,790.
- 12, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 5-3, 5,788.
- 13, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 4-4, 5,768.
- 14, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 4-4, 5,758.
- 15, Stuart Williams, England, 4-3-1, 5,733.
- 16, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 4-4, 5,726.

- 17, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 2-6, 5,717.
- 18, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3-5, 5,712.
- 19, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 4-4, 5,615.
- 20, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 1-7, 5,578.
- 21, A.J. Rice, Salem, Ala., 2-6-0, 5,575.
- 21, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 4-4, 5,575.
- 23, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 2-6, 5,550.
- 24, Osku Palermmaa, Finland, 2-6, 5,487.

300 games – Stuart Williams

### THIRD ROUND RESULTS (after 18 games. Top 24 advanced to first match play round)

- 1, (tie) Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., and Jason Belmonte, Australia, 4,109.
- 3, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 4,074.
- 4, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 4,057.
- 5, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 4,053.
- 6, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 4,040.
- 7, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 4,019.
- 8, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 4,006.
- 9, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 3,998.
- 10, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3,987.
- 11, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 3,985.
- 12, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 3,980.
- 13, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,949.
- 14, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 3,935.
- 15, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 3,926.
- 16, (tie) Osku Palermmaa, Finland, and A.J. Rice, Salem, Ala., 3,920.
- 18, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3,912.
- 19, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 3,909.
- 20, Stuart Williams, England, 3,899.
- 21, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 3,896.
- 22, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 3,882.
- 23, Zachary Wilkins, Canada, 3,876.
- 24, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 3,854.

### Failed to advance:

- 25, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 3,845, \$2,000.
- 26, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 3,844, \$1,700.
- 27, Patrick Girard, Canada, 3,838, \$1,650.
- 28, (tie) Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 3,835, and Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,835, \$1,575.
- 30, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 3,834, \$1,500.
- 31, (tie) Martin Larsen, Sweden, and Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 3,821.
- 33, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 3,819.
- 34, Francois Louw, South Africa, 3,818.
- 35, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 3,806.
- 36, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 3,793.

37, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 3,791.  
38, Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 3,790.  
39, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 3,780.  
40, (tie) Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, and Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 3,776.  
43, Aaron Lorincz, Center Line, Mich., 3,766.  
44, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 3,763.  
45, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 3,754.  
46, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 3,752.  
47, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 3,750.  
48, Kurt Pilon, Sterling Heights, Mich., 3,749.  
49, (tie) BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., and Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 3,740.  
51, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 3,739.  
52, Jason Sterner, Fayetteville, Ga., 3,719.  
53, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 3,714.  
54, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 3,705, \$100.  
55, (tie) Mitch Hupe, Canada, and Richie Teece, England, 3,703.  
57, Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, 3,702.  
58, Dom Barrett, England, 3,700.  
59, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 3,695.  
60, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 3,694.  
61, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 3,686.  
62, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 3,684.  
63, Zachery Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 3,681.  
64, (tie) Jim Pratt, Avondale, Ariz., and John Furey, Howell, N.J., 3,679.  
66, Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 3,677.  
67, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 3,667.  
68, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 3,665.  
69, Gaetan Mouveroux, France, 3,657.  
70, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, Nev., 3,654.  
71, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 3,653.  
72, Billy Rogers, Mesquite, Texas, 3,652.  
73, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 3,640.  
74, (tie) Jean Perez, Puerto Rico, and Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 3,636.  
76, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 3,631.  
77, Joe Bailey, Wooster, Ohio, 3,629.  
78, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 3,627.  
79, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 3,619.  
80, Rhino Page, Orlando, 3,605.  
81, Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C., 3,602.  
82, Kyle Bigelow, Troy, Ohio, 3,601.  
83, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,592.  
84, Jimmy Cook, Indianapolis, 3,591.  
85, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 3,588.  
86, Geoffrey Young, Roanoke, Texas, 3,587.  
87, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 3,586.  
88, Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 3,579.  
89, Justin Knowles, Okemos, Mich., 3,578.  
90, Sam Cooley, Australia, 3,575.  
91, Annop Arromsaranon, Thailand, 3,561.  
92, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 3,559.  
93, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 3,554.  
94, Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., 3,550.

95, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 3,528.  
 95, David Harold, Columbus, Ohio, 3,528.  
 97, Kim Bolleby, Sweden, 3,527.  
 98, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, IL, 3,519.  
 99, Chris Colella, Indianapolis, Ind., 3,511.  
 100, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 3,498.  
 101, JoJoe Yannaphon, Thailand, 3,494.  
 102, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 3,491.  
 103, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 3,483.  
 103, Charlie Brown Jr, Grandville, Mich., 3,483.  
 105, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 3,481.  
 106, Kyle Gillum, Columbus, Ohio, 3,474.  
 107, Jason Lundquist, Columbus, Ohio, 3,464.  
 108, Samuel DeWitt, Pittsburgh, Pa., 3,458.  
 109, Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 3,437.  
 110, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3,428.  
 111, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 3,403.  
 112, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 3,392.  
 113, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., 3,345.  
 114, Brandon Robertson, Venice, Fla., 3,292.  
 115, Joshua Weiner, Hilliard, Ohio, 3,280.  
 116, Justin Wyman, Fairport, N.Y., 3,274.  
 117, Eduardo Astiazaran, Mexico., 3,256.  
 118, Michael Baker, Moline, Ill., 3,145.  
 119, Tristan Butler, Fort Wayne, Ind., 3,088.  
 120, Stephen Pavlinko, Sewell, N.J., 2,451.

300 games – Jakob Butturff

Belmonte Will Try for Record 11th PBA Major Title as Top Seed

For PBA Players Championship Finals

Simonsen, Archer, Tackett and Troup also qualify for stepladder finals in second major of

2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season which will air Sunday at 1 p.m. ET on FS1

COLUMBUS, Ohio (Feb. 15, 2019) – For the second consecutive week, Australian two-hander Jason Belmonte will have the opportunity to make bowling history as he tries for a record 11th PBA major title from the top seed of the PBA Players Championship stepladder finals.

The 35-year-old Belmonte earned the top seed for Sunday's finals after finishing with a 17-7 overall match play record and 10,183 42-game pinfall total Friday at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl.

The finals will air live on FS1 Sunday at 1 p.m. ET and will carry with it a \$1 million bonus if Belmonte or his opponent can bowl a 300 game in the title match.

Belmonte, who averaged 230 and led all six rounds of the tournament, won last week's PBA Tournament of Champions for his 10th major to tie Hall of Famers Pete Weber and Earl Anthony on the all-time majors list.

A win in the Players Championship would also make the four-time PBA Player of the Year the event's first three-time winner. He's currently tied with Dave Ferraro, Dennis Horan and Steve Hoskins with two Players Championship titles.

"I really feel like I know where the ball is going every single frame," said Belmonte, who earned his third consecutive top seed in the Players Championship. "These past couple weeks are probably some of the best weeks I've ever bowled in my life. It's really nice when you feel like you are physically executing and the pins are also falling."

"I'd love to get 11 now, just get it out of the way and done, and that's exactly what my game plan is going to be," Belmonte added. "I want to come out, throw the exact same shots I've been throwing all week and hopefully I'll raise the crown again."

Belmonte, who is also trying for his 20th career tour title, is one of three players who use the unique two-handed delivery to make the finals.

Coming all the way from 21st heading into Thursday's first match play round, two-hander Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, posted a 17-6-1 record and finished with a 10,014 pinfall to earn the No. 2 seed for the finals.

The 22-year-old Simonsen, who became the youngest player to win a major when he won the 2016 USBC Masters at age 19, is trying for his second major and sixth career tour title.

Another Texan, two-time tour winner DJ Archer of Spring, Texas, who is trying for his first major, compiled an 18-5-1 match play record and 9,763 pinfall to qualify third for the finals.

EJ Tackett, of Bluffton, Ind., will try for his third major and 13th career tour title from the No. 4 seed after finishing with a 15-9 record and 9,744 pinfall.

Tackett finished second in last week's Tournament of Champions after losing to Belmonte 225-196 in the title match.

Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C., the third two-hander to make the finals field, qualified fifth for the finals with a 12-12 match play record and 9,736 pinfall.

In sixth heading into the final position round match, Troup, a three-time tour winner, earned his way into the finals with a 246-192 win over 2018 Players Championship winner Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., who ended up finishing seventh.

#### PBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

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

SIXTH ROUND RESULTS (after 42 games. Includes match play record and total pinfall including bonus pins. Top five players advance to Sunday's stepladder finals)

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 17-7, 10,183.
- 2, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 17-6-1, 10,014.
- 3, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 18-5-1, 9,763.
- 4, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 15-9, 9,744.
- 5, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 12-12, 9,736.
- 6, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 17-7, 9,703, \$7,000.
- 7, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 13-10-1, 9,665, \$6,000.
- 8, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 11-12-1, 9,613, \$5,000.
- 9, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 10-13-1, 9,571, \$4,500.
- 10, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 13-11, 9,568, \$4,200.
- 11, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 14-9-1, 9,522, \$4,000.
- 12, Zachary Wilkins, Canada, 13-11, 9,507, \$3,800.
- 13, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 12-12, 9,481, \$3,600.
- 14, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 13-11, 9,457, \$3,500.
- 15, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 11-12-1, 9,453, 3,400.
- 16, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 11-13, 9,447, \$3,300.
- 17, Stuart Williams, England, 13-10-1, 9,383, \$3,200.
- 18, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 7-16-1, 9,331, \$3,200.
- 19, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 10-14, 9,140, \$3,100.
- 20, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 7-17, 9,059, \$3,000.
- 21, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 10-14, 9,030, \$2,900.
- 22, A.J. Rice, Salem, Ala., 5-18-1, 8,957, \$2,800.
- 23, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 7-17, 8,926, \$2,700.

24, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 7-17, 8,637, \$2,600.

300 games – Kyle Troup

#### FIFTH ROUND RESULTS

(after 34 games. Includes match play record and total pinfall including bonus pins.)

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 13-3, 8,244.
- 2, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 12-3-1, 8,029.
- 3, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 13-2-1, 7,872.
- 4, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 9-6-1, 7,835.
- 5, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 9-7, 7,804.
- 6, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 9-7, 7,796.
- 7, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 10-6, 7,791.
- 8, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 12-4, 7,756.
- 9, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 7-8-1, 7,710.
- 10, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 7-8-1, 7,664.
- 11, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 8-8, 7,639.
- 12, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 5-10-1, 7,632.
- 13, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 8-8, 7,623.
- 14, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 8-8, 7,618.
- 15, Stuart Williams, England, 8-7-1, 7,559.
- 16, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 6-10, 7,512.
- 17, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 7-9, 7,497.
- 18, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 7-9, 7,458.
- 19, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 6-10, 7,456.
- 20, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 7-9, 7,326.
- 21, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 5-11, 7,287.
- 22, A.J. Rice, Salem, Ala., 3-12-1, 7,279.
- 23, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 4-12, 7,238.
- 24, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 5-11, 7,129.

### **Simonsen Wins PBA Players Championship to Become Youngest to Win Two PBA Major Titles**

*Simonsen denies Belmonte a record 11th PBA major title by winning championship match 232-212 for sixth career tour title*

**COLUMBUS, Ohio (Feb. 17, 2019)** – Anthony Simonsen, a 22-year-old two-hander from Little Elm Texas, won the PBA Players Championship Sunday to become the youngest player to win two PBA major titles, while denying Australia's Jason Belmonte a record 11th career major crown.

In a battle between two players who use a two-handed delivery, Simonsen, the No. 2 qualifier for the stepladder finals, beat No. 1 qualifier Belmonte 232-212 in the title match at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl for his sixth career title.

The 35-year-old Belmonte, who was also trying for his second consecutive major title after winning last week's PBA Tournament of Champions, held a three-pin lead in the fifth frame of the title match when Simonsen left a 4-6-7-9-10 split after being distracted by a cell phone. Both players then threw strikes from the sixth through the ninth frames but Belmonte left the door open for Simonsen when he left a pocket 7-10 split on the first shot of the 10th frame.

"I had to reset after I heard the cell phone but it really just came down to a bad shot," said Simonsen about his first ball in the fifth frame. "I was still confident I could refocus, get back to throwing good shots and execute the way I needed to.

"I was fortunate to get the momentum back and be able to keep the pressure on Jason," Simonsen added. "I had the feeling that if he didn't strike at some point, I could take advantage of the opportunity."

PBA Hall of Famer Billy Hardwick held the previous record for youngest to win two majors when he won the 1965 Tournament of Champions for his second major title at 23 years and 259 days.

Simonsen, whose Players Championship win was his sixth career tour title, became the youngest player to win a PBA Tour major when he won the 2016 USBC Masters at age 19.

"To have a second major at this point in my career, I'm speechless," Simonsen said. "Jason is the guy everyone is gunning for and as a fellow two-hand player, he's an inspiration."

For Belmonte, who was also trying for a 20th career title, the 7-10 in the 10th frame was his second of the match after also leaving one in the fourth frame.

"I threw the ball the way I wanted to," said the four-time PBA Player of the Year. "This game has its good breaks and bad breaks and they just didn't go my way this time."

Belmonte won last week's Tournament of Champions for his 10th major title to tie Hall of Famers Pete Weber and Earl Anthony for first on the all-time majors list.

A win for Belmonte would have also made him the first to win three Players Championship titles. He won in 2011 and 2017 and joins Dave Ferraro, Dennis Horan, and Steve Hoskins as two-time winners of the event.

The stepladder finals started with two-hander and three-time tour winner Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C., beating EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Ind., who was trying for his third major and 13th career tour title, 255-245.

Troup then threw three strikes in the 10th frame of the second match to beat two-time tour winner and No. 3 qualifier DJ Archer of Spring, Texas, 194-193, to advance to the semifinal against Simonsen. Simonsen dominated the semifinal, beating Troup 259-202 to advance to the title match against Belmonte.

The 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour travels to Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis for the Go Bowling! PBA Indianapolis Open Feb. 19-24. The \$1 million title match bonus will again be in effect if a player can bowl a 300 game in the title match of the stepladder finals which will be televised live on FS1 Feb. 24 at 3 p.m. ET.

## **PBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl, Columbus, Ohio, Sunday**

### **Final Standings:**

- 1, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, \$50,000.
- 2, Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$25,000.
- 3, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., \$13,000.
- 4, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, \$11,000.
- 5, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., \$10,000.

### **Playoff Results:**

Match One: Troup def. Tackett, 255-245.

Match Two: Troup def. Archer, 194-193.

Semifinal: Simonsen def. Troup, 259-202.

Championship: Simonsen def. Belmonte, 232-212.

## **Craig Auerbach Wins PBA50 Dave Edwards Toyota Spartanburg South Open**

**Spartanburg, S.C. (Feb. 17, 2019)** – Craig Auerbach of Sunrise, Florida, defeated Troy McKinney of Yorktown, Va., 214-197, to win the PBA50 Dave Edwards Toyota Spartanburg South Open presented by Global 900 at Paradise Lanes Sunday.

Auerbach, who won \$2,000 and his first career PBA Regional title. He won a PBA Regional in Brunswick, Ga., in 2008, but didn't get credit for a title because he was a non-PBA member at the time.

The championship match was close after both players had doubles in the first half of the game. After McKinney left a 6-7-10 split in the seventh frame and failed to convert, Auerbach stayed clean and doubled in the ninth and 10th frames to lock it up. McKinney pocketed \$1,000 as the runner-up.

In the semifinal round, Auerbach def. Mac Sanders of Taylors, S.C., 246-194, while McKinney disposed of Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., 241-208.

The tournament drew 74 50-and-older players. The PBA South Region's next tournament will be the PBA50 Fayetteville South Open on March 8 in Fayetteville, N.C.

## **PBA50 J & L SPORTS SPARTANBURG SOUTH OPEN**

**Paradise Lanes, Spartanburg, S.C., Sunday**

### **Championship:**

Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Florida (\$2,000) def. Troy McKinney, Yorktown, Va. (\$1,000), 214-197.

### **Semifinal Round (losers earned \$800):**

Auerbach def. Mac Sanders, Taylors, S.C., 246-194.

McKinney def. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 241-208.

**Round of 8 (three games total pinfall, losers eliminated and earned \$650 each):**

Auerbach def. Mike Falk, Burlington, N.C., 576-500.  
Sanders def. Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 649-634.  
Williams def. Doug Becker, Clermont, Fla., 720-563.  
McKinney def. Scott Thomsen, Sumter, S.C., 634-599.

**Round of 12 (total pinfall three games, losers eliminated and earned \$575 each):**

Sanders def. Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 631-626.  
Auerbach def. Chris Johnson, Nashville, N.C., 596-559.  
Williams def. Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 699-513.  
Thomsen def. Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 574-538.

**Round of 16 (total pinfall three games, losers eliminated and earned \$500 each):**

Scarborough def. Jimmy Jean, Kathleen, Ga., 589-580.  
Auerbach def. Doug O'Bryant, Ball Ground, Ga., 603-576.  
Williams def. Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 716-484.  
Thomsen def. Tom Baker, King, N.C., 547-516.

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**Matthew Staninger Paces Field of 15 PTQ Players in Go Bowling! PBA  
Indianapolis Open**

*Qualifying in Go Bowling! PBA Tour event begins Wednesday at Woodland Bowl*

**INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 19, 2019)** – Matthew Staninger, a 26-year-old third-year PBA member from Centerville, Ohio, averaged 228 for the six-game pre-tournament qualifier Tuesday to lead a field of 15 PBA members who will advance to the start of Go Bowling! PBA Indianapolis Open qualifying Wednesday at Woodland Bowl.

Staninger, who will be competing in his third PBA Tour event, rolled games of 257, 277, 194, 256, 207 and 188 for a 1,369 pinfall total, easily qualifying first in a 23-player field. Justin Knowles of Okemos, Mich., was second with 1,232 pins. Christopher Jones of Edinburgh, Ind., claimed the last berth in the Indianapolis Open PTQ field by defeating Brandon Robertson of Venice, Fla., 190-163, in a one-game roll-off after they tied for 15th.

Qualifying in the Indianapolis Open, a Tier 2 PBA Playoffs points event, gets underway with two six-game rounds Wednesday at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. EST. After the final qualifying round Thursday at 10 a.m., the top 24 players based on 18-game pinfall totals will advance to eight-game match play rounds Thursday at 6 p.m. and Friday at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. The top five players after 42 games will compete in Sunday's stepladder finals, live on FS1, beginning at 3 p.m. EST.

All qualifying and match play rounds will be live-streamed by PBA's online streaming partner, FloBowling. For subscription information, visit FloBowling.com. For a complete roster of Indianapolis Open participants, click here: <https://www.pba.com/Rosters/Details/2763>.

## **GO BOWLING! PBA INDIANAPOLIS OPEN** **Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, Tuesday**

### **Pre-Tournament Qualifier Standings (after six games; top 15 advance to the tournament proper):**

- 1, Matthew Staninger, Centerville, Ohio, 1,369.
- 2, Justin Knowles, Okemos, Mich., 1,232.
- 3, Zac Doty, Campbellsville, Ky., 1,229.
- 4, Kevin Kullman, Lockport, Ill., 1,224.
- 5, Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, NJ, 1,211.
- 6, Aaron Lorincz, Center Line, Mich., 1,206.
- 7, Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, 1,205.
- 8, Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., 1,196.
- 9, Geoffrey Young, Roanoke, Texas, 1,186.
- 10, Charlie Brown Jr, Grandville, Mich., 1,182.
- 11, Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C., 1,178.
- 12, Mike Eaton Jr., Wyoming, Mich., 1,172.
- 13, Kyle Mayberry, Mechanicsburg, Ohio, 1,162.
- 14, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 1,147.
- 15, x-Christopher Jones, Edinburg, Ind., 1,134.

### **Failed to advance:**

- 16, Brandon Robertson, Venice, Fla., 1,134.
- 17, Wendell Barger, Dry Ridge, Ky., 1,104.
- 18, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 1,086.
- 19, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 1,071.
- 20, Blake Demore, Springfield, Mo., 1,069.
- 21, Kevin Walter, Noblesville, Ind., 1,051.
- 22, Chip Tyson, Gastonia, N.C., 1,009.
- 23, Jacob Young, Noblesville, Ind., 888.

x-Jones defeated Robertson in a one-game roll-off, 190-163, to break a tie for 15th place.

BJ Moore Averages 248 to Move into Go Bowling! PBA Indianapolis Open Lead

Nine-year PBA member advances from 10th to first in bid for his first PBA Tour title

INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 20, 2019) – BJ Moore, a nine-year PBA member from Greensburg, Pa., who is trying for his first PBA Tour title, averaged an impressive 248 during his second qualifying round Wednesday to advance from 10th place into the lead in the Go Bowling! PBA Indianapolis Open at Woodland Bowl.

Moore, a 30-year-old right-hander who is bowling in only his second tournament of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season, rolled games of 266, 248, 259, 209, 279 and 227 in Wednesday's second round to take

a 51-pin lead over Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas. Australia's Jason Belmonte was third with 2,803 pins followed by Shawn Maldonado of Houston, Texas, with 2,797 pins and defending Indianapolis champion Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., with a 2,796 total.

Moore, whose best finish in PBA Tour competition was second place in the 2016 PBA Scorpion Championship, bowled in the pre-tournament qualifier prior to the PBA Tournament of Champions two weeks ago, but failed to make the field. Last week, he bowled in the PBA Players Championship, where he finished 49th.

"It was a good practice session," Moore said with a grin. "I worked out some physical things which I was able to apply this week."

All rounds of the Indianapolis Open are being contested on a challenging mixed lane conditioning environment where the 45-foot Dick Weber oiling pattern is applied to the left lane and the 38-foot Mike Aulby oiling pattern is applied to the right lane, requiring players to change equipment and angles of attack on each lane.

"This is the first mixed pattern event I've bowled," Moore said. "I've always been a fan of the concept. I like the challenge. It kinda levels out the playing field. It was fun, but it's always fun when you bowl well."

"I was kind of the pace car in the morning round, but I figured I could do something different in the night block and everything kind of fell into place for me."

The pursuit of his first PBA Tour title isn't something Moore is dwelling on, but it remains a goal.

"I've been close a couple of times," he said. "It's more of a process for me, applying things I've learned. It's a roller coaster, but my ball reps have helped me a lot, especially with my mental game. I'll just have to keep after it."

Qualifying in the Indianapolis Open, a Tier 2 PBA Playoffs points event, continues a third six-game round round Thursday at 10 a.m. The top 24 players based on 18-game pinfall totals will then advance to eight-game match play rounds Thursday at 6 p.m. and Friday at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. The top five players after 42 games will compete for the title in Sunday's stepladder finals, live on FS1, beginning at 3 p.m. EST.

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## GO BOWLING! PBA INDIANAPOLIS OPEN

Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, Wednesday

Second Round Standings (after 12 games; top 24 after 18 games advance to match play):

- 1, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 2,855.
- 2, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 2,804.
- 3, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2,803.
- 4, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 2,797.
- 5, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 2,796.
- 6, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 2,772.
- 7, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, IL, 2,741.
- 8, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 2,728.
- 9, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 2,719.
- 10, Charlie Brown Jr, Grandville, Mich., 2,690.
- 11, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 2,651.
- 12, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2,640.
- 13, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2,638.
- 14, Rhino Page, Orlando, 2,635.
- 15, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 2,630.
- 16, Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 2,629.
- 17, Patrick Girard, Canada, 2,628.
- 18, Justin Knowles, Okemos, Mich., 2,616.
- 19, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 2,606.
- 20, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, Nev., 2,604.
- 21, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 2,599.
- 22, Richie Teece, England, 2,597.
- 23, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,591.
- 23, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,591.
- 25, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 2,590.
- 26, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,587.
- 27 (tie), Dom Barrett, England, and Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,582.
- 29, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 2,579.
- 30, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 2,576.
- 31, David Krol, Nixa, Mo., 2,574.
- 32, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 2,572.
- 33, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 2,569.
- 34, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 2,560.
- 35, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 2,557.
- 36, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 2,556.
- 37, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 2,549.
- 38, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 2,548.
- 39, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 2,546.
- 40, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,545.

41, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,542.  
42 (tie), Kyle Mayberry, Mechanicsburg, Ohio, and Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 2,538.  
44, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 2,536.  
45 (tie), Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, and Annop Arromsaranon, Thailand, 2,531.  
47, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 2,527.  
48 (tie), Francois Lavoie, Canada, and Anthony Pepe, East Elmhurst, N.Y., 2,516.  
50, Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, NJ, 2,515.  
51 (tie), Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, and Kim Bolleby, Sweden, 2,512.  
53, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,492.  
54 (tie), Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind.; Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., and Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 2,491.  
57, Francois Louw, South Africa, 2,485.  
58, Jimmy Cook, Indianapolis, 2,483.  
59, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 2,477.  
60 (tie), Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., and Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 2,473.  
62, Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, 2,466.  
63, Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., 2,464.  
64, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 2,462.  
65, Chris Colella, Indianapolis, Ind., 2,461.  
66 (tie), Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C., and Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 2,460.  
68, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 2,459.  
69, Zach Doty, Campbellsville, Ky., 2,457.  
70, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 2,454.  
71, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 2,451.  
72, Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., 2,449.  
73, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 2,448.  
74, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2,440.  
75, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 2,436.  
76, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 2,434.  
77, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 2,432.  
78, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 2,430.  
79, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 2,429.  
80, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 2,423.  
81, Geoffrey Young, Roanoke, Texas, 2,411.  
82, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 2,404.  
83 (tie), Sam Cooley, Australia, and Kevin Kullman, Lockport, Ill., 2,401.  
85 (tie), Jean Perez, Puerto Rico; Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, and Richard McCormick, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2,391.  
88 (tie), Andres Gomez, Colombia, and Stuart Williams, England, 2,390.  
90, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 2,387.  
91, Matthew Staninger, Centerville, Ohio, 2,385.  
92, Aaron Lorincz, Center Line, Mich., 2,384.  
93, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 2,370.  
94, Samuel DeWitt III, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2,369.  
95, Brandon Robertson, Venice, Fla., 2,356.  
96, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 2,351.  
97, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 2,350.  
98, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 2,344.  
99, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 2,340.  
100, Jason Sterner, Fayetteville, Ga., 2,338.  
101, Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 2,337.  
102, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 2,324.  
103, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 2,322.

- 104, Mike Eaton Jr., Wyoming, Mich., 2,321.
- 105, Eduardo Astiazaran, Mexico, 2,318.
- 106, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., 2,315.
- 107, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 2,313.
- 108, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,307.
- 109, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 2,298.
- 110, John Furey, Howell, N.J., 2,292.
- 111, Gaetan Mouveroux, France, 2,277.
- 112, Christopher Jones, Edinbugh, Ind., 2,269.
- 113, Mitch Hupe, Canada, 2,268.
- 114, Jim Pratt, Avondale, Ariz., 2,264.
- 115, A.J. Rice, Salem, Ala., 2,263.
- 116, Tristan Butler, Fort Wayne, Ind., 2,169.
- 117, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 2,160.
- 118, Justin Wyman, Fairport, N.Y., 2,110.
- 119, Michael Baker, Moline, Ill., 2,105.
- 120, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., withdrew.

300 Games: Wes Malott, Cristian Azcona, DJ Archer.

## **Australia's Jason Belmonte Rolls into Go Bowling! PBA Indianapolis Open Lead**

*19-time PBA Tour titlist holds 52 pins lead over 2018 Indianapolis winner Jakob Butturff*

**INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 21, 2019)** – Australia's Jason Belmonte has demonstrated time and again that once he figures out how to attack the lanes, other PBA players have a difficult time keeping up. He did it again Thursday when he charged into the lead in the Go Bowling! PBA Indianapolis Open, and held on despite an up-and-down fourth round.

Belmonte, the 35-year-old two-handed player and four-time PBA Player of the Year, averaged 247.8 for his final six qualifying games on the mixed lane conditioning environment at Woodland Bowl Thursday morning to overtake second-round leader BJ Moore of Greensburg, Pa. He then retained his lead in Thursday evening's first round of match play, winning five of his eight matches and maintaining a 230.6 average for the tournament, finishing a rocky evening round with a 26-game total of 6,146 pins, including match play bonus pins, for a 52-pin lead over defending Indianapolis champion Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz.

All rounds of the tournament are being contested on a mixed lane conditioning environment where the Dick Weber 45 oiling pattern is applied to the left lane and the Mike Aulby 38 oiling pattern is applied to the right lane. The numerical designation refers to the length in feet oil is applied to each lane.

"Pair to pair tonight was night-and-day, especially when you are dealing with a dual oiling pattern," Belmonte said. "You're trying to find a way to strike, but you have nothing to guide you because the two

lanes are so different. It'll take your two or three shots on each lane to figure it out, and by then the game's half over, so you have to take your poison, make your spares and go from there."

Belmonte won his 19th PBA Tour title two weeks ago when he won the PBA Tournament of Champions in Fairlawn, Ohio, for a record-tying 10th major title, matching Earl Anthony and Pete Weber for the most career PBA major titles. Last week he finished second in the PBA Players Championship, another major, after leading all week. In Indianapolis, he has continued to bowl with a high level of confidence and it's again producing positive results.

"It's a culmination of some changes I've made in my physical and mental game," he said. "When you have confidence in your physical game, it helps you mentally, and when your mental game is good, you tend to make better shots. When you put a lot of work in, it really feels good when you're able to put it all together on the biggest stage."

Rounding out the top five after four rounds were Moore with 5,965 pins; Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, with a 5,886 total, and Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., with 5,874 pins.

The Indianapolis Open, a Tier 2 PBA Playoffs points event, continues with the final two eight-game match play rounds Friday at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. The top five players after 42 games will compete in Sunday's stepladder finals, live on FS1, beginning at 3 p.m. EST.

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## **GO BOWLING! PBA INDIANAPOLIS OPEN** **Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, Thursday**

### **Fourth Round Standings (after 26 games, including match play records; top five after 42 games to Sunday's live FS1 finals at 3 p.m. EST):**

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 5-3, 6,146.
- 2, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 5-3, 6,094.
- 3, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 2-6, 5,965.
- 4, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 4-4, 5,886.
- 5, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 5-3, 5,874.
- 6, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 6-2, 5,871.
- 7, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 5-3, 5,865.
- 8, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, IL, 6-2, 5,837.
- 9 (tie), Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 4-3-1, and Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 4-3-1, 5,802.
- 11, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 4-4, 5,795.
- 12, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 5-3, 5,772.
- 13, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 4-4, 5,771.
- 14 (tie), Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3-5, and Rhino Page, Orlando, 5-3, 5,762.
- 16, Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 5-3, 5,732.
- 17, Richie Teece, England, 2-6, 5,725.
- 18, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 3-5, 5,689.
- 19, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 3-5, 5,683.
- 20, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 2-6, 5,662.
- 21, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 4-4, 5,661.
- 22, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 2-6, 5,613.
- 23, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 4-4, 5,566.
- 24, Patrick Girard, Canada, 3-5, 5,558.

**Other Cashers (after 18 games):**

- 25, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 3,902, \$1,700.
- 26, Dom Barrett, England, 3,896, \$1,650.
- 27 (tie), Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., and Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3,889, \$1,575.
- 29, Charlie Brown Jr, Grandville, Mich., 3,882, \$1,530.
- 30, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 3,878, \$1,500.

**Failed to Cash (after 18 games):**

- 31, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 3,877.
- 32, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 3,872.
- 33, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 3,857.
- 34, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,827.
- 35, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,825.
- 36, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 3,816.
- 37, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 3,813.
- 38, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3,801.
- 39, Kim Bolleby, Sweden, 3,796.
- 40, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 3,795.
- 41, Francois Louw, South Africa, 3,792.
- 42, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, Nev., 3,790.
- 43, Annop Arromsaranon, Thailand, 3,788.
- 44, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 3,780.
- 45, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 3,778.
- 46, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 3,777.
- 47, Justin Knowles, Okemos, Mich., 3,753.
- 48 (tie), Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, NJ, and Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 3,751.
- 50, Kyle Mayberry, Mechanicsburg, Ohio, 3,750.
- 51, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 3,749.
- 52, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 3,737.
- 53, Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., 3,734.
- 54, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 3,729.
- 55, Anthony Pepe, East Elmhurst, N.Y., 3,723.
- 56, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 3,718.
- 57, Geoffrey Young, Roanoke, Texas, 3,716.
- 58, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 3,705.
- 59 (tie), Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, and Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 3,704.
- 61, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 3,700.
- 62 (tie), Pontus Andersson, Sweden, and Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 3,697.
- 64, Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 3,687.
- 65, Jean Perez, Puerto Rico, 3,685.
- 66, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 3,683.
- 67, Sam Cooley, Australia, 3,678.
- 68, Anthony Lavery-Spah, Pasadena, Texas, 3,670.
- 69, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 3,666.
- 70 (tie), Gaetan Mouveroux, France, and Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 3,665.
- 72, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 3,660.
- 73 (tie), Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., and Dwight Adams, Greensboro, N.C., 3,659.
- 75, Chris Colella, Indianapolis, Ind., 3,656.
- 76, David Krol, Nixa, Mo., 3,653.
- 77, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 3,652.
- 78, Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, 3,650.
- 79, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 3,646.
- 80 (tie), Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., and Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 3,643.
- 82, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., 3,635.

83, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 3,632.  
84 (tie), Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., and Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 3,626.  
86, Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 3,622.  
87, A.J. Rice, Salem, Ala., 3,609.  
88 (tie), Brandon Robertson, Venice, Fla., and Zach Doty, Campbellsville, Ky., 3,607.  
90, Jimmy Cook, Indianapolis, 3,605.  
91, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 3,604.  
92, Stuart Williams, England, 3,593.  
93, Matthew Staninger, Centerville, Ohio, 3,590.  
94, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 3,583.  
95, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3,578.  
96, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 3,563.  
97, Kevin Kullman, Lockport, Ill., 3,552.  
98, Richard McCormick, Cincinnati, Ohio, 3,544.  
99 (tie), Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, and Samuel DeWitt III, Pittsburgh, Pa., 3,539.  
101, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 3,538.  
102, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 3,536.  
103, Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., 3,533.  
104, Mitch Hupe, Canada, 3,527.  
105, John Furey, Howell, N.J., 3,500.  
106, Jim Pratt, Avondale, Ariz., 3,496.  
107, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 3,491.  
108, Jason Sterner, Fayetteville, Ga., 3,477.  
109, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 3,453.  
110, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 3,439.  
111, Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 3,430.  
112, Eduardo Astiazaran, Mexico, 3,418.  
113, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 3,417.  
114, Christopher Jones, Edinburg, Ind., 3,401.  
115, Mike Eaton Jr., Wyoming, Mich., 3,397.  
116, Michael Baker, Moline, Ill., 3,323.  
117, Tristan Butler, Fort Wayne, Ind., 3,178.  
118, Justin Wyman, Fairport, N.Y., 3,129.  
119, Aaron Lorincz, Center Line, Mich., 2,940  
**300 Games:** none.

## PBA Spare Shots

### MARSHALL HOLMAN, AMLETO MONACELLI TO MANAGE “USA VS. THE WORLD” AT WSOB X

With a pair of PBA Hall of Famers guiding them, the USA vs. The World team match will return to the 10th anniversary PBA World Series of Bowling as the fifth consecutive night of WSOB coverage on FOX Sports’ FS1 channel. The team match will air on Friday, March 22 at 8 p.m. EST from the historic Thunderbowl Lanes arena in Allen Park, Mich.

Back to manage the two-time defending champion USA team will be PBA Hall of Famer **Marshall Holman**. Under Holman's guidance, the USA won the two most recent matches in 2016 and 2017. The World will be managed for the first time by fellow PBA Hall of Famer and Venezuela native **Amleto Monacelli** who bowled as a member of the international team when it won the first two matches in 2010 and 2013.

Players from the United States and the international contingent will qualify for their respective teams based on 30-game qualifying pinfall totals for the Cheetah, Chameleon and Scorpion Championships held earlier in the WSOB. The best-of-three-game Baker format team match will conclude FOX Sports' WSOB coverage that will begin with live telecasts of the Cheetah Championship on Monday, March 18; Chameleon Championship on Tuesday, March 19; Scorpion Championship on Wednesday, March 20, and PBA World Championship on Thursday, March 21. All five shows will air at 8 p.m. Eastern.

### **ANTHONY SIMONSEN ADVANCES TO FOURTH PLACE IN PBA PLAYOFFS POINTS RACE**

Thanks to his victory in the PBA Players Championship Sunday, **Anthony Simonsen** moved into fourth place in the race to qualify for the inaugural PBA Playoffs.

Finishing second in the second Tier 1 event on the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule helped **Jason Belmonte** expand his lead in the 2019 PBA Playoffs points lead to 15,550 points while **EJ Tackett**, moved into second place on the basis of his second straight top five finish in the PBA's first two major championships of the year.

Under the new PBA competition points structure in play this season, a win in a Tier 1 (major championship) event is worth 7,500 points – triple the value of the base points total for a victory (2,500 points) in a Tier 3 (limited entry and/or modified format) tournament. Tier 2 (standard PBA Tour) events award double the Tier 3 points.

**Sean Rash** dropped one spot to third, **Jakob Butturff** fell from third to fifth, and **Kyle Troup** advanced to sixth. Rounding out the top eight heading into the Go Bowling! PBA Indianapolis Open (a Tier 2 event) were **Dick Allen** in seventh place and **Bill O'Neill** in eighth. **Marshall Kent** and **Jesper Svensson** dropped out of the top eight to ninth and 10th, respectively.

The race for the 24th-and-final berth in the PBA Playoffs currently involves Kyle Sherman in 24th with **Darren Tang**, **Patrick Girard** and **Zacharay Wilkins** in hot pursuit.

Finishing in the top eight as of the end of the USBC Masters on April 1 means those players will earn a first-round bye in the single-elimination PBA Playoffs. Finishing in the top 24 is a necessity to qualify for a place in the Playoffs; finishing in the top 40 is required for eligibility to enter the 2019 PBA League Draft. To follow the points competition as the season progresses, use this link: <https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/PointsList/132?list=1>.

The PBA Playoffs begin on Monday, April 8, with live coverage of the opening Round of 24 matches on FS1 at 7 p.m. Eastern from Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine.

### **PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: AUERBACH WINS FIRST REGIONAL TITLE IN SPARTANBURG**

**Craig Auerbach** of Sunrise, Florida, defeated **Troy McKinney** of Yorktown, Va., 214-197, to win the PBA50 Dave Edwards Toyota Spartanburg South Open presented by Global 900 at Paradise Lanes in Spartanburg, S.C., Sunday.

Auerbach won \$2,000 and his first PBA Regional title. He won a PBA Regional in Brunswick, Ga., in 2008, but didn't get credit for a title because he was a non-PBA member at the time.

The championship match was close in the first half of the game, but after McKinney left a 6-7-10 split in the seventh frame and failed to convert, Auerbach stayed clean and doubled in the ninth and 10th frames to lock it up.

In the semifinal round, Auerbach def. **Mac Sanders** of Taylors, S.C., 246-194, while McKinney disposed of Hall of Famer **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** of Oxford, Fla., 241-208.

- The PBA Central and Midwest Regions will participate in the joint PBA50 Plaza Lanes Central/Midwest Open in Crawfordsville, Ind., over the Feb. 22-24 weekend. Over the same weekend, South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas will host a doubleheader including the South Point West Challenge on Friday, and the South Point Member/Non-Member Doubles, both presented by Radical.

- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit [pba.com](http://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](http://pba.com) (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

### **QUICK NOTES:**

- PBA and FOX Sports reporter **Kimberly Pressler** will appear on FOX59's Morning News show in Indianapolis Saturday at 8:20 a.m. to help promote Sunday's Go Bowling! PBA Indianapolis Open telecast live on FS1 Sunday at 3 p.m. EST.

- How a player ranks in the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour competition points race won't necessarily determine who wins Rookie of the Year honors, but it's an important part of the 2019 Bowl4life PBA Rookie Watch because the 2019 PBA Rookie of the Year will earn a \$2,500 bonus from **Chuck Gardner's** Bowl4Life Foundation and the foundation will donate an additional \$2,500 to a youth bowler scholarship in the Rookie of the Year's name. After the PBA Players Championship, the three top rookies on the PBA Playoffs points list are **Jake Rollins** of Glen Rock, N.J.; **AJ Rice** of Salem, Ala., and **Patrick Hanrahan** of Wichita, Kan.

- The unofficial FloBowling PBA Power Rankings top 10 following the PBA Players Championship include: **Jason Belmonte** (retaining his No. 1 ranking from the previous week); 2, **EJ Tackett** (2); 3, **Sean Rash** (5); 4, **Jakob Butturff** (3); 5, **Dom Barrett** (4); 6, **Jesper Svensson** (8); 7, **Kyle Troup** (12); 8, **Kris Prather** (7); 9, **Rhino Page** (6) and 10, **Anthony Simonsen** (unranked). Visit FloBowling.com for a complete list along with Flo's rationale for its rankings.

- Australia's **Jason Belmonte** and 10-time PBA Tour titlist **Bill O'Neill** of Langhorne, Pa., will make an appearance on March 9 at the Detroit Athletic Club to help promote the 10th anniversary PBA World Series of Bowling which will take place March 11-21 at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich.

- World Bowling announced Friday that it has learned the Paris 2024 Olympic Organizing Committee has rejected bowling's bid to become one of the new sports to be included in the 2024 Games. Paris 2024 has named breakdancing, climbing, surfing and skateboarding as the additional sports it will ask the IOC Executive Committee to include in the 2024 Olympic Games.

- BJI Cyber Report has reported that **Reg Pearson**, one of the "architects" of the National Bowling Stadium and the facility's manager from its opening in 1995 until 1998, died on Jan. 28. He was 82.

- Two-time PBA Tour titlist **Mike Machuga** of Erie, Pa., has been named as the first women's bowling coach at Mercyhurst University in his hometown. Mercyhurst will launch its women's collegiate bowling program in the 2019-20 season.

## **2019 PBA League Draft Set for April 8 at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine**

*Seventh PBA League Elias Cup finals set for live coverage on FS1 July 16, 17 and 18*

**PORTLAND, Maine (Feb. 22, 2019)** – For the past four years, tournament host Bayside Bowl in Portland has given the PBA League team bowling competition a jolt of electricity because of its exuberant fans and unique location.

Now for the first time, Bayside fans will get a chance to see up close how the 2019 teams take shape when the PBA League Draft is held at Bayside Bowl on Monday, April 8.

The draft will be covered live on FloBowling, PBA's official online live-streaming outlet, beginning at 4 p.m. EDT.

Adding to the drama for the hometown fans, their own Portland Lumberjacks, managed by Tim Mack, will own the first pick by virtue of their last-place finish in the 2018 Elias Cup tournament.

Choosing second will be L.A. X, followed by the Brooklyn Styles, New York City Kingpins, Motown Muscle, Dallas Strikers, Philadelphia Hitmen and defending champion Silver Lake Atom Splitters. The serpentine draft will then find the Atom Splitters making the first selection of the second round.

In order to be eligible for the draft pool, PBA members must be ranked in the top 40 in the 2019 PBA competition points standings at the conclusion of the 2019 USBC Masters on April 1.

Leading up to the draft, each team manager will be allowed to protect and retain up to three members from current rosters regardless of their PBA Points standing, with those decisions made by March 25.

April 8 will be a big day for Portland's enthusiastic PBA fans who are invited to attend the PBAL Draft and stick around for the inaugural round of PBA Playoffs matches that will air later in the evening, live on FS1 at 7 p.m. Eastern. The PBA Playoffs is a new PBA Tour singles competition that will feature the season's top 24 players in competition points in a single-elimination match play series that will result in eight FS1 telecasts in April and May, leading up to the live FOX telecasts of the semifinal and final rounds on June 1 and 2. Bayside Bowl will host the entire PBA Playoffs series.

PBA League players will then return to Bayside Bowl where all rounds of the 2019 PBA League Elias Cup competition will take place July 16, 17 and 18, airing live for the first time on FOX Sports' FS1 in prime time.

## **CURRENT TEAM MAKEUPS**

### **(Managers may protect up to 3 players by March 25)**

- Portland Lumberjacks (manager Mack): Ryan Ciminelli, Wes Malott, Kyle Troup, DJ Archer, JoJoe Yannaphon.

- L.A. X (manager Andrew Cain): Jason Belmonte, Stuart Williams, Martin Larsen, Jakob Butturff, Osku Palermaa.

- Brooklyn Styles (manager Johnny Petraglia): Parker Bohn III, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Sean Rash, Matt O'Grady, Jason Sterner.

- New York City KingPins (manager Carolyn Dorin-Ballard): Pete Weber, Marshall Kent, Sam Cooley, BJ Moore, Anthony Pepe.

- Motown Muscle (manager Del Ballard Jr.): EJ Tackett, Francois Lavoie, Anthony Simonsen, Shota Kawazoe, Josh Blanchard.

- Dallas Strikers: player-manager Norm Duke, Tommy Jones, Bill O'Neill, Rhino Page, Kyle Sherman.

- Philadelphia Hitmen (manager Jason Couch): Dom Barrett, Tom Smallwood, Ronnie Russell, Matt Sanders, Chris Loschetter.

- Silver Lake Atom Splitters (manager Mark Baker): Chris Barnes, Jesper Svensson, Tom Daugherty, Dick Allen, AJ Johnson.

## **PBA LEAGUE DATES**

Monday, March 25: Selection of protected players.

Monday, April 1: PBA Playoffs point list finalized.

Wednesday, April 3: Draft declaration deadline (draft pool consists of the top 40 on the PBA Playoff points list; eligible players must declare their intent to enter the draft).

Monday, April 8: 2019 PBA League Draft (4 p.m. EDT, live on FloBowling).

Monday, April 15: Player trade deadline.

## **2019 PBA LEAGUE ELIAS CUP FINALS SCHEDULE**

### **Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine, July 16-18 (live on FS1)**

#### **Tuesday, July 16**

3:30 p.m. – Bayside Bowl rooftop “tailgate party”

7 p.m. – Quarterfinal Match One: Team #1 vs. Team #8

8 p.m. – Quarterfinal Match Two: Team #5 vs. Team #4

9 p.m. – Quarterfinal Match Three: Team #2 vs. Team #7

10 p.m. – Quarterfinal Match Four: Team #6 vs. Team #3

## **Wednesday, July 17**

9 p.m. – Semifinal Match One: Winner Match One vs. Winner Match Two

10 p.m. – Semifinal Match Two: Winner Match Three vs. Winner Match Four

## **Thursday, July 18**

9 p.m. – Elias Cup Championship: Winner Semifinal One vs. Winner Semifinal Two

Jason Belmonte Closes Fifth Round with 300 Game, Regains Lead in Go Bowling! PBA Indianapolis Open  
by Bill Vint | Friday, February 22, 1:12 PM

Jason Belmonte Closes Fifth Round with 300 Game, Regains Lead in Go Bowling! PBA Indianapolis Open  
INDIANAPOLIS – Australia's Jason Belmonte rolled a perfect game to close his fifth round in the Go Bowling! PBA Indianapolis Open Friday afternoon as he regained the lead going into Friday night's final round of match play.

Belmonte, a 35-year-old two-handed player, is trying to win top qualifying honors for a record-tying third consecutive week. He followed a 166 game that dropped him into third place with his 300. He won four matches and lost four in a roller-coaster round before regaining the lead with a 34-game total of 8,051 pins – 86 pins ahead of Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, who had the lead just one game earlier.

Four players in the PBA's 61-year history have been top qualifier in three consecutive tournaments: Butturff, earlier this year; Earl Anthony, 1976; Johnny Petraglia, 1971, and Walter Ray Williams Jr., 1993.

All rounds of the Indianapolis Open are being contested on a mixed lane conditioning environment where the Dick Weber 45 oiling pattern is applied to the left lane and the Mike Aulby 38 oiling pattern is applied to the right lane. The numerical designation refers to the length in feet oil is applied to each lane.

Rounding out the top five heading into the final eight games of match play Friday night were PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla. (7,812); Rhino Page, Orlando (7,795) and defending Indianapolis champion Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz. (7,747).

The Indianapolis Open is a Tier 2 PBA Playoffs points event. The final eight-game match play round begins today at 6 p.m. The top five players after 42 games will compete in Sunday's stepladder finals, live on FS1, beginning at 3 p.m. EST.

All qualifying and match play rounds will be live-streamed by PBA's online streaming partner, FloBowling. For subscription information, visit FloBowling.com. To follow the tournament as it happens, visit Live Scoring on the pba.com home page.

**GO BOWLING! PBA INDIANAPOLIS OPEN**

Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, Friday

Fifth Round Standings (after 34 games, including match play records; top five after 42 games advance to Sunday's live FS1 finals at 3 p.m. EST):

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 9-7, 8,051.
- 2, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 10-6, 7,865.
- 3, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 10-6, 7,812.
- 4, Rhino Page, Orlando, 10-6, 7,795.
- 5, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 8-8, 7,747.
- 6, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 9-7, 7,741.
- 7, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 10-6, 7,739.
- 8, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 10-6, 7,732.
- 9, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 5-11, 7,727.
- 10, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 9-7, 7,697.
- 11, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 7-8-1, 7,689.
- 12, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 8-7-1, 7,628.
- 13, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, IL, 8-8, 7,610.
- 14, Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 10-6, 7,608.
- 15, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 8-7-1, 7,581.
- 16, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 8-8, 7,580.
- 17, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 7-9, 7,576, \$100.
- 18, Richie Teece, England, 5-11, 7,541.
- 19, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 6-10, 7,511.
- 20, Patrick Girard, Canada, 7-8-1, 7,478, \$100.
- 21, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 5-10-1, 7,462.
- 22, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 8-8, 7,395.
- 23, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 6-9-1, 7,357.
- 24, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 6-10, 7,339.

300 Games: Jason Belmonte, Patrick Girard.

Jason Belmonte Qualifies No. 1 Again in Go Bowling! PBA Indianapolis Open

Australian two-handed star tops qualifying for record-tying third straight tournament

INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 22, 2019) – Australia's Jason Belmonte rolled a perfect game to close the fifth round of the Go Bowling! PBA Indianapolis Open Friday at Woodland Bowl to take the lead and he continued his torrid pace in the final round to earn top qualifier honors for a record-tying third consecutive tournament.

As the no. 1 qualifier, Belmonte will head the five-player stepladder finals field that will air live on FS1 Sunday at 3 p.m. EST. A win Sunday will give Belmonte his second title of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season and the 20th of his career.

Belmonte, a 35-year-old two-handed player, posted a 16-8 match play record while averaging 229.69 for 42 games to finish with 10,127 pins, 386 pins ahead of PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla.

Belmonte became the fifth player in the PBA's 61-year history to lead qualifying in three consecutive tournaments. He joins Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., who accomplished the feat in the 2019 season's first three tournaments; Earl Anthony, who did it in 1976; Johnny Petraglia in 1971, and Walter Ray Williams Jr. in 1993. Petraglia is the only one in the group who won all three tournaments he led.

Belmonte, who won the PBA Tournament of Champions two weeks ago, also led qualifying in the PBA Players Championship last week but lost in the title match to fellow two-hander Anthony Simonsen when he left a pocket 7-10 split in the 10th frame. Regardless of that loss, the Australian star has taken a big lead in the new PBA Playoffs points race and has established himself as an early favorite to win a fifth PBA Player of the Year award.

"We're in the beginning stages of the season," Belmonte said of the Player of the Year idea. "There are a lot of majors coming up. It's way too early. I'm not taking anything for granted."

But tying the record as top qualifier for a third consecutive tournament was another matter.

"Someone told me about that tonight," he said. "That's pretty cool. It's fun to lead but it's a lot more fun to win the tournaments. It's now a matter of bowling the best game I can on Sunday."

Reinforcing his lead in the PBA Playoffs points race also is a big deal.

"The Playoffs is a huge event for us," he said. "I'm going to miss a few events, so it's important for me to do as well as I can when I have the opportunity. That's my job; that's why I fly around the world, to do the best I can and capitalize on the moment. Now it's one more match. Ten little pins, knock them over 12 times and walk away happy."

Duke, who ranks third on the all-time PBA Tour titles list with 38 – behind only Williams' 47 and Anthony's 43, posted a 14-9-1 match play record and a 9,741 pinfall total. He is trying for his first title since winning the 2015 Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship with partner Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas. Rounding out Sunday's stepladder finals field will be Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Fla., with 9,695 pins; Malott with a 9,672 total, and Rhino Page of Orlando, Fla., with a 9,649 total.

All rounds of the Indianapolis Open, a Tier 2 event in the 2019 PBA Playoffs points competition, are being contested on a mixed lane conditioning environment where the Dick Weber 45 oiling pattern is applied to the left lane and the Mike Aulby 38 oiling pattern is applied to the right lane. The numerical designation refers to the length in feet oil is applied to each lane.

## GO BOWLING! PBA INDIANAPOLIS OPEN

Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, Friday

Final Match Play Standings (after 42 games, including match play records; top five after 42 games advance to Sunday's live FS1 finals at 3 p.m. EST):

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 16-8, 10,127.
- 2, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 14-9-1, 9,741.
- 3, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 14-10, 9,695.
- 4, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 15-9, 9,672.
- 5, Rhino Page, Orlando, 13-11, 9,649.
  
- 6, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 13-11, 9,551, \$6,000.
- 7, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 12-11-1, 9,546, \$5,500.
- 8, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 13-11, 9,535, \$5,000.
- 9 (tie), Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 11-11-2, and Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 11-13, 9,527, \$4,250.
- 11, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 15-8-1, 9,526, \$3,800.
- 12, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 8-16, 9,490, \$3,600.
- 13, Patrick Girard, Canada, 11-11-2, 9,488, \$3,500.
- 14, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 12-12, 9,422, \$3,300.
- 15, Richie Teece, England, 10-14, 9,411, \$3,100.
- 16, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 12-12, 9,394, \$3,000.
- 17, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 12-11-1, 9,334, \$2,900.
- 18, Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 14-10, 9,328, \$2,800.
- 19, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 10-14, 9,282, \$2,700.
- 20, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 10-14, 9,275, \$2,600.
- 21, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 10-14, 9,261, \$2,500.
- 22, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 10-13-1, 9,116, \$2,400.
- 23, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 11-13, 9,106, \$2,300.
- 24, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 6-17-1, 9,033, \$2,200.

### **Norm Duke Wins Go Bowling! PBA Indianapolis Open for 39th Title**

*PBA Hall of Famer upsets top qualifier Jason Belmonte, 237-219, for first singles title since 2012*

**INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 24, 2019)** – A month shy of his 55th birthday, PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., defeated top qualifier Jason Belmonte of Australia, 237-219, to win his 39th PBA Tour title in the Go Bowling! PBA Indianapolis Open Sunday at Woodland Bowl.

Duke, who is third on the all-time PBA Tour titles list behind Walter Ray Williams Jr.'s 47 and Earl Anthony's 43, never trailed after starting the title match with three strikes and then converting the 4-9 split. Belmonte, who entered the finals as the top qualifier for a record-tying third consecutive tournament, kept the match close throughout, but when the Australian two-handed player left the 3-10 split on his first shot of the 10th frame, all Duke needed to clinch was seven pins in his 10th frame.

Duke immediately turned to Belmonte, who led the stepladder qualifiers by nearly 400 pins, and said, "We've been watching you dominate us, and we know it hurts to lose. We've all been through it enough, but I'll never forget this as long as I live."

Duke, who hadn't won a singles title since the 2012 PBA Dick Weber Playoffs – also at Woodland Bowl – said he knew he'd win again. His doubles win with Malott in 2015 also was at Woodland, where he now has had more success than any other PBA player.

"I was in control," Duke said. "I've been there before. I knew what to do. It was hard, but the shot was there and the stepladder format gives you a chance to win, so I'm grateful for that chance."

"I always believed I'd win again," he said. "The first game I ever bowled on television was against Earl Anthony, and I won. In my mind, Jason's the best ever, in spades. I feel for him, because I've been there, but for me, I get to say I bowled Earl, and Walter, and Pete, and I beat 'em all."

Belmonte said, "Today I watched my idol (Duke) bowl the most impressive game against me. I tried my best to keep up, but a few stubborn corner pins...ended my chances. Norm's a treasure."

Duke earned his trip to the title match with a 214-195 victory over his two-time Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship partner, Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, when Malott left a solid 10 pin on his first shot in the 10th frame. Duke's early turkey gave him an 18-pin lead in the fourth frame, but Malott then doubled and chipped away as Duke failed to carry key pocket hits. When Duke left a 10 pin on his last shot in the 10th frame, Malott had a chance to strike out to win by a pin, but failed to carry his first attempt in the 10th.

In the first match, after leaving a 2-8-10 split and failing to convert in the opening frame, Malott reeled off a string of seven strikes and cruised past Rhino Page of Orlando, Fla., 242-192. Malott then rallied to eliminate Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Fla., 174-170, by throwing four strikes in a row to end a match that saw Daugherty leave three splits and Malott four. The difference was Malott's conversion of the 3-4-6-7-10 split in his sixth frame.

All rounds of the Indianapolis Open, a Tier 2 event in the 2019 PBA Playoffs points competition, were contested on a mixed lane conditioning environment where the 45-foot Dick Weber 45 oiling pattern was applied to the left lane and the Mike Aulby 38 pattern was applied to the right lane.

The Go Bowling! PBA Tour's next event will be the PBA Jonesboro Open, a PBA Tier 3 points event, at Hijinx Family Entertainment Center in Jonesboro, Ark. Andrew Anderson of Holly, Mich., won the 2018 Jonesboro Open on his way to being selected Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year. Qualifying begins Wednesday with half of the field bowling its first seven-game round at 11 a.m. and the other half of the field bowling at 6 p.m. EST.

FloBowling will live-stream all qualifying and match play rounds Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (visit FloBowling.com for subscription information). For results as they happen, visit Live Scoring on PBA.com. For a roster of competitors, visit: <https://www.pba.com/Rosters/Details/2764>.

The Jonesboro Open will be a mixed pattern event with the Shark 45 and Viper 36 patterns applied to the left and right lanes, respectively, throughout the event. The Jonesboro finals will air live on FS1 on Sunday at 5 p.m. Eastern.

## **GO BOWLING! PBA INDIANAPOLIS OPEN**

### **Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, Sunday**

#### **Final Standings**

- 1, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., \$30,000.
- 2, Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$15,000.
- 3, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, \$10,000.
- 4, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., \$8,000.
- 5, Rhino Page, Orlando, \$7,000.

#### **Playoff Results:**

Match One: Malott def. Page, 242-192.  
Match Two: Malott def. Daugherty, 174-170.  
Semifinal: Duke def. Malott, 214-195.  
Championship: Duke def. Belmonte, 237-219.

] Norm Duke Surges into Early First Round Lead in PBA Jonesboro Open in Bid for 40th Career Title  
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Norm Duke Surges into Early First Round Lead in PBA Jonesboro Open in Bid for 40th Career Title  
JONESBORO, Ark. – It took PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., seven years to win his most recent singles title, but if his performance in the opening round of the PBA Jonesboro Open Wednesday is any indication, he'd like to make it seven days before winning another.

Duke, who defeated Australia's Jason Belmonte to win his 39th PBA Tour title last Sunday in the Go Bowling! PBA Indianapolis Open at Woodland Bowl, averaged 223.29 Wednesday behind games of 155, 275, 207, 196, 245 and 227 to lead the first half of the Jonesboro field at Hijinx Family Entertainment Center. The other half of the field was scheduled to bowl its opening round Wednesday night.

If Duke is able to win in Jonesboro on Sunday, he'll become the third player in PBA history to win 40 career titles, joining all-time leader Walter Ray Williams Jr. with 47 and Earl Anthony with 43.

All rounds of the Jonesboro Open, a Tier 3 event in the 2019 PBA Playoffs points competition, will be contested on a mixed lane conditioning environment where the 45-foot Shark oiling pattern will be applied to the left lane and the 36-foot Viper pattern to the right lane.

FloBowling will live-stream the second round of qualifying Thursday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. EST. The top 16 after 14 games will advance to eight-game match play rounds Friday at 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. (visit FloBowling.com for subscription information). For results as they happen, visit Live Scoring on PBA.com.

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PBA JONESBORO OPEN

Hijinx Family Entertainment Center, Jonesboro, Ark., Wednesday

Top 25 Leaders (A Squad only after seven games; B Squad bowled at 6 p.m. EST)

- 1, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,563.
- 2, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 1,503.
- 3, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 1,498.
- 3, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,498.
- 5, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 1,495.
- 6, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 1,489.
- 7, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,484.
- 8, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 1,483.
- 8, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,483.
- 10, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 1,479.
- 10, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,479.
- 12, Stuart Williams, England, 1,478.
- 13, Rhino Page, Orlando, 1,472.
- 13, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 1,472.
- 15, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 1,471.
- 16, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 1,457.
- 17, Mitch Hupe, Canada, 1,454.
- 18, Billy Rogers, Mesquite, Texas, 1,440.
- 19, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,438.
- 20, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,437.
- 21, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 1,434.
- 22, Zach Doty, Campbellsville, Ky., 1,430.
- 23, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,429.
- 24, Dom Barrett, England, 1,428.
- 25, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,423.

### **Kris Prather Surges into First Round Lead in PBA Jonesboro Open**

*PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke remains in contention for 40th career title*

**JONESBORO, Ark. (Feb. 27, 2019)** – Kris Prather, a 27-year-old fifth-year PBA member from Plainfield, Ill., averaged 230 Wednesday to take the opening round lead in the PBA Jonesboro Open at Hijinx Family Entertainment in his bid for his first Go Bowling! PBA Tour title.

Prather, a former Wichita State University star, rolled games of 214, 192, 246, 258, 214, 249 and 227 for a seven-game total of 1,610 pins and a 13-pin lead over Japan's Shota Kawazoe.

"I'm just trying to make it to match play," said Prather, who is trying to remain patient in his quest for his first title.

"On the left lane, I was just trying to throw the ball toward the 3 pin. On the right lane, it was a polar opposite," he said of the mixed lane condition event. "I was throwing it at the gutter at 30 feet and trying to get my ball to change direction. The game plan was to take advantage of the easy pairs and not hurt myself on the tough ones. I got lucky with that tonight."

Another non-titlist, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., was in third place with 1,584 pins followed by Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., at 1,565 and PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., rounding out the top five with 1,563 pins.

It took Duke seven years to win his most recent singles title, but if his performance Wednesday was any indication, he'd like to make the gap between winning another seven days instead of years.

Duke, who defeated Australia's Jason Belmonte to win his 39th PBA Tour title last Sunday in the Go Bowling! PBA Indianapolis Open at Woodland Bowl, averaged 223.29 Wednesday to lead the early squad.

"After all of the emotion of last week, you have to put it behind you and come up with a game plan. I had three, and the one I picked wasn't it," Duke said, referring to his 155 first game. "Once I figured out how to play the lanes, I was able to settle down and bowl. It's just a left and right lane. They were very different, but that's what mixed patterns are and that's to my advantage over time."

If Duke is able to win in Jonesboro on Sunday, he'll become the third player in PBA history to win 40 career titles, joining all-time leader Walter Ray Williams Jr. with 47 and Earl Anthony with 43.

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## PBA JONESBORO OPEN

Hijinx Family Entertainment Center, Jonesboro, Ark., Wednesday

### First Round Standings (after seven games)

- 1, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 1,610.
- 2, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 1,597.
- 3, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,584.
- 4, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 1,565.
- 5, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,563.
- 6, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 1,547.
- 7, Richie Teece, England, 1,526.
- 8, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 1,522.
- 9, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 1,513.
- 10, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 1,511.
- 11, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,508.
- 12, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,504.
- 13, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 1,503.
- 14 (tie), Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., and Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,498.
- 16 (tie), Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., and Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 1,495.

18, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 1,489.  
19, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,484.  
20 (tie), Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo.; Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., and Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 1,483.  
23 (tie), Christopher Sloan, Ireland, and Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,479.  
25, Stuart Williams, England, 1,478.  
26 (tie), Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn.; DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, and Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 1,477.  
29, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,473.  
30 (tie), Rhino Page, Orlando, and Martin Larsen, Sweden, 1,472.  
32 (tie), Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, and Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 1,471.  
34, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 1,470.  
35, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 1,469.  
36, Jason Sterner, Fayetteville, Ga., 1,467.  
37 (tie), Andres Gomez, Colombia, and Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 1,457.  
39, Mitch Hupe, Canada, 1,454.  
40, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, Nev., 1,452.  
41, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 1,448.  
42, Billy Rogers, Mesquite, Texas, 1,440.  
43 (tie), Thomas Larsen, Denmark, and Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,438.  
45 (tie), Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, and Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,437.  
47, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 1,434.  
48, Zach Doty, Campbellsville, Ky., 1,430.  
49, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,429.  
50, Dom Barrett, England, 1,428.  
51, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,423.  
52, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 1,409.  
53 (tie), Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., and Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,406.  
55, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 1,403.  
56, Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., 1,395.  
57, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 1,394.  
58 (tie), Pontus Andersson, Sweden, and Brandon Robertson, Venice, Fla., 1,392.  
60, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 1,387.  
61, Jim Pratt, Avondale, Ariz., 1,385.  
62, Gaetan Mouveroux, France, 1,382.  
63, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,378.  
64, Sam Cooley, Australia, 1,374.  
65, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 1,364.  
66, Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, NJ, 1,356.  
67, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 1,353.  
68, Geoffrey Young, Roanoke, Texas, 1,351.  
69, Blake Demore, Springfield, Mo., 1,349.  
70 (tie), Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, and Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,346.  
72, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 1,341.  
73, Justin Wyman, Fairport, N.Y., 1,329.  
74, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,328.  
75, Eduardo Astiazaran, Mexico, 1,321.  
76, David Krol, Nixa, Mo., 1,314.  
77, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 1,310.  
78, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 1,300.  
79, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 1,290.  
80, Elijah Felling, Norman, Okla., 1,265.  
81, Andrew Marks, Conway, Ark., 1,239.

82, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., 1,180.  
83, JT Jackson, Sherman Oaks, Calif., 1,108.

300 Game: EJ Tackett

## **PBA Spare Shots**

### **NORM DUKE ADVANCES TO SIXTH IN PBA PLAYOFFS POINTS RACE**

By earning 5,000 points for his win Sunday in the Tier 2 Go Bowling! PBA Indianapolis Open, Norm Duke advanced from 34th to sixth place in the race to qualify among the top 24 for the inaugural PBA Playoffs.

Indianapolis runner-up Jason Belmonte continued to expand his lead in the 2019 PBA Playoffs points race with 18,550 points, nearly 7,000 points ahead of EJ Tackett. The top eight, with their points totals (and last week's ranking in parenthesis) are:

1, Jason Belmonte, 18,550 (1); 2, EJ Tackett, 11,590 (2); 3, Sean Rash, 11,210 (3); 4, Jakob Butturff, 10,285 (5); 5, Anthony Simonsen, 10,200 (4); 6, Norm Duke, 8,565 (34); 7, Wes Malott, 8,170 (12); 8, Kyle Troup, 8,150 (6). Marshall Kent retained ninth place with 8,105 points.

The race for the 24th-and-final berth in the PBA Playoffs currently involves Anthony Lavery-Spahr in 24th place with 5,020 points followed by Nick Pate (4,660) and Tom Smallwood (4,620).

Under the new Go Bowling! PBA Tour competition points structure in play this season, a win in a Tier 1 (major championship) event is worth 7,500 points, a Tier 2 (standard PBA Tour tournament) title is worth 5,000 points and a Tier 3 (limited entry and/or modified format tournament) title is worth 2,500 points. There are only five events remaining on the PBA Playoffs schedule after Jonesboro: the Cheetah, Chameleon and Scorpion Champions (all Tier 3 events) and the PBA World Championship (a Tier 1 event) during the PBA World Series of Bowling X, March 11-21, and the USBC Masters (a Tier 1 event) in Las Vegas, March 26-April 1.

Players finishing in the top eight after the USBC Masters ends on April 1 will earn a first-round bye in the PBA Playoffs. Players finishing in the top 24 qualify for a berth in the Playoffs; finishing in the top 40 is required for eligibility to enter the 2019 PBA League Draft. To follow the points competition as the season progresses, use this link: <https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/PointsList/132?list=1>.

The PBA Playoffs begin on Monday, April 8, with live coverage of the opening Round of 24 matches on FS1 at 7 p.m. EDT from Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine.

#### NORM DUKE MOVES UP ON PBA TELEVISION STATS LISTS

With his two match wins in the FS1-televised finals of Sunday's Go Bowling! PBA Indianapolis Open finals, Norm Duke became the third player in PBA history to record 100 wins in nationally-televised matches. Duke now has 101 wins, trailing Walter Ray Williams Jr.'s 154 and Pete Weber's 120.

Duke also broke a tie with Parker Bohn III to take sole possession of third place on the television appearances lists with 116. Williams again is the leader with 177 and Weber is second with 137.

Duke also moved into third place in the career television average list for players with at least 10 TV appearances. Duke's TV average for 116 appearances is 228.97. Ryan Ciminelli is the leader with a 232.05 average for his 19 TV appearances while Roger Bowker is second, averaging 229.17 for his 16 career TV shows.

#### JASON BELMONTE ON THE BRINK OF JOINING ELITE PBA TOUR 20 TITLES CLUB

With his next Go Bowling! PBA Tour victory, Australia's Jason Belmonte will become the 15th player in PBA history to win 20 PBA Tour titles. Belmonte will join PBA Hall of Famers Dick Ritger, Wayne Webb and Amleto Monacelli on the 20 titles list.

Belmonte, 35, joined the PBA in 2008 and won his first PBA Tour title in the 2009 Bowling Foundation Long Island Classic, leading to his selection as Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year for the 2008-09 season. He became title-eligible for PBA Hall of Fame consideration when he won the first of his four USBC Masters titles in 2013, but he won't be eligible for election until the Class of 2028 when he completes his 20th year of PBA membership.

In the meantime, Belmonte continues to add impressive accomplishments to his portfolio. Most recently:

- He qualified No. 1 in all three Go Bowling! PBA Tour events in February: the PBA Tournament of Champions (which he won); the PBA Players Championship (where he finished second) and the Go Bowling! PBA Indianapolis Open (where he also finished second).
- Belmonte, Marshall Kent and Wes Malott were the only players who qualified for match play rounds in all three of those events. All three bowled 126 games in those three events. Belmonte's pinfall total, including match play bonus pins, was 30,407. Kent had 28,979 (1,428 behind Belmo) and Malott had a 28,500 total (1,907 behind the Australian star).

Belmonte's actual average for those three events was 229.65, almost 10 pins ahead of Kent (219.77) and more than 11 pins ahead of Malott (218.21).

- Because Belmonte bypassed the Jonesboro Open in order to spend a week at home in Australia with his family before the PBA World Series of Bowling X, he'll not be able to break his record-tying streak of being top qualifier for three consecutive television finals.

#### PBA PLAYERS HAVE ONE MORE SHOT AT \$1 MILLION 300 GAME BONUS

The \$1 million bonus offered for a 300 game bowled in the title match of four select Go Bowling! PBA Tour events thus far in 2019 has gone unclaimed, but players will have one more chance: in the PBA World Championship telecast on Thursday, March 21, at 8 p.m. EDT on FS1.

And because no one has bowled a perfect game in any nationally-televised PBA Tour finals this season, the new Go Bowling Free America promotion also is still unredeemed. The Go Bowling Free America offer will kick in if any player bowls a nationally-televised 300 game, but fans must pre-register at [www.gobowling.com/BowlFreeAmerica](http://www.gobowling.com/BowlFreeAmerica) to be eligible to download a free game of bowling coupon.

#### PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: KOELTZOW WINS FIRST PBA REGIONAL TITLE IN LAS VEGAS

Non-PBA members Bryanna Cote of Red Rock, Ariz. and Bryan VanSickle of Tucson, Ariz. teamed up to win Sunday's South Point Member/Non-Member Doubles title at South Point Bowling Plaza after Kris Koeltzow of Wheat Ridge, Colo., won his first PBA Regional title in the South Point West Challenge portion of the PBA West Region doubleheader on Friday.

In the preliminary singles event, Koeltzow defeated Cerell Cardines of Las Vegas, 265-237, to earn the \$1,800 first prize. In the semifinal round, Koeltzow defeated VanSickle, 214-203, while Cardines eliminated Steve Kloempken of Pleasant View, Utah, 235-204, to set up the championship match. All but Koeltzow were non-members.

In Sunday's title match, Cote and VanSickle defeated Kloempken and David Haynes of Las Vegas, 485-472, to claim the \$4,000 first prize.

Cote and VanSickle advanced to the title match by eliminating non-member Kendle Miles of Daytona Beach, Fla. and Raymond Lussier of San Jose, Calif., 455-371, while Kloempken and Haynes ousted non-members Steve Smith of San Diego, Calif. and Barefoot Jr. of Las Vegas. 506-463, in the other semifinal match. Kloempken and Haynes split \$2,000 for second place.

- Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio defeated William Peters, also from Dayton, by 163 pins to win the PBA50 Plaza Lanes Central/Midwest Open at Plaza Lanes in Crawfordsville, Ind., Sunday.

Kretzer finished with an 11-1 match play record and a total of 5,174 pins for 20 games, including match play bonus pins, to win his second PBA50 title of the year in the PBA Central Region and his 11th career PBA50 Regional title. He also earned \$1,500.

- The March schedule of PBA Regionals begins over the March 1-3 weekend with the PBA50 Strike Zone Central Classic presented by Radical at Strike Zone Lanes in Canton, Ohio; the Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort Championship presented by DV8 at Gold Country Lanes in Sutter Creek, Calif., and the Aikyo House Cup-Chris Paul Japan Open at Aikyo Bowl in Chiba, Japan.

- PBA's March 8-10 regional tournament schedule includes the PBA50 Fayetteville South Open at Lafayette Lanes in Fayetteville, N.C., and the PBA50 Showtime Lanes Midwest/Central Open presented by Radical in Virden, Ill.

- There are no tournaments on the March 15-17 calendar, but activity resumes over the March 22-24 weekend with the PBA50 Rossi Lanes East Open in Elmira, N.Y.; the Hubbard Central Open presented by Brunswick at Bell-Wick Bowl in Hubbard, Ohio; the PBA50 Allstate Monte Skeets Midwest/Central Open presented by Ebonite at Liberty Lanes in Carpentersville, Ill.; the PBA50 Ultra Star Multi-Tainment Center South Open at Harrah's Cherokee Casino in Cherokee, N.C., and the Caveman Bowl Northwest/West Open presented by DV8 in Grants Pass, Ore.

- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit [pba.com](http://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](http://pba.com) (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

#### QUICK NOTES:

- The PBA got some quality news media coverage over the past week from some unusual sources. Here are links to the following. Fans can review additional coverages of the PBA by clicking on "In The News" on the PBA.com home page:

Forbes, Tim Casey: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/timcasey/2019/02/27/how-nba-star-chris-pauls-love-of-bowling-helped-the-pba-reach-a-new-audience/#620c77c21aeb>;

Washington Post, Norman Chad: [https://www.washingtonpost.com/sports/america-embrace-jason-belmonte-with-two-hands/2019/02/24/38587654-36fb-11e9-af5b-b51b7ff322e9\\_story.html?utm\\_term=.abc5b10f3944](https://www.washingtonpost.com/sports/america-embrace-jason-belmonte-with-two-hands/2019/02/24/38587654-36fb-11e9-af5b-b51b7ff322e9_story.html?utm_term=.abc5b10f3944);

Daily Racing Form, Derick Giwner: <https://classic.drf.com/news/harness-rolling-sport-future?fbclid=IwAR3mPXtKxH-AekdomDH-2dh5HvohhckNdIBCXYDpvPeP4gP5GRRb5wiBkU>.

- Ranking in the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour competition points race will be part of the consideration in the 2019 Bowl4life PBA Rookie Watch because the 2019 PBA Rookie of the Year will receive a \$2,500 bonus from Chuck Gardner's Bowl4Life Foundation and the foundation will donate an additional \$2,500 to a youth bowler scholarship in the ROY's name. After the Go Bowling! PBA Indianapolis Open, the three top rookies on the PBA Playoffs points list remain unchanged: Jake Rollins of Glen Rock, N.J.; AJ Rice of Salem, Ala., and Patrick Hanrahan of Wichita, Kan.

- This week's unofficial FloBowling PBA Power Rankings top 10 following the Go Bowling! PBA Indianapolis Open includes: Jason Belmonte (retaining his No. 1 ranking from the previous two weeks); 2, EJ Tackett (2); 3, Jakob Butturff (4); 4, Sean Rash (3); 5, Dom Barrett (5); 6, Rhino Page (9); 7, Jesper Svensson (6); 8, Kyle Troup (7); 9, Wes Malott (14); 10, Tom Daugherty (12). Visit FloBowling.com for a complete list along with Flo's rationale for its rankings.

- PBA50 Tour competitor Bob Learn Jr., a five-time PBA Tour titlist, three-time PBA50 Tour winner, and head bowling coach at Martin Methodist College in Pulaski, Tenn., has been named Mid-South Conference Brandon Burns Coach of the Year for the 2018-19 season. The school also has announced that PBA Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli has joined Learn's staff as assistant coach.

Norm Duke Overtakes Kris Prather to Top PBA Jonesboro Open Qualifying

Tightly-packed leaderboard leads top 16 qualifiers into match play Friday

JONESBORO, Ark. (Feb. 28, 2019) – PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke, making a bid for his 40th PBA Tour title, tracked down Kris Prather of Plainfield, Ill., and finally took the lead by 12 pins with a 266 final game Thursday in the PBA Jonesboro Open at Hijinx Family Entertainment.

Duke, who is closing in on his 55th birthday, can become the third player in Professional Bowlers Association history to win 40 titles if he can win Sunday. He won his 39th title last Sunday in the Go Bowling! PBA Indianapolis Open. Walter Ray Williams Jr. (47) and Earl Anthony (43) are the only PBA players ever to win 40 titles.

"I've never thought about 40 titles, ever," the Clermont, Fla., resident said, "but I guess that would be a milestone. In my mind, the next milestone would be catching Earl Anthony, and the only reason I'm close to him is my longevity. I've been bowling for 37 years. Earl bowled for what? Fourteen, fifteen years? I'm on borrowed time, but just to be mentioned with those guys is amazing."

Duke, as he did in Indianapolis, managed the dual lane condition challenge like a hall of famer.

"On the dual pattern situation, you look across the center and see 150, 160 games everywhere," he said. "You can get a good game if you get a good start, but for the most part, it's seven games of managing safely and trying to find something. To get done with the round and see myself in the lead, man, that's something."

Prather, who is trying for his first Go Bowling! PBA Tour title in his fifth year as a PBA member, bowled a consistent, trouble-free round, taking the lead earlier in the day by two pins over Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz.

Duke finished with a 14-game total of 3,138 pins. Prather had 3,126. Rounding out the closely-packed top five heading into Friday's match play finals are Butturff at 3,124, Shawn Maldonado of Houston, Texas, at 3,083 and EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Ind., with 3,054 pins.

Prather, who made six championship round appearances in 2018 including three third-place finishes, is trying for his first television appearance of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season. He currently ranks 15th on the 2019 PBA Playoffs points list, but being a frequent contender is now driving him to step it up.

"Being close the past couple of years and not having won anything has really motivated me," Prather said. "Missing the cut last week has really fired me up. I'm at a point in my career where I feel like I shouldn't be missing cuts. I should get a check every week and, if not, it's infuriating."

Prather said he intends to turn that frustration into aggression starting in tomorrow's two rounds of match play.

"Being that close and getting that taste of victory in my mouth has really motivated me, so I'm just going to keep working hard," he added. "I really haven't had much success in match play, so tomorrow I'm going to be really a lot more aggressive than I have been in the past. Other than that, nothing's really going to change."

All rounds of the Jonesboro Open, a Tier 3 event in the 2019 PBA Playoffs points competition, are being contested on a mixed lane conditioning environment where the 45-foot Shark oiling pattern is applied to the left lane and the 36-foot Viper pattern to the right lane.

FloBowling will live-stream the two eight-game match play rounds Friday at 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. (visit FloBowling.com for subscription information). For results as they happen, visit Live Scoring on PBA.com.

The top five bowlers after 30 games advance to the Jonesboro finals that will air live on FS1 on Sunday at 5 p.m. Eastern.

## PBA JONESBORO OPEN

Hijinx Family Entertainment Center, Jonesboro, Ark., Thursday

Final Qualifying Standings (after 14 games; top 16 advance to match play Friday at 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. EST)

- 1, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,138.
- 2, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 3,126.
- 3, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 3,124.
- 4, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 3,083.
- 5, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 3,054.
- 6, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 3,034.
- 7, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 3,018.
- 8, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 3,017.
- 9, Richie Teece, England, 3,016.
- 10 (tie), Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., and, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 2,992.
- 12, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 2,988.
- 13 (tie), Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., and Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,980.
- 15, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 2,966.
- 16, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,964.

Other Cashers (after 14 games):

- 17, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 2,963, \$2,000.
- 18, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 2,960, \$1,800.
- 19, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2,949, \$1,700.
- 20, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 2,946, \$1,600.

Failed to Advance (after 14 games):

- 21, Stuart Williams, England, 2,941.
- 22, Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, 2,934.
- 23 (tie), Dom Barrett, England, and Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 2,933.
- 25, Mitch Hupe, Canada, 2,932.
- 26, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 2,921.
- 27, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 2,915.
- 28, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 2,914.
- 29, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 2,912.
- 30, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 2,907.
- 31, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 2,904.
- 32 (tie), Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., and Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 2,901.

- 34, Rhino Page, Orlando, 2,899.
- 35, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, Nev., 2,896.
- 36, Jason Sterner, Fayetteville, Ga., 2,893.
- 37, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 2,888.
- 38, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 2,883.
- 39, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 2,882.
- 40, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 2,877.
- 41, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 2,871.
- 42, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,862.
- 43, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 2,861.
- 44, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 2,858.
- 45, Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 2,853.
- 46 (tie), Osku Palermaa, Finland, and Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,852.
- 48, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,848.
- 49, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 2,842.
- 50, Gaetan Mouveroux, France, 2,833.
- 51, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 2,829.
- 52, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 2,827.
- 53, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 2,819.
- 54, Zach Doty, Campbellsville, Ky., 2,816.
- 55, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 2,810.
- 56, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 2,803.
- 57, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 2,796.
- 58, Billy Rogers, Mesquite, Texas, 2,794.
- 59 (tie), Jim Pratt, Avondale, Ariz., and Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2,776.
- 61, Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, NJ, 2,774.
- 62, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 2,763.
- 63, Brandon Robertson, Venice, Fla., 2,760.
- 64, Sam Cooley, Australia, 2,749.
- 65, Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 2,744.
- 66, Geoffrey Young, Roanoke, Texas, 2,742.
- 67, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 2,740.
- 68, Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 2,738.
- 69, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 2,735.
- 70, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 2,729.
- 71, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,727.
- 72, Eduardo Astiazaran, Mexico, 2,725.
- 73, Blake Demore, Springfield, Mo., 2,698.
- 74, Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., 2,678.
- 75, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 2,657.
- 76, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 2,627.
- 77, David Krol, Nixa, Mo., 2,622.
- 78, Justin Wyman, Fairport, N.Y., 2,592.
- 79, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 2,559.
- 80, Elijah Felling, Norman, Okla., 2,520.
- 81, Andrew Marks, Conway, Ark., 2,504.
- 82, JT Jackson, Sherman Oaks, Calif., 2,308.
- 83, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., 1,180.

Norm Duke Earns Top Berth for Sunday's PBA Jonesboro Open Finals

PBA Hall of Famer to compete for second consecutive title, 40th career victory

JONESBORO, Ark. (March 1, 2019) – PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke needs to win one more match Sunday to become the third player in Professional Bowlers Association history to win 40 career titles after earning the top berth in the PBA Jonesboro Open stepladder finals at Hijinx Family Entertainment Friday.

Sunday's finals will air live on FS1 at 5 p.m. Eastern. Also qualifying for the finals are EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Ind., in second place with a 30-game total of 6,803 pins – 43 behind Duke; Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, 6,794 pins; Kris Prather of Plainfield, Ill., 6,715, and Japan's premier player, Shota Kawazoe, 6,709.

Duke, Tackett and Simonsen are trying for their second title of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season. Prather and Kawazoe are each looking for his first PBA Tour title.

"That was a long, long day," Duke said of the two eight-game rounds of head-to-head match play on a challenging mixed lane condition environment. "As soon as you thought you could put some distance between guys, up jumped the devil. It was so hard. The left lane was so slippery; on the right lane the ball would check up and you'd leave some ugly spares. You couldn't remember what lane you were on, what target you were throwing at, where you wanted to start...

"It would wear you to death. If you don't believe it, just look at all the carnage out there.

"I know I'm in the lead, but I feel like I choked it. I didn't feel like I bowled well," Duke continued. "But then I said, Norm, the lanes are just hard. Deal with it."

Duke, who turns 55 in less than a month, said he has never given up on winning another PBA Tour title, but he also never thought about getting to 40 titles, a milestone only Walter Ray Williams Jr. and Earl Anthony have exceeded with 47 and 43 titles, respectively. Even after winning his 39th title last Sunday in the Go Bowling! PBA Indianapolis Open, winning 40 wasn't a target.

Sunday, he'll await the survivor of three preliminary matches to bowl one game for another slice of bowling history.

"One more game to win," he said. "It's a tough ordeal, but would I rather be in the lead or not? I get to bowl more one game for the title. As cool as the idea of 40 titles is, you forget about all of it. You don't think about accomplishments. It's just win one more game."

All rounds of the Jonesboro Open, a Tier 3 event in the 2019 PBA Playoffs points competition, were contested on a mixed lane conditioning environment where the 45-foot Shark oiling pattern was applied to the left lane and the 36-foot Viper pattern to the right lane.

Next up on the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule is the 10th anniversary PBA World Series of Bowling at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich., March 11-21. The PBA's next televised event is the World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals, presented by the PBA, on FS1 Sunday, March 10, at 10 p.m. EST.

#### PBA JONESBORO OPEN

Hijinx Family Entertainment Center, Jonesboro, Ark., Friday

Final Match Play Standings (after 30 games, including match play bonus pins. Top five advance to the live FS1 finals Sunday at 5 p.m. EST)

- 1, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 9-7, 6,846.
  - 2, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 10-6, 6,803.
  - 3, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 10-6, 6,794.
  - 4, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 7-9, 6,715.
  - 5, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 11-5, 6,709.
- Other Cashers (after 30 games):
- 6, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 11-5, 6,707, \$5,000.
  - 7, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 7-8-1, 6,635, \$4,500.
  - 8, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 10-6, 6,611, \$4,000.
  - 9, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 9-7, 6,513, \$3,500.
  - 10, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 6-10, 6,511, \$3,200.
  - 11, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 9-7, 6,506, \$3,000.
  - 12, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 7-9, 6,421, \$2,900.
  - 13, Richie Teece, England, 7-9, 6,368, \$2,800.
  - 14, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 6-10, 6,307, \$2,700.
  - 15, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 3-11-2, 6,257, \$2,600.
  - 16, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 4-11-1, 6,172, \$2,500.

300 Game: Kris Prather.

## **Norm Duke Wins Go Bowling! PBA Jonesboro Open for 40th Career Title**

*54-year-old PBA Hall of Famer becomes oldest player to win back-to-back titles*

**JONESBORO, Ark. (March 3, 2019)** – PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke, three weeks shy of his 55th birthday, defeated 22-year-old Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, 212-164, to win the Go Bowling! PBA Jonesboro Open Sunday at Hijinx Family Entertainment Center.

With an error-free game including one string of three strikes against the split-prone Simonsen, Duke became the third player in PBA history to win 40 PBA Tour titles, joining Walter Ray Williams Jr. (47) and Earl Anthony (43). He also became the oldest player to win consecutive PBA Tour titles, and the first to win two titles during the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season following his victory in the Go Bowling! PBA Indianapolis Open a week earlier.

This win was classic Norm Duke, an accomplished veteran who uses less to create more against an emerging legion of strong young high-revolution power players.

"I don't really care if I bowl 280 or 180 if it's more than the other guy has," Duke said. "You just give it all you've got. I was so scared down there, it was hard to make shots. It gets that way when you're so close to winning."

Just as he has done throughout his career, Duke accomplished his mission Sunday by eliminating errors and taking advantage of what the scoring environment allows, rather than trying to overpower the lanes and pins.

"You never know what's good enough until it's over, but I love the fact that I didn't have any open frames," he added. "Spares win titles."

Simonsen, a 22-year-old two-handed player, advanced to the title match against Duke – who had been bowling on Tour for 25 years by the year Simonsen was born – with a 214-199 victory over 26-year-old EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Ind. The semifinal match was a battle between two of the PBA's most powerful high-revolution players. Simonsen started the match with four strikes to establish a solid lead that held up because Tackett was unable to throw consecutive strikes on the dual lane conditions until the 10th frame.

In the final match, however, Simonsen completely lost the right lane, leaving unmakeable splits on his first three attempts to give Duke the room he needed to open a big lead.

"Uncomfortable is the word for it," the frustrated Simonsen said.

In the opening match, Kris Prather of Plainfield, Ill., started with four strikes, converted a 10 pin and threw three more strikes to build a lead Japanese star Shota Kawazoe couldn't overcome despite a late string of four strikes. Kawazoe, a 17-time Japan PBA title winner, didn't miss the pocket but three single-pin spares kept him from closing the gap and Prather won, 246-236.

In the second match, Simonsen jumped into an early 44-pin lead by starting the match with five strikes while Prather lost the pocket after a first-frame strike. Simonsen hit a speed bump when he left the 4-9 split in the eighth frame and failed to convert, but he then threw four more strikes to eliminate Prather, 247-203.

Sunday's live FS1 finals were contested on the same dual lane conditioning environment that was used throughout the tournament, with the 45-foot Wolf oiling pattern applied to the left lane and the 36-foot Viper pattern applied to the right lane.

Next up on the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule is the 10th anniversary PBA World Series of Bowling at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich., March 11-21. WSOB X will award four PBA Tour titles, including the PBA World Championship, the year's second major, and will include five consecutive nights of prime-time telecasts on FS1, March 18-22.

Leading into the World Series will be the World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals, presented by the PBA, on FS1 next Sunday at 10 p.m. EST.

### **GO BOWLING! PBA JONESBORO OPEN**

**Hijinx Family Entertainment Center, Jonesboro, Ark., Sunday**

#### **Final Standings**

- 1, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., \$25,000.
- 2, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, \$13,000.
- 3, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., \$9,000.
- 4, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., \$7,000.
- 5, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, \$6,000.

#### **Playoff Results:**

Match One – Prather def. Kawazoe, 246-236.  
Match Two – Simonsen def. Prather, 247-203.  
Semifinal Match – Simonsen def. Tackett, 214-199.  
Championship – Duke def. Simonsen, 212-164.

### **Anthony Simonsen Leads Field of Three into World Bowling Tour Men's Finals**

*PWBA champion Danielle McEwan top qualifier for women's field in "current frame" scoring matches*

**ARLINGTON, Texas** – Capping a year-long points competition in the international bowling arena, PBA star Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, and PWBA champion Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, N.Y., will lead their respective fields into the World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals, presented by the PBA, Sunday at 10 p.m. EST on FS1.

The WBT Men's Finals also will include Stuart Williams of England and first-time WBT finalist EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Ind., who earned his berth after a gold-medal performance in the 2018 World Bowling Men's Championships in Hong Kong. Rounding out the WBT Women's Finals field will be PWBA star Liz Johnson of Palatine, Ill., who is trying for her first WBT Finals titles in her sixth appearance in the event, and Poland's Daria Pajak, who will make her WBT Finals debut.

The WBT Men's and Women's Finals, presented by the PBA, will be contested at the International Training and Research Center, and will again use World Bowling's experimental "current frame" scoring system where a strike counted for 30 pins, a spare counted for 10 plus the first-ball count, and an open frame counted for actual pins knocked down. The 10th frame counted the same as all other frames.

The WBT Finals will air on FOX Sports' FS1 channel for the first time. FloBowling, PBA's online video streaming partner, will live-stream the finals to its international subscribers. For subscription information, visit [flobowling.com](http://flobowling.com).

For details about the 2019 World Bowling Tour schedule, and rules and information about the 2019 World Bowling Tour program, visit: <https://www.worldbowling.org/events-results/world-bowling-tour/>

## **International Field, Live FS1 Telecasts, PBA World Championship Among World Series of Bowling X Storylines**

*FloBowling to provide nearly 50 hours of qualifying and match play round coverage*

**ALLEN PARK, MICH. (March 5, 2019)** – Go Bowling! PBA Tour history will be made once again when Thunderbowl Lanes hosts the 10th anniversary PBA World Series of Bowling March 10-21. World Series of Bowling X will be highlighted by the first-ever prime-time live telecasts of four consecutive days of PBA Tour stepladder finals on FS1, plus a special USA vs. The World team match in prime time on the fifth day.

*Since the World Series of Bowling was first hosted at Thunderbowl Lanes in 2009, the multi-event series has become the premier international showcase of professional bowling competition.*

*Twenty countries will be represented in the 2019 event which will culminate with the PBA World Championship, the third major of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season. The PBA World Championship will also feature a \$1 million bonus if a bowler can bowl a 300 game in the title match of the stepladder finals.*

*A field of 135 players is expected to compete in the qualifying and match play portions of the WSOB leading up to the FS1 telecasts March 18-21. In another WSOB first, all four Go Bowling! PBA Tour title events will award valuable points toward the new PBA Playoffs that will begin on April 8 in Portland, Maine.*

*PBA's live streaming partner, FloBowling, also will provide approximately 50 hours of coverage during the qualifying and match play rounds.*

*Key storylines to watch for are:*

**Four live telecasts on FS1** – The World Series of Bowling X will be highlighted by four live prime-time telecasts of the stepladder finals on successive nights March 18-21, all beginning at 8 p.m. ET on FS1. A fifth event, the USA vs. The World, will be taped by FS1 for airing March 22 at 8 p.m. ET. The PBA Cheetah, Chameleon, Scorpion Championships and PBA World Championship finals will air on March 18, 19, 20 and 21, respectively.

**PBA World Championship** – The crown jewel of the World Series of Bowling is the PBA World Championship stepladder finals which will air live on FS1 from Thunderbowl Lanes March 21 at 8 p.m. ET. The World Championship is the third major of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season.

**PBA World Championship \$1 million title match 300 game bonus** – A \$1 million bonus will be paid if a player bowls a 300 game in the title match of the PBA World Championship stepladder finals. If any player bowls a nationally-televised 300 game during the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season, Go Bowling.com will award a free game of bowling to anyone who pre-registers on the Go Bowling.com website.

**WSOB is an international showcase** – The preliminary list of the 20 countries represented includes: Argentina, Australia, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, Ecuador, England, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Puerto Rico, South Africa, Sweden, Thailand, Venezuela and the United States.

**Jason Belmonte to defend World Championship title and try to set record for most PBA major titles** – Four-time PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia will try for a record 11th PBA major if he can make it to the stepladder finals of the PBA World Championship. The 35-year-old Belmonte won

the recent PBA Tournament of Champions for his 10th major title to tie Hall of Famers Pete Weber and Earl Anthony for first on the all-time list. Belmonte, who uses the unique two-handed delivery, won the PBA World Championship when it was last held in November of 2017.

**Norm Duke still making history at almost 55:** At nearly 55 years of age and in his 36th full season, PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke proved he is still a force to be reckoned with on the Go Bowling! PBA Tour after winning the recent Jonesboro Open for his 40th career tour title and his second consecutive win of the season.

The WSOB field also includes five other PBA Hall of Famers – Chris Barnes, Parker Bohn III, Amleto Monacelli, Pete Weber and Walter Ray Williams Jr.

**Michigan's Andrew Anderson is reigning PBA Player of the Year:** Andrew Anderson of nearby Holly, Mich., earned 2018 PBA Player of the Year honors winning two titles including the USBC Masters for his first major win.

**WSOB X begins stretch drive for PBA Tour Playoffs:** The four title events of the WSOB will be critical for tour players as they try to make the top 24 in points at the conclusion of the USBC Masters on April 1 to qualify for the PBA Playoffs which begins in April in Portland, Maine. The winner of the Playoffs will take home a \$100,000 first prize. The Cheetah, Chameleon, and Scorpion Championships are Tier 3 points events while the World Championship is a Tier 1 points event. Details about the PBA Playoffs and how points are awarded can be found on [pba.com](https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/PointsLists/132) (<https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/PointsLists/132>).

**Past World Championship winners entered:** Jason Belmonte (2017), EJ Tackett (2016), Gary Faulkner Jr. (2015), Dom Barrett (Dec. 2013), Parker Bohn III (Jan. 2013), Osku Palermaa (2012), Chris Barnes (2011), Tom Smallwood (2009), Walter Ray Williams Jr. (2001, '03, '06) and Pete Weber (1989, '98), are all past winners of the PBA World Championship.

**Woman standout Liz Johnson tries for another PBA Tour title:** USBC Hall of Famer and three-time and reigning PWBA Player of the Year Liz Johnson will be trying for a second PBA Tour title. Johnson won the PBA Chameleon Championship in WSOB IX to join 2010 PBA Tournament of Champions winner Kelly Kulick as the only women to win a PBA Tour title.

**PBA Tour events include diverse lane conditions** – Three of the World Series events – the Cheetah Championship, Chameleon Championship, and Scorpion Championship – are named after specific PBA lane conditioning patterns. Each different lane condition requires players to be on top of their games in making the right lane and equipment adjustments to be successful. The ability to excel on all three lane conditioning challenges will ultimately determine the finalists who will compete for the PBA World Championship which will be conducted on the Earl Anthony lane condition.

**USA vs. The World** – The USA vs. The World team event will feature the top five U.S. performers against a team of the top five international players. Teams will be determined through players' pinfall in WSOB qualifying rounds. PBA Hall of Famer Marshall Holman will manage the U.S. Team and fellow Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli will manage the international team.

**Qualifying and match play round coverage on FloBowling:** Fans can catch all the preliminary round action (approximately 50 hours) via PBA's online streaming partner FloBowling. For subscription and schedule information visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com). PBA's international fans will be able to watch the FS1 finals as they happen on FloBowling.

**Tickets and Pro-Am entries available:** Tickets are still available for the FS1 telecasts and may be purchased by visiting <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pba-world-series-of-bowling-x-tickets-49606041004>

Qualifying rounds are scheduled for March 12-15 at 12:30 and 6:30 p.m. Two World Championship match play rounds will be conducted on March 16 at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., which will determine the top five players for the World Championship stepladder finals on March 21. Cheetah, Chameleon and Scorpion match play rounds will take place March 18-20 at Noon and 3 p.m. Tickets for qualifying and match play rounds will be available at Thunderbowl Lanes' door.

Pro-am events will be held on Sunday, March 10 at 6 p.m. and March 17 at 4 p.m. A pro-am entry form is available at Thunderbowl Lanes' website, home page at [www.thunderbowl.org](http://www.thunderbowl.org) or by calling (313) 928-4688.

## **2019 PBA WORLD SERIES OF BOWLING X SCHEDULE** **Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich., March 10-22 (all times are Eastern)**

### **Sunday, March 10**

10 a.m. – Unofficial practice session  
1 p.m. – Pre-Tournament Qualifier  
6 p.m. – WSOB X Pro-Am

### **Monday, March 11**

10 a.m. – Cheetah 33 and Chameleon 39 practice session  
2:30 p.m. – Scorpion 42 and Earl Anthony 43 practice session

### **Tuesday, March 12**

*(Contested on 33-foot Cheetah lane oiling pattern. Coverage by FloBowling)*

12:30 p.m. – Cheetah Championship Qualifying Round 1, 5 games  
6:30 p.m. – Cheetah Championship Qualifying Round 2, 5 games

Top 16 qualifiers after 10 games advance to single-elimination match play, March 18; 10-game qualifying totals carry over to PBA World Championship

### **Wednesday, March 13**

*(Contested on 39-foot Chameleon lane oiling pattern. Coverage by FloBowling)*

12:30 p.m. – Chameleon Championship Qualifying Round 1, 5 games  
6:30 p.m. – Chameleon Championship Qualifying Round 2, 5 games

Top 16 qualifiers after 10 games advance to single-elimination match play, March 19; 10-game qualifying totals carry over to PBA World Championship

### **Thursday, March 14**

*(Contested on 42-foot Scorpion lane oiling pattern. Coverage by FloBowling)*

12:30 p.m. – Scorpion Championship Qualifying Round 1, 5 games  
6:30 p.m. – Scorpion Championship Qualifying Round 2, 5 games

Top 16 qualifiers after 10 games advance to single-elimination match play, March 20; 10-game qualifying totals carry over to PBA World Championship; top 40 qualifiers based on composite 30-game totals from Cheetah, Chameleon and Scorpion Championships advance to PBA World Championship cashers round.

### **Friday, March 15**

*(Contested on 43-foot Earl Anthony lane oiling pattern. Coverage by FloBowling)*

12:30 p.m. – PBA World Championship Cashers Round 1, 5 games  
6:30 p.m. – PBA World Championship Cashers Round 2, 5 games

Top 16 qualifiers after 40 games advance to round robin match play

### **Saturday, March 16**

*(Contested on 43-foot Earl Anthony lane oiling pattern. Coverage by FloBowling)*

9 a.m. – PBA World Championship Round Robin Match Play, 8 games  
3 p.m. – PBA World Championship Round Robin Match Play, 8 games  
Top 5 qualifiers after 56 games advance to FS1 stepladder finals, Thursday, March 21, 8 p.m.

### **Sunday, March 17**

4 p.m. – WSOB X Pro-Am

### **Monday, March 18**

*(Contested on 33-foot Cheetah lane oiling pattern. Match play rounds covered by FloBowling)*

Noon – Cheetah Championship Round of 16 (best of five games, single-elimination match play)

3 p.m. – Cheetah Championship Round of 8 (best of five games, single-elimination match play)

8 p.m. – Cheetah Championship Finals (live on FS1)

Match 1 – Four finalists, one game, lowest score eliminated

Semifinal Match – Three finalists, one game, lowest score eliminated

Championship – Two survivors, best of three games (game three is 9th and 10th frame if needed)

### **Tuesday, March 19**

*(Contested on 39-foot Chameleon lane oiling pattern. Match play rounds covered by FloBowling)*

Noon – Chameleon Championship Round of 16 (best of five games, single-elimination match play)

3 p.m. – Chameleon Championship Round of 8 (best of five games, single-elimination match play)

8 p.m. – Chameleon Championship Finals (live on FS1)

Match 1 – Four finalists, one game, lowest score eliminated

Semifinal Match – Three finalists, one game, lowest score eliminated

Championship – Two survivors, best of three games (game three is 9th and 10th frame if needed)

### **Wednesday, March 20**

*(Contested on 42-foot Scorpion lane oiling pattern. Match play rounds covered by FloBowling)*

Noon – Scorpion Championship Round of 16 (best of five games, single-elimination match play)

3 p.m. – Scorpion Championship Round of 8 (best of five games, single-elimination match play)

8 p.m. – Scorpion Championship Finals (live on FS1)

Match 1 – Four finalists, one game, lowest score eliminated

Semifinal Match – Three finalists, one game, lowest score eliminated

Championship – Two survivors, best of three games (game three is 9th and 10th frame if needed)

### **Thursday, March 21**

*(Contested on 43-foot Earl Anthony lane oiling pattern)*

4 p.m. – USA vs. The World team match (top five U.S. qualifiers for PBA World Championship vs. top five international qualifiers, best of three Baker scoring team matches (taped to air on FS1 on Friday, March 22, at 8 p.m.)

8 p.m. – PBA World Championship Stepladder Finals (live on FS1)

## PBA Spare Shots

### **EVEN FELLOW PBA COMPETITORS JOIN “NORM DUKE FAN CLUB”**

**Norm Duke** knows he has been a fan favorite for quite some time. The extended “Duuuuukkke...” chant whenever he’s introduced is a clue. But what the 54-year-old 40-time PBA Tour champion and hall of famer didn’t fully realize until the past couple of weeks is how much he’s idolized by the growing group of 20-something future stars who will soon steal the spotlight.

“The kids out here treat me unbelievably good, unbelievably!” Duke said after winning his 39th PBA Tour title in the Go Bowling! PBA Indianapolis Open, a week before he captured title no. 40 in last Sunday’s Go Bowling! PBA Jonesboro Open in Arkansas. “They make every day I spend on this tour so enjoyable. To get this title means maybe they can appreciate other things, like winning when you’re not bowling your best.”

First in line to proclaim his admiration for what Duke has contributed to the sport was Australia’s **Jason Belmonte**, who is widely considered the best bowler in the world, and who was Duke’s victim in the Indianapolis Open title match. After that match, Belmonte posted a comment on his Facebook page that in part said, “...you’re a treasure to the game and still my idol.”

A week later, after his win in Jonesboro, Belmonte proclaimed Duke the front-runner in the 2019 PBA Player of the Year race.

Duke, who had proclaimed earlier in the season that he fully intended to win another title despite his age and a seven-year dry spell since his last singles victory, also noted the new PBA Playoffs have provided him with a renewed drive to win, especially after sitting in 31st place – on the outside looking in – heading into the Indianapolis tournament.

“I know what it takes,” he said after his win in Indy not only moved him into the top 24 who will qualify for the PBA Playoffs, but all the way to seventh place in the points race. His win in Arkansas moved him into third place, comfortably (for now) within the top eight who will earn a first-round bye when the Playoffs begin.

“Everything I’ve done the last three months has been with the Playoffs in mind. It’s everyone’s goal,” Duke said. “Everyone wants to win that \$100,000 (Playoffs first prize) and you can’t win it if you don’t get there.

“It’s a tall order, but to this point, everything I’ve done in my life has been a tall order,” the 5-foot-6 Duke said as a point of emphasis.

Duke also addressed the PBA’s dual, or mixed, pattern scoring environments he conquered in both of his Indianapolis and Jonesboro victories. It’s a challenging test of skill and patience the PBA has employed, applying dramatically different oiling patterns on the left and right lanes in both events.

"I think they're a tremendous requirement to make you better than you thought you'd needed to be," Duke said. "Every pattern changes. Every day they change. You have to be smart enough to deal with the patterns and physically strong enough to get all that extra equipment across the center, because you're using different balls on each lane."

"It's ridiculously hard, but for those of us who have been out here a long time, it's an advantage if you're prepared for it."

To further endear himself to his adoring fans, Duke has created what may be a new tradition by handing his championship trophy to the fans to pass around, kind of like NHL players sharing the Stanley Cup with their fans. That might not be the end of it.

"The next time, I might just jump into the crowd myself," Duke said with a laugh.

### **PBA WORLD SERIES OF BOWLING X BY THE NUMBERS**

As an international field of 135 players representing 20 countries gets ready to compete in PBA World Series of Bowling X at Thunderbowl Lanes beginning Sunday in suburban Detroit, what has become the premier international showcase of professional bowling competition has produced its own impressive history and statistics over the last decade.

Here's a look at some of the records WSOB competitors will try to improve upon in Allen Park:

- 4** – PBA Tour titles won by **Jason Belmonte** in WSOB competition.
- 8** – Number of perfect games **Dom Barrett** has bowled in WSOB history.
- 18** – Telecasts made by **Jason Belmonte** in nine WSOB events.
- 40** – Number of countries represented in WSOB history.
- 85** – Number of players who have made the TV finals in PBA WSOB history.
- 195** – Total number of perfect games bowled in WSOB history.
- 225.95** – **EJ Tackett's** leading average for all WSOB events.
- 227.8** – **Sean Rash's** leading PBA World Championship average.
- 239.88** – **Jesper Svensson's** average in WSOB Chameleon Championship events, tops among all animal pattern events.
- 329** – Number of players who have cashed in the WSOB.
- 827** – Number of players who have bowled in at least one WSOB event.
- 73,432** – Total number of games bowled in PBA WSOB qualifying.
- \$317,995** – **Jason Belmonte** as all-time WSOB earnings leader.
- \$2,903,304** – Combined earnings of top 20 on WSOB all-time money list.
- \$6,630,750** – Total earnings paid out in PBA WSOB history.
- 15,187,562** – Total number of pins knocked down in WSOB history.

### **FLOBOWLING WILL PROVIDE 50 HOURS OF WSOB X COVERAGE**

PBA's live streaming partner, FloBowling, will provide approximately 50 hours of preliminary round coverage of WSOB X from Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich., beginning with PBA Cheetah Championship qualifying on Tuesday, March 12. For a

schedule of FloBowling coverage click on <https://www.flobowling.com/events/6264031-2019-pba-world-series-of-bowling-x/schedule>.

In addition to its multi-lane coverage of WSOB qualifying and match play rounds, the live finals of each WSOB FS1 telecast will be available to FloBowling's international subscribers as they air. For subscription and additional schedule information visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com).

### **DUKE, TACKETT, SIMONSEN FORTIFY PBA PLAYOFFS POINTS POSITIONS**

While Australia's **Jason Belmonte** took a break from PBA Tour competition to spend time with his family before the start of the PBA World Series of Bowling X, **EJ Tackett** and **Anthony Simonsen** joined **Norm Duke** in fortifying their positions among the top eight players in the race to qualify for first-round byes in the inaugural PBA Playoffs.

Belmonte was solidly in the lead in PBA Playoffs points after his win in the PBA Tournament of Champions followed by back-to-back second-place finishes in the PBA Players Championship and Go Bowling! PBA Indianapolis Open with 18,550 points and Tackett retained second place on the basis of his third straight top five finish in Jonesboro with 13,890 points. Duke, with back-to-back titles in Indy and Jonesboro, advanced from 31st to third (13,565) while Simonsen (13,200) has advanced from 35th prior to the TOC to fourth, in great part thanks to his win in the PBA Players Championship.

Rounding out the top eight after Jonesboro are **Sean Rash** (12,640), **Jakob Butturff** (11,475), **Marshall Kent** (9,595) and **Tom Daugherty** (9,250). Heading into the WSOB X, **Wes Malott** (8,260) and **Kyle Troup** (8,150) sat in ninth and 10th places, respectively.

The race for the 24th-and-final berth in the PBA Playoffs currently involves **Brad Miller** and **Nick Pate** in a tie for 24th with **Tom Smallwood** and **Stuart Williams** right behind as the Tour heads toward the April 1 cutoff date.

Under the new PBA competition points structure in play this season, a win in a Tier 1 (major championship) event is worth 7,500 points, a Tier 2 (standard PBA Tour tournament) title is worth 5,000 points and a Tier 3 (limited entry and/or modified format tournament) title is worth 2,500 points. In the upcoming WSOB X, the Cheetah, Chameleon and Scorpion Championships will be Tier 3 events; the PBA World Championship will be the season's third Tier 1 event.

Players finishing in the top 24 in points as of April 1 qualify for a berth in the Playoffs. Finishing in the top 40 is required for eligibility to enter the 2019 PBA League Draft. To follow the points competition as the season progresses, use this link: <https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/PointsList/132?list=1>.

The PBA Playoffs begin on Monday, April 8, with live coverage of the opening Round of 24 matches on FS1 at 7 p.m. EDT from Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine.

### **PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: BRIAN KRETZER WINS 12TH PBA50 TITLE IN CANTON**

**Brian Kretzer** of Dayton, Ohio defeated **Ryan Shafer** of Horseheads, N.Y. by 48 pins to win the PBA50 Strike Zone Lanes Central Classic presented by Radical at Strike Zone Lanes in Canton, Ohio, Sunday.

Kretzer finished with an 8-4 match play record and a total of 4,991 pins for 20 games, including match play bonus pins. The title was Kretzer's third of the year in the PBA Central Region and his 12th career PBA50 Regional title. He also earned \$1,600.

- **Robby Porter** of Rancho Cordova, Calif. defeated **Michael Pixley** of Modesto, Calif., 268-217, to win the PBA West Region's Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort Championship at Gold Country Lanes in Sutter Creek, Calif., on Sunday.

This was Porter's third PBA Regional title and earned him \$2,000. Pixley earned \$1,500 for second place.

In the semifinal round, Porter defeated **Wayne Garber** of Modesto, Calif., 258-206, and Pixley defeated **Josh Blanchard** of Mesa, Ariz., 279-228, to set up the championship match. Garber and Blanchard each earned \$1,000 as semifinal round losers.

- PBA's March 8-10 regional tournament schedule includes the PBA50 Fayetteville South Open at Lafayette Lanes in Fayetteville, N.C., and the PBA50 Showtime Lanes Midwest/Central Open presented by Radical in Virden, Ill.

- There are no tournaments on the March 15-17 calendar, but activity resumes over the March 22-24 weekend with the PBA50 Rossi Lanes East Open in Elmira, N.Y.; the Hubbard Central Open presented by Brunswick at Bell-Wick Bowl in Hubbard, Ohio; the PBA50 Allstate Monte Skeets Midwest/Central Open presented by Ebonite at Liberty Lanes in Carpentersville, Ill.; the PBA50 Ultra Star Multi-Tainment Center South Open at Harrah's Cherokee Casino in Cherokee, N.C., and the Caveman Bowl Northwest/West Open presented by DV8 in Grants Pass, Ore.

- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit [pba.com](http://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](http://pba.com) (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

### **QUICK NOTES:**

- If you'd like some insight into how PBA CEO and Commissioner **Tom Clark** earned his position as the PBA's visionary leader, listen to his 35-minute conversation with WTMJ Radio's **Mike Spaulding**: <http://www.wtmj.com/wtmj-conversations>.

- In a recent Facebook post, PBA Hall of Famer and 10-time titlist **Steve Hoskins** announced he's returning to pro competition to bowl the PBA50 Tour in 2019. Hoskins, who was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in 2017, became eligible for PBA50 competition when he turned 50 in January.

- Nationally-syndicated columnist **Norman Chad**, a noted bowling fan, also has become a dedicated **Jason Belmonte** fan. You can read his views on the Australian here: [https://www.wvgazettemail.com/sports/columnists/norman\\_chad/norman-chad-belmonte-s-bowling-style-is-changing-the-game/article\\_d1871ce4-2fdb-580a-aedc-49fb0671f0ba.html](https://www.wvgazettemail.com/sports/columnists/norman_chad/norman-chad-belmonte-s-bowling-style-is-changing-the-game/article_d1871ce4-2fdb-580a-aedc-49fb0671f0ba.html).

- There has been a change in the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour competition points race among 2019 Bowl4Life PBA Rookie Watch candidates. Thanks to a 16th-place finish in the PBA Jonesboro Open, **Mike Coffey** of Melbourne, Fla., has moved into third place among 2019 PBA rookies in terms of points while Wichita's **Patrick Hanrahan** is now the points leader among rookies after his 18th-place finish in Jonesboro. **Jake Rollins** of Glen Rock, N.J., previously the rookie points leader, is now second. The 2019 PBA Rookie of the Year will receive a \$2,500 bonus from Chuck Gardner's Bowl4Life Foundation and the foundation will donate an additional \$2,500 to a youth bowler scholarship in the ROY's name.

- This week's unofficial FloBowling PBA Power Rankings top 10 following the PBA Jonesboro Open includes: 1, **Norm Duke** (13); 2, **Jason Belmonte** (1); 3, **EJ Tackett** (2); 4, **Jakob Butturff** (3); 5, **Sean Rash** (4); 5, **Dom Barrett** (4); 6, **Tom Daugherty** (10); 7, **Marshall Kent** (11); 8, **Kris Prather** (12); 9, **Dom Barrett** (5), and 10, **Kyle Troup** (8). Visit FloBowling.com for a complete list along with Flo's rationale for its rankings.

- USBC and BPAA have awarded the 2020 U.S. Open to Sun Valley Lanes in Lincoln, Neb. The tournament, a major championship on the PBA Tour schedule, will begin on Feb. 16 and will become part of the PBA's live FOX schedule.

- In the "He's Old, But Not That Old Department"...Sunday's Go Bowling! PBA Jonesboro Open release mistakenly noted that winner **Norm Duke** had been bowling on Tour for 25 years by the year **Anthony Simonsen** was born. The correct gap was 15 years. But it also can be noted that Duke won PBA Player of the Year honors for the first time in 1994, three years before Simonsen was born in 1997.

## **It's WSOB X Time! 15 PTQ Players Complete Field of 135 as 10th Anniversary PBA World Series of Bowling Gets Underway on Tuesday**

**ALLEN PARK, Mich.** – Brandon Novak, a 30-year-old four-time PBA Regional titlist from Chillicothe, Ohio, averaged 225.5 for the six-game pre-tournament qualifier Sunday to lead a field of 15 players who will complete the field of 135 for the 10th anniversary Professional Bowlers Association World Series of Bowling that gets underway Tuesday at Thunderbowl Lanes, the historic Detroit area bowling center that hosted the inaugural WSOB in 2009.

Novak, who is trying for his first PBA Tour title, rolled games of 256, 235, 232, 191, 237 and 202 Sunday for a total of 1,353 pins, topping Mike Eaton Jr. of Wyoming, Mich., by 62 pins for pace the qualifying field. Marco Moretti of Costa Rica earned the final berth in the WSOB field with a 1,162 total, one pin ahead of Andrew Klingler of Grand Rapids, Mich.

WSOB X begins Tuesday with Cheetah Championship qualifying at 12:30 p.m. ET. The Cheetah Championship is the first of four PBA Tour events that will take place over a span of 10 days, culminating with an unprecedented four consecutive live FS1 finals telecasts of the Cheetah, Chameleon, Scorpion Championships and the PBA World Championship March 18, 19, 20 and 21 at 8 p.m. ET from Thunderbowl Lanes.

The WSOB concludes with The USA vs. The World non-title team event that will feature the top five U.S. players against the top five international players, airing on Friday, March 22 at 8 p.m. ET, on FS1.

All qualifying and match play rounds will be live-streamed by PBA's online streaming partner, FloBowling. For subscription information, visit FloBowling.com. FloBowling also will live-stream all five FS1 telecasts as they air to its international audience.

Fans also can track WSOB scoring as it happens by visiting the Live Scoring link on PBA.com. For a complete roster of WSOB X participants, click here: <https://www.pba.com/Rosters/Details/2766>.

## **PBA WORLD SERIES OF BOWLING X**

**Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich., Sunday**

**Pre-Tournament Qualifier Standings (after six games; top 15 advance to the tournament proper):**

### **Final Standings (after six games; top 15 advance to WSOB X):**

- 1, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,353.
- 2, Mike Eaton Jr., Wyoming, Mich., 1,291.
- 3, David Williams Jr., Omaha, Neb., 1,278.
- 4, Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, NJ, 1,260.
- 5, Aaron Lorincz, Center Line, Mich., 1,254.
- 6, Ryan Graywacz, Canastota, N.Y., 1,238.
- 7, Alfred Berggren, Sweden, 1,232.
- 8, Mason Brantley, Detroit, 1,221.
- 9, Blake Demore, Springfield, Mo., 1,214.
- 10, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 1,208.
- 11, Tyler Wilds, Three Rivers, Mich., 1,190.
- 12, Justin Knowles, Okemos, Mich., 1,180.
- 13, Joseph Costanzo, Bethpage, N.Y., 1,172.
- 14, Zach Doty, Campbellsville, Ky., 1,167.
- 15, Marco Moretti, Costa Rica, 1,162.

### **Failed to advance:**

- 16, Andrew Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 1,161.
- 17, Darren Alexander, Canada, 1,146.
- 18, Ryan Lakota, Shorewood, Ill., 1,141.
- 19, Christopher O'Neil, Decatur, Ill., 1,136.
- 20, Matt Bollhalter, Niceville, Fla., 1,135.
- 21, A.J. Rice, Salem, Ala., 1,133.
- 22, Carleton Chambers, Detroit, 1,132.
- 23, Lee Vanderhoef, Canton, Ga., 1,118.
- 24, Cory Hines, Jackson, Mich., 1,112.
- 25, Raymond Lussier, San Jose, Calif., 1,101.

26, Kyle Spadine, Montrose, Pa., 1,030.  
27, Tyler Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,011.  
28, Joe Lipan, Sheridan, Ore, 1,004.  
29, Brandon Robertson, Venice, Fla., 1,003.  
30, Tim Bell, Garden City, Mich, 986.  
31, Jared Shaner, Ford City, Pa., 966.

## **EJ Tackett, Liz Johnson Win World Bowling Tour Finals Titles**

*Tackett spoils Anthony Simonsen's birthday with one-pin decision in "current frame" scoring match*

**ARLINGTON, Texas** – It took EJ Tackett a gold-medal performance in the 2018 World Bowling Men's Championships just to sneak into the World Bowling Tour Men's Finals, and then it took a clutch 10th-frame strike to locked up a one-pin victory over top qualifier Anthony Simonsen at the International Training and Research Center.

The WBT Men's and Women's Finals, presented by the PBA, aired Sunday on FS1, concluding a year-long global competition. Liz Johnson of Palatine, Ill., won the women's title, defeating top qualifier Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, N.Y., 246-223, for her first WBT Finals win in six tries.

Tackett, who made his WBT Men's Finals debut after winning the all-events gold medal in the World Bowling Men's Championships in Hong Kong, eliminated England's Stuart Williams in another single-pin thriller, 243-242, before spoiling Simonsen's 22nd birthday, 233-232, in the title match.

The WBT Finals again used World Bowling's experimental "current frame" scoring system where a strike counted for 30 pins, a spare counted for 10 plus the first-ball count, and an open frame counted for actual pins knocked down. The 10th frame counted the same as all other frames.

Tackett, who led Simonsen by 11 pins after eight frames, left the 4-6-10 split and opened in the ninth to open the door for the young Texas two-hander, who bowled the match using a reverse-hook technique from the left side of the lane. Simonsen, who won the 2018 PBA Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic in Delaware using the "backup ball" technique, converted the 8 pin for a spare in the ninth to close to within a single pin. The Little Elm, Texas resident then struck in the 10th frame to force Tackett to also strike for the win.

"This format is interesting because when you get to the 10th frame, you know you only have one shot," Tackett said. "You have one chance to do it right, and fortunately, I threw a good shot. It's absolutely another nice title to have on my resumé."

Johnson, who made the women's finals for the sixth time in the event's eight-year history, eliminated Poland's Daria Pajak in the first match, 242-235, and threw six strikes in 10 frames in denying McEwan a third women's title.

"Every title is special. This was my sixth WBT show, but this is my first win," the 24-time PWBA titlist said. "Two years ago I had a chance (in the title match against McEwan), but I threw a pocket 7-10 in the 10th and lost by three pins, so that's the closest I've been to winning.

"To qualify for the finals again, I really wanted to try my best," she added. "This is not an easy format. I knew I only needed eight pins in the 10th to win, but I wanted to get as many as I could (she struck). The scoring system is different, but it's an honor to be part of it."

For rules and information about the 2019 World Bowling Tour schedule, visit: <https://www.worldbowling.org/events-results/world-bowling-tour/>

**2019 WORLD BOWLING TOUR MEN'S AND WOMEN'S FINALS PRESENTED BY PBA  
International Training and Research Center, Arlington, Texas (aired March 10 on FS1)**

*(The event used the experimental World Bowling "current frame" scoring system: strike = 30, spare = 10 plus first ball count; open = actual pinfall; 10th frame is one frame only)*

**WBT WOMEN'S FINALS**

**Final Standings:** 1, Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill., \$12,500. 2, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., \$7,500. 3, Daria Pajak, Poland, \$5,000.

**Stepladder Results:** Match One – Johnson def. Pajak, 242-235. Championship – Johnson def. McEwan, 246-223.

**WBT MEN'S FINALS**

**Final Standings:** 1, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., \$12,500. 2, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, \$7,500. 3, Stuart Williams, England, \$5,000.

**Stepladder Results: Match One** – Tackett def. Williams, 243-242. Championship – Tackett def. Simonsen, 233-232.

Barbasol to Sponsor 2019 PBA Tour Finals in Las Vegas

CBS Sports Network to Air Finals Live from Red Rock Bowling Center July 20-21

CHICAGO (March 11, 2019) – Barbasol will be the titled sponsor of the 2019 Barbasol PBA Tour Finals, presented by Red Rock Casino Resort & Spa in Las Vegas, Professional Bowlers Association CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark announced today.

The PBA's partnership with Barbasol, which began in 2013, will include 10 hours of live coverage on CBS Sports Network July 20 and 21 from Red Rock Bowling Center, one of the nation's premier bowling facilities and a preferred vacation destination for bowling fans. In addition to its title sponsorship of the PBA Tour Finals, Barbasol will renew its sponsorship of a special "Close Shave of the Day" highlight in each segment of the Tour Finals.

"We are very proud to continue our long-standing partnership with the PBA," said Tim McNamara, Vice President of Marketing at Perio, Inc. "Barbasol's rich legacy of sports sponsorships and strong American heritage are a great fit with the PBA and its loyal fan base. We are looking forward to this year's Tour Finals in exciting Las Vegas."

The 2019 edition of the Barbasol PBA Tour Finals will feature the top eight players based on competition points compiled during the 2018 and 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour seasons ending with the USBC Masters on April 1. Fans can follow the points race by visiting this link on pba.com after each tournament: <https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/PointsList/132?list=5>.

"The PBA has been very proud of its partnership with Barbasol and we are excited to renew it in association with our PBA Tour Finals on CBS Sports Network," Clark said. "If traditions hold true, the eventual champion will end up with a Barbasol shaving cream pie to the face."

Heading into the PBA World Series of Bowling X, defending PBA Tour Finals champion Jason Belmonte of Australia was the leader on the two-year points list with 36,020 points. The other players in the top eight included Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas (34,109); 2017 Tour Finals winner EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind. (33,732); 2018 PBA Player of the Year Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich. (28,258); Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz. (27,082); Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash. (26,462); Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill. (25,951), and Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill. (24,586). Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa. (23,432), and England's Stuart Williams (23,291) were in ninth and 10th place, respectively.

Fans who would like to attend the 2019 PBA Tour Finals can secure rooms at Red Rock at a special PBA discounted rate by visiting: <https://reservations.redrockresort.com/cgi-bin/lansaweb?PROCFUN+RN+RESNET+RRS+funcparms+UP%28A2560%29%3B;PBARATE;;;;;?/> Or call the hotel reservation line (702-797-7625 or 866-767-7773) and use the code PBARATE to reserve within the block. All reservations need to be made prior to June 26 cutoff date.

A detailed tournament schedule with ticket information and lane conditions will be announced later.

## **Mitch Beasley Wins PBA50 Fayetteville South Open**

**Fayetteville, N.C. (Mar. 10, 2019)** – Mitch Beasley of Clarksville, Tennessee, bowling in his second tournament as a "senior," defeated Jeff Bellinger of Columbia, S.C., 258-238, to win the PBA50 Fayetteville South Open at LaFayette Lanes Sunday for his first PBA50 title.

Beasley, who won turned 50 in November, won \$1,900 along with his 21st overall PBA Regional title. He went into the 10th frame needing a strike to win the title and did just that, finishing his final frame with three strikes to clinch the victory. Bellinger pocketed \$1,000 as the runner-up.

In the semifinal round, Beasley narrowly escaped his match with Craig Auerbach of Sunrise, Fla., winning a one-ball, sudden death roll-off, 10-9, after they tied at 289-289. Beasley threw first and struck. Auerbach followed, leaving a ringing 10 pin. In the other match, Bellinger disposed of non-PBA member Jerry Horn of Lexington, S.C., 233-223.

The tournament drew 76 50-and-older players. The PBA South Region's next tournament will be the PBA50 Ultra Star Multi-Tainment South Open at Harrah's Cherokee Casino March 22 in Cherokee, N.C.

### **PBA50 FAYETTEVILLE SOUTH OPEN LaFayette Lanes, Fayetteville, N.C., Sunday**

#### **Championship:**

Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn. (\$1,900) def. Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C. (\$1,000), 258-238.

**Semifinal Round (losers earned \$800):**

Beasley def. Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 289(10)-289(9).

Bellinger def. n-Jerry Horn, Lexington, S.C., 233-223.

**Round of 8 (three games total pinfall, losers eliminated and earned \$700 each):**

Bellinger def. Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 718-620.

Beasley def. Troy McKinney, Yorktown, Va., 776-758.

Auerbach def. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 812-726.

n-Horn def. Brett Caramagno, Goose Creek, S.C., 750-571.

**Round of 12 (total pinfall three games, losers eliminated and earned \$600 each):**

Auerbach def. Dave Harvey, Danville, Pa., 667-665.

McKinney def. Terry Wiley, Vienna, Va., 771-591.

Baker def. Todd Haney, Boiling Springs, S.C., 788-684.

Caramagno def. Allen Hall, Fieldale, Va., 702-636.

**Round of 16 (total pinfall three games, losers eliminated and earned \$500 each):**

Auerbach def. Jimmy Jean, Kathleen, Ga., 626-600.

Wiley def. Roy Davis, Lumberton, N.C., 596-551.

Haney def. Bill Ursillo, Bluffton, S.C., 760-620.

Caramagno def. Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 655-620.

300 Game: Mitch Beasley

n-denotes non-PBA member

**Barrett Shoots 300 in Final Game of First Round to Take Early Lead in PBA Cheetah Championship**

by Jerry Schneider | Tuesday, March 12, 2:14 PM

Barrett Shoots 300 in Final Game of First Round to Take Early Lead in PBA Cheetah Championship

ALLEN PARK, Mich. – England's Dom Barrett fired a 300 game in the final game of the first round Tuesday to take the early lead in the PBA Cheetah Championship, the first event of PBA World Series of Bowling X at Thunderbowl Lanes.

Bowling on PBA's 33-foot Cheetah lane condition, the seven-time Go Bowling! PBA Tour winner bowled a 1,197 five-game pinfall total to hold a 11-pin lead over PBA Hall of Famer and 2010 PBA World Championship winner Chris Barnes in second with 1,186. Barrett bowled games of 257, 207, 222, 211 before his perfect game.

"I was doing pretty well the whole round but I stayed patient with my equipment and my adjustments and everything really came together in the last game," said Barrett, who won the PBA World Championship as part of the 2013 WSOB. "I've had good success here (in the WSOB) so I like the challenge this event brings. I think that plays to my advantage."

Rounding out the top five after the first round were Ryan Shafer, 1,184; Bill O'Neill, 1,176, and Nicholas Pate, 1,172.

The 135-player field returns this evening at 6:30 p.m. ET for the Cheetah Championship second five-game round.

After the second round, the top 16 players will advance to single elimination match play on March 18. After match play, the top four players will advance to the Cheetah Championship Finals live on FS1 March 18 at 8 p.m. ET.

The cumulative pinfall from the qualifying rounds of the Cheetah, Chameleon (Wednesday) and Scorpion Championships (Thursday) also serve as qualifying totals for the PBA World Championship which will culminate with the live FS1 finals on Thursday, March 21 on FS1 at 8 p.m.

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## **Rhino Page Averages 234 in PBA Cheetah Championship Qualifying to Lead 16 Players Advancing to Match Play**

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (March 12, 2019) – Rhino Page of Orlando finished with a 2,341 10-game pinfall total after the second round Tuesday to lead PBA Cheetah Championship qualifying and 16 players who advanced to match play in the first event of PBA World Series of Bowling X at Thunderbowl Lanes.

Bowling on PBA's 33-foot Cheetah lane condition, the six-time Go Bowling! PBA Tour winner bowled games of 259, 235, 187, 258 and 209 in Tuesday's first round and 257, 268, 194, 217 and 257 in the second round.

"Right now, everything is where it needs to be physically," said the 35-year-old Page, who has three fifth-place finishes this season. "Every day is a new tournament so, in addition to the physical game, I really need to concentrate on my focus as the tournament progresses.

"I'm a little surprised to do this well on this condition because it's been difficult for me lately," Page added. "Earlier in my career it was always one of my best so maybe things have turned around for me on this condition."

The top 16 players will advance to single elimination match play on March 18. After match play, the top four players will advance to the Cheetah Championship live finals on FS1 March 18 at 8 p.m. ET. The Cheetah Championship finals will be the first of five prime-time WSOB X telecasts on consecutive nights (March 18-22).

Rounding out the top four after qualifying were 10-time tour winner Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,323; three-time tour winner Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 2,310, and Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 2,306.

The total pinfall from the qualifying rounds of the Cheetah, Chameleon (Wednesday) and Scorpion Championships (Thursday) also serve as qualifying totals for the PBA World Championship – the season's third major – which will culminate with the live FS1 finals on Thursday, March 21 on FS1 at 8 p.m.

WSOB X competition continues Wednesday with Chameleon Championship qualifying rounds at 12:30 and 6:30 p.m. ET.

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#### PBA CHEETAH CHAMPIONSHIP

Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich., Tuesday

Final Qualifying Standings (after 10 games; top 16 advance to Cheetah Championship Round-of-16 single-elimination match play on March 18)

- 1, Rhino Page, Orlando, 2,341.
- 2, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,323.
- 3, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 2,310.
- 4, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 2,306.
- 5, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 2,303.
- 6, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 2,299.
- 7, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 2,288.
- 8, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,282.
- 9, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 2,275.
- 10, Matthew McNeil, Minneapolis, Minn., 2,272.
- 11, (tie) Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., and Dom Barrett, England, 2,268.
- 13, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 2,251.
- 14, (tie) Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., and Darren Tang, Las Vegas, Nev., 2,246.
- 16, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 2,244.

Did not advance:

- 17, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 2,241.
- 18, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 2,232.
- 19, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 2,229.
- 20, (tie) Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., and Pascal Winterheimer, Germany, 2,226.
- 22, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 2,221.
- 23, Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, NJ, 2,217.
- 24, (tie) Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., and Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 2,214.
- 26, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 2,206.
- 27, Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., 2,205.
- 28, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 2,200.
- 29, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 2,199.
- 30, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 2,198.
- 31, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 2,191.
- 32, Richie Teece, England, 2,187.
- 33, Richard McCormick, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2,182.
- 34, Sam Cooley, Australia, 2,171.
- 35, Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 2,170.
- 36, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 2,164.
- 37, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2,163.
- 38, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 2,162.
- 39, (tie) Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., and JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 2,160.
- 41, Patrick Girard, Canada, 2,158.
- 42, Tobias Boerding, Germany, 2,157.
- 43, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 2,156.
- 44, Kurt Pilon, Sterling Heights, Mich., 2,151.
- 45, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 2,148.
- 46, Mike Eaton Jr., Wyoming, Mich., 2,145.
- 47, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 2,140.
- 48, Jim Pratt, Avondale, Ariz., 2,139.
- 49, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 2,137.
- 50, (tie) Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, Stuart Williams, England, and Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 2,136.
- 53, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2,131.
- 54, (tie) Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, and Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 2,125.
- 56, (tie) Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, and Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 2,121.
- 58, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 2,119.
- 59, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 2,118.
- 60, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 2,114.
- 61, Jason Sterner, Fayetteville, Ga., 2,113.
- 62, Mitch Hupe, Canada, 2,110.
- 63, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,108.
- 64, Charlie Brown Jr, Grandville, Mich., 2,107.
- 65, Darren Alexander, Canada, 2,105.
- 66, Anthony Pepe, East Elmhurst, N.Y., 2,104.
- 67, (tie) Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, and Francois Lavoie, Canada, 2,101.
- 69, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2,097.
- 70, (tie) Martin Larsen, Sweden, and Tyler Wilds, Three Rivers, Mich., 2,095.
- 72, Mason Brantley, Detroit, 2,092.
- 73, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 2,084.

74, Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill., 2,082.  
75, Markus Jansson, Sweden, 2,077.  
76, David Krol, Nixa, Mo., 2,074.  
77, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2,073.  
78, Ryan Graywacz, Canastota, N.Y., 2,070.  
79, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,063.  
80, (tie) Carsten Hansen, Denmark, and Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,057.  
82, Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 2,048.  
83, Kim Bolleby, Sweden, 2,043.  
84, Francois Louw, South Africa, 2,037.  
85, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., 2,034.  
86, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 2,031.  
87, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 2,028.  
88, (tie) Billy Rogers, Mesquite, Texas, and Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 2,027.  
90, (tie) Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., Arturo Quintero, Mexico, and Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 2,026.  
93, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,022.  
94, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 2,021.  
95, (tie) Zachary Wilkins, Canada, and Aaron Lorincz, Center Line, Mich., 2,018.  
97, Justin Knowles, Okemos, Mich., 2,014.  
98, Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 2,012.  
99, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 2,010.  
100, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 2,005.  
101, Kevin Donovan, Painted Post, N.Y., 2,004.  
102, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 2,002.  
103, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,000.  
104, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 1,997.  
105, Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, 1,994.  
106, (tie) Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 1,992.  
106, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,992.  
108, Jimmy Cook, Indianapolis, 1,990.  
109, Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 1,983.  
110, (tie) Alfred Berggren, Sweden, and Tim Pfeifer, Oakdale, Pa., 1,975.  
112, John Furey, Howell, N.J., 1,968.  
113, Eduardo Astiazaran, Mexico, 1,967.  
114, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,964.  
115, Jonathan Hocsman, Argentina, 1,956.  
116, Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 1,944.  
117, Travis Cauley, Canada, 1,939.  
118, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 1,930.  
119, Jean Perez, Puerto Rico, 1,921.  
120, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 1,902.  
121, Blake Demore, Springfield, Mo., 1,897.  
122, Andrew Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 1,896.  
123, Joseph Costanzo, Bethpage, N.Y., 1,891.  
124, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 1,882.  
125, Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,863.  
126, David Williams Jr., Omaha, Neb., 1,858.  
127, Marco Moretti, Costa Rica, 1,845.  
128, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 1,827.  
129, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,824.  
130, Zach Doty, Campbellsville, Ky., 1,820.  
131, Tristan Butler, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1,812.

132, Anthony LaCaze, Hanover Park, Ill., 1,769.  
133, (tie) Dave Miller, Kalamazoo, Mich., and Brodie Rountree, Australia, 1,659.  
135, Mateo Hernandez, Argentina, 1,432.

300 games – Andrew Cain, Dom Barrett, Matt McNiel

## **Ronnie Russell Bowls 288 in Final Game to Surge into PBA Chameleon Championship First Round Lead**

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Ronnie Russell Bowls 288 in Final Game to Surge into PBA Chameleon Championship First Round Lead

ALLEN PARK, Mich. – Four-time Go Bowling! PBA Tour winner Ronnie Russell bowled a 288 in the final game of the first round to surge into the early PBA Chameleon Championship lead Wednesday at Thunderbowl Lanes.

Bowling on the PBA 39-foot Chameleon lane condition in the second event of PBA World Series of Bowling X, Russell bowled a 1,253 pinfall for five games with games of 246, 236, 235, and 248 before the 288 game. He holds a 45-pin lead over Tim Pfeifer of Oakdale, Pa., in second with 1,208 heading into tonight's second round at 6:30 p.m. ET.

"I knew I had something special going when it seemed like a lot of the guys around me were struggling," said Russell, whose last tour win came in the 2016 Fall Classic Team Challenge. "I'm just not sure what it was.

"After the first game I made the right decision to go to another ball and stayed with it for the rest of the round," Russell added. "When you have a five-game round, you can sometimes over react with your adjustments but I stayed patient and everything came together. It also helped that I didn't have any opens."

After this evening's second round, the top 16 players will advance to single elimination match play on March 19. After match play, the top four players will advance to the Cheetah Championship live finals on FS1 March 19 at 8 p.m. ET. The Chameleon Championship finals will be the second of five prime-time WSOB X telecasts on consecutive nights (March 18-22).

Rounding out the top four after Chameleon qualifying were Mitch Hupe of Canada with 1,195 and four-time PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia, who surged into fourth with 1,187 after a 180 game to start the round. Belmonte finished with games of 257, 268, 258 and 224.

In a tie for fifth are PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke who recently won back-to-back tour titles to reach the 40-title career milestone and reigning PBA Player of the Year Andrew Anderson of Holly, Mich., with 1,176.

The total pinfall from the qualifying rounds of the Cheetah, Chameleon and Thursday's Scorpion Championships also serve as qualifying totals for the PBA World Championship – the season's third major – which will culminate with the live FS1 finals on Thursday, March 21 on FS1 at 8 p.m.

The top five in World Championship qualifying after 15 games are Bill O'Neill with a 3,453 pinfall, followed by BJ Moore, 3,395; Tom Daugherty, 3,386; Rhino Page, 3,382, and Kyle Sherman, 3,373.

Ronnie Russell Puts Together Two Solid Rounds

to Top PBA Chameleon Championship Qualifying

Tom Daugherty leads PBA World Championship after Cheetah and Chameleon qualifying

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (March 13, 2019) – Four-time Go Bowling! PBA Tour winner Ronnie Russell of Marion, Ind., put together two solid rounds bowling a 2,350 10-game pinfall total to lead PBA Chameleon Championship qualifying Wednesday at Thunderbowl Lanes.

Bowling on the PBA 39-foot Chameleon lane condition in the second event of PBA World Series of Bowling X, Russell bowled games of 246, 236, 235, 248 and 288 in Wednesday's first round and followed it up with 213, 195, 201, 280 and 208 in the second round.

"I knew I had something special going when it seemed like a lot of the guys around me were struggling," said Russell, whose last tour win came in the 2016 Fall Classic Team Challenge. "I'm just not sure what it was.

"Pair to pair the lanes were really changing, and how quickly you could adjust depended on who you followed when you moved to a different pair," Russell added. "It's great to be the qualifying leader but it's kind of hard to take a lot of satisfaction out of it because there's so much more to go."

Russell led 16 players who advanced to single elimination match play on March 19. After match play, the top four players will advance to the Chameleon Championship live finals on FS1 March 19 at 8 p.m. ET.

Rounding out the top four after Chameleon qualifying were four-time PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia, 2,318; two-time tour winner Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 2,288, and Mitch Hupe of Canada with 2,270.

Daugherty leads World Championship qualifying after 20 games from the Chameleon and Tuesday's Cheetah qualifying rounds with a 4,587 20-game pinfall (229.3 average). The 10 games of qualifying in Thursday's Scorpion Championship will also count toward World Championship qualifying.

"It's a grind out there," said Daugherty. "I'm just trying to put 30 solid games together and be in the best possible position for the World Championship. Making the top 16 in the Chameleon and Cheetah rounds is a bonus, but keeping the focus on the big picture is what I'm concentrating on at this point."

Rounding out the top five in the World Championship standings are Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 4,538; 10-time tour winner Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 4,516; PBA Hall of Famer and 2011 World Championship winner Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 4,485, and Belmonte, the 2017 World Championship winner, who is trying for a record 11th career major title.

After Thursday's Scorpion Championship qualifying, the top 45 players advance to two five-game casher's rounds on Friday at 12:30 and 6:30 p.m. ET. After the casher's rounds, the field will be cut to 16 players for two eight-game round robin match play rounds on Saturday at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. which will determine the top five players for the World Championship finals that will be aired live March 21 on FS1 at 8 p.m. ET.

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## PBA CHAMELEON CHAMPIONSHIP

Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich., Wednesday

Final Qualifying Standings (after 10 games; top 16 advance to Chameleon Championship Round-of-16 single-elimination match play on March 19)

- 1, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2,350.
- 2, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2,318.
- 3, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 2,288.
- 4, Mitch Hupe, Canada, 2,270.
- 5, Anthony Pepe, East Elmhurst, N.Y., 2,259.
- 6, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,255.
- 7, Tim Pfeifer, Oakdale, Pa., 2,239.
- 8, Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, 2,237.
- 9, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 2,232.
- 10, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 2,204.
- 11, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,203.
- 12, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,193.
- 13 (tie), AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, and Andres Gomez, Colombia, 2,184.

15, Matthew McNiel, Minneapolis, Minn., 2,179.

16, Jimmy Cook, Indianapolis, 2,178.

Did not advance:

17, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 2,177.

18, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 2,176.

19, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 2,170.

20, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 2,168.

21, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 2,159.

22, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 2,156.

23, Ryan Graywacz, Canastota, N.Y., 2,151.

24, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 2,150.

25, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 2,149.

26, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 2,148.

27, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 2,144.

28, Patrick Girard, Canada, 2,142.

29, Zach Doty, Campbellsville, Ky., 2,133.

30, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 2,132.

31, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 2,129.

32, Dom Barrett, England, 2,128.

33, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 2,117.

34, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 2,107.

35 (tie), Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I.; Stuart Williams, England, and Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 2,106.

38 (tie), Thomas Larsen, Denmark, and JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 2,104.

40, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,103.

41, Kim Bolleby, Sweden, 2,099.

42, Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 2,098.

43, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 2,097.

44, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 2,094.

45, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 2,093.

46 (tie), Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, and Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., 2,092.

48, Marco Moretti, Costa Rica, 2,084.

49 (tie), Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, and Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2,077.

51 (tie), Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, and Sam Cooley, Australia, 2,076.

53, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, Nev., 2,073.

54, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 2,067.

55, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 2,064.

56, Kurt Pilon, Sterling Heights, Mich., 2,060.

57, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 2,059.

58, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 2,058.

59 (tie), AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., and Francois Louw, South Africa, 2,057.

61, Tobias Boerding, Germany, 2,056.

62, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 2,055.

63, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,054.

64, Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 2,053.

65, Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 2,050.

66, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 2,046.

67, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 2,045.

68, Richie Teece, England, 2,041.

69 (tie), Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, and Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 2,037.

71, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 2,036.

72, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 2,030.  
73, Jean Perez, Puerto Rico, 2,029.  
74, Markus Jansson, Sweden, 2,028.  
75, Rhino Page, Orlando, 2,025.  
76 (tie), Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., and Jason Sterner, Fayetteville, Ga., 2,024.  
78, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 2,023.  
79, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 2,022.  
80, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., 2,021.  
81, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 2,016.  
82, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 2,015.  
83 (tie), Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, and Kevin Donovan, Painted Post, N.Y., 2,014.  
85, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 2,008.  
86, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 2,006.  
87, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 2,000.  
88, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,997.  
89 (tie), Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., and Pascal Winternheimer, Germany, 1,995.  
91 (tie), Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., and Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 1,983.  
93, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,978.  
94, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 1,977.  
95, Carsten Hansen, Denmark, 1,974.  
96, Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill., 1,971.  
97 (tie), Justin Knowles, Okemos, Mich., and Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,964.  
99, Charlie Brown Jr, Grandville, Mich., 1,963.  
100, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 1,962.  
101 (tie), Jim Pratt, Avondale, Ariz., and Anthony LaCaze, Hanover Park, Ill., 1,956.  
103, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 1,953.  
104, Aaron Lorincz, Center Line, Mich., 1,951.  
105, Blake Demore, Springfield, Mo., 1,949.  
106 (tie), Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., and Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 1,947.  
108, Darren Alexander, Canada, 1,943.  
109, Mason Brantley, Detroit, 1,942.  
110, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,939.  
111 (tie), David Haynes, Las Vegas; Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., and Richard McCormick, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1,936.  
114, Travis Cauley, Canada, 1,933.  
115, John Furey, Howell, N.J., 1,915.  
116 (tie), Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, N.J., and Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 1,913.  
118, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,909.  
119, Andrew Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 1,898.  
120, David Krol, Nixa, Mo., 1,895.  
121, David Williams Jr., Omaha, Neb., 1,894.  
122, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 1,891.  
123, Mike Eaton Jr., Wyoming, Mich., 1,875.  
124, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 1,856.  
125, Eduardo Astiazaran, Mexico, 1,846.  
126 (tie), Tyler Wilds, Three Rivers, Mich., and Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,843.  
128, Brodie Rountree, Australia, 1,821.  
129, Tristan Butler, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1,818.  
130, Billy Rogers, Mesquite, Texas, 1,814.  
131, Alfred Berggren, Sweden, 1,804.  
132, Jonathan Hocsmán, Argentina, 1,796.  
133, Dave Miller, Kalamazoo, Mich., 1,727.  
134, Mateo Hernandez, Argentina, 1,470.

300 games – Tom Daugherty

#### PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Qualifying Standings (after 20 of 30 qualifying games; top 45 after 10-game Cheetah, Chameleon and Scorpion rounds will advance to two five-game cashers' rounds on Friday at 12:30 and 6:30 p.m. ET)

- 1, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 4,587.
- 2, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 4,538.
- 3, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 4,516.
- 4, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 4,485.
- 5, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 4,481.
- 6, Matthew McNeil, Minneapolis, Minn., 4,451.
- 7, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 4,447.
- 8, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 4,437.
- 9, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 4,421.
- 10, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 4,416.
- 11, Dom Barrett, England, 4,396.
- 12, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 4,384.
- 13, Mitch Hupe, Canada, 4,380.
- 14, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 4,373.
- 15, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 4,369.
- 16, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 4,368.
- 17 (tie), Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., and Rhino Page, Orlando, 4,366.
- 19, Anthony Pepe, East Elmhurst, N.Y., 4,363.
- 20, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 4,341.
- 21, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 4,338.
- 22, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, Nev., 4,319.
- 23, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 4,318.
- 24, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 4,307.
- 25, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 4,303.
- 26, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 4,302.
- 27, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 4,301.
- 28, Patrick Girard, Canada, 4,300.
- 29, Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., 4,297.
- 30, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 4,290.
- 31, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 4,289.
- 32, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 4,281.
- 33, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 4,276.
- 34, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 4,273.
- 35, (tie) Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., and Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 4,270.
- 37, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 4,269.
- 38, Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 4,268.
- 39 (tie), Andrew Cain, Phoenix, and JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 4,264.
- 41, Sam Cooley, Australia, 4,247.
- 42, Stuart Williams, England, 4,242.
- 43, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 4,239.
- 44, Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, 4,231.

45, Richie Teece, England, 4,228.  
46, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 4,225.  
47, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 4,224.  
48 (tie), Ryan Graywacz, Canastota, N.Y., and Pascal Winterheimer, Germany, 4,221.  
50 (tie), Tim Pfeifer, Oakdale, Pa., and Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 4,214.  
52, Tobias Boerding, Germany, 4,213.  
53, Kurt Pilon, Sterling Heights, Mich., 4,211.  
54, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 4,203.  
55, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 4,201.  
56, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 4,182.  
57, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 4,181.  
58, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 4,174.  
59, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 4,173.  
60, Jimmy Cook, Indianapolis, 4,168.  
61, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 4,162.  
62, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 4,157.  
63, Kim Bolleby, Sweden, 4,142.  
64, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 4,141.  
65, Jason Sterner, Fayetteville, Ga., 4,137.  
66, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 4,135.  
67, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 4,134.  
68, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 4,133.  
69, Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, N.J., 4,130.  
70, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 4,127.  
71, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 4,125.  
72, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 4,119.  
73, Richard McCormick, Cincinnati, Ohio, 4,118.  
74, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 4,114.  
75, Markus Jansson, Sweden, 4,105.  
76, Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 4,098.  
77 (tie), Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., and Jim Pratt, Avondale, Ariz., 4,095.  
79, Francois Louw, South Africa, 4,094.  
80, Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 4,089.  
81, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 4,084.  
82, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 4,083.  
83, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 4,073.  
84 (tie), Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., and Charlie Brown Jr, Grandville, Mich., 4,070.  
86 (tie), Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, and Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 4,068.  
88, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., 4,055.  
89, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 4,054.  
90, Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill., 4,053.  
91, Darren Alexander, Canada, 4,048.  
92, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 4,047.  
93, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 4,036.  
94, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 4,035.  
95, Mason Brantley, Detroit, 4,034.  
96, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 4,032.  
97, Carsten Hansen, Denmark, 4,031.  
98, Mike Eaton Jr., Wyoming, Mich., 4,020.  
99, Kevin Donovan, Painted Post, N.Y., 4,018.  
100, Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 4,007.  
101, Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 3,997.  
102, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 3,994.

- 103, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 3,983.
- 104, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 3,979.
- 105, Justin Knowles, Okemos, Mich., 3,978.
- 106, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 3,971.
- 107 (tie), Aaron Lorincz, Center Line, Mich., and David Krol, Nixa, Mo., 3,969.
- 109, Zach Doty, Campbellsville, Ky., 3,953.
- 110, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 3,952.
- 111, Jean Perez, Puerto Rico, 3,950.
- 112, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 3,944.
- 113, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 3,941.
- 114, Tyler Wilds, Three Rivers, Mich., 3,938.
- 115, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 3,931.
- 116, Marco Moretti, Costa Rica, 3,929.
- 117, John Furey, Howell, N.J., 3,883.
- 118, Travis Cauley, Hamilton, Ont., Canada, 3,872.
- 119, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 3,870.
- 120, Blake Demore, Springfield, Mo., 3,846.
- 121, Billy Rogers, Mesquite, Texas, 3,841.
- 122, Eduardo Astiazaran, Mexico, 3,813.
- 123, Andrew Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 3,794.
- 124, Alfred Berggren, Sweden, 3,779.
- 125, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 3,758.
- 126 (tie), David Williams Jr., Omaha, Neb., and Jonathan Hocsman, Argentina, 3,752.
- 128, Anthony LaCaze, Hanover Park, Ill., 3,725.
- 129, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 3,718.
- 130, Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 3,706.
- 131, Tristan Butler, Fort Wayne, Ind., 3,630.
- 132, Brodie Rountree, Australia, 3,480.
- 133, Dave Miller, Kalamazoo, Mich., 3,386.
- 134, Mateo Hernandez, Argentina, 2,902.
- 135, Joseph Costanzo, Bethpage, N.Y., 1,891.

Bill O'Neill Leads PBA Scorpion Championship, World Championship Heading into Final Qualifying Round

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Bill O'Neill Leads PBA Scorpion Championship, World Championship Heading into Final Qualifying Round

ALLEN PARK, Mich. – Ten-time PBA Tour winner Bill O'Neill tied with one-time PBA regional winner Kevin Donovan with a 1,179 five-game pinfall total Thursday to lead the first round of the PBA Scorpion Championship, the third tournament of the PBA World Series of Bowling X at Thunderbowl Lanes.

O'Neill's performance in the first round of the Scorpion Championship also moved him into the qualifying lead for the PBA World Championship with a 5,695 pinfall for 25

games heading into this evening's final Scorpion Championship qualifying round this evening at 6:30 p.m. ET.

In the Scorpion first round, O'Neill had games of 236, 254, 266, 214 and 209 while Donovan bowled games of 247, 249, 256, 179 and 248.

The top 16 players will advance to best-of-five single elimination match play on March 20. After match play, the top four players will advance to the Scorpion Championship finals on live on FS1 March 20 at 8 p.m. ET.

O'Neill and Donovan have a five-pin lead over 10-time PBA major winner Jason Belmonte in third with 1,174 and nine-pin lead over two-time tour winner Thomas Larsen of Denmark in fourth with 1,170.

After Scorpion Championship qualifying concludes, the top 45 players from the 135-player WSOB X field will advance to two five-game casher's rounds on Friday at 12:30 and 6:30 p.m. ET. After the casher's rounds, the field will be cut to 16 players for two eight-game round robin match play rounds on Saturday at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. which will determine the top five players for the World Championship finals that will be aired live March 21 on FS1 at 8 p.m. ET.

O'Neill holds a 32-pin lead over two-time tour winner Tom Daugherty in second in World Championship qualifying who has a 5,663 25-game pinfall after the first Scorpion round.

Currently third in World Championship qualifying with a 5,655 pinfall is 2017 World Championship winner Belmonte, who is trying for a record 11th PBA major title if he can win the third major of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season. Rounding out the top five are Kyle Sherman of O'Fallon, Mo., 5,605 and BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 5,600.

Belmonte Averages 239 to Surge Into PBA Scorpion Championship

and PBA World Championship Leads in WSOB X

Field cut to 45 players for Friday's World Championship cashers' rounds

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (March 14, 2019) – Four-time PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte bowled a 2,396 10-game pinfall total to top qualifying in the PBA Scorpion Championship Thursday which also propelled him to the top of the World Championship standings in PBA World Series of Bowling X at Thunderbowl Lanes.

The Australian two-hander, a 19-time PBA Tour winner, who owns a record-tying 10 major titles including the 2017 World Championship, bowled games of 258, 210, 257, 213 and 236 in Thursday's first Scorpion round and 257, 194, 265, 258 and 248 in the second round.

Belmonte led 16 players who advanced to best-of-five single elimination match play on March 20. After match play, the top four players will advance to the Scorpion Championship finals live on FS1 March 20 at 8 p.m. ET.

Another one of the tour's premier two-handers, six-time tour winner Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, finished second in Scorpion qualifying with a 2,332 pinfall. Overcoming a slow start with games of 185, 170, 273, 231 and 237 in the first round, he came back with games of 276, 258, 224, 279 and 199 in the second round.

With the conclusion of Scorpion qualifying, the top 45 players from the 135-player WSOB X field advanced to two five-game World Championship cashers' rounds on Friday at 12:30 and 6:30 p.m. ET which will be conducted on the PBA 43-foot Earl Anthony lane condition. After the cashers' rounds, the field will be cut to 16 players for two eight-game round robin match play rounds Saturday at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. which will determine the top five players for the World Championship finals that will be aired live March 21 on FS1 at 8 p.m. ET.

The 35-year-old Belmonte has made a steady climb in the World Championship standings since finishing 37th in Cheetah Championship qualifying on Tuesday. After Scorpion qualifying, he finished with a 6,877 30-game pinfall total (229 average) to lead World Championship qualifying.

“For this event, the start can be an added challenge for me because the shorter lane conditions are usually my Achille’s heel plus the fact I’m just getting in from Australia so I pretty much know going in I have to build up as the event progresses,” said Belmonte, who is trying to win a record 11th major title in the third major tournament of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season. “I just concentrate on getting as many pins as I can early and then look to capitalize as much as possible when I get to a condition where I have a good ball reaction.”

Belmonte holds a 103-pin lead over 10-time tour winner Bill O’Neill of Langhorne, Pa., who is second in World Championship qualifying with 6,774 heading into Friday’s cashers’ rounds.

Also determined after Scorpion qualifying were the top five U.S. and international scorers for The USA vs. The World team competition which will be taped March 21 at 4 p.m. and will air March 22 at 8 p.m. ET on FS1.

Based on 30-game pinfall totals from the Cheetah, Chameleon and Scorpion rounds, representing the U.S. will be O’Neill (6,774), EJ Tackett (6,663), Tom Daugherty (6,641) Simonsen (6,605) and Kyle Sherman (6,605). Representing the international team will be Belmonte (6,877); Andres Gomez, Colombia (6,437); Dom Barrett, England (6,411); Sam Cooley, Australia (6,399) and Pontus Andersson, Sweden (6,374).

The U.S. team will be managed by PBA Hall of Famer Marshall Holman and the international team will be managed by fellow hall of famer Amleto Monacelli.

All qualifying and match play rounds are live-streamed by PBA's online streaming partner, FloBowling. For subscription information, visit [FloBowling.com](http://FloBowling.com). FloBowling also will live-stream all five FS1 telecasts as they air to its international audience.

Fans also can track WSOB scoring as it happens by visiting the Live Scoring link on [PBA.com](http://PBA.com).

#### PBA SCORPION CHAMPIONSHIP

Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich., Thursday

Final Qualifying Standings (after 10 games; top 16 advance to Scorpion Championship Round-of-16 single-elimination match play on March 20)

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2,396.
- 2, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 2,332.
- 3, Kurt Pilon, Sterling Heights, Mich., 2,287.
- 4, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,258.
- 5, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 2,242.
- 6, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 2,229.
- 7, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,227.
- 8, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 2,210.

- 9, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 2,206.
- 10, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 2,203.
- 11, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 2,200.
- 12, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, IL, 2,194.
- 13 (tie), Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, and Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 2,178.
- 15, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,177.
- 16, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 2,167.

Did not advance:

- 17, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,159.
- 18, Sam Cooley, Australia, 2,152.
- 19, Matt McNiel, Minneapolis, 2,139.
- 20 (tie), Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., and Andres Gomez, Colombia, 2,135.
- 22, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 2,132.
- 23, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 2,127.
- 24, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 2,126.
- 25, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 2,122.
- 26, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,121.
- 27, Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2,118.
- 28, Kevin Donovan, Painted Post, N.Y., 2,116.
- 29 (tie), Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, and AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 2,112.
- 31, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2,111.
- 32, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,110.
- 33, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 2,107.
- 34, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2,099.
- 35, Blake Demore, Springfield, Mo., 2,098.
- 36, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 2,097.
- 37, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 2,095.
- 38, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 2,094.

39, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 2,093.  
40, Rhino Page, Orlando, 2,091.  
41, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 2,089.  
42 (tie), Alfred Berggren, Sweden, and Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2,081.  
44, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 2,079.  
45, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,077.  
46, Mike Eaton Jr., Wyoming, Mich., 2,075.  
47, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 2,067.  
48, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 2,061.  
49, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 2,055.  
50, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 2,054.  
51, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 2,045.  
52 (tie), Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., and Francois Lavoie, Canada, 2,044.  
54, Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill., 2,041.  
55, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 2,039.  
56, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 2,038.  
57, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 2,037.  
58, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 2,036.  
59, Zachary Wilkins, Canada, 2,034.  
60 (tie), Anthony Pepe, East Elmhurst, N.Y., and Matt Sanders, Indianapolis, 2,025.  
62, Patrick Girard, Canada, 2,024.  
63, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 2,022.  
64, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2,020.  
65, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,019.  
66, Jim Pratt, Avondale, Ariz., 2,018.  
67, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 2,017.  
68 (tie), Dom Barrett, England, and Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 2,015.  
70, Francois Louw, South Africa, 2,014.  
71, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 2,009.  
72, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 2,008.

73, Darren Alexander, Canada, 2,007.

74 (tie), JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich.; Tim Pfeifer, Oakdale, Pa., and Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 2,006.

77, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 2,003.

78, Carsten Hansen, Denmark, 1,999.

79, Kim Bolleby, Sweden, 1,998.

80, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 1,993.

81, Tobias Boerding, Germany, 1,992.

82, Richard McCormick, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1,991.

83 (tie), John Furey, Howell, N.J., and Darren Tang, Las Vegas, Nev., 1,988.

85, Marco Moretti, Costa Rica, 1,984.

86, Mitch Hupe, Canada, 1,983.

87, David Krol, Nixa, Mo., 1,982.

88, Markus Jansson, Sweden, 1,981.

89, Aaron Lorincz, Center Line, Mich., 1,975.

90 (tie), Stuart Williams, England, and Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,973.

92, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 1,972.

93, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 1,960.

94, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 1,959.

95, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 1,958.

96, Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 1,956.

97, Anthony LaCaze, Hanover Park, Ill., 1,955.

98, Jason Sterner, Fayetteville, Ga., 1,949.

99, Richie Teece, England, 1,947.

100, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 1,943.

101, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,942.

102, Eduardo Astiazaran, Mexico, 1,941.

103, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,936.

104, Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, N.J., 1,935.

105, Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 1,933.

106, Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 1,931.

107, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 1,929.

108, Justin Knowles, Okemos, Mich., 1,927.

109, Jean Perez, Puerto Rico, 1,922.

110, Jonathan Hocsman, Argentina, 1,918.

111 (tie), Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., and Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, 1,915.

113, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 1,914.

114, Pascal Winterheimer, Germany, 1,912.

115, Mason Brantley, Detroit, 1,906.

116, Billy Rogers, Mesquite, Texas, 1,902.

117, Tyler Wilds, Three Rivers, Mich., 1,886.

118, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 1,875.

119, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 1,867.

120, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 1,864.

121 (tie), Ryan Graywacz, Canastota, N.Y., and Andrew Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 1,863.

123, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 1,856.

124, Zach Doty, Campbellsville, Ky., 1,852.

125, Jimmy Cook, Indianapolis, 1,850.

126, Travis Cauley, Hamilton, Ont., Canada, 1,846.

127, Charlie Brown Jr, Grandville, Mich., 1,836.

128, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,767.

129, David Williams Jr., Omaha, Neb., 1,766.

130, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., 1,762.

131, Brodie Rountree, Australia, 1,722.

132, Tristan Butler, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1,698.

133, Mateo Hernandez, Argentina, 1,645.

134, Dave Miller, Kalamazoo, Mich., 1,585.

300 games – Bill O'Neill

## PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Final Qualifying Standings (after 30 qualifying games; top 45 after 10-game Cheetah, Chameleon and Scorpion rounds advance to two five-game cashers' rounds on Friday at 12:30 and 6:30 p.m. ET)

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 6,877.
- 2, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 6,774.
- 3, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 6,663.
- 4, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 6,641.
- 5 (tie), Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, and Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 6,605.
- 7, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 6,604.
- 8, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 6,598.
- 9, Matt McNiel, Minneapolis, 6,590.
- 10, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 6,576.
- 11, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 6,551.
- 12, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 6,546.
- 13, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 6,545.
- 14, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 6,510.
- 15, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 6,504.
- 16, Kurt Pilon, Sterling Heights, Mich., 6,498.
- 17, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 6,471.
- 18, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 6,460.
- 19, Rhino Page, Orlando, 6,457.
- 20, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 6,437.
- 21, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 6,414.

- 22, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 6,413.
- 23, Dom Barrett, England, 6,411.
- 24, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 6,407.
- 25, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 6,401.
- 26, Sam Cooley, Australia, 6,399.
- 27, Anthony Pepe, East Elmhurst, N.Y., 6,388.
- 28, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 6,385.
- 29, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 6,382.
- 30, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 6,374.
- 31, Mitch Hupe, Canada, 6,363.
- 32, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 6,346.
- 33, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 6,338.
- 34, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 6,332.
- 35, Patrick Girard, Canada, 6,324.
- 36, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 6,317.
- 37, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 6,313.
- 38, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, Nev., 6,307.
- 39, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 6,297.
- 40, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 6,290.
- 41, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 6,289.
- 42, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 6,284.
- 43, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 6,280.
- 44, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 6,274.
- 44, Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 6,274.

Did not advance:

- 46, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 6,273.
- 47 (tie), Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, and JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 6,270.
- 49, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 6,261.
- 50, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 6,224.

51, Tim Pfeifer, Oakdale, Pa., 6,220.

52 (tie), Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., and Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 6,219.

54, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 6,218.

55, Stuart Williams, England, 6,215.

56, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 6,213.

57 (tie), Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., and Osku Palermaa, Finland, 6,212.

59, Tobias Boerding, Germany, 6,205.

60, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 6,204.

61, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 6,199.

62, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 6,195.

63, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 6,188.

64 (tie), Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., and Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 6,178.

66, Richie Teece, England, 6,175.

67, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 6,173.

68, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 6,172.

69, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 6,159.

70, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 6,152.

71, Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, 6,146.

72, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 6,145.

73, Kim Bolleby, Sweden, 6,140.

74, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 6,137.

75, Matthew Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 6,136.

76, Kevin Donovan, Painted Post, N.Y., 6,134.

77, Pascal Winterheimer, Germany, 6,133.

78, Jim Pratt, Avondale, Ariz., 6,113.

79, Richard McCormick, Cincinnati, Ohio, 6,109.

80, Francois Louw, South Africa, 6,108.

81, Mike Eaton Jr., Wyoming, Mich., 6,095.

82, Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill., 6,094.

83 (tie), Jason Sterner, Fayetteville, Ga., and Markus Jansson, Sweden, 6,086.

85, Ryan Graywacz, Canastota, N.Y., 6,084.  
86, Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, NJ, 6,065.  
87, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 6,057.  
88, Darren Alexander, Canada, 6,055.  
89, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 6,052.  
90, Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 6,045.  
91, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 6,041.  
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95, Jimmy Cook, Indianapolis, 6,018.  
96, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 6,012.  
97, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 6,011.  
98, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 6,005.  
99, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 5,998.  
100, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 5,966.  
101, David Krol, Nixa, Mo., 5,951.  
101, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 5,951.  
103, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 5,945.  
104 (tie), Blake Demore, Springfield, Mo., and Aaron Lorincz, Center Line, Mich., 5,944.  
106 (tie), Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., and Mason Brantley, Detroit, 5,940.  
108, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 5,937.  
109, Marco Moretti, Costa Rica, 5,913.  
110, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 5,911.  
111, Charlie Brown Jr, Grandville, Mich., 5,906.  
112, Justin Knowles, Okemos, Mich., 5,905.  
113, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 5,900.  
114, Jean Perez, Puerto Rico, 5,872.  
115, John Furey, Howell, N.J., 5,871.  
116, Alfred Berggren, Sweden, 5,860.

117 (tie), Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., and Tyler Wilds, Three Rivers, Mich., 5,824.  
119, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., 5,817.  
120, Zach Doty, Campbellsville, Ky., 5,805.  
121, Eduardo Astiazaran, Mexico, 5,754.  
122, Billy Rogers, Mesquite, Texas, 5,743.  
123, Travis Cauley, Canada, 5,718.  
124, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 5,716.  
125, Anthony LaCaze, Hanover Park, Ill., 5,680.  
126, Jonathan Hocsman, Argentina, 5,670.  
127, Andrew Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 5,657.  
128, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 5,647.  
129, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 5,637.  
130, David Williams Jr., Omaha, Neb., 5,518.  
131, Tristan Butler, Fort Wayne, Ind., 5,328.  
132, Brodie Rountree, Australia, 5,202.  
133, Dave Miller, Kalamazoo, Mich., 4,971.  
134, Mateo Hernandez, Argentina, 4,547.

### **PBA Spare Shots**

#### **“TEAMMATES” O’NEILL, BELMONTE ON OPPOSITE SIDES FOR USA VS. THE WORLD MATCH**

Long-time Roth-Holman PBA Doubles Championship partners **Bill O’Neill** of Langhorne, Pa., and **Jason Belmonte** of Australia will be on opposite sides of the lanes next Friday as the top qualifiers for their respective USA vs. The World teams when they meet in a special event that will conclude PBA World Series of Bowling X. The Baker team competition will air on FS1 next Friday at 8 p.m. Eastern.

O’Neill, who qualified No. 2 overall for the PBA World Championship cashers round based on his performances over 30 games in the PBA Cheetah, Chameleon and Scorpion Championship qualifying rounds, will be joined on the American squad by No. 3 qualifier **EJ Tackett** of Bluffton, Ind.; No. 4 **Tom Daugherty** of Riverview, Fla.; and **Anthony Simonsen** of Little Elm, Texas, and **Kyle Sherman** of O’Fallon, Mo., who tied for fifth on the qualifying list. PBA Hall of Famer **Marshall Holman** will be captain as the USA contingent bids for its third consecutive win in a pair of best-of-two-game Baker format matches.

Belmonte, the overall No. 1 qualifier for the World Championship cashers round, will be joined on The World team by Colombia's **Andres Gomez** (No. 20 on the World Championship qualifying list); England's **Dom Barrett** (No. 23); Australia's **Sam Cooley** (No. 26) and Sweden's **Pontus Anderson** (No. 30). The World's captain will be another PBA Hall of Famer, Venezuela's **Amleto Monacelli**, who helped The World win the first two matches in the series in 2010 and 2013.

### **PBA BOWLING CHALLENGE MOBILE GAME OFFERS SPECIAL WSOB X TOURNAMENT**

Concrete Software's PBA Bowling Challenge mobile game is offering a special PBA World Series of Bowling 10th anniversary tournament at no cost to its millions of mobile device users. The special tournament will challenge users to bowl a game higher than the PBA World Champion rolls in the title match that will air live on FS1 on Thursday, March 21, at 8 p.m. EDT.

The "tournament" will begin on Friday, March 22, and end on Thursday, March 28. It will feature a custom WSOB X venue, and the introduction of a special ball that can be used in the competition. Players can enter as often as they wish. All scores that beat the PBA World Champion's score will be entered into a sweepstakes pool with one lucky winner to be selected to win a bowling pin signed by the PBA World Champion plus 5,000 Gold Pins.

To review the official rules, visit: [http://bit.ly/PBA\\_OfficialRules](http://bit.ly/PBA_OfficialRules). If you have not already done so, the PBA Bowling Challenge game can be downloaded to your mobile device at no cost. Visit <https://concretesoftware.com/games/pba-bowling-challenge/> for details.

### **ILLINOIS BOWLING CENTER HONORS HISTORIC "BUDWEISERS" 3,858 SERIES**

Hi Top Bowl, a 16-lane bowling center in Highland, Ill., has completed a significant project to commemorate the 61st anniversary of the historic 3,858 series bowled by the legendary Budweisers of St. Louis at Floriss Lanes on March 12, 1958. The members of the team were all superstars in the formation years of the PBA: Don Carter, Ray Bluth, Pat Patterson, Tom Hennessey and Dick Weber.

In cooperation with the center's local Budweiser distributor, Donnewald Distributing, proprietor Ray Voss created the tribute. The centerpiece is a graphic above the approaches that spans the entire 16-lane center, detailing the series record that stood for nearly 36 years. Click here to view a video clip that illustrates the display: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1oz-luBZKtL0E8jY9WCi4utE94c40l-nn/view?usp=sharing>.

### **PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: "ROOKIE" MITCH BEASLEY WINS FIRST PBA50 TITLE**

**Mitch Beasley** of Clarksville, Tenn., bowling in his second tournament as a "senior," defeated **Jeff Bellinger** of Columbia, S.C., 258-238, to win the PBA50 Fayetteville South Open at LaFayette Lanes in Fayetteville, N.C., Sunday for his first PBA50 title.

Beasley, who turned 50 in November, won \$1,900 along with his 21st overall PBA Regional title. He went into the 10th frame needing a strike to win the title and did just that, finishing his final frame with three strikes to clinch the victory. Bellinger pocketed \$1,000 as the runner-up.

In the semifinal round, Beasley narrowly escaped his match with **Craig Auerbach** of Sunrise, Fla., winning a one-ball, sudden death roll-off, 10-9, after they tied at 289-289. Beasley threw first and struck. Auerbach followed, leaving a ringing 10 pin. In the other match, Bellinger disposed of non-PBA member **Jerry Horn** of Lexington, S.C., 233-223.

- The only tournament on the March 15-17 calendar is the and the PBA50 Showtime Lanes Midwest/Central Open presented by Radical in Virden, Ill.

- A busy schedule of PBA Regional activity resumes over the March 22-24 weekend with the PBA50 Rossi Lanes East Open in Elmira, N.Y.; the Hubbard Central Open presented by Brunswick at Bell-Wick Bowl in Hubbard, Ohio; the PBA50 Allstate Monte Skeets Midwest/Central Open presented by Ebonite at Liberty Lanes in Carpentersville, Ill.; the PBA50 Ultra Star Multi-Tainment Center South Open at Harrah's Cherokee Casino in Cherokee, N.C., and the Caveman Bowl Northwest/West Open presented by DV8 in Grants Pass, Ore.

- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit [pba.com](http://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](http://pba.com) (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

#### **QUICK NOTES:**

- The PBA will be well represented when Team USA heads to Peru for the 2019 Pan American Bowling Confederation Men's Championships April 22-28 for competition in singles, doubles, trios, team, all-events and Masters events. Members of the team will be PBA members AJ Johnson of Oswego, Ill.; Darren Tang of San Francisco, and Nick Pate of Inver Grove Heights, Minn., along with nine-time Team USA member John Janawicz of Winter Haven, Fla., and Team USA rookies Perry Crowell IV of Chesterfield, Mich., and Sean Wilcox of Altamonte Springs, Fla.

- Veteran San Antonio, Texas, bowling writer **Harry Page** has died. Tragically, the popular writer passed away at age 71, hours before he would have learned he was the International Bowling Media Association's selection as its 2019 Luby Hall of Fame Award.

### **Australia's Jason Belmonte Extends PBA World Championship Lead Heading Into Match Play**

**ALLEN PARK, Mich. (March 15, 2019)** – Four-time PBA Player of the Year and defending champion Jason Belmonte of Australia averaged 237 in Friday's cashers' rounds of the PBA World Championship to extend his lead in the fourth event of PBA World Series of Bowling X.

The right-handed two-hander, who is trying for a record 11th major title in the third major tournament of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season, bowled games of 289, 235, 257, 194 and 224 in Friday's first cashers' round and 225, 268, 232, 236 and 210 in the second round at Thunderbowl Lanes.

Belmonte finished the day with a 9,247 40-game overall pinfall total (231 average) consisting of 10-game qualifying totals from the WSOB Cheetah, Chameleon and Scorpion Championships in addition to the 10 games from the cashers' rounds.

Bowling on PBA's 43-foot Earl Anthony lane condition, Belmonte led 16 players who advanced to two eight-game match play rounds Saturday scheduled for 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. ET. After match play the top five players will be determined for the live FS1 stepladder finals March 21 at 8 p.m.

Having to deal with an especially tough condition in the last game of the second round, Belmonte went to a backup ball delivery in the sixth frame and went on to throw five of the last six strikes to salvage the 210 game.

"It's something I'll do when I feel I have nothing going bowling traditionally from the right and that was the case in the last game," said Belmonte. "Since the right side was very tricky for me, I made a decision that if I can figure it out quickly – within a frame or two – I have time to save the game.

"I think it's something every bowler should work on and develop as a tool to find a shot," Belmonte added.

The 35-year-old Belmonte won the PBA Tournament of Champions in February for his 10th major title to tie PBA Hall of Famers Pete Weber and Earl Anthony for first on the career majors list. He was denied an 11th major title when he lost to fellow two-hander Anthony Simonsen in the title match of the Players Championship a week later.

Belmonte holds a commanding 259-pin lead over BJ Moore of Greensburg, Pa., in second with 8,988. Rounding out the top five are two-time Go Bowling! PBA Tour winner Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 8,901; Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 8,852, and 10-time tour winner Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 8,848. O'Neill is the only player to make the match play cuts in the four WSOB tour events.

EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Ind., the 2016 World Championship winner, finished eighth with an 8,733 pinfall. PBA Hall of Famer and three-time World Championship winner Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., finished 12th with an 8,657 and fellow Hall of Famer 2011 World Championship winner Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, took the 16th and final spot with 8,602.

The World Championship match play rounds will be live-streamed by PBA's online streaming partner, FloBowling. For subscription information, visit FloBowling.com.

## **PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich., Friday**

**Results After Second Cashers' Round (40-game pinfall totals. Top 16 players advance to Saturday's match play rounds at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.)**

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 9,247.
- 2, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 8,988.
- 3, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 8,901.
- 4, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 8,852.
- 5, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 8,848.

- 6, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 8,841.
- 7, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 8,778.
- 8, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 8,733.
- 9, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 8,710.
- 10, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 8,696.
- 11, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 8,692.
- 12, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 8,657.
- 13, Matthew McNiel, Minneapolis, Minn., 8,626.
- 14, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 8,619.
- 15, Rhino Page, Orlando, 8,615.
- 16, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 8,602.

**Did not advance**

- 17, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 8,597, \$5,000.
- 18, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 8,584, \$4,700.
- 19, Patrick Girard, Canada, 8,555, \$4,600.
- 20, Kurt Pilon, Sterling Heights, Mich., 8,548, \$4,400.
- 21, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, Nev., 8,535, \$4,300.
- 22, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 8,526, \$4,200.
- 23, Dom Barrett, England, 8,523, \$4,100.
- 24, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 8,517, \$4,000.
- 25, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 8,500, \$3,900.
- 26, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 8,492, \$3,800.
- 27, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 8,483, \$3,700.
- 28, Mitch Hupe, Canada, 8,481, \$3,600.
- 29, Sam Cooley, Australia, 8,466, \$3,450.
- 29, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 8,466, \$3,450.
- 31, Anthony Pepe, East Elmhurst, N.Y., 8,447, \$3,300.
- 32, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 8,435, \$3,200.
- 33, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 8,426, \$3,100.
- 34, Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 8,424, \$3,000.
- 35, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 8,423, \$2,900.
- 36, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 8,417, \$2,800.
- 37, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 8,393, \$2,700.
- 38, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 8,388, \$2,600.
- 39, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 8,332, \$2,500.
- 40, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 8,312, \$2,400.
- 41, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 8,303, \$2,300.
- 42, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 8,300, \$2,200.
- 43, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 8,257, \$2,100.
- 44, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 8,198, \$2,050.
- 45, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 8,197, \$2,000.

## **Jason Belmonte Will Try for Record 11th PBA Major Title As Top Qualifier for PBA World Championship Finals**

*Matt McNiel, Bill O'Neill, Jakob Butturff and BJ Moore will join Belmonte in finals of third major of The 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season to air live on FS1 Thursday at 8 p.m. ET*

**ALLEN PARK, Mich. (March 16, 2019)** - As top qualifier for the 2019 World Series of Bowling X PBA World Championship stepladder finals, Australian two-hander Jason Belmonte finds himself once again one more match win away from a record 11th career PBA major title.

The stepladder finals of the fourth event of WSOB X, and the third major of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season, will air live next Thursday (March 21) at 8 p.m. ET on FS1 from Thunderbowl Lanes in suburban Detroit.

The four-time PBA Player of the Year and World Championship defending champion earned top-qualifier honors for the finals by posting an 8-8 match play record and 12,953 56-game pinfall total (including match win bonus pins) after Saturday's match play rounds.

"I'm feeling confident as I usually do when I get to this point – maybe a little more relaxed because we have a few days before the (World Championship) finals," said Belmonte, a 19-time tour winner. "It's a little more rewarding when you come back from a slow start. First, you just chip away, and then if you get the lead stretch it out if you can."

The title match of the World Championship will offer a \$1 million bonus if Belmonte or his opponent can bowl a 300 game.

Belmonte won the PBA Tournament of Champions in February for his 10th PBA major title to tie PBA Hall of Famers Earl Anthony and Pete Weber for first on the all-time list. The following week, also as top qualifier, he was denied an 11th major title losing to fellow two-hander Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, in the title match of the PBA Players Championship.

Qualifying second for the World Championship finals was part-time tour player Matt McNiel of Minneapolis, who put together a 12-4 match play record and a 12,630 pinfall total, 323 pins behind Belmonte after 40 qualifying and 16 match play games.

McNiel, making his first tour singles television appearance, has finished 11th in the last three World Championships. He has a best tour finish of fifth, which came in the 2015 Roth-Holman Doubles Championship with Anthony Pepe.

Qualifying third for the finals was 10-time tour winner Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., with a 10-6 match play record and 12,603 pinfall. O'Neill, trying for his second major title, won his 10th career title in the season-opening PBA Hall of Fame Classic in January.

Five-time tour winner Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., compiled a 12-4 record in match play and finished with a 12,597 pinfall to qualify fourth for the finals. Butturff, trying for his first major win, won the PBA Oklahoma Open in January for his fifth career tour title.

Qualifying fifth for the finals was BJ Moore of Greensburg, Pa., with a 7-9 record and 12,518 pinfall. Moore, who has a best tour finish of second in the 2016 Scorpion Championship, will be making his second major telecast after a fifth-place finish in the 2018 Tournament of Champions.

Live WSOB X telecasts on FS1 will begin when FOX Sports airs the championship finals of the PBA Cheetah, Chameleon and Scorpion Championships live on FS1 on consecutive nights Monday, Tuesday

and Wednesday at 8 p.m. Eastern. After the World Championship telecast on Thursday, WSOB will wrap up with the telecast of the tape-delayed USA vs. The World team competition Friday, also at 8 p.m. ET.

The four finalists for the Cheetah, Chameleon and Scorpion Championships will be determined after single-elimination match play competition earlier on the days of their respective FS1 finals telecasts. The match play rounds will be streamed on FloBowling.com. Click on [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com) for subscription information.

## **PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich., Saturday**

### **MATCH PLAY STANDINGS (includes match play record and 56-game pinfall totals including match win bonus pins. Top five advance to live FS1 finals Thursday, March 21 at 8 p.m. ET)**

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 8-8, 12,952.
- 2, Matt McNeil, Minneapolis, Minn., 12-4, 12,630.
- 3, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 10-6, 12,603.
- 4, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 12-4, 12,597.
- 5, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 7-9, 12,518.
- 6, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 9-7, 12,508, \$10,000.
- 7, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 8-8, 12,468, \$12,000.
- 8, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 8-8, 12,456, \$9,500.
- 9, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 6-10, 12,355, \$9,000.
- 10, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 7-9, 12,288, \$8,000.
- 11, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 8-8, 12,281, \$8,500.
- 12, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 9-7, 12,210, \$7,500.
- 13, Rhino Page, Orlando, 7-9, 12,173, \$6,500.
- 14, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 4-12, 12,162, \$7,000.
- 15, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 10-6, 12,109, \$6,000.
- 16, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 3-13, 11,803, \$5,500.

### **MATCH PLAY STANDINGS (includes match play record and 48-game pinfall total with bonus pins)**

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3-5, 11,029.
- 2, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 5-3, 10,817.
- 3, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 6-2, 10,796.
- 4, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 6-2, 10,698.
- 5, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 4-4, 10,661.
- 6, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 4-4, 10,608.
- 7, Matt McNeil, Minneapolis, Minn., 6-2, 10,606.
- 8, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 3-5, 10,560.
- 9, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 3-5, 10,548.
- 10, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 1-7, 10,527.
- 11, Rhino Page, Orlando, 4-4, 10,489.
- 12, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 6-2, 10,472.
- 13, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 3-5, 10,465.
- 14, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 4-4, 10,415.
- 15, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 5-3, 10,362.
- 16, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 1-7, 10,193.

**300 games** – Norm Duke, Matt McNeil

## **Three Days of Animal Pattern Championships Leading Up to World Championship Finals Set for PBA WSOB X Coverage on FS1**

*WSOB to conclude with live PBA World Championship finals and tape-delayed USA vs. World team competition*

**ALLEN PARK, Mich. (March 17, 2019)** – The 10th anniversary PBA World Series of Bowling is headed into another historic chapter of national television coverage when FOX Sports airs the championship finals of the PBA's Cheetah, Chameleon and Scorpion Championships live on FS1 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 8 p.m. Eastern from Thunderbowl Lanes.

Each of the three PBA animal pattern championships – named for specific lane conditioning patterns used for their respective events – will be preceded by a full day of single-elimination match play (airing live on FloBowling, PBA's online video streaming partner) to determine the four FS1 finalists later the same night.

FS1's WSOB coverage will continue Thursday with the stepladder finals of the PBA World Championship, the season's third major at 8 p.m. followed on Friday by a special USA vs. The World team event featuring American vs. international World Series stars to conclude the first-ever package of five consecutive nights of PBA television coverage.

As top qualifier for the World Championship stepladder finals, which were determined Saturday, defending champion Australian two-hander Jason Belmonte finds himself once again one match win away from a record 11th career PBA major title. Joining Belmonte in the finals will be No. 2 qualifier Matt McNeil, No. 3 qualifier Bill O'Neill, No. 4 qualifier Jakob Butturff, and No. 5 qualifier BJ Moore.

The title match of the World Championship finals will pay a \$1 million bonus if a player can bowl a 300 game.

The animal pattern championships have been a key component of the WSOB since its inaugural event at Thunderbowl in 2009. In addition to awarding titles as events on their own merit, players must compete at a high level across the challenging oiling patterns to reach the World Championship finals.

PBA World Series formats and events have changed over the years, but the animal patterns have always been an integral part of challenging the versatility of player skills. This year is no different.

### **PBA CHEETAH CHAMPIONSHIP**

***(A part of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour)***

**Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich., Monday, March 18 (all times ET)**

#### **Round of 16 (best-of-five-game single-elimination match play, noon, live on FloBowling)**

Match 1 – Rhino Page, Orlando, vs. EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind.

Match 2 – Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., vs. Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas.

Match 3 – Dom Barrett, England, vs. David Haynes, Las Vegas.

Match 4 – Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., vs. Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo.

Match 5 – Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., vs. Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y.

Match 6 – Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., vs. Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla.

Match 7 – BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., vs. Matt McNeil, Minneapolis.

Match 8 – Darren Tang, Las Vegas, vs. Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa.

#### **Round of 8 (best-of-five-game single-elimination match play, 3 p.m., live on FloBowling)**

Match 1 – Page-Tackett winner vs. Holliman-Barnes winner.

Match 2 – Barrett-Haynes winner vs. Miller-Sherman winner.

Match 3 – Blanchard-Angelo winner vs. Allen-Daugherty winner.

Match 4 – Moore-McNiel winner vs. Tang-O'Neill winner.

**Championship Round (live on FS1, 8 p.m.)**

Seeding Round: Round of 8 winners, one game to determine seeding positions for stepladder matches.

Match 1 – Player #4 vs. Player #3.

Semifinal Match – Winner Match 1 vs. Player #2.

Championship – Winner Semifinal Match vs. Player #1.

**PBA CHAMELEON CHAMPIONSHIP**

*(A part of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour)*

**Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich., Tuesday, March 19 (all times ET)**

**Round of 16 (best-of-five-game single-elimination match play, noon, live on FloBowling)**

Match 1 – Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., vs. Jimmy Cook, Indianapolis.

Match 2 – Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., vs. Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia.

Match 3 – Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., vs. Anthony Pepe, East Elmhurst, N.Y.

Match 4 – AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, vs. Mitch Hupe, Canada.

Match 5 – Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., vs. Andres Gomez, Colombia.

Match 6 – Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, vs. Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla.

Match 7 – Tim Pfeifer, Oakdale, Pa., vs. Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y.

Match 8 – Matt McNiel, Minneapolis, vs. Jason Belmonte, Australia.

**Round of 8 (best-of-five-game single-elimination match play, 3 p.m., live on FloBowling)**

Match 1 – Russell-Cook winner vs. Sherman-Ismail winner.

Match 2 – O'Neill-Pepe winner vs. Chapman-Hupe winner.

Match 3 – Daugherty-Gomez winner vs. Barnes-Duke winner.

Match 4 – Pfeifer-Shafer winner vs. McNiel-Belmonte winner.

**Championship Round (live on FS1, 8 p.m.)**

Seeding Round: Round of 8 winners, one game to determine seeding positions for stepladder matches.

Match 1 – Player #4 vs. Player #3.

Semifinal Match – Winner Match 1 vs. Player #2.

Championship – Winner Semifinal Match vs. Player #1.

**PBA SCORPION CHAMPIONSHIP**

*(A part of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour)*

**Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich., Wednesday, March 20 (all times ET)**

**Round of 16 (best-of-five-game single-elimination match play, noon, live on FloBowling)**

Match 1 – Jason Belmonte, Australia, vs. BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa.

Match 2 – Thomas Larsen, Denmark, vs. Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz.

Match 3 – Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., vs. EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind.

Match 4 – Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, vs. Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa.

Match 5 – Kurt Pilon, Sterling Heights, Mich., vs. Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C.

Match 6 – Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., vs. Shawn Maldonado, Houston.

Match 7 – Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., vs. Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill.

Match 8 – Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., vs. Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas.

**Round of 8 (best-of-five-game single-elimination match play, 3 p.m., live on FloBowling)**

Match 1 – Belmonte-Moore winner vs. Larsen-Butturff winner.

Match 2 – Kuba-Tackett winner vs. Bohr-O'Neill winner.

Match 3 – Pilon-Troup winner vs. Anderson-Maldonado winner.

Match 4 – Duke-Prather winner vs. Kent-Simonsen winner.

**Championship Round (live on FS1, 8 p.m.)**

Seeding Round: Round of 8 winners, one game to determine seeding positions for stepladder matches.

Match 1 – Player #4 vs. Player #3.

Semifinal Match – Winner Match 1 vs. Player #2.

Championship – Winner Semifinal Match vs. Player #1.

**PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

*(A part of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour)*

**Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich., Thursday, March 21 (stepladder finals, 8 p.m. ET)**

Match 1 – No. 5 seed BJ Moore vs. No. 4 seed Jakob Butturff

Match 2 – Winner of Match 1 vs. No. 3 seed Bill O'Neill

Semifinal match – Winner of Match 2 vs. No. 2 seed Matt McNeil

Championship match – Winner of semifinal vs. No. 1 seed Jason Belmonte

**USA vs. The World Team Competition**

**Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich., Friday, March 22 (tape-delayed telecast to air at 8 p.m. ET)**

**USA** (Bill O'Neill, EJ Tackett, Tom Daugherty, Anthony Simonsen, Kyle Sherman) vs. **The World** (Jason Belmonte, Australia; Andres Gomez, Colombia; Dom Barrett, England; Sam Cooley, Australia; Pontus Andersson, Sweden). U.S. team captained by PBA Hall of Famer Marshall Holman, World team to be captained by Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli.

**Final Four Set for PBA Cheetah Championship Finals at 8 p.m. ET on FS1  
by Jerry Schneider | Monday, March 18, 2:29 PM**

The PBA World Series of Bowling X Cheetah Championship final four have been determined for this evening's live finals on FS1 at 8 p.m. Eastern.

Bowling on the 33-foot PBA Cheetah lane condition, five-time tour winner Rhino Page, six-time winner Dick Allen, Kyle Sherman and Matt McNeil advanced to the finals after Round-of-16 and Round-of-8 best-of-five elimination competition at Thunderbowl Lanes Monday.

Page has three fifth-place finishes this season and Allen already has one win which came in the Lubbock Sports Open. After a second-place finish with partner Brad Miller in the Roth-Holman Doubles earlier this season, Sherman will be trying for his first tour title. McNeil, who has already qualified second for the World Championship stepladder finals Thursday, also will be trying for his first PBA Tour title.

WSOB competition continues with the Chameleon Championship Tuesday and Scorpion Championship Wednesday with their live finals also at 8 p.m.. After the Scorpion Championship finals Wednesday, the stepladder finals for the PBA World Championship, the season's third major, will take place Thursday at 8 p.m. ET on FS1. WSOB wraps up with the tape-delayed USA vs. The World team competition Friday at 8 p.m.

**PBA CHEETAH CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich., Monday**

**Round of 8 (winners advance to championship round. Best-of-five matches, losers earned \$3,000)**

Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., def. Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 3-2 (197-211, 207-223, 232-203, 232-209, 259-214).

Matthew McNiel, Minneapolis, Minn., def. Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3-1 (213-217, 214-191, 217-205, 239-161).

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Rhino Page, Orlando, def. Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 3-2 (204-227, 249-236, 248-200, 228-237, 257-208).

Round of 16 (winners advance to Round-of-8. Best-of-five matches, losers earned \$1,500)

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Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., def. Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 3-2 (189-193, 252-244, 209-234, 227-202, 258-184).

Dick Allen Wins PBA Cheetah Championship

for Second Title of the Season

Allen also notches seventh career title in first event of PBA World Series of Bowling X on FS1

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (March 18, 2019) – Dick Allen of Lexington, S.C., defeated Kyle Sherman of O'Fallon, Mo., 234-195, in the title match Monday to win the PBA Cheetah Championship for his second tour title of the season and seventh of his career.

As the first event of PBA World Series of Bowling X, the Cheetah Championship finals telecast was the first of four consecutive live PBA Tour telecasts on FS1 this week from Thunderbowl Lanes.

The 40-year-old Allen, in his 20th year on the Go Bowling! PBA Tour, had things in hand from the start striking on the first five shots and opening up a lead that Sherman could not challenge.

"I just focused on keeping it together and not falling apart," Allen said. "When you have a good lead you don't want to let the bad thoughts creep in, or the good thoughts either. Just focus on making the best possible shot every frame and fortunately I was able to do that."

Allen, who won the PBA Lubbock Sports Open in January, ran his career singles title match record to 5-1 and joined PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke as the only two-time winners this season.

"When I get to TV I'm hard to beat," Allen said. "It's a matter of getting here. I wish I could be as effective in the qualifying and match play rounds of tournaments and I then would be here (in the finals) more often."

Bowling on the PBA 33-foot Cheetah lane condition, the telecast opened with a seeding round that determined the qualifying order for three stepladder matches. Allen earned the top seed for the finals with a 230 game followed by No. 2 qualifier Rhino Page, Orlando, 173; No. 3 qualifier Sherman, 172, and No. 4 qualifier Matt McNiel, Minneapolis, 163.

The four finalists survived Round-of-16 and Round-of-8 best-of-five elimination rounds earlier Monday after qualifying rounds bowled last week to advance to the telecast.

The 25-year-old Sherman burst out of the gate with a 290-152 win over McNiel and then went on to beat Page 229-204 in the semifinal match to advance to the title match against Allen.

Sherman's second-place finish was his career best in a tour singles event in three seasons as a pro. He finished second with partner Brad Miller in the Mark Roth-Marshall Holman Doubles Championship earlier this season.

Page's third-place finish was his best of the season. The six-time tour winner also has three fifth-place finishes this season.

McNiel, who finished fourth and has already qualified second for the PBA World Championship finals which will be televised live Thursday on FS1, was making his first PBA Tour televised singles appearance.

WSOB X competition continues with Round-of-16 and Round-of-8 elimination rounds Tuesday for the PBA Chameleon Championship which will determine the four finalists for the finals telecast at 8 p.m. ET on FS1.

After the Scorpion Championship finals Wednesday, the stepladder finals for the World Championship – the season's third major – will take place Thursday at 8 p.m. ET on FS1. WSOB X wraps up with the tape-delayed USA vs. The World team competition Friday also at 8 p.m.

The match play rounds for the Chameleon and Scorpion Championships will be streamed live by FloBowling. For subscription information visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com).

## PBA CHEETAH CHAMPIONSHIP

Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich., Monday

### Final Standings

1, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., \$20,000

2, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., \$10,000

3, Rhino Page, Orlando, \$7,000

4, Matt McNiel, Minneapolis, \$6,000

### Playoff Results

Seeding Round – Allen, 230; Page, 173; Sherman, 172; McNiel, 163.

Match 1 - Sherman def. McNiel, 290-152.

Semifinal - Sherman def. Page, 229-204.

Championship – Allen def. Sherman, 234-195.

Round of 8 (winners advance to championship round. Best-of-five matches, losers earned \$3,000)

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Matt McNiel, Minneapolis, Minn., def. Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3-1 (213-217, 214-191, 217-205, 239-161).

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Field Set for PBA Chameleon Championship Finals at 8 p.m. ET on FS1

by Jerry Schneider | Tuesday, March 19, 2:45 PM

Field Set for PBA Chameleon Championship Finals at 8 p.m. ET on FS1

Four-time PBA Player of the Year and WSOB X World Championship top qualifier Jason Belmonte will try for his 20th career PBA Tour title and second of the season when he joins four-time tour winner Ronnie Russell, three-time winner Andres Gomez and AJ Chapman in tonight's finals of the PBA Chameleon Championship live on FS1 at 8 p.m. ET

All four players survived Round of 16 and Round of 8 best-of-five game competition today in the second event of PBA World Series of Bowling X at Thunderbowl Lanes.

Bowling on the 39-foot PBA Chameleon lane condition, Belmonte beat Tim Pfeifer, who advanced all the way from the pre-tournament qualifier, 3-2. Gomez, who has won two of his tour titles in previous World Series events, beat PBA Hall of Famer and 40-time tour winner Norm Duke, 3-2, while Russell beat Rafiq Ismail of Malaysia, 3-1, and Chapman, trying for his first PBA Tour title, beat Anthony Pepe, 3-1, in Round-of-8 best-of-five elimination competition to advance to the telecast.

Belmonte owns the record for most titles bowled in WSOB events at four. He won his first title of the season in the PBA Tournament of Champions for a record-tying 10th major title.

WSOB competition continues with the Scorpion Championship Wednesday, with live finals also at 8 p.m. After the Scorpion Championship finals Wednesday, the stepladder finals for the PBA World Championship, the season's third major, will take place Thursday at 8 p.m. ET on FS1. WSOB wraps up with the tape-delayed USA vs. The World team competition Friday at 8 p.m.

#### PBA CHAMELEON CHAMPIONSHIP

Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich.

Round of 8 (winners advance to championship round. Best-of-five matches, losers earned \$3,000)

Andres Gomez, Colombia, def. Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3-2 (258-252, 225-274, 220-256, 213-201, 225-180).

Jason Belmonte, Australia, def. Tim Pfeifer, Oakdale, Pa., 3-2 (182-239, 255-187, 236-174, 226-232, 203-172).

AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, def. Anthony Pepe, East Elmhurst, N.Y., 3-1 (219-175, 226-213, 226-242, 213-208).

Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., def. Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, 3-1 (193-196, 173-165, 211-188, 199-197).

Round of 16 (winners advance to Round-of-8. Best-of-five matches, losers earned \$1,500)

AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, def. Mitch Hupe, Canada, 3-1 (174-189, 214-180, 211-192, 193-181).

Anthony Pepe, East Elmhurst, N.Y., def. Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3-2 (183-190, 211-168, 212-245, 277-221, 243-182).

Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, def. Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 3-0 (239-188, 300-170, 279-232).

Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., def. Jimmy Cook, Indianapolis, 3-1 (246-205, 220-232, 247-245, 226-213).

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Andres Gomez, Colombia, def. Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 3-1 (255-141, 192-179, 193-197, 258-232).

Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., def. Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 3-1 (215-225, 248-168, 225-205, 238-207).

300 games – Rafiq Ismail

## **Jason Belmonte Wins PBA Chameleon Championship for 20th Career Title**

*236-194 title match win over Andres Gomez makes Belmonte season's third two-time winner*

**ALLEN PARK, Mich. (March 19, 2019)** – Four-time PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia won the PBA Chameleon Championship Tuesday for his 20th career Go Bowling! PBA Tour title and to become the third two-time winner this season.

The 35-year-old two-hander from Australia defeated three-time tour winner and Chameleon Championship finals top qualifier Andres Gomez of Colombia 236-194 in the second event of PBA World Series of Bowling X at Thunderbowl Lanes which was televised live by FS1.

Belmonte threw seven strikes in the match and didn't throw a shot worse than nine on the first ball to maintain a comfortable lead over Gomez throughout the match.

"What you find is that making a good shot to get to the pocket really isn't the issue, it's how the ball goes through the pins once it gets there," said Belmonte, who won his 18th career title in the 2018 PBA Tour Finals at Thunderbowl Lanes. "When you leave a single pin, it puts you in an odd position of deciding how much of a change you should make to carry those single pins because you're basically making good shots. But, on the other hand, you don't want to leave those single pins all day."

By winning the Chameleon Championship Belmonte joined PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke and Dick Allen as two-time winners this season. He also joined Hall of Famers Amleto Monacelli, Dick Ritger and Wayne Webb in the 20 career win club.

Belmonte won the PBA Tournament of Champions in February for his 19th career title and to tie Hall of Famers Pete Weber and Earl Anthony for most major titles with 10.

"It's a crazy big number I never thought I would reach," Belmonte said. "I'm just enjoying the moment and then moving forward to the next tournament. I'll celebrate a little tonight and then focus on what I need to do tomorrow. "You don't want to live in the past or the future because it will distract you from what you need to do now."

Bowling on the PBA 39-foot Chameleon lane condition, the finals opened with a seeding round that determined the qualifying order for three stepladder matches. Gomez earned the top seed for the finals with a 235 game followed by Belmonte, 227; No. 3 qualifier AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 205, and four-time tour winner Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 179.

In the opening stepladder match, Chapman, making his second tour telecast and trying for his first tour win beat Russell 244-233 to advance to the semifinal match against Belmonte. Belmonte beat Chapman 200-197 in the semifinal to advance to the title match against Gomez.

The four finalists survived Round-of-16 and Round-of-8 best-of-five elimination rounds earlier Tuesday after qualifying rounds bowled last week to advance to the telecast.

Belmonte will have an opportunity to add more milestones to his career this week. He will try for his 21st tour win when WSOB X competition continues with Round-of-16 and Round-of-8 elimination rounds Wednesday for the PBA Scorpion Championship which will determine the four finalists for the finals telecast at 8 p.m. ET on FS1.

Belmonte has already earned top qualifier honors for Thursday's stepladder finals of the PBA World Championship where he will try for a record 11th major title. The World Championship finals will air live Thursday at 8 p.m. ET. A \$1 million bonus will be paid if Belmonte or his opponent can bowl a 300 game in the title match.

WSOB wraps up with the tape-delayed USA vs. The World team competition Friday also at 8 p.m. on FS1.

The match play rounds for the Scorpion Championship will be streamed live by FloBowling. For subscription information visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com).

## **PBA CHAMELEON CHAMPIONSHIP**

### **Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich., Tuesday**

#### **Final Standings**

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$20,000
- 2, Andres Gomez, Colombia, \$10,000
- 3, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, \$7,000
- 4, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., \$6,000

#### **Playoff Results**

Seeding Round – Gomez, 235; Belmonte, 227; Chapman, 205; Russell, 179.

Match 1 – Chapman def. Russell, 244-233.

Semifinal – Belmonte def. Chapman, 200-197.

Championship – Belmonte def. Gomez, 236-194.

#### **Round of 8 (winners advance to championship round. Best-of-five matches, losers earned \$3,000)**

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#### **Round of 16 (winners advance to Round-of-8. Best-of-five matches, losers earned \$1,500)**

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**300 games** – Rafiq Ismail

## **Field Set for PBA Scorpion Championship Finals at 8 p.m. ET on FS1**

by Jerry Schneider | Wednesday, March 20, 2:27 PM

Field Set for PBA Scorpion Championship Finals at 8p.m. ET on FS1

**ALLEN PARK, Mich.** – No. 3 and No. 5 PBA World Championship qualifiers Bill O'Neill and BJ Moore will have the opportunity to win a PBA Tour title before Thursday's World Championship Finals by advancing to the FS1 finals of the PBA Scorpion Championship.

All four players survived Round of 16 and Round of 8 best-of-five game competition today in the third animal pattern event of PBA World Series of Bowling X at Thunderbowl Lanes.

Bowling on the PBA 42-foot Scorpion lane condition, O'Neill defeated EJ Tackett in the best-of-five elimination Round of 8, 3-2; Moore beat Thomas Larsen, 3-1; Two hander Kyle Troup advanced with a 3-1 record over fellow two-hander Shawn Maldonado, and Kristopher Prather beat two-hander Anthony Simonsen, 3-0.

O'Neill, a 10-time tour winner, won the Chameleon Championship in WSOB I in 2009 for his first PBA Tour title.

Jason Belmonte, who won yesterday's PBA Chameleon Championship was eliminated by Moore in the Round of 16, 3-0.

Belmonte has already earned top qualifier honors for Thursday's stepladder finals of the PBA World Championship when he will try for a record 11th major title. The World Championship finals will air live Thursday at 8 p.m. ET.

A \$1 million bonus will be paid if Belmonte or his opponent can bowl a 300 game in the title match.

WSOB wraps up with the USA vs. The World team competition Friday also at 8 p.m.

### **PBA SCORPION CHAMPIONSHIP**

Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich., Wednesday

Round of 8 (winners advance to championship round. Best-of-five matches, losers earned \$3,000)

Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., def. Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 3-1 (189-203, 245-211, 176-175, 211-139).

Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., def. Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 3-0 (222-171, 234-166, 235-201).

Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., def. EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 3-2 (189-258, 268-190, 226-220, 211-249, 206-192).

BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., def. Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 3-1 (226-203, 244-200, 197-219, 212-205).

Round of 16 (winners advance to Round-of-8. Best-of-five matches, losers earned \$1,500)

Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., def. Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 3-1 (279-233, 186-218, 221-164, 233-177).

EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., def. Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, IL, 3-2 (264-174, 224-232, 209-265, 245-175, 237-186).

Thomas Larsen, Denmark, def. Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 3-2 (202-242, 249-186, 265-257, 227-247, 215-206).

BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., def. Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3-0 (258-243, 236-190, 209-175).

Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, def. Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 3-2 (187-182, 197-198, 276-204, 195-258, 237-223).

Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., def. Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3-2 (211-218, 199-244, 205-196, 279-247, 300-211).

## **Kris Prather Wins PBA Scorpion Championship for First Career PBA Tour Title**

*Prather beats BJ Moore 200-190 in title match of third animal pattern event of WSOB X*

**ALLEN PARK, Mich. (March 20, 2019)** – With seven career top-five finishes over the past two seasons without a win, Kris Prather of Plainfield, Ill., finally made it to the winner's circle Wednesday by winning the PBA Scorpion Championship for his first career Go Bowling! PBA Tour title.

The 27-year-old Prather defeated stepladder finals top qualifier BJ Moore of Greensburg, Pa., 200-190, in the title match of the third tournament of PBA World Series of Bowling X at Thunderbowl Lanes.

After five frames in the title match, Prather held a 10-pin lead over Moore, who was also trying for his first tour win, when he left the 4-10 split in the sixth frame on a seemingly good hit.

"I didn't have a clue what happened there because it was a pretty good shot as far as I was concerned," said Prather. "It could have been a turning point in the match but there was still time to get back on track. I decided after that shot the best thing to do was move a little further left and create a little more angle to the pocket and that turned out to be a good adjustment."

Prather's previous best tour finish was third which he had achieved four times.

"Even though I wasn't winning, I was fortunate to achieve small breakthroughs in my game over the past 18 months," Prather said. "That was a good thing because I didn't want to go backwards. I could still find something positive to take away from those (top five) finishes even though I didn't win."

Moore, whose best previous finish was second in the 2016 Scorpion Championship, earned the top seed for the finals with a 224 game in a seeding round to open the live FS1 telecast. Ten-time tour winner Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., earned the No. 2 spot with 215, followed by Prather, 212, and three-time tour winner Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C., 194.

In the first stepladder match, Prather beat Troup 222-208 to advance to the semifinal match against O'Neill. Prather doubled in the 10th frame to beat O'Neill 198-190 to advance to the title match against Moore.

As was the case with the first two animal pattern events, the four finalists survived Round-of-16 and Round-of-8 best-of-five elimination rounds earlier Wednesday after qualifying rounds bowled last week to advance to the telecast.

In the Round-of-8, Prather swept two-hander Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, 3-0, and beat PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke, 3-2, in the Round-of-16 which included a 300-211 match win in the last game.

The focus of WSOB X now swings to the stepladder finals of the PBA World Championship which will be televised live Thursday at 8 p.m. ET on FS1.

As the World Championship top qualifier, four-time PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia, who won the Chameleon Championship Tuesday for his 20th career tour title, will try for a record 11th major win in the third major of the season.

The finals will also include O'Neill and Moore who qualified third and fifth, respectively, for the finals. The No. 2 qualifier is Matt McNeil of Minneapolis and the No. 4 qualifier is five-time tour winner Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz.

A \$1 million bonus will be paid if Belmonte or his opponent can bowl a 300 game in the title match.

WSOB X wraps up with the USA vs. The World team competition which will be televised Friday also at 8 p.m. on FS1.

## **PBA SCORPION CHAMPIONSHIP**

### **Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich., Wednesday**

#### **Final Standings**

- 1, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., \$20,000
- 2, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., \$10,000
- 3, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., \$7,000
- 4, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., \$6,000

#### **Playoff Results**

Seeding Round – Moore, 224; O'Neill, 215; Prather, 212; Troup, 194.

Match 1 – Prather def. Troup, 222-208.

Semifinal – Prather def. O'Neill, 198-190.

Championship – Prather def. Moore, 200-190.

#### **Round of 8 (winners advance to championship round. Best-of-five matches, losers earned \$3,000)**

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Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., def. Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3-2 (211-218, 199-244, 205-196, 279-247, 300-211).

Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., def. Kurt Pilon, Sterling Heights, Mich., 3-2 (245-258, 261-258, 214-215, 214-211, 255-195).

Shawn Maldonado, Houston, def. Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 3-2 (199-263, 254-188, 186-236, 268-155, 247-237).

**300 games – Kris Prather**

Jason Belmonte Wins PBA World Championship for Record 11th Major Title

Australian two-hander beats Jakob Butturff 236-227 in title match for 21st career tour win

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (March 21, 2019) – Australia's Jason Belmonte successfully defended his PBA World Championship title Thursday for a record 11th PBA major crown, continuing to set new benchmarks of performance for the PBA Tour's most prestigious and challenging tournaments.

The 35-year-old two-hander defeated Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., 236-227, in the title match of the stepladder finals televised live by FS1. The World Championship, the Go Bowling! PBA Tour season's third major, was the pinnacle event of the multi-event PBA World Series of Bowling X at Thunderbowl Lanes.

In his 11th season on tour, Belmonte broke a tie with PBA Hall of Famers Earl Anthony and Pete Weber for most major titles, after winning his 10th major in the PBA Tournament of Champions in February. He had a chance to win his 11th major in the Players Championship a week after the Tournament of Champions but was defeated by fellow two-hander Anthony Simonsen in the title match of that tournament.

Having been top qualifier for the finals of the Tournament of Champions, Players Championship and the World Championship, Belmonte also set a new mark for earning the top qualifier position for the finals in three consecutive major tournaments in a season.

"I'm so overwhelmed right now that if I could express how I feel I don't know if anyone could understand me," said Belmonte, who also won his 21st career tour title. "To break a record held by two of the greatest players of all time is just something I never thought was possible when I first started on tour more than 10 years ago. I'm proof that you can achieve your dreams."

Belmonte got off to a fast start in the title match with strikes in the first three frames, while Butturff, trying for his first major and sixth career tour title, struggled until striking in the third frame. Butturff ran into trouble again in the sixth frame when he missed a seven pin but recovered to throw the last six strikes of the match to eventually force Belmonte to strike on the first ball in the 10th and then finish the frame with a spare. Belmonte doubled in the 10th to seal the win.

"Jakob is a great player and I knew what he was capable of so for him to come back from that missed spare really didn't surprise me," Belmonte said. "He put together a clutch performance to the very end."

"Going into the 10th I knew my ball had to be perfect going through the pins and those were two of the best shots of my life," Belmonte added. "I can't think of a better way to win this tournament."

Belmonte also became the season's first three-time winner having also won the Chameleon Championship on Tuesday. He also extended his record of career tour wins in WSOB competition to six.

The stepladder finals started with Butturff, who qualified fourth, beating No. 5 qualifier BJ Moore of Greensburg, Pa., 236-183. Moore, who was trying for his first PBA Tour title, finished fifth which tied his best finish in a major when he also finished fifth in the 2018 Tournament of Champions.

The 24-year-old Butturff then beat 10-time tour winner No. 3 qualifier Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa, 235-226, to advance to the semifinal match where he beat part-time tour player and No. 2 qualifier Matt McNeil of Minneapolis, 184-179, to advance to the title match against Belmonte.

The next stop for the Go Bowling! PBA Tour will be the USBC Masters March 26-April 1 at the Gold Coast Bowling Center in Las Vegas where Belmonte will try for his 12th major win. After the season's fourth major has concluded, the top 24 players in points will earn berths in the PBA Playoffs which begin April 8 with the Round of 24 eliminations at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine.

World Series of Bowling X action concludes Friday on FS1 with the USA vs. The World team competition from Thunderbowl Lanes at 8 p.m. ET.

## PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich., Thursday

### Final Standings

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$60,000.
- 2, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., \$30,000.
- 3, Matt McNeil, Minneapolis, \$25,000.
- 4, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., \$20,000.
- 5, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., \$15,000.

### Playoff Results

Match 1 – Butturff def. Moore, 236-183.

Match 2 – Butturff def. O'Neill, 235-226.

Semifinal – Butturff def. McNeil, 184-179.

Championship – Belmonte def. Butturff, 236-227.

## **'The World' Beats USA in PBA World Series of Bowling X USA vs. The World Team Challenge**

**ALLEN PARK, Mich. (March 22, 2019)** – The five leading International scorers from PBA World Series of Bowling X qualifying beat the five highest U.S. scorers to win the USA vs. The World team competition, 2-0, in a best-of-three Baker team format finals to conclude a historic week of PBA competition on FS1 at Thunderbowl Lanes in Suburban Detroit.

The World team, made up of Pontus Andersson (Sweden), Andres Gomez (Colombia), Dom Barrett (England) and Australians Sam Cooley and Jason Belmonte defeated the U.S. team of Bill O'Neill, Kyle

Sherman, Tom Daugherty, Anthony Simonsen and EJ Tackett, to end the U.S.'s two-year reign as champion of the non-title WSOB "all-star" event.

The U.S. team, captained by PBA Hall of Famer Marshall Holman, jumped out to the lead in the first game of the second match 184-176 but The World team, captained by Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli, came back to win the second game 204-156 to force a sudden death one-ball roll-off. Belmonte, who was coming off a historic PBA World Championship win Thursday, won the roll-off against Tackett with a nine-count to seven for Tackett, who left the 2-8-10 split, for the title.

In the first match, the U.S. team also took the early lead, winning the first game 234-227 but then lost to The World team in the second game 213-202 to force another one-ball roll-off. Belmonte and Tackett tied with strikes in the first roll-off frame with a strike, forcing a second roll-off where Barrett struck to beat Simonsen's eight-count (2-10 split) to give The World team a 1-0 lead heading into the second match.

The Baker format requires each player to bowl two frames in one game to combine for one score. The leadoff bowler bowls frame one and six, the second bowler frames two and seven and so on until the anchor bowler bowls frame five and 10.

"It's another great example of showcasing the international scope of the sport and the talent that exists all over the world," Belmonte said. "I felt good about this team because we bowl against each other all over the world so I knew we could develop a good chemistry right away."

"Like all team competitions, the key is communication between the players," Belmonte added. "We share what we experience on every shot, then it's up to each player to execute."

Monacelli, a 20-time PBA Tour and eight-time PBA50 Tour winner, who is also coach for the Dominican Republic national team, echoed Belmonte's comments as a coach for the highly talented World team.

"They know what to do as far as their physical game is concerned," Monacelli said. "What's important is putting together a good order (lineup). I try to help with the mental side and give them another pair of eyes to see what is happening with the lanes and their games. What the eyes can't see, the body feels so I try to get them to connect with that feel so they can trust in the decisions they make."

The players earned berths on their respective teams based on their finishing positions after 30 qualifying games from the 10-game qualifying rounds of the WSOB X Cheetah, Chameleon and Scorpion events.

## **USA vs. The WORLD TEAM CHALLENGE**

### **Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich., (Televised Friday on FS1)**

#### **Final Results**

**(Winning team determined in pair of best-of-three Baker format team matches)**

The World def. USA, 2-0

#### **Match one**

**Game one** - USA (Bill O'Neill, Kyle Sherman, Tom Daugherty, Anthony Simonsen and EJ Tackett) def. The World (Pontus Anderson, Andres Gomez, Dom Barrett, Sam Cooley and Jason Belmonte), 234-227

**Game two**-The World def. USA, 213-202

The World wins in second roll-off frame 10-8

#### **Match two**

**Game one** – USA def. The World, 184-176

**Game two** – The World def. USA, 204-156  
The World wins in first roll-off frame 9-7 for title

## **PBA Spare Shots**

### **USBC MASTERS IS LAST CHANCE TO QUALIFY FOR PBA PLAYOFFS**

An intense, season-long competition to qualify for the inaugural PBA Playoffs at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, beginning on April 8 will reach its conclusion next week in the United States Bowling Congress Masters, the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour's fourth major championship and a Tier 1 points event in the PBA Playoffs scenario.

With 7,500 points awaiting the Masters champion, and significant points at stake throughout the Masters' final standings, how players perform at the Gold Coast Bowling Center in Las Vegas next week may prove pivotal in not only earning berths in the 24-player PBA Playoffs field, but in other related competitions:

- The top eight in points at the conclusion of the Masters on April 1 will earn byes for the first round of the single-elimination PBA Playoffs match play competition. Australia's **Jason Belmonte** has locked up the No. 1 berth, but the next seven positions are still up for grabs.
- The top 24 in points also earn berths in the PBA Playoffs.
- The top 40 in points will be eligible to participate in the 2019 PBA League draft that will take place on April 8 at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine.
- 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour points through the Masters will be combined with 2018 points to determine the eight players who will compete in the Barbasol PBA Tour Finals July 19-21 at Red Rock Casino Resort & Spa in Las Vegas.
- 2019 points will qualify players for priority entries into future PBA Tour events.
- Points status will be an important factor in consideration for 2019 PBA Player and Rookie of the Year voting at the end of the year.

Heading into the Masters, the top 40 in PBA competition points are listed below. A number of additional players could advance based upon how they finish in the Masters. For the complete 2019 points standings, click here: <https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/PointsList/132?list=1>.

The USBC Masters will conclude with a live two-hour telecast on FS1 on Sunday, April 1, at 9 p.m. Eastern.

### **PBA PLAYOFFS POINTS STANDINGS**

**(As of Thursday, March 21)**

1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 29,210

- 2, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 17,715
- 3, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 17,160
- 4, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 16,960
- 5, Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas, 15,775
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### **BAYSIDE BOWL, PORTLAND ARE GETTING READY FOR A BIG YEAR**

Bayside Bowl and its rabid fans in Portland, Maine, are getting ready for the biggest year in bowling Maine has ever seen, and the Portland business community is solidly behind the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour's invasion.

PBA CEO and Commissioner **Tom Clark** made a special pre-World Series of Bowling trip to Portland for a special kickoff event for 2019 that include the participation of a host of participating sponsors, including: Maine Beer Company, Port Property Management, [bowlingball.com](http://bowlingball.com), Dexter, Revision Energy, Hyatt Place, Residence Inn, Local Economy Payroll & Tax, Bernstein Shur, Maine Health, Clark Insurance, State 23 Media, Spectrum, Portland Downtown, City of Portland, Portland Regional Chamber of Commerce, Visit Portland and Buy Local.

Bayside Bowl will be host to the inaugural PBA Playoffs elimination rounds, April 8-10; the PBA League Draft, April 8; the live PBA Playoffs semifinal and final rounds, live on FOX, June 1-2, and the complete PBA League Elias Cup competition, live on FS1, July 16-18.

### **PBA BOWLING CHALLENGE'S PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SPECIAL EVENT IS UNDERWAY**

Competition in the special Concrete Software PBA Bowling Challenge mobile game PBA World Series of Bowling 10th anniversary special event is now underway. Millions of mobile device users are invited to try to bowl a game higher than PBA World Champion **Jason Belmonte's** winning 236 effort that aired live on FS1 on Thursday night.

The special PBA Bowling Challenge "tournament" began Friday and will end on Thursday, March 28. It features a custom WSOB X venue, and the introduction of a special ball that can be used in the competition. Players can enter as often as they wish. All scores that beat Belmonte's 236 will be entered into a sweepstakes pool with one lucky winner to be selected to win a bowling pin signed by the PBA World Champion plus 5,000 Gold Pins.

To review the official rules, visit: [http://bit.ly/PBA\\_OfficialRules](http://bit.ly/PBA_OfficialRules). If you have not already done so, the PBA Bowling Challenge game can be downloaded to your mobile device at no cost. Visit <https://concretesoftware.com/games/pba-bowling-challenge/> for details.

### **PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: BORESCH WINS PBA50 EVENT IN ILLINOIS**

**Lennie Boresch, Jr.** of Kenosha, Wis., defeated **Brian Menini** of Brookfield, Mo., 258-199, to win the PBA50 Showtime Lanes Midwest/Central Open presented by Radical at Showtime Lanes in Virden, Ill., Sunday.

The title was Boresch's sixth PBA50 Regional title. He earned \$1,500 along with his title.

Boresch defeated **Gary Alstott** of Washington, Ill., 247-176, and Menini topped **Brian Kretzer** of Dayton, Ohio, 259-232, in the semifinal round to set up the championship match.

- A busy schedule of PBA Regional activity resumes over the March 22-24 weekend with the PBA50 Rossi Lanes East Open in Elmira, N.Y.; the Hubbard Central Open presented by Brunswick at Bell-Wick Bowl in Hubbard, Ohio; the PBA50 Allstate Monte Skeets Midwest/Central Open presented by Ebonite at Liberty Lanes in Carpentersville, Ill.; the PBA50 Ultra Star Multi-Tainment Center South Open at Harrah's Cherokee Casino in Cherokee, N.C., and the Caveman Bowl Northwest/West Open presented by DV8 in Grants Pass, Ore.

- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit [pba.com](http://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](http://pba.com) (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

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## **Walter Ray, PDW Are In; Two-Time MVP Dick Allen is "Free Agent" Awaiting PBA League Draft on April 8**

*PBAL managers announce protected players for 2019 rosters*

**PORTLAND, Maine (March 25, 2019)** – PBA Hall of Famers Walter Ray Williams Jr. and Pete Weber are in. Two-time PBA League Most Valuable Player Dick Allen is among the "free agents" on the outside awaiting his fate after the PBAL's eight team managers announced on Monday the players they have returned to their 2019 rosters based on previous performances in PBA League competition.

PBA League fans can begin the debate over who will fill out the team roster vacancies when the PBA League Draft is held on Monday, April 8 at Bayside Bowl. Among those hoping to make their PBA League debut in 2019 are 2018 PBA Player of the Year Andrew Anderson of Holly, Mich., and first-time PBA Tour title winners Kris Prather of Plainfield, Ill., and Matt Ogle of Louisville, Ky.

For the first time, Bayside fans will have an opportunity to attend the draft when the eight 2019 team managers complete their rosters as the draft airs live on FloBowling, PBA's official online live-streaming outlet, beginning at 4 p.m. EDT.

Leading off the draft, Portland Lumberjacks manager Tim Mack will make the first pick from a pool of players who finish in the top 40 in 2019 competition points as of Monday, April 1 by virtue of the Lumberjacks' last-place finish in the 2018 Elias Cup tournament. Choosing second will be L.A. X, followed by the Brooklyn Styles, New York City Kingpins, Motown Muscle, Dallas Strikers, Philadelphia Hitmen and defending champion Silver Lake Atom Splitters. The serpentine draft will then find the Atom Splitters making the first selection as the second round reverses the selection order. The Brooklyn Styles, who protected only two of their five 2018 rostered players, will then make the final selection to complete their five-player roster.

In order to be eligible for the draft pool, PBA members must be ranked in the top 40 in the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour competition points standings at the conclusion of the 2019 USBC Masters on April 1. The PBA points list heading into the Masters is noted below, with players in bold already selected for 2019 and an asterisk identifying players who were on a 2018 roster, but not protected and therefore returned to the draft pool.

Once the PBA Playoffs point list is finalized, eligible players will have until Wednesday, April 3, to declare their intent to enter the draft. Following the draft, managers will have until Monday, April 15, to make player trades if they are so inclined.

April 8 will not only be "draft day" in Portland but will also debut the inaugural round of PBA Playoffs matches that will air later in the evening, live on FS1 at 7 p.m. Eastern. The PBA Playoffs is a new Go Bowling! PBA Tour singles competition that will feature the season's top 24 players in competition points in a single-elimination match play series. The entire PBA Playoff series will air in eight FS1 telecasts in April and May, leading up to the live FOX telecasts of the semifinal and final rounds on June 1 and 2. The winner will earn a PBA Tour title and \$100,000. Bayside Bowl will host the entire PBA Playoffs series.

PBA League players will return to Bayside Bowl for the 2019 PBA League Elias Cup competition on July 16, 17 and 18. All rounds will air live on FOX Sports' FS1 in prime time.

### **2019 PBA LEAGUE TEAM ROSTERS (including players protected from 2018 rosters)**

- Portland Lumberjacks (manager Mack): Ryan Ciminelli, Wes Malott, Kyle Troup.
- L.A. X (manager Andrew Cain): Jason Belmonte, Stuart Williams, Jakob Butturff.
- Brooklyn Styles (manager Johnny Petraglia): Walter Ray Williams Jr., Sean Rash.
- New York City KingPins (manager Carolyn Dorin-Ballard): Pete Weber, Marshall Kent, BJ Moore.

- Motown Muscle (manager Del Ballard Jr.): EJ Tackett, Anthony Simonsen, Josh Blanchard.
- Dallas Strikers: player-manager Norm Duke, Tommy Jones, Bill O'Neill.
- Philadelphia Hitmen (manager Jason Couch): Dom Barrett, Tom Smallwood, Matt Sanders.
- Silver Lake Atom Splitters (manager Mark Baker): Chris Barnes, Jesper Svensson, Tom Daugherty.

## **PBA PLAYOFFS POINTS STANDINGS**

*(As of Monday, March 25; players in bold face are already members of 2019 PBA League teams; \* denotes players who were on 2018 rosters and will be eligible for the 2019 draft if they finish among the top 40 in points as of April 1)*

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 29,210**
- 2, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 17,715**
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**103, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 968**

## **2019 PBA LEAGUE ELIAS CUP FINALS SCHEDULE**

*(A part of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour)*

**Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine, July 16-18 (live on FS1)**

### **Tuesday, July 16**

3:30 p.m. – Bayside Bowl rooftop “tailgate party”

7 p.m. – Quarterfinal Match One: Team #1 vs. Team #8

8 p.m. – Quarterfinal Match Two: Team #5 vs. Team #4

9 p.m. – Quarterfinal Match Three: Team #2 vs. Team #7

10 p.m. – Quarterfinal Match Four: Team #6 vs. Team #3

### **Wednesday, July 17**

9 p.m. – Semifinal Match One: Winner Match One vs. Winner Match Two

10 p.m. – Semifinal Match Two: Winner Match Three vs. Winner Match Four

### **Thursday, July 18**

9 p.m. – Elias Cup Championship: Winner Semifinal One vs. Winner Semifinal Two

## **Ray Edwards Wins PBA50 Rossi Lanes Open for 22nd PBA Regional Title**

**Elmira, N.Y. (March 24, 2019)** – Ray Edwards of Middle Island, N.Y., defeated Mike Hastings of Millsboro, Del., 237-216, to win his 22nd PBA Regional title in the PBA50 Rossi Lanes Eastern Open at Rossi Lanes Sunday.

Edwards, a three-time East Region Player of the Year and a two-time East Region Senior Player of the Year, qualified fifth, earning a bye for the first round of Sunday's finals. He defeated 2013 champion John Conroy of Mahopac, N.Y., 2-0, in the best-of-three-game Round of 12 and Don Herrington of Ballston Lake, N.Y. 2-0 before eliminating 2016 champ Brian Boghosian of Springfield, Mass., 225-212, in the semifinal round.

Hastings, who also had a one round bye, defeated Larry Woomer of State College, Pa., 2-0 in the Round of 12; Sammy Ventura of Norwich, N.Y. 2-0 in the Round of 8, and two-time Rossi Lanes champ Jeff Zaffino of Warren, Pa., 206-178, in his semifinal round match.

The win was worth \$3,200 for Edwards, while Hastings won \$1,600 as the runner-up.

The next PBA East Region event is the PBA Bowlers Discount Pro Shop Open presented by DV8 hosted by AMF Towson Lanes in Towson, Md., April 12-14.

### **PBA50 ROSSI LANES EASTERN OPEN Rossi Lanes, Elmira, N.Y., Sunday**

**Championship:** Ray Edwards, Middle Island, N.Y. (\$3,200) def. Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., (\$1,600), 237-216.

#### **Semifinal Round (losers earned \$900):**

Edwards def. n-Brian Boghosian, Springfield, Mass., 225-212.

Hastings def., Jeff Zaffino, Warren, Pa. 206-178.

#### **Round of 8 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$700 each):**

Edwards def. Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 2-0 (238-200, 223-195).

Hastings def. Sammy Ventura, Norwich, N.Y., 2-0 (223-183, 258-213).

Boghosian def. n-James Patricelli, Troy, N.Y., 2-0 (245-175, 242-225).

Zaffino def. Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 2-0 (247-189, 259-206).

#### **Round of 12 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$650 each):**

Edwards def. John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 2-0 (215-205, 289-213).

Hastings def. Larry Woomer, State College, Pa., 2-0 (279-166, 225-184).  
Zaffino def. Rich Wilburn, Adamstown, Md., 2-0 (254-236, 247-214).  
Patricelli def. Keith Doran, Pomona, N.Y., 2-1 (189-231, 193-177, 248-181).

**Round of 16 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$600 each):**

Zaffino def. Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., 2-1 (246-234, 213-257, 246-192).  
Conroy def. Chris Fedden, Albany, N.Y., 2-1 (213-202, 171-207, 254-234).  
Woomer def. Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 2-0 (215-205, 258-192).  
Patricelli def. Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 2-1 (159-225, 223-186, 208-202).

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## **Jeff Bellinger Wins PBA50 UltraStar Cherokee South Open**

**Cherokee, N.C. (March 24, 2019)** – Jeff Bellinger of Columbia, S.C., defeated Brett Caramagno of Goose Creek, S.C., 252-206, to win the PBA50 UltraStar at Harrahs Cherokee Resort South Open at UltraStar Lanes Sunday.

Bellinger, who won \$2,200 along with his 16th career regional title, started of the championship match with a four bagger and never looked back as Brett Caramagno had some early opens and never made up the deficit. Brett received \$1,200 for his second-place effort in only his second event as a senior.

In the semifinal round, Bellinger defeated Aaron White of Cleveland, Tenn., 198-183, while Caramagno disposed of Mitch Beasley of Clarksville, Tenn., 243-231.

The tournament drew 61 age 50-and-older players. The PBA South Region's next tournament will be the PBA Valdosta South Open April 12.

### **PBA50 ULTRASTAR AT HARRAHS CHEROKEE RESORT SOUTH OPEN UltraStar Lanes, Cherokee, N.C., Sunday**

**Championship:**

Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C. (\$2,200) def. Brett Caramagno, Goose Creek, S.C. (\$1,200), 252-206.

**Semifinal Round (losers earned \$900):**

Bellinger def. Aaron White, Cleveland, Tenn., 198-183.  
Caramagno def. Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 243-231.

**Round of 8 (three games total pinfall, losers eliminated and earned \$700 each):**

Caramagno def. Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio 700-672.  
Beasley def. Scott Thomsen, Sumter, S.C., 720-644.  
Bellinger def. Charlie Tomey, Spartanburg, S.C., 654-539.  
White def. Tom Baker, King, N.C., 681-658.

**Round of 12 (total pinfall three games, losers eliminated and earned \$600 each):**

Caramagno def. Chuck Walker, Blaine, Tenn., 711-618.  
Tomey def. n-Frank Massengale, Hixson, Tenn., 651-632.  
White def. Stoney. Baker, Canton, Ga., 674-663.  
Thomsen def. Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., 728-628.

**Round of 16 (total pinfall three games, losers eliminated and earned \$525 each):**

Tomey def. Joe Firpo, Tucker, Ga., 733-669.

Thomsen def. Mike Byers, Charleston, S.C., 704-606.

S. Baker def. Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., 698-557.

Caramagno def. Charlie Toney, Oak Hill, W. Va., 725-618.

300 Games: Jeff Bellinger

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16-Year-Old Salama, Kent lead USBC Masters after First Round  
By Aaron Smith, USBC Communications

LAS VEGAS - Just days after returning home from the World Bowling Junior Championships in Paris, Solomon Salama of Beverly Hills, California, has ascended to the top of the standings after the opening round at the 2019 USBC Masters

The 16-year-old two-hander, who is bowling the Masters as an amateur, leads a field of 450 bowlers at the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino after posting a five-game block of 1,184, a 236.8 average, on Wednesday.

Marshall Kent of Yakima, Washington, rolled Wednesday's only 300 game to move into second place in the standings with 1,158. Greg Thompson Jr. of Tempe, Arizona, is third with 1,147, Kyle Sherman of O'Fallon, Missouri, is fourth with 1,138 and Mykel Holliman of Collierville, Tennessee, is fifth with 1,134.

Salama, who attacks the lanes from the left side, had been competing as part of Junior Team USA at the World Junior Championships, where he claimed a silver medal in doubles with Anthony Neuer of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

After returning from his trip, he stayed home for just one evening before beginning his trek to Las Vegas to make his debut at the Masters.

"It was a little hectic at times," said Salama, a two-time winner at the Junior Gold Championships. "I only had one night to wash all of my clothes and make it here, but since I enjoy doing this, I didn't really find it to be too much of a hassle."

Salama started competition Wednesday on the "burn" variation of this week's 39-foot condition, meaning one squad already had bowled on the pattern before his squad.

He quickly found the right line, firing games of 206, 279, 280 and 228 before finishing with 191.

"The first couple of games, I wasn't seeing a lot of shape in the middle," Salama said. "So, I had to keep it outside the whole time. I tried to keep everything in front of me to get my ball to roll off the spot." Salama's final two rounds of qualifying will be contested on the fresh, but he feels confident in his ability to create the ball reaction he'd like to see.

He also has confidence from finding previous success at Gold Coast. Earlier this year, Salama finished in fourth place at the USBC Team USA Trials to also earn his spot on Team USA for 2019.

"I feel like the right-handers have to chase the fronts, and I can keep left and do what I do," Salama said. "My carry has been pretty good here, too. It just seems to match up for me."

Salama entered this year's event hoping to gain experience and test himself against the best in the world. Through one round, he's put himself in the best possible position to advance to the tournament's double-elimination match-play bracket to continue his education process.

"I wasn't expecting very much coming in this year," Salama said. "I was just looking to see what the competition is like and gain some experience. I'm going to try and enjoy my time and hope to continue to bowl well."

All competitors will return to Gold Coast on Thursday for the second round of qualifying, starting with B Squad competitors at 11 a.m. Eastern.

Qualifying will consist of three five-game blocks over three days to determine the 63 players joining defending champion Andrew Anderson of Holly, Michigan, in match play. Anderson is guaranteed the No. 64 spot in the bracket but can improve his seeding through qualifying. After Wednesday's opening round, Anderson is tied for 199th place with a 958 total.

Four-time PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte who is coming off a PBA World Championship win for a record 11th career major finished the first round in a tie for 94th with a 1,010 pinfall total. He's having to use an altered grip with the fingers on his right hand because of an accident suffered in a youth event prior to the Masters.

Competition in the match-play bracket will begin Saturday, with three-game total-pinfall matches determining which players advance. The top five players will advance to Monday's stepladder finals, which will be broadcast live at 9 p.m. Eastern on FS1.

For complete Masters first round standings click on <http://scores.bowl.com/2019masters/qualifying1.pdf>

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Matt O'Grady "Four-Peats" with Another Hubbard Central Open Title

Hubbard, Ohio (Mar. 24, 2019) – Matt O'Grady of Rahway, N.J. defeated Patrick Dombrowski of Parma, Ohio, 215-209, to win the Professional Bowlers Association Hubbard Central Open presented by Brunswick at Bell-Wick Bowl Sunday for the fourth consecutive year.

O' Grady, who won his first and only PBA Tour title in the 2018 PBA Tournament of Champions, earned his sixth career PBA Regional title and the \$2,500 first prize.

Dombrowski defeated Chris Via of Springfield, Ohio, 202-187, to advance to the championship match after downing Graham Fach of Urbana, Ohio, 235-222, in the first stepladder match. Dombrowski earned \$1,300 for second place, Via \$1,150 for third and Angelo \$1,000 for fourth.

The next PBA Central Region event will be Debbie & Leo Nunan Memorial Central Open in Grove City, Ohio, April 12-14.

#### PBA HUBBARD CENTRAL OPEN PRESENTED BY BRUNSWICK

Bell-Wick Bowl, Hubbard, Ohio, Sunday

#### Final Standings:

- 1, Matthew O'Grady, Rahway, N.Y., \$2,500.
- 2, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio \$1,300.
- 3, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, \$1,150.
- 4, Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, \$1,000.

#### Stepladder Results:

Match One – Dombrowski def. Fach, 235-222

Semifinal Match – Dombrowski def. Via, 202-187

Championship — O'Grady def. Dombrowski, 215-209

#### Other Cashers (after 20 games):

- 1, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 8-4, 4,474.
- 2, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 6-6, 4,329.
- 3, Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 5-7, 4,300.
- 4, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 5-7, 4,292.
- 5, Chandler Stevens, Archbold, Ohio, 7-5, 4,251, \$850.
- 6, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 7-5, 4,197, \$750.
- 7, Samuel DeWitt III, Pittsburgh, Pa., 8-4, 4,156, \$700.
- 8, n-JR Martino, Pittsburgh, Pa., 7-5, 4,138, \$675.
- 9, n-Jonathan Kleer, Crescent, Pa., 6-6, 4,124, \$650.
- 10, Kyle Mayberry, Mechanicsburg, Ohio, 4-8, 4,077, \$630.
- 11, Jim Bryant, Hubbard, Ohio, 5-7, 4,031, \$615.
- 12, Stephen Haas, Enola, Pa., 4-8, 3,898, \$600.

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AJ Johnson Averages 232.8 after Two Rounds to Take USBC Masters Lead  
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AJ Johnson Averages 232.8 after Two Rounds to Take USBC Masters Lead  
By Aaron Smith, USBC Communications

LAS VEGAS - AJ Johnson of Oswego, Illinois, posted the top block Thursday at the 2019 USBC Masters to take over the top spot through two rounds at the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino.

The 26-year-old right-hander, fired games of 246, 222, 234, 257 and 256 for a five-game total of 1,215 to bring his overall tally for 10 games to 2,328, a 232.8 average.

Opening-round leader Solomon Salama of Beverly Hills, California, dropped to second with 2,314, while Japan's Shota Kawazoe moved into third with 2,281. Jake Peters of Henderson, Nevada, is fourth with 2,242, and Michael Machuga of Erie, Pennsylvania, is fifth with 2,217.

Johnson, trying for his first Go Bowling! PBA Tour title, has been avoiding mistakes through his first two rounds, recording a low game of 211.

"I'm just staying patient," said Johnson, who was the runner-up at the 2015 USBC Masters. "This pattern is playing pretty tough, so all I'm trying to do is hit the 1-3 (pocket) as much as I can. I'm trying to take everything in stride. Just hit the pocket, make my spares and move on."

Johnson has made some changes to his game early in 2019, including switching his bowling ball brand and dropping to 15 lb. equipment. It's been an adjustment, but he's seeing progress each week.

"It's been a slow progress, but it's been progressing in the right direction each week," said Johnson, a five-time member of Team USA. "I've been bowling really well, but I've just been missing one or two things here or there. I feel the switch to from 16 to 15 has helped my ball reaction because the (bowling ball) core numbers are so different. I feel like I have more variety and don't feel like I'm locked into certain balls at certain times throughout the day. Plus, all of the guys on the team have been really helpful."

Johnson's second round was contested on the fresh 39-foot oil pattern being used this week, and he'll return to the fresh Friday to conclude qualifying. He was able to play to his strengths Thursday and hopes to continue to find that reaction for the remainder of his time at Gold Coast.

"I tried to stay behind it and roll it a little more, while staying right," Johnson said. "Once you get in, the pattern tends to flatten out a bit and get tricky. A lot of guys were throwing urethane today, so I felt I could stay a little closer to it and roll it, which plays to my A game. It worked out very well today, and hopefully my A game still is in play tomorrow."

All competitors will return Friday for the final round of qualifying, with bowlers on C Squad kicking off the action at 11 a.m. Eastern.

Qualifying consists of three five-game blocks over three days to determine the 63 players joining defending champion Andrew Anderson of Holly, Michigan, in match play. Anderson is guaranteed the No. 64 spot in the bracket but can improve his seeding through qualifying. After two rounds, Anderson is tied for 99th place with a 2,004 total.

Heading into Friday, Colombia's Oscar Rodriguez and Minneapolis' Matt McNiel are tied for 63rd place with a 2,048 total, a 204.8 average.

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## PBA Spare Shots

### BRAD MILLER WINS WORLD SERIES “CARANO AWARD” AS MOST IMPROVED PLAYER

**Brad Miller** of Lees Summit, Mo., earned the 2019 PBA Don Carano Award as the most improved player in PBA World Series of Bowling X compared to his performance in WSOB IX in Reno in 2017.

Miller, a 29-year-old seven-year PBA member, finished 41st in the 135-player field at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich., moving up 99 places compared to 2017. He won the honor by a single place in the standings over **Brian Robinson** of Morgantown, W.Va., who finished 43rd on the overall standings after the Cheetah, Chameleon and Scorpion Championship qualifying rounds, 98 places better than his 141st place in 2017. Coincidentally, Miller and Robinson were the only two players in the 2019 field who posted higher averages than they did in the 2017 qualifying rounds. Miller averaged 209.63 for his three animal pattern events in 2019 – up 1.36 pins over 2017 – while Robinson averaged 209.33 this year compared to 208.25 – a 1.08-pin improvement over 2017.

"A lot of great things are happening this year and this just solidifies it," Miller said, referring in part to his second-place finish in the Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship earlier in the season with partner **Kyle Sherman**. "From year to year I worked on my balance. Before, I didn't have a lot of leverage, so I got lower to ground and got my hand under the ball, and it's changed everything."

(As a side note, Miller and Sherman have created a popular YouTube channel they are using to chronicle their PBA Tour life this year. It already has nearly 25,000 subscribers. To check it out their inside look at life on the PBA Tour, click here: [https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=brad+and+kyle](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=brad+and+kyle).)

As the winner of the second Carano award, Miller will receive a premium bottle of Ferrari Carano wine from the Carano family winery, dinner for two at Carano's La Strada Ristorante and complimentary luxury accommodations at Eldorado or Silver Legacy Resort Casino.

Germany's **Tobias Börding** won the inaugural PBA Don Carano Award in 2017, honoring the patriarch of the Carano family that was integral in the building of the National Bowling Stadium and the development of Reno's Tri-Properties. Carano died on Oct. 3, 2017, at age 85.

### **TROUP, RASH, BARNES RECEIVE DHC PBA JAPAN INVITATIONS**

The PBA field for the 2019 DHC PBA Japan Invitational is set with the additions of **Kyle Troup, Sean Rash** and **Chris Barnes** as team captain as invitees by the tournament sponsor. Also joining the international field of 16 will be PBA Japan Region champion **Yuka Tsuchiya** and a Korea PBA player to be named later.

PBA members who had previously qualified for invitations based on competition points are 2018 PBA Player of the Year **Andrew Anderson, Anthony Simonsen, EJ Tackett, Kris Prather, Stuart Williams, Jason Belmonte, Marshall Kent, Bill O'Neill** and **Jakob Butturff**. Defending DHC Japan champion **Dom Barrett** also will return when the 2019 event is held April 27-29 at Tokyo Port Bowl.

The international players will be joined by 16 Japanese bowlers who will qualify during a pre-tournament qualifier a week ahead of the main event. The tournament offers an estimated \$35,000 first prize plus a PBA Tour title. PBA's official live streaming partner, FloBowling, will cover the event in its entirety.

### **PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: O'GRADY WINS FOURTH CONSECUTIVE HUBBARD OPEN TITLE**

**Matt O'Grady** of Rahway, N.J. defeated **Patrick Dombrowski** of Parma, Ohio, 215-209, to win the PBA Hubbard Central Open presented by Brunswick at Bell-Wick Bowl in Hubbard, Ohio, on Sunday for the fourth consecutive year.

O' Grady, who won his first and only PBA Tour title in the 2018 PBA Tournament of Champions, earned his sixth career PBA Regional title and the \$2,500 first prize.

Dombrowski defeated **Chris Via** of Springfield, Ohio, 202-187, to advance to the championship match after downing **Graham Fach** of Urbana, Ohio, 235-222, in the first stepladder match.

• **Ray Edwards** of Middle Island, N.Y., defeated **Mike Hastings** of Millsboro, Del., 237-216, to win \$3,200 and his 22nd overall PBA Regional title in the PBA50 Rossi Lanes Eastern Open at Rossi Lanes in Elmira, N.Y., Sunday.

Edwards, a three-time East Region Player of the Year and a two-time East Region Senior Player of the Year, qualified fifth, earning a bye for the first round of Sunday's finals. He defeated 2013 champion **John Conroy** of Mahopac, N.Y., 2-0, in the best-of-three-game Round of 12 and **Don Herrington** of Ballston Lake, N.Y. 2-0 before eliminating 2016 winner **Brian Boghosian** of Springfield, Mass., 225-212, in the semifinal round.

Hastings, who also had a one round bye, defeated **Larry Woomer** of State College, Pa., 2-0 in the Round of 12; **Sammy Ventura** of Norwich, N.Y. 2-0 in the Round of 8, and two-time Rossi Lanes champ **Jeff Zaffino** of Warren, Pa., 206-178, in his semifinal round match.

- **Jeff Bellinger** of Columbia, S.C., defeated **Brett Caramagno** of Goose Creek, S.C., 252-206, to win \$2,000 and his 15th overall PBA Regional title in the PBA50 UltraStar at Harrahs Cherokee Resort South Open at UltraStar Lanes in Cherokee, N.C., Sunday.

Bellinger started of the championship match with a four bagger and never looked back as Caramagno had some early opens. It was Caramagno's second event as a senior.

In the semifinal round, Bellinger defeated **Aaron White** of Cleveland, Tenn., 198-183, while Caramagno disposed of PBA50 rookie **Mitch Beasley** of Clarksville, Tenn., 243-231.

- **John Marsala** of St. Louis defeated **Harry Sullins** of Chesterfield, Township, Mich. by 149 pins to win the PBA50 Monte Skeels Allstate Midwest/Central Open presented by Ebonite at Liberty Lanes in Carpentersville, Ill., Saturday.

Marsala, who won a national title in the 2018 PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic in Anderson, Ind., finished with a 5-3 match play record and a total of 3,914 pins for 15 games, including match play bonus pins, to win his first PBA50 Regional title. He also earned \$1,500. The one day-reduced entry fee event drew 57 entries.

- **Dean Richards** of Tacoma, Wash., defeated non-PBA member **Robert Harmon** of Jackson, Calif., 251-230, to win his fifth PBA Regional title and \$2,000 in the DV8 Northwest/West Open at Caveman Bowl in Grants Pass, Ore., Sunday.

Harmon defeated **Bob Rosenau** of Redding, Calif., 215-204, in the semifinal match, after **Warren Crawford** of McKinleyville defeated **Mark Mazzulla** of Brentwood, Calif., in the opening match of the stepladder finals, 209-203. Harmon then eliminated Crawford, 257-233.

- April arrives with a full schedule of PBA Regional activity beginning over the April 5-7 weekend with the Grand Casino Resort Southwest Open presented by Brunswick at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla.

- Headlining the April 12-14 PBA Regional schedule will be the Bowlers Discount Pro Shop Open presented by DV8 at AMF Towson Lanes in Towson, Md.; the Debbie and Leo Nunan Memorial Central Open presented by Track at AMF Stardust Lanes in Grove City, Ohio; the Jac's Lanes Valdosta South Open presented by DV8 in Valdosta, Ga., and the PBA and PBA50 Earl Anthony West/Northwest Memorial doubleheader at Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl in Dublin, Calif.

- The only event heading into the Easter weekend is the PBA50 Sarasota Ford South Open April 18-20 at Sarasota Lanes in Florida.
- Closing the April PBA Regional calendar over the April 26-28 weekend will be the Houston Copperfield Southwest Challenge for non-title winners, presented by Global 900; the Brighton Construction Myrtle Beach South Open at Myrtle Beach Bowl in South Carolina; the Oklahoma City Southwest Open presented by Roto Grip at Planet Bowl in Oklahoma; the PBA/PBA50 Tumwater Lanes Doubles event presented by MOTIV in Tumwater, Wash., and the Greater Richmond Central Open at Richmond 40 Bowl in Richmond, Ind.
- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit [pba.com](http://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](http://pba.com) (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

#### QUICK NOTES:

- The BJI Cyber Report notes the iconic National Bowling Stadium in Reno, a long-time host to many prestigious PBA events on national and regional levels, turns 25 next year. To celebrate the facility’s 25th anniversary, an expansive remodeling job is underway that will result in expanded room, revamped bleachers, a completely new air conditioning system and more. Listen to BJI Editor **Gianmarc Manzione**’s podcast with USBC Open Championships tournament director **Duane Hagen** to learn more about the changes: <http://www.bowlersjournal.com/podcast-duane-hagen-on-the-national-bowling-stadiums-25th-anniversary/>
- **Jason Belmonte**’s record 11th PBA major title, won in the PBA World Championship during PBA WSOB X at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich., on March 21, will earn him recognition in the 2020 edition of the Guinness Book of Records.

Salama, Johnson Lead Field of 64 Heading Into USBC Masters Match Play  
by Jerry Schneider | Saturday, March 30, 12:19 AM

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By Aaron Smith, USBC Communications

LAS VEGAS - Solomon Salama, a 16-year-old two-hander, is the qualifying leader after 15 games at the 2019 USBC Masters

Salama, from Beverly Hills, California, led a field of 450 of the top bowlers in the world at the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino, finishing qualifying with a 3,492 total, a 232.8 average.

AJ Johnson of Oswego, Illinois, finished qualifying in second place with 3,423, Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona, is third with 3,362, Michael Machuga of Erie, Pennsylvania, is fourth with 3,335 and Japan's Shota Kawazoe rounds out the top five with 3,329.

Johnson, who finished second in the 2015 Masters, is trying for his first Go Bowling! PBA Tour title.

The 2019 event now will transition to match play starting Saturday at 1 p.m. Eastern. A total of 64 players advanced to the tournament's double-elimination bracket.

The final spots in match play went to Jonathan Van Hees of Charlestown, Rhode Island, and Canada's Patrick Girard, who finished qualifying tied for 62nd place with a 3,069 total, a 204.6 average. Van Hees rolled 206 in his final game to move into the cut, while Girard was able to hold on after finishing qualifying with 139.

Defending champion Andrew Anderson of Holly, Michigan, finished qualifying in a tie for 153rd place with 2,944, but he was guaranteed the No. 64 spot in the bracket if he was unable to improve his seeding through qualifying.

image[1]Salama, who attacks the lanes from the left-side, will face off against Anderson, a 23-year-old right-hander, in Saturday's first round.

Salama also was the leader after Wednesday's opening round of competition and reclaimed the top spot after games of 250, 178, 258, 213 and 279 on Friday for a 1,178 set.

The two-time Junior Gold Championships winner recently competed for Junior Team USA at the World Bowling Junior Championships in Paris, winning a silver medal in doubles with Anthony Neuer of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, and he showed total command of his game on this week's 39-foot oil pattern.

"It feels pretty good," said Salama, who also is part of Team USA after earning a spot at the 2019 USBC Team USA Trials, which also was held at Gold Coast. "I felt like I matched up really well this week. I executed the way I wanted to and made some really good ball changes when I needed to, since pair to pair is a little weird.

"My strategy won't change heading into match play. I'm going to execute and try to keep it all left. I doesn't really matter who I bowl, I just need to focus on my game."

Qualifying consisted of 15 games over three days to determine the 63 bowlers joining Anderson in the bracket.

Bracket matches will be three-game total-pinfall contests to determine which players advance. Match play will continue Sunday until the top five players are determined for Monday's stepladder finals, which will be broadcast live at 9 p.m. Eastern on FS1.

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For complete Masters qualifying results click on <http://scores.bowl.com/2019masters/qualifying3.pdf>

USBC Masters Field Down to 16 Heading into Final Day of Match Play  
by Jerry Schneider | Saturday, March 30, 10:34 PM

USBC Masters Field Down to 16 Heading into Final Day of Match Play  
By Aaron Smith, USBC Communications

A total of eight players remain in the winners bracket at the 2019 USBC Masters after the opening rounds of match play Saturday at the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino.

Eight additional players still are in contention with the tournament's double-elimination format and have the opportunity to advance to the stepladder finals and claim the \$30,000 top prize and major championship on the Professional Bowlers Association Tour schedule.

The 16 players left in the field will return to Gold Coast on Sunday at 1 p.m. Eastern, and match play will continue until the top five players for Monday's stepladder finals are determined. The finals will be broadcast live at 9 p.m. Eastern on FS1.

One of the eight remaining players in the winners bracket is Mykel Holliman of Collierville, Tennessee, who is making his USBC Masters debut this week.

After finishing qualifying in 12th place, the 26-year-old left-hander rolled through his three matches Saturday by averaging more than 239 in wins over Martin Larsen of Sweden (733-574), Greg Thompson Jr. of Tempe, Arizona (740-536), and Dom Barrett of England (686-575).

He'll face Marshall Kent of Yakima, Washington, in Sunday's opening three-game total-pinfal contest. Holliman started his week with a strong opening block of qualifying Wednesday, which included a 299 game, but he admitted the second and third rounds didn't go as well as he would have liked, primarily with his spare shooting.

Holliman. Mykiel\_WichitaKS\_2019WSOB (1) Holliman came in with a fresh mindset Saturday for match play and was able to minimize mistakes throughout his three victories.

"Coming into today, I told myself I needed to start over," Holliman said. "It's a new day and new tournament, so I wanted to come out and just make good shots and go from there. This morning, I saw a little more hook on the gutter and was able to play that a little better. I also had a few breaks in there, but I made all my spares."

Holliman is a rookie on the PBA Tour this season, and he's fresh off a strong showing at the PBA World Series of Bowling X. He was able to make the top 16 at the PBA Cheetah Championship and just missed advancing to the championship round, finishing in fifth place.

The World Series of Bowling and Masters had been events on Holliman's bucket list, and he's been able to show that he can compete with the best players in the world.

He's ready to take the next step and now is just two wins away from securing a spot in the stepladder finals.

"This is a tournament I've always wanted to bowl, and it's been a fun experience," Holliman said. "But, it's definitely been challenging so far. For tomorrow, I plan to come in like I did today. It's a new day and a new tournament. I'm going to take it one shot at a time and try not to press myself too hard."

Other matches in the winners bracket Sunday include Brad Miller of Raytown, Missouri, against Ireland's Christopher Sloan, Jake Peters of Henderson, Nevada, taking on Jonathan Van Hees of Charlestown, Rhode Island, and Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona, versus Rhino Page of Orlando, Florida.

Anthony Simonsen of Princeton, Texas, is the only remaining Masters champion in the field. The 2016 champion, who became the youngest to win a major with his Masters win at age 19, will face PJ Haggerty of Roseville, California, on Sunday in the elimination bracket.

Simonsen avoided elimination in an elimination bracket match against Justin Dunn when he was down by more than 90 pin after the first game of the three-game match but came back to win with a narrow 731-729 victory

The bracket at the 2019 Masters was determined by 15 qualifying games over three days at Gold Coast. The top 63 players from the 450-player field joined defending champion Andrew Anderson of Holly, Michigan, in the double-elimination bracket.

Anderson's title defense came to an end Saturday after finishing tied for 17th place. He won his first two matches before falling to Miller, 687-605, and Kyle Sherman of O'Fallon, Missouri, 717-562.

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Jakob Butturff Goes 6-0 in Match Play to Earn Top Seed for USBC Masters Finals  
by Jerry Schneider | Sunday, March 31, 7:58 PM

Jakob Butturff Goes 6-0 in Match Play to Earn Top Seed for USBC Masters Finals  
By Aaron Smith, USBC Communication

LAS VEGAS - Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona, will be bowling in the title match of a major championship for the third time since October after staying undefeated in match play at the 2019 USBC Masters.

The 24-year-old left-hander won six consecutive matches over Saturday and Sunday at the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino to claim the top seed for Monday's stepladder finals, including a 673-665 victory over fellow southpaw Mykel Holliman of Collierville, Tennessee, in the final of the winners bracket. Holliman, 26, will be the No. 2 seed Monday.

033119-Masters-Top-5[1]Butturff and Holliman will be joined on FS1 by Jake Peters of Henderson, Nevada, Canada's Mitch Hupé and Ireland's Christopher Sloan, who advanced from a four-player elimination match to earn the final spots in the stepladder finals.

The finals of the 2019 USBC Masters will be broadcast live at 9 p.m. Eastern on FS1. The champion will claim the \$30,000 top prize and coveted major title on the Professional Bowlers Association Tour schedule.

Butturff still is looking for his first victory at a major championship after runner-up finishes at the U.S. Open (2017 and 2018) and PBA World Championship (2019). He also was the top seed at the U.S. Open in 2017 and 2018.

His run to the top seed proved to be challenging as he struggled with a back injury, but he was able to keep his focus through his nine games Sunday, averaging better than 225 in his three wins.

"I had a lot of pain in my upper back, near my left shoulder," said Butturff, a five-time PBA Tour titlist. "This morning, it was bad enough to where I had to get up and just kind of move around my muscles. I had a lot of pain when I went up to bowl, but I've learned to put pain aside. I just tried to focus on the bowling, not the pain."

Butturff admitted he began to notice some discomfort in the same area during qualifying earlier this week, but he did not experience the same type of pain he felt Sunday and plans to visit a chiropractor prior to Monday's finals.

Despite the pain, Butturff was able to get comfortable this week in a familiar part of the lane on the 39-foot lane condition being used at Gold Coast.

He's also comfortable at the 70-lane venue, having regularly competed at Gold Coast throughout the years. Butturff now hopes to add one more memory to his collection at the center.

"My A game definitely is getting out near the gutter, and I was able to do that all week," said Butturff, a three-time Team USA member. "Gold Coast was one of the centers I grew up in as well, since I used to live in Las Vegas, so I'm comfortable here. Tomorrow, I need to just go out there and bowl my own game. With Mykel on the show, I'll have another left-hander to watch, so I'll keep an eye on his game prior to mine, but I'm going to go out there and give it all I got."

Holliman, who made his debut this week at the Masters, posted the biggest scores throughout match play, averaging more than 230 in his six matches. He's making his first championship-round appearance after just missing the show at the PBA Cheetah Championship earlier this month, finishing in fifth place. Peters is the only other PBA Tour champion in the finals. He claimed his title at the 2013 PBA Badger Open.

Hupé and Sloan will be making the first championship-round appearances of their careers. Peters, Hupé and Sloan advanced to Monday's stepladder finals after making it through the shootout match that included the final four players in the elimination bracket.

Peters jumped into the top spot in the final game after rolling 226 to secure the No. 3 seed with a 668 series. Hupé followed with 648 to claim the No. 4 seed and will face Sloan (603) in Monday's opening match. Kenny Ryan of Farmingdale, New Jersey, finished with 576 and was eliminated in sixth place.

The 2019 Masters consisted of three five-game qualifying blocks for the 450-player field to determine the 63 bowlers joining defending champion Andrew Anderson of Holly, Michigan, in the tournament's double-elimination bracket. Anderson finished tied for 17th place.

For complete Masters bracket results click on <http://scores.bowl.com/2019masters/bracket.pdf>

### **Jason Belmonte Qualifies No. 1 as Field of 24 Heads to Portland, Maine for Inaugural PBA Playoffs**

*\$100,000 first prize awaits the winner in live FOX telecast on Sunday, June 2*

**LAS VEGAS (April 1, 2019)** – After a stunning start to the 2019 Go Bowling! Professional Bowlers Association Tour season, Australia's Jason Belmonte ran away with the competition points race that served as the prelude to the inaugural PBA Playoffs, an historic event that will get underway on April 8 at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine.

The right to earn berths in the Playoffs ended with Monday's finals of the United States Bowling Congress Masters at Gold Coast Bowling Center and now the PBA's elite players head to Maine for an unprecedented series of 10 telecasts on FOX Sports' FS1 and FOX channels, culminating with back-to-back live telecasts of the semifinal and final rounds on Saturday and Sunday, June 1-2, on FOX.

Thanks to record-setting performances thus far in 2019, including PBA Tournament of Champions and PBA World Championship titles for a PBA-record 11th major championships, Belmonte will lead the PBA's 24 best players in 2019 who are headed to Bayside Bowl where the race to a \$100,000 first prize in the inaugural PBA Playoffs will be decided.

The opening round of Playoffs matches will air live on FOX Sports' FS1 channel on Monday, April 8 at 7 p.m. Eastern.

The seven other 2019 competition points leaders who have earned a first-round bye in the single-elimination match play PBA Playoffs, automatically advancing to the Round of 16, are Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., who moved into second place based on his victory in the USBC Masters; [Norm Duke](#), Clermont, Fla.; [Anthony Simonsen](#), Little Elm, Texas; [EJ Tackett](#), Bluffton, Ind.; [Sean Rash](#), Montgomery, Ill.; [Bill O'Neill](#), Langhorne, Pa., and [Tom Daugherty](#), Tampa, Fla.

The players who qualified ninth through 24th will bowl one-game single-elimination matches in the Round of 24 beginning with live coverage of the first four matches on FS1 on April 8. The next four single-game Round of 24 matches will air on FS1 on Monday, April 15.

Round of 24 winners will advance to the Round of 16 for Race-to-2-Points matches against the eight top qualifiers. The Race to 2 Points format means each game won is worth one point. If the players split the first two games, a ninth-and-10th frame roll-off will award the deciding point. The pairings and FS1 telecast schedule for the entire PBA Playoffs are listed below.

Round of 16 and Round of 8 matches will be contested April 9 and 10 at Bayside Bowl to reduce the field to four survivors who will return to Portland for the semifinal and final rounds June 1-2, with both shows airing live on FOX at noon Eastern.

## **FINAL GO BOWLING! PBA TOUR COMPETITION POINTS STANDINGS**

***(Top 8 earn first-round byes in PBA Playoffs; top 24 qualify for the PBA Playoffs; top 40 are eligible to enter the 2019 PBA League Draft)***

- [1, Jason Belmonte](#), Australia, 29,300.
- [2, Jakob Butturff](#), Tempe, Ariz., 24,660.
- [3, Norm Duke](#), Clermont, Fla., 18,295.
- [4, Anthony Simonsen](#), Little Elm, Texas, 18,010.
- [5, EJ Tackett](#), Bluffton, Ind., 17,850.
- [6, Sean Rash](#), Montgomery, Ill., 13,585.
- [7, Bill O'Neill](#), Langhorne, Pa., 13,200.
- [8, Tom Daugherty](#), Tampa, Fla., 12,990.
  
- [9, Kris Prather](#), Plainfield, Ill., 12,720.
- [10, Marshall Kent](#), Yakima, Wash., 12,580.
- [11, Kyle Sherman](#), O'Fallon, Mo., 12,335.

- [12, Dick Allen](#), Lexington, S.C., 11,985.
- [13, Rhino Page](#), Orlando, Fla., 11,640.
- [14, Dom Barrett](#), England, 10,155.
- [15, Wes Malott](#), Pflugerville, Texas, 9,908.
- [16, Chris Barnes](#), Double Oak, Texas, 9,778.
- [17, Kyle Troup](#), Taylorsville, N.C., 9,700.
- [18, Josh Blanchard](#), Mesa, Ariz., 9,078.
- [19, Brad Miller](#), Lees Summit, Mo., 8,725.
- [20, Shawn Maldonado](#), Houston, 8,675.
- [21, Andres Gomez](#), Colombia, 8,465.
- [22, DJ Archer](#), Friendswood, Texas, 8,335.
- [23, Jesper Svensson](#), Sweden, 7,510.
- [24, Darren Tang](#), San Francisco, 7,480.
  
- [25, Mykel Holliman](#), Collierville, Tenn., 7,470.
- [26, AJ Chapman](#), Wichita, Kan., 7,375.
- [27, Anthony Lavery-Spahr](#), Pasadena, Texas, 7,115.
- [28, Patrick Girard](#), Canada, 7,050.
- [29, Andrew Anderson](#), Holly, Mich., 6,788.
- [30, Jake Peters](#), Henderson, Nev., 6,625.
- [31, Nicholas Pate](#), Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 6,615.
- [32, Mitch Hupé](#), Canada, 6,588.
- [33, BJ Moore](#), Greensburg, Pa., 6,533.
- [34, Brad Angelo](#), Lockport, N.Y., 6,475.
- [35, Tommy Jones](#), Simpsonville, S.C., 6,325.
- [36, Tom Smallwood](#), Saginaw, Mich., 6,038.
- [37, Stuart Williams](#), England, 6,005.
- [38, Thomas Larsen](#), Denmark, 5,845.
- [39, AJ Johnson](#), Oswego, Ill., 5,633.
- [40, Zacharay Wilkins](#), Canada, 5,540.

## **PBA PLAYOFFS FS1 TELECAST SCHEDULE**

**Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine, April 8-10 (all times are Eastern)**

**Round of 24 (one game, single-elimination matches; losers earn \$3,000)**

**Monday, April 8, live on FS1, 7 p.m. (order of matches to be determined)**

Match 1 – Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas vs. Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C.

Match 2 – Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill. vs. Darren Tang, San Francisco

Match 3 – Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla. vs. Shawn Maldonado, Houston

Match 4 – Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C. vs. Andres Gomez, Colombia

**Monday, April 8 (FS1 air date Monday, April 15, 8 p.m.; order of matches to be determined)**

Match 5 – Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas vs. Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz.

Match 6 – Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash. vs. Jesper Svensson, Sweden.

Match 7 – Dom Barrett, England vs. Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo.

Match 8 – Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo. vs. DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas.

**Round of 16, Tuesday, April 9 (Race to 2 points based on one point per game won; losers earn \$5,000; FS1 air date Monday, April 22, 9 p.m.)**

Match 9 – Winner Match 1 vs. Jason Belmonte, Australia.

Match 10 – Winner Match 2 vs. Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla.

**Round of 16, Tuesday, April 9 (Race to 2 points based on one point per game won; losers earn \$5,000; FS1 air date Monday, April 29, 9 p.m.)**

Match 11 – Winner Match 3 vs. Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas.

Match 12 – Winner Match 4 vs. EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind.

**Round of 16, Tuesday, April 9 (Race to 2 points based on one point per game won; losers earn \$5,000; FS1 air date Monday, May 6, 9 p.m.)**

Match 13 – Winner Match 5 vs. Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz.

Match 14 – Winner Match 6 vs. Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa.

**Round of 16, Wednesday, April 10 (Race to 2 points based on one point per game won; losers earn \$5,000; FS1 air date Monday, May 13, 9 p.m.)**

Match 15 – Winner Match 7 vs. Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla.

Match 16 – Winner Match 8 vs. Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill.

**Round of 8, Wednesday, April 10 (Race to 2 points based on one point per game won; losers earn \$8,000; FS1 air date Monday, May 20, 9 p.m.)**

Match 17 – Winner Match 9 vs. Winner Match 10

Match 18 – Winner Match 11 vs. Winner Match 12

**Round of 8, Wednesday, April 10 (Race to 2 points based on one point per game won; losers earn \$8,000; FS1 air date Monday, May 27, 9 p.m.)**

Match 19 – Winner Match 13 vs. Winner Match 14

Match 20 – Winner Match 15 vs. Winner Match 16

**Semifinal Round (Race to 2 points based on one point per game won; losers earn \$20,000; live on FOX, Saturday, June 1, noon)**

Match 21 – Winner Match 17 vs. Winner Match 18

Match 22 – Winner Match 19 vs. Winner Match 20

**Championship (format to be decided; winner earns \$100,000, loser earns \$40,000; live on FOX, Sunday, June 2, noon)**

Championship Match – Winner Match 21 vs. Winner Match 22

Jakob Butturff Wins USBC Masters for First Major Title  
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Jakob Butturff Wins USBC Masters for First Major Title  
By Aaron Smith, USBC Communications

LAS VEGAS – Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona, captured his first career major championship after winning the 2019 United States Bowling Congress Masters on Monday at the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino.

The 24-year-old left-hander defeated fellow southpaw Mykel Holliman of Collierville, Tennessee, 228-196, to win his sixth career Professional Bowlers Association Tour title and \$30,000 top prize. Holliman received \$25,000 for the runner-up finish.

Monday's stepladder finals were broadcast live on FS1.

Butturff had finished as the runner-up in his three previous appearances on television in major championships. He lost as the top seed at both the 2017 and 2018 U.S. Open and fell to Australia's Jason Belmonte in the title match of the 2019 PBA World Championship in March.

After waking up Sunday with a terrible pain in his upper back prior to match play, Butturff's perseverance paid off as the top seed Monday to claim the biggest win of his career.

"Honestly, I don't even know what to say," Butturff said. "Two days ago, I was in unbearable pain, but I had so many people help me out. I was able to adjust my game even though I was in pain, but here I am. I just won my first major."

Butturff gained the early lead in the title match, starting with three consecutive strikes, while Holliman recorded an open in the second frame after missing the 6-7 split.

Butturff continued to fill frames to maintain his advantage, but Holliman responded with strikes in the fifth, sixth and seventh frames to cut the deficit to 13 pins. With a chance to add a fourth consecutive strike in the eighth, Holliman left a 9 pin to derail his momentum.

Holliman was unable to strike again until his fill ball, allowing Butturff to coast in the final frame, needing just four pins for the victory. He struck on his first shot of the 10th to secure the win.

Butturff admitted the left lane had gotten tougher for him through practice prior to the title match, but he was able to rely on what he had learned throughout the week at Gold Coast to quickly make the adjustment.

"During practice, the left lane ended up getting pretty tricky," Butturff said. "I felt more comfortable on the right lane, and the first shot I threw on the left lane hooked almost immediately. My move this week when I got it a little slow and saw that much hook was to move right, and I was able to make the shots I needed to towards the end of the match."

Holliman, 26, made his USBC Masters debut this week at Gold Coast and advanced to his first championship round after nearly making the finals at the PBA Cheetah Championship in March. The left lane ended up transitioning quite a bit for Holliman against Butturff, but he's happy with his performance in his television debut.

"I was nervous and the adrenaline kicked in a lot," Holliman said. "No matter how much you prepare, it's different when the lights come on. The first few shots on the left lane hooked, so I moved three boards with my feet, one with my eyes and lofted it farther down the lane to trip the 6 pin in the sixth frame. I moved another board off that in the eighth and left that brutal 9 pin, which kind of sealed it from my point. It was the best shot I threw, but I have nothing to be disappointed about. This was my second major and first TV show, and I finished second. I have nothing to be ashamed of."

Holliman made his way to the title match by defeating Jake Peters of Henderson, Nevada, 217-199. Peters started with strikes in four of his first five frames but gave Holliman the chance to take the lead after missing the 3-6-9-10 combination in the sixth frame. Holliman took advantage, rolling three consecutive strikes, to outdistance Peters.

Peters advanced to the semifinals by defeating Ireland's Christopher Sloan, 254-226. Needing a strike to have the opportunity to shut out Sloan, Peters first shot of the 10th frame rolled high into the pocket but was able to trip out the 4-9 split at the last moment.

The opening match Monday came down to a roll-off as Sloan and Canada's Mitch Hupé tied at 214. Hupé had the opportunity to win the match by knocking down at least nine pins on his first delivery in the 10th frame but left the 3-6 combination. After converting the spare, he struck to force the tie.

Hupé, the No. 4 seed, elected to start the roll-off and left a 4 pin. Sloan struck to advance, 10-9. The 2019 Masters welcomed 450 competitors to Gold Coast this week. All bowlers participated in 15 qualifying games over three days to determine the 63 competitors joining defending champion Andrew Anderson of Holly, Michigan, in the tournament's double-elimination bracket. Anderson finished tied for 17th place in his title defense.

FloBowling provided livestream coverage of the 2019 event leading up to the stepladder finals. For more information on the USBC Masters, visit [BOWL.com/Masters](http://BOWL.com/Masters).

#### 2019 USBC Masters

Gold Coast Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, April 1

#### Final Standings

- 1, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., \$30,000.
- 2, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., \$25,000.
- 3, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., \$15,000.
- 4, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, \$10,000.
- 5, Mitch Hupé, Canada, \$8,000.

#### Stepladder Results

Match 1 – Sloan def. Hupé, 214-214, 10-9 in one-ball roll-off,

Match 2 – Peters def. Sloan, 254-226.

Semifinal – Holliman def. Peters, 217-199.

Championship – Butturff def. Holliman, 228-196.

## PBA Spare Shots

### KRIS PRATHER, ANDREW ANDERSON JOIN ELITE FIELD FOR 2019 BARBASOL PBA TOUR FINALS

Two of the Go Bowling! PBA Tour's hottest young players – **Kris Prather** of Plainfield, Ill., and 2018 PBA Player of the Year **Andrew Anderson** of Holly, Mich., will make their debuts in the elite eight-player Barbasol PBA Tour Finals field in July.

The Barbasol PBA Tour Finals, presented by Red Rock Casino, Resort & Spa, will take place at Red Rock Lanes in Las Vegas and will be televised live by CBS Sports Network over a span five shows (two on Saturday, July 20 and three on Sunday, July 21).

Prather, who won his first PBA Tour title in the 2019 Scorpion Championship during PBA World Series of Bowling X, has made eight championship round appearances during the past two seasons while Anderson used his break-through campaign in 2018

to build his two-year competition points total and break into the eight-man PBA Tour Finals field.

Australia's **Jason Belmonte**, the PBA Tour Finals defending champion, was leader in the competition points race to qualify for 2019 after he accumulated 46,700 points in Go Bowling! PBA Tour competition over the past two seasons. The two-year points race ended with the USBC Masters on April 1.

Also qualifying for the 2019 Tour Finals are Masters champion **Jakob Butturff**, Tempe, Ariz. (40,267 points); **Anthony Simonsen**, Little Elm, Texas (38,919); **EJ Tackett**, Bluffton, Ind. (37,919); Prather (31,266); Anderson (30,983); **Marshall Kent**, Yakima, Wash. (29,447), and **Bill O'Neill**, Langhorne, Pa. (28,937). Prather and Anderson replace **Sean Rash** of Montgomery, Ill., and **Dom Barrett** of England, who finished ninth and 10th, respectively. Rash and Barrett both bowled in the 2017 and '18 Tour Finals.

Tickets for the showcase event are now available online. To order, click here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/barbasol-pba-tour-finals-presented-by-red-rock-casino-resort-spa-tickets-57610119418>

### **FOX VIEWERSHIP, SOCIAL MEDIA IMPRESSIONS CONTINUE TO IMPRESS**

The PBA Tour's historic television package with FOX Sports and its social media impact, boosted by its new relationship with FloSports, continue to show impressive gains in 2019.

During the recently-completed PBA World Series of Bowling X, highlighted by live or first-run WSOB events on FS1 for five consecutive nights in late March plus multiple re-airs throughout the week, PBA competition was watched by 3,106,000 viewers on FS1 or FS2.

To date, 15,583,000 viewers have tuned-in to watch the PBA on FOX, FS1 or FS2 in 2019, including repeats. That's 43 percent higher than the total audience for PBA telecasts during the entire 2018 season (10,907,000).

In addition to FOX coverage, FloBowling streamed more than 50 hours of WSOB X coverage, including exciting elimination match play rounds during a week FloSports said had the most bowling fan viewership traffic to date.

At the same time, PBA's social media and web site traffic continues to set records, rolling along at a pace that approached 70 million impressions across its Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts during the first three months of the year.

It was due to history being made on the lanes with Jason Belmonte's 11th major victory in a thrilling climactic title match in the PBA World Championship; **Kris Prather** winning his first title; **Dick Allen** winning his second title of the year and The World team captained by **Amleto Monacelli** again shining the spotlight on the PBA's powerful base of global stars. Rising talents including **Kyle Sherman**, **AJ Chapman** and others served notice that many styles of players can achieve success across the multiple challenging patterns and conditions PBA Tour competition presents.

The inaugural FOX Sports season now moves into the highly-anticipated PBA Playoffs that will include eight consecutive Monday night prime-time telecasts on FS1 April 8 through May 27 leading into the live FOX semifinal and final rounds on Saturday and Sunday, June 1-2.

### **PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: SOUTHWEST PLAYERS RETURN TO FIRELAKE**

April arrives with a robust schedule of PBA Regional activity beginning over the April 5-7 weekend with the Grand Casino Resort Southwest Open presented by Brunswick at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla.

- Headlining the April 12-14 PBA Regional schedule will be the Bowlers Discount Pro Shop Open presented by DV8 at AMF Towson Lanes in Towson, Md.; the Debbie and Leo Nunan Memorial Central Open presented by Track at AMF Stardust Lanes in Grove City, Ohio; the Jac's Lanes Valdosta South Open presented by DV8 in Valdosta, Ga., and the PBA and PBA50 Earl Anthony West/Northwest Memorial doubleheader at Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl in Dublin, Calif.

- The only event heading into the Easter weekend is the PBA50 Sarasota Ford South Open April 18-20 at Sarasota Lanes in Florida.

- Closing the April PBA Regional calendar over the April 26-28 weekend will be the Houston Copperfield Southwest Challenge for non-title winners, presented by Global 900; the Brighton Construction Myrtle Beach South Open at Myrtle Beach Bowl in South Carolina; the Oklahoma City Southwest Open presented by Roto Grip at Planet Bowl in Oklahoma; the PBA/PBA50 Tumwater Lanes Doubles event presented by MOTIV in Tumwater, Wash., and the Greater Richmond Central Open at Richmond 40 Bowl in Richmond, Ind.

- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit [pba.com](http://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](http://pba.com) (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

### **QUICK NOTES:**

- Thanks to his runner-up finish in the USBC Masters, 26-year-old lefthander **Mykel Holliman** of Collierville, Tenn., has soared into the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour competition points lead among rookies. Holliman earned 4,500 points in the Tier 1 event to advance to 25th place on the overall points list. He holds a 4,220-point lead over **Kenneth Ryan** of Farmingdale, N.J., among 2019 Bowl4life PBA Rookie Watch candidates. Wichita's **Patrick Hanrahan** is third among rookies with 2,813 points. The PBA Rookie of the Year, which will be decided in voting to be conducted at the end of the 2019 season, will receive a \$2,500 bonus from **Chuck Gardner's Bowl4Life Foundation** and the foundation will donate an additional \$2,500 to a youth bowler scholarship in the ROY's name.

- In the wake of the USBC Masters, the unofficial FloBowling PBA Power Rankings top 10 now features **Jakob Butturff** as the player to beat in Go Bowling! PBA Tour

competition. Butturff has assumed the No. 1 position over **Jason Belmonte** after the Australian two-handed star sustained an injury to the middle finger of his bowling hand in a freak accident, forcing him to bowl qualifying in the Masters using his ring and little fingers. After his worst finish of the year (169th), Belmonte dropped to No. 2 in FloBowling's power rankings. The current top 10 (with previous ranking in parenthesis) includes: 3, **EJ Tackett** (3); 4, **Anthony Simonsen** (8); 5, **Kyle Sherman** (11); 6, **Norm Duke** (6); 7, **Rhino Page** (13); 8, **Kris Prather** (5); 9, **Dom Barrett** (9) and 10, **Bill O'Neill** (4). Visit FloBowling.com for a complete list along with Flo's rationale for its rankings.

- **WSOB X Note:** The 10th anniversary PBA World Series of Bowling at Thunderbowl in Allen Park, Mich., featured a field of 135 players bowling in three animal pattern championships plus the PBA World Championship. Out of the 135, 52 players (38.5 percent) earned at least one check.

- **Based on their performances at the USBC Masters and the Pan American Games Trials, Masters champion Jakob Butturff** of Tempe, Ariz., and **Nick Pate** of Inver Grove Heights, Minn., have earned the right to represent the United States in the Pan American Games in Lima, Peru, July 26-Aug. 11. The two women's representative will be determined at the 2019 USBC Queens May 15-21 at Northrock Lanes in Wichita, Kan.

PBA League Managers Have 21 Candidates for 17 Berths in Monday's PBA League Draft

FloBowling to live stream draft party on Monday at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine

PORTLAND, Maine (April 5, 2019) – Twenty-one Go Bowling! PBA Tour players have signed on to participate in Monday's 2019 PBA League Elias Cup draft, hoping to fill one of the 17 available berths in July's PBA League competition at Portland's Bayside Bowl.

For the first time, Portland's enthusiastic fans will have an opportunity to attend the draft party at Bayside Bowl where the eight 2019 team managers will complete their rosters live on FloBowling, PBA's official online live-streaming outlet, beginning at 4 p.m. EDT.

Among those hoping to land berths in the PBA League are Andrew Anderson of Holly, Mich., who used his "snub" a year ago as incentive that propelled him to earn 2018 PBA Player of the Year honors; first-time PBA Tour title winner Kris Prather of Plainfield, Ill., and 19 other players who have excelled in Go Bowling! PBA Tour competition in 2019.

Portland Lumberjacks manager Tim Mack will make the first pick from a pool of players who finished in the top 30 in 2019 competition points. Choosing second will be L.A. X, followed by the Brooklyn Styles, New York City Kingpins, Motown Muscle, Dallas Strikers, Philadelphia Hitmen and defending champion Silver Lake Atom Splitters. The serpentine draft will then reverse order with the Atom Splitters making the first selection of the second round. The Brooklyn Styles, which has three vacant spots to fill, will make the final selection to complete its five-player roster.

Players eligible for selection in the opening round will be: Dick Allen, Andrew Anderson, DJ Archer, AJ Chapman, Patrick Girard, Andres Gomez, Mykel Holliman, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Shawn Maldonado, Brad Miller, Rhino Page, Jake Peters, Kris Prather, Kyle Sherman and Darren Tang.

PBA members who finished in the top 30 in competition points are eligible to be drafted in the first round. Players who ranked 31-40 in points, along with those not selected in the first round, will be eligible for the remaining berths. Those players are: Brad Angelo, Mitch Hupé, AJ Johnson, Thomas Larsen, Nick Pate, and Zach Wilkins.

Currently, 2019 PBA League rosters include the following players who were protected from their 2018 respective team's roster. The teams, listed in draft order, are:

- Portland Lumberjacks (manager Mack): Ryan Ciminelli, Wes Malott, Kyle Troup.
- L.A. X (manager Andrew Cain): Jason Belmonte, Stuart Williams, Jakob Butturff.
- Brooklyn Styles (manager Johnny Petraglia): Walter Ray Williams Jr., Sean Rash.
- New York City KingPins (manager Carolyn Dorin-Ballard): Pete Weber, Marshall Kent, BJ Moore.
- Motown Muscle (manager Del Ballard Jr.): EJ Tackett, Anthony Simonsen, Josh Blanchard.
- Dallas Strikers: player-manager Norm Duke, Tommy Jones, Bill O' Neill.
- Philadelphia Hitmen (manager Jason Couch): Dom Barrett, Tom Smallwood, Matt Sanders.
- Silver Lake Atom Splitters (manager Mark Baker): Chris Barnes, Jesper Svensson, Tom Daugherty.

Following Monday's draft, Portland will also host the inaugural round of PBA Playoffs matches that will air later in the evening, live on FS1 at 7 p.m. Eastern. The new Go Bowling! PBA Tour singles match play competition will feature the season's top 24 players in competition points in a FOX Sports series will air in eight prime-time FS1 telecasts on Monday nights in April and May, leading up to the live FOX telecasts of the semifinal and final rounds on June 1 and 2. The winner will earn \$100,000.

PBA League players will return to Bayside Bowl for the 2019 PBA League Elias Cup competition on July 16, 17 and 18. All rounds will air live on FOX Sports' FS1 in prime time.

Kris Prather is First Pick in PBA League Draft

as PBA League Managers Complete 2019 Rosters

2019 Elias Cup team competition returns to Portland, Maine, July 16-18 on FS1

PORTLAND, Maine (April 8, 2019) -- Kris Prather was the first of 17 PBA members drafted Monday at Bayside Bowl as the eight PBA League teams filled out their rosters for the 2019 PBA League Elias Cup competition which returns to Bayside Bowl in July.

The PBA League draft – which was streamed live on FloBowling – began with Portland Lumberjacks manager Tim Mack, selecting Prather from a list of 15 first-round draft-eligible players.

Prather won the PBA Scorpion Championship in March at World Series of Bowling X for his first Go Bowling! PBA Tour title after compiling seven top five finishes over the past two seasons.

"It's kind of a validation of how your peers see you as a player but I don't want that to go to my head," said Prather. "I'm fortunate to be on this team because I think there's some great chemistry and mix of personalities that will make this a lot of fun which hopefully will translate into some positive results."

Each team protected three players from the previous season heading into the draft except the Brooklyn Styles which protected two players.

The draft was conducted in reverse order of how teams finished in 2018, beginning with the No. 8 Portland Lumberjacks, followed by L.A. X, Brooklyn Styles, New York City Kingpins, Motown Muscle, Dallas Strikers, Philadelphia Hitmen, and defending champion Silver Lake Atom-Splitters. The serpentine draft order then required the Atom Splitters to make the first pick in the second round.

Following Prather, Jason Belmonte, selecting for L.A. X team manager Andrew Cain, chose 2015 and 2018 Elias Cup winner and two-time 2019 tour winner Dick Allen with the second pick and Brooklyn Styles Manager Johnny Petraglia selected six-time tour winner and 2017 Elias Cup winner Rhino Page with the third pick. Other first round picks were Marshall Kent, selecting for New York City Kingpins manager Carolyn Dorin-Ballard picking Kyle Sherman; EJ Tackett, selecting for Motown Muscle manager Del Ballard, picking AJ Chapman; Dallas Strikers player-manager Norm Duke choosing 2018 PBA Player of the Year Andrew Anderson; Philadelphia Hitmen manager Jason Couch, selecting 2016 Elias Cup winner Shawn Maldonado and defending Elias Cup champion Silver Lake Atom Splitters manager Mark Baker selecting DJ Archer.

With six additional players eligible for selection in the second round, the Atom Splitters chose 2018 Elias Cup winner AJ Johnson, followed by Philadelphia Hitmen selecting Canadian Patrick Girard; Dallas Strikers, Brad Miller; Motown Muscle, USBC Masters runner-up Mykell Holliman; New York City Kingpins, Darren Tang; Brooklyn Styles, three-time tour winner Andres Gomez; L.A X, Anthony Lavery-Spahr and Portland Lumberjacks, Canadian Mitch Hupe’.

With only two players protected, Brooklyn Styles Manager Johnny Petraglia chose two-time tour winner Brad Angelo to fill out his team’s roster.

With the conclusion of the draft managers will now have the opportunity to make player trades until the April 15 deadline.

PBA League players will return to Bayside Bowl for the 2019 PBA League Elias Cup competition on July 16, 17 and 18. All rounds will air live on FOX Sports’ FS1 in prime time.

During the draft livestream PBA Commissioner Tom Clark announced that the League would expand by two teams beginning in 2020. Details will be announced at a later date.

2019 PBA LEAGUE TEAM ROSTERS (Players in bold were protected from 2018 rosters)

- Portland Lumberjacks (manager Tim Mack): Ryan Ciminelli, Wes Malott, Kyle Troup, Kris Prather, Mitch Hupe’.
- L.A. X (manager Andrew Cain): Jason Belmonte, Stuart Williams, Jakob Butturff, Dick Allen, Anthony Lavery-Spahr
- Brooklyn Styles (manager Johnny Petraglia): Walter Ray Williams Jr., Sean Rash, Rhino Page, Andres Gomez, Brad Angelo.
- New York City KingPins (manager Carolyn Dorin-Ballard): Pete Weber, Marshall Kent, BJ Moore, Kyle Sherman, Darren Tang.
- Motown Muscle (manager Del Ballard Jr.): EJ Tackett, Anthony Simonsen, Josh Blanchard, AJ Chapman, Mykell Holliman.
- Dallas Strikers: Player-manager Norm Duke, Tommy Jones, Bill O’Neill, Andrew Anderson, Brad Miller.
- Philadelphia Hitmen (manager Jason Couch): Dom Barrett, Tom Smallwood, Matt Sanders, Shawn Maldonado, Patrick Girard.
- Silver Lake Atom Splitters (manager Mark Baker): Chris Barnes, Jesper Svensson, Tom Daugherty, DJ Archer, AJ Johnson.

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Gomez, Page, Troup, Prather Advance to Round of 16

After Opening Round of PBA Playoffs

Second half of Round of 24 to air on FS1 April 15 at 8 p.m. ET

PORTLAND, MAINE (April 8, 2019) – After 13 tournaments on the 2019 GoBowling! PBA Tour – including four majors – the journey to determine the winner of the inaugural PBA Playoffs and a \$100,000 payday began Monday at Bayside Bowl with the first Round of 24 telecast that aired live on FS1.

Advancing to the Round of 16 after one-game matches in the first half of the Round of 24 were Colombian Andres Gomez; Rhino Page, Orlando; Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., and Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill.

In front of the normally wild Bayside Bowl crowd, No. 21 seed Gomez defeated No. 12 seed Dick Allen, 236-199; No. 13 Page defeated No. 20 Shawn Maldonado, 266-205; No. 17 Troup def. No. 16 Chris Barnes, 236-205, and in the fourth match of the telecast No. 9 seed Prather beat No. 24 seed Darren Tang, 207-183.

The PBA Playoffs continue Monday, April 15 at 8 p.m. ET on FS1 with the completion of Round of 24 single-game elimination action. The second half of the Round of 24 will feature Wes Malott vs. Josh Blanchard; Marshall Kent, vs. Jesper Svensson; Dom Barrett vs. Brad Miller and Kyle Sherman vs. DJ Archer

Round of 16 and Round of 8 matches will be contested April 9 and 10 at Bayside Bowl – which will be televised by FS1 on consecutive Monday nights at 9 p.m. ET beginning April 22 – to reduce the field to four survivors who will return to Portland for the semifinal and final rounds June 1-2, with both shows airing live on FOX at noon Eastern.

Once the Playoffs reach the Round of 16, the format will change to a Race to 2 Points format where each game won is worth one point. If the players split the first two games, a ninth and 10th frame tie-breaker will be used to award the deciding point. The eight winners from the Round of 24 will take on the top eight Playoffs seeds – Jason Belmonte, Jakob Butturff, Norm Duke, Anthony Simonsen, EJ Tackett, Sean Rash, Bill O’Neill and Tom Daugherty – who earned a bye to the Round of 16.

Players earned their berths in the Playoffs by finishing in the top 24 in points which were awarded beginning with the season opening PBA Hall of Fame Classic in January and ended with the USBC Masters which concluded on April 1. Points were awarded based on tournament classification. Tier 1 (major championship), Tier 2 (traditional format tournament), or Tier 3 (small or limited field, short format) events. Tier 1 events awarded 50 percent more points than Tier 2 and three times as many as Tier 3 events.

To view a PBA Playoffs bracket click on

[https://www.pba.com/Content/Images/playoffs/2019\\_PBA\\_Playoff\\_Bracket.pdf](https://www.pba.com/Content/Images/playoffs/2019_PBA_Playoff_Bracket.pdf)

## PBA PLAYOFFS FIRST FOUR ROUND OF 24 MATCH RESULTS

Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine, Monday

(aired live on FS1)

Round of 24 (one game, single-elimination matches; losers earn \$3,000)

Match 1 – No. 21 Andres Gomez, Colombia def. No. 12 Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 236-199.

Match 2 – No. 13 Rhino Page, Orlando, def. No. 20 Shawn Maldonado, 266-205.

Match 3 – No. 17 Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C. def. No. 16 Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 236-205.

Match 4 – No. 9 Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill. def. No. 24 Darren Tang, San Francisco, 207-183.

## PBA PLAYOFFS SECOND ROUND OF 24 MATCH SCHEDULE

(FS1 air date Monday, April 15, 8 p.m.; order of matches to be determined)

Match 5 – No. 15 Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas vs. No. 8 Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz.

Match 6 – No. 10 Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash. vs. No. 23 Jesper Svensson, Sweden.

Match 7 – No. 14 Dom Barrett, England vs. No. 19 Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo.

Match 8 – No. 11 Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo. vs. No. 22 DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas.

### **Francois Lavoie Wins PBA FireLake/Grand Casino Resort Southwest Open**

**Shawnee, Okla., (April 9, 2019)** – Canadian Francois Lavoie, PBA's 2016 Rookie of the Year and the reigning PBA Southwest Region Player of the Year, defeated Anthony Lavery-Spahr of Pasadena, Texas, 211-209, in the eighth annual PBA FireLake/Grand Casino Resort Southwest Open presented by Brunswick, to win his seventh PBA Regional title.

Lavoie, who now lives in Wichita, Kan., struck in the 10<sup>th</sup> frame and then spared a 10 pin to finish to force Lavery-Spahr to throw three strikes to deny Lavoie the title. Lavery-Spahr struck twice before going high on his last shot to finish with 209, allowing Lavoie to claim the \$2,700 first place check. The win was Lavoie's third at Shawnee's FireLake Lanes.

After the 13 games of qualifying, Lavoie ranked second, averaging over 242, and received byes into the Round of 8 matches where he defeated Paul Henderson of Watauga, Texas, 2-0. In his semifinal match, Lavoie defeated Austin Boulds of Creal Springs, Ill., 269-235, to advance to the championship match while Lavery-Spahr eliminated non-PBA member Clint Johnson of Fort Worth, Texas, 226-185, in his semifinal match.

The pro-am portion of the event on Friday included a fundraiser for the Shawnee area Big Brothers Big Sisters chapter. FireLake Lanes' pro-ams have now raised more than \$100,000 over the past eight years for that cause.

The PBA Southwest Region visits Houston's Copperfield Bowl April 19-21 for the PBA Houston Copperfield Southwest Challenge, a non-champions event, before returning to Oklahoma, April 26-28, for the PBA Oklahoma City Southwest Open at Planet Bowl. Junction City, Kan., hosts the joint PBA Junction City Bowl Southwest-Midwest Open, May 3-5.

### **PBA FIRELAKE GRAND CASINO RESORT SOUTHWEST OPEN presented by Brunswick FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla., Sunday**

#### **Championship:**

Francois Lavoie, Canada, (\$2,700) def. Anthony Lavery-Spahr Jr., Pasadena, Texas, (\$1,800), 211-209.

#### **Semifinal Round (losers earned \$1,150):**

A. Lavery-Spahr def. n-Clint Johnson, Fort Worth, Texas, 226-185.

Lavoie def. Austin Boulds, Creal Springs, Ill., 269-235.

#### **Round of 8 (best of three games, losers earned \$850 each):**

n-Johnson def. Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2-0.

Lavoie def. Paul Henderson, Watauga, Texas, 2-0 ).

Boulds def. AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 2-1.

A. Lavery-Spahr def. Stuart Williams, England, 2-1.

**Round of 12 (best of three games, losers earned \$650):**

n-Johnson def. Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 2-0.  
Henderson def. Dylan Burns, Garden City, Kan., 2-1.  
Chapman def. Diana Zavjalova, Hutto, Texas, 2-0.  
A. Lavery-Spahr def. n-Briley Haugh, Fairbault, Min., 2-1

**Round of 16 (best of three games, losers earned \$550):**

Lesko def. Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 2-1.  
Burns def. Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas, 2-1.  
Zavjalova def. Mike Bailey, Irving, Texas, 2-0.  
n-Haugh def. Alex George, Wichita, Kan., 2-1.

300 games: Alex George, Sean Lavery-Spahr

n-denotes non-member

**PBA50 Tour Season Begins in Florida with Johnny Petraglia BVL Open  
and PBA50 National Championship Back-to-Back**

**CHICAGO (April 10, 2019)** -- The 2019 PBA50 Tour season gets underway April 14-17 when a full field of 160 players ages 50 and older compete in the Johnny Petraglia BVL Open presented by Lucas Magazine and Brunswick at Maple Countryside Lanes in Clearwater, Florida, followed by the season's first major championship, the PBA50 National Championship at Spanish Springs Lanes in The Villages, Florida.

Fans can catch all the action live from start to finish for both events through PBA's online streaming partner, FloBowling. For FloBowling subscription information and enrollment, visit [flobowling.com](http://flobowling.com).

Michael Haugen Jr.'s win in the 2018 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open, when it was held at Farmingdale Lanes in New York, was the launching point for PBA50 Player of the Year honors in a season in which he was the only multiple champion with two wins. The three-time PBA50 Tour winner defeated PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr., 277-195, for his second career PBA50 tour title before going on to win the River City Extreme Open later in the year.

Bowling legend Johnny Petraglia, 72, who is still competing on the PBA50 Tour more than a half-century after making his debut on the regular PBA Tour in 1965, also will compete in the tournament named in his honor. With 14 PBA Tour titles and eight PBA50 Tour titles, Petraglia is the only player in PBA history to win national titles in six different decades. He is one of six PBA Triple Crown winners and is a member of the PBA (1982) and USBC (2003) Halls of Fame.

Petraglia, a Vietnam War veteran, has been active for decades off the lanes in support of BVL (Bowlers to Veterans Link) and is an official spokesperson for the organization which provides recreational and therapeutic programs and services for America's active duty and veteran service men and women.

Competition begins with the first eight-game qualifying round on Monday, April 15 with squads at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. to be followed by another qualifying round on April 16. After a casher's round on April 17 at 8:30 a.m., match play rounds are scheduled for noon and 3:15 p.m. that will determine the top five players for the stepladder finals at 7 p.m. A practice session will kick off the event on Sunday, April 14 from 8-11 a.m.

All proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to BVL. Admission for practice day is \$5 and qualifying on April 15 and 16 is \$10 each day. An all-day pass for match play and the stepladder finals on April 17 is \$20, with admission to the stepladder finals \$10. An all-access pass for the entire tournament is \$25. For additional admission and pro-am entry information contact Maple Countryside Lanes at (727) 796-8100.

The PBA50 Tour will then travel to longtime PBA50 Tour host Spanish Springs Lanes in The Villages April 22-26 for the PBA50 National Championship presented by Spanish Springs Lanes and Radical.

Defending champion Lennie Boresch Jr. beat Hall of Famer Norm Duke, 198-192, in the title match of the 2018 PBA National Championship to win his first PBA50 Tour major and fourth career title.

PBA50 National Championship competition begins with three six-game qualifying rounds on April 23, 24 and 25 with squads bowling at 9 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. After 18 games, the top 32 will advance to modified round robin match play at 9 a.m. on April 26. After a second round of match play round at 2 p.m., the top five players based on 34-game pinfall totals will compete in the stepladder finals at 7 p.m.

For the PBA50 National Championship, Spanish Springs Lanes is offering a Spare Package which includes a pro-am entry and weeklong admission to the tournament for \$59.95 and a Strike Package, which includes a pro-am entry, a high-performance bowling ball, and weeklong admission to the tournament for \$197.95. Daily ticket prices are \$8 for practice and qualifying April 22-25 and \$12 for match play and finals April 26.

**PBA50 JOHNNY PETRAGLIA BVL OPEN SCHEDULE**  
**presented by Lucas Magazine and Brunswick**  
**Maple Countryside Lanes, Clearwater, Fla. (All times Eastern)**

**Sunday, April 14**

8 – 11 a.m. - Practice session

Noon, 2:30, 5:30 p.m. - Pro-am squads

**Monday, April 15**

9 a.m. – A squad qualifying (8 games)

2 p.m. – B squad qualifying (8 games)

**Tuesday, April 16**

9 a.m. – A squad qualifying (8 games)

2 p.m. – B squad qualifying (8 games)

**Wednesday, April 17**

8:30 a.m. – Casher's Round (5 games)

Top eight advance to Match Play Round 1

Noon – Match Play Round 1 (5 games. Top eight from casher's round plus qualifiers 9-24)

Top eight bowlers advance to Match Play Round 2

3:15 p.m. - Match Play Round 2 (6 games. Top eight from Match Play Round 1 plus qualifiers 1-8)

Top five advance to stepladder finals

7 p.m. - Stepladder Finals

**PBA50 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**Presented by Spanish Springs Lanes and Radical**  
**Spanish Springs Lanes, The Villages, Fla.**

**Monday, April 22**

9-10 a.m. A squad practice session

10:15 a.m. - B squad practice session  
11:30 a.m. - C squad practice session  
2:30 and 5:30 p.m. - Pro-am squads

**Tuesday, April 23**

9 a.m. - A squad qualifying (6 games)  
1 p.m. - B squad qualifying (6 games)  
5 p.m. - C squad qualifying (6 games)

**Wednesday, April 24**

9 a.m. - B squad qualifying (6 games)  
1 p.m. - C squad qualifying (6 games)  
5 p.m. - A squad qualifying (6 games)

**Thursday, April 25**

9 a.m. - C squad qualifying (6 games)  
1 p.m. - A squad qualifying (6 games)  
5 p.m. - B squad qualifying (6 games)  
Top 32 advance to Match Play Round 1

**Friday, April 26**

9 a.m. - Match Play Round 1 (8 games)  
Top 16 bowlers advance to Match Play Round 2  
2 p.m. - Match Play Round 2 (8 games)  
Top five advance to stepladder finals  
7 p.m. - Stepladder finals

## **PBA Spare Shots**

### **PBA'S VISITS TO PORTLAND ARE ABOUT MORE THAN COMPETITION**

Maybe one of the reasons why the fans in Portland, Maine have embraced the Professional Bowlers Association and its players so strongly, and vice versa, is that the visits to Maine's largest city (fewer than 67,000 residents) have become much more than bowling competitions.

The latest example took place on Sunday, April 7, when Bayside Bowl — in collaboration with the PBA and its friends at [City of Portland, Maine](#), [Visit Portland Maine](#), [Portland Regional Chamber of Commerce](#) and [Portland Downtown](#) — gave 30 Portland Middle and High school students the opportunity of a lifetime to bowl with eight of the world's best bowlers in a pre-PBA Playoffs special event.

Portland and the PBA will have two more opportunities to light up the bowling world in 2019. The four finalists in the inaugural PBA Playoffs competition will return to Bayside

Bowl Saturday and Sunday, June 1-2, for the semifinal and final rounds of the PBA Playoffs that will be televised live on FOX at noon EDT both days.

Six weeks later, the PBA League will return to Bayside Bowl for the fifth consecutive year July 16, 17 and 18 for live coverage of all rounds of the Elias Cup competition. FS1 will air four shows including the quarterfinal round in two shows on Tuesday, July 16, at 7 and 9 p.m.; the semifinals on Wednesday, July 17 at 9 p.m., and the Elias Cup championship finals on Wednesday, July 18 at 9 p.m. All times are Eastern.

To purchase tickets while limited supplies last, visit <https://www.pba.com/Tickets> and click on the link to the specific event you'd like to attend.

### **PBA LEAGUE TO EXPAND TO 10 TEAMS FOR 2020 SEASON**

In news related to the PBA's relationship with Portland, PBA CEO and Commissioner **Tom Clark** announced during the 2019 PBA League Draft held Monday at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, that the PBA League will expand from eight to 10 teams in 2020.

The PBAL made its debut in 2013 with eight teams tied to cities across the U.S. The initial competition included preliminary rounds at Thunderbowl Lanes in suburban Detroit with the first Elias Cup finals held at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis. The second PBAL event was held at Thunderbowl and Carolier Lanes in North Brunswick, N.J., before it made its debut at Bayside Bowl in 2015. The first Elias Cup competition held in Portland was the first PBA event ever held in Maine.

No further details regarding the PBAL's expansion plans were revealed, but Clark made a point to note that adding two more teams will provide PBA members will additional opportunities to experience what has become one of the PBA Tour's most coveted events.

### **FREAK ACCIDENT HINDERS JASON BELMONTE'S DOMINANT SEASON**

- A freak accident during a youth bowling event prior to the USBC Masters has played a hand – no pun attended – in slowing **Jason Belmonte's** dominating season in 2019, including his bid for a 12th major championship in the Masters, an event he had previously won a record four times.

As told to FloBowling senior editor **Lucas Wiseman**, the 35-year-old Australian two-handed player explained his injury:

"I had my hand in a ball, and I was giving some of the kids a tip," Belmonte said. "As I swung the ball back with one hand, one of the fellas was holding his ball, and he had moved a little bit. So, when I swung it back, my finger in the ball got jammed into the ball the young fella was holding. As soon as I did it, it split open and started bleeding and the bruising and swelling came up pretty quick."

The cut, across the crease below his fingertip on his index finger, and the bruising and swelling accompanying the injury, forced Belmonte to bowl using only his ring and little fingers to grip the ball – something he said he had “never done before.” The result was a 194.73 average for his 15 qualifying games in the Masters and a 169th-place finish – well below the cut line.

Belmonte was hoping for rapid healing before his next major test – a Round of 16 match against fellow two-hander **Kyle Troup** in the inaugural PBA Playoffs. Belmonte was the runaway top qualifier for the Playoffs, earning a first-round bye, and will face Troup – who eliminated PBA Hall of Famer **Chris Barnes** in his opening Round of 24 match – in a Round of 16 match that will air on Monday, April 22, at 9 p.m. EDT on FS1.

### **TEXAN THOMAS SIMMONS WINS PBA BOWLING CHALLENGE WSOB X ANNIVERSARY GAME**

**Thomas Simmons** of Plano, Texas, tried 32 times to out-bowl PBA World Champion **Jason Belmonte** in the special PBA Bowling Challenge game for mobile device players, and his persistence resulted in a victory in Concrete Software’s special event held in conjunction with the 10th anniversary PBA World Series of Bowling.

As the contest winner, Simmons earned a PBA bowling pin autographed by Belmonte plus 5,000 gold pins to use in the PBA Bowling Challenge for mobile devices. The WSOB X special event resulted in 20,346 entries (including 11,357 re-entries by 2,269 unique users). Simmons was selected at random among the players who posted a score higher than the 236 game Belmonte rolled to win the PBA World Championship.

### **DOM BARRETT, CHRIS BARNES COMPLETE TEAMS FOR 2019 WEBER CUP**

England’s **Dom Barrett** and **Chris Barnes** of Double Oak, Texas, captains of the international and United States teams for the upcoming Weber Cup competition set for Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas, have completed their team rosters.

Barrett has selected fellow Englishman **Stuart Williams** and Finnish two-hander **Osku Palermaa** to join Swedish two-hander **Jesper Svensson** on the international team while Barnes’ United States team will include left-hander **Jakob Butturff** of Tempe, Ariz., and a pair of two-handed players – **Anthony Simonsen** of Little Elm, Texas, and **Kyle Troup** of Taylorsville, N.C. Svensson and Butturff earned their berths based on the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour competition points standings; Williams, Palermaa, Simonsen and Troup were captains’ picks.

The Weber Cup, traditionally held in England, will make its debut on American soil June 18-21 just ahead of International Bowl Expo which will take place June 23-27 at the Paris Hotel and Las Vegas Convention Center. Tickets are on sale now at [www.webercup.com](http://www.webercup.com).

### **PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: FRANCOIS LAVOIE WINS AGAIN AT FIRELAKE**

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Texas, 211-209, to win the eighth annual PBA FireLake/Grand Casino Resort Southwest Open presented by Brunswick.

The title was Lavoie's seventh in PBA Regional competition and his third at FireLake. He also earned \$2,700.

Lavoie, who now lives in Wichita, Kan., struck on his first shot in the 10th frame and then spared a 10 pin to finish with a 211. Lavery-Spahr needed three strikes to deny Lavoie the title, but he left three pins standing on his last shot to finish with 209.

Lavoie finished second in qualifying, averaging 242 plus to receive byes directly into the Round of 8 where he defeated **Paul Henderson** of Watauga, Texas, 2-0, in their best-of-three-game match. Lavoie then defeated **Austin Boulds** of Creal Springs, Ill., 269-235, to advance to the championship match.

The pro-am portion of the event included a fundraiser for the Shawnee area Big Brothers Big Sisters chapter. FireLake's pro-ams have now raised more than \$100,000 over the past eight years for that cause.

- Headlining the April 12-14 PBA Regional schedule will be the Bowlers Discount Pro Shop Open presented by DV8 at AMF Towson Lanes in Towson, Md.; the Debbie and Leo Nunan Memorial Central Open presented by Track at AMF Stardust Lanes in Grove City, Ohio; the Jac's Lanes Valdosta South Open presented by DV8 in Valdosta, Ga., and the PBA and PBA50 Earl Anthony West/Northwest Memorial doubleheader at Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl in Dublin, Calif.

- The only event heading into the Easter weekend is the PBA50 Sarasota Ford South Open April 18-20 at Sarasota Lanes in Florida.

- Closing the April PBA Regional calendar over the April 26-28 weekend will be the Houston Copperfield Bowl Southwest Challenge for non-title winners, presented by Global 900; the Brighton Construction Myrtle Beach South Open at Myrtle Beach Bowl in South Carolina; the Oklahoma City Southwest Open presented by Roto Grip at Planet Bowl in Oklahoma; the PBA/PBA50 Tumwater Lanes Doubles event presented by MOTIV in Tumwater, Wash., and the Greater Richmond Central Open at Richmond 40 Bowl in Richmond, Ind.

- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit [pba.com](http://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](http://pba.com) (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

**PBA Playoffs Round of 24 Action Continues on FS1 Monday at 8 p.m. ET**

**PORTLAND, Maine (April 12, 2019)** – FOX Sports coverage of the inaugural PBA Playoffs continues Monday, April 15 at 8 p.m. ET on FS1 with completion of Round of 24 single-game elimination action from Bayside Bowl.

The second half of the Round of 24 will feature No. 15 seed Wes Malott vs. No. 18 Josh Blanchard; No. 10 Marshall Kent vs. No. 23 Jesper Svensson; No. 14 Dom Barrett vs. No. 19 Brad Miller, and No. 11 Kyle Sherman vs. No. 22 DJ Archer.

Already advancing to the Round of 16 after one-game matches in the first half of the Round of 24 that aired live on FS1 April 8 were Andres Gomez, Rhino Page, Kyle Troup and Kris Prather.

The winner of the Playoffs, which features the top 24 players in competition points after the first 13 Go Bowling! PBA Tour tournaments of the season, will earn a \$100,000 first prize.

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#### **PBA PLAYOFFS SECOND ROUND OF 24 MATCH SCHEDULE (FS1 air date Monday, April 15, 8 p.m. ET)**

No. 15 Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas vs. No. 18 Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz.

No. 10 Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash. vs. No. 23 Jesper Svensson, Sweden.

No. 14 Dom Barrett, England vs. No. 19 Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo.

No. 11 Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo. vs. No. 22 DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas.

#### **Auto Accident Claims PBA50 Double Lung Transplant Recipient David Williams Jr.**

*Omaha competitor was on his way to PBA50 Tour's first tournament in Clearwater, Florida*

**IOWA CITY, Iowa (April 12, 2019)** – The Professional Bowlers Association today learned that David Williams Jr., 53, of Omaha has died of injuries sustained in an automobile accident Thursday while on his way to compete in the opening tournament of the PBA50 Tour season in Clearwater, Florida.

Williams, a double lung transplant recipient, was a 27-year member of the PBA who had won two PBA Regional tournament titles and a PBA50 Regional title in Council Bluffs, Iowa, in 2016. After being diagnosed with sarcoidosis, an incurable hereditary form of lung cancer, Williams continued to bowl – commonly with an oxygen tank at his side to assist his breathing between shots.

Williams underwent his double lung transplant at the University of Iowa hospital in Iowa City on March 29, 2018, and less than a year later – on March 10, 2019 – he finished third in a Pre-Tournament Qualifier to earn a berth in the PBA's 10th anniversary World Series of Bowling in suburban Detroit.

Williams told the story of his battles and determination to continue competing to Bowlers Journal International editor Gianmarc Manzione just a week before his fatal accident: <http://www.bowlersjournal.com/meet-the-double-lung-transplant-recipient-who-advanced-into-the-wsob-x-field/?fbclid=IwAR2a6KebxQxbFcdQfAZf2FYrAKGH63IkGUFy2J5naJgbJ4O9S3VNj7jXY9Y>.

Details regarding the accident were not immediately available although Williams' wife Sheri had announced on her Facebook page Thursday that he was hospitalized in a coma in Iowa City where he died later in the day. Information regarding services will be announced later.

### **Dick Allen wins the 3rd Annual PBA Jac's Lanes Valdosta South Open**

**VALDOSTA, Ga. (April 14, 2019)** – Dick Allen of Lexington, S.C., won his 23rd Professional Bowlers Association South Region title Sunday, defeating Colin Champion of Spring Hill, Fla., 213-195, to win the third annual PBA Jac's Lanes Valdosta South Open Presented By DV8 at Jac's Lanes Sunday.

Champion, who led the event from wire to wire, qualified in the number one position for the stepladder finals with a 17-game pinfall of 3,768, 43 pins ahead of Allen. But in the title game, he couldn't match Allen's mid-game string of four strikes.

In first stepladder match, Giorgio Clinaz defeated one-time PBA Tour champion Cristian Azcona of Puerto Rico, 209-195. Allen then eliminated Clinaz, 171-162, in the semifinal match.

Allen earned \$2,500 while Champion pocketed \$1,300 for second, Clinaz earned \$1,100 for third and Azcona took home \$1,000 for his fourth-place finish.

The PBA South Region's next event will be the PBA50 Sarasota South Open April 18-20 at Sarasota Lanes in Sarasota, Fla.

#### **PBA JAC'S LANES VALDOSTA SOUTH OPEN Jac's Lanes, Valdosta, Ga., Sunday**

##### **Final Standings:**

- 1, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., \$2,500.
- 2, n-Colin Champion, Spring Hill, Fla., \$1,300.
- 3, n-Giorgio Clinaz, Lake Wales, Fla., \$1,100.
- 4, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, \$1,000.

##### **Stepladder Results:**

Match One – n-Clinaz def. Azcona, 209-195.  
Semifinal – Allen def. n-Clinaz, 171-162.

Championship – Allen def. n-Champion, 213-195.

**Final Qualifying Standings (after 17 games, top 4 advanced to stepladder finals):**

- 1, n-Champion, 3,768.
- 2, Allen, 3,725.
- 3, Azcona, 3,703.
- 4, n-Clinaz, 3,673.
- 5, Chris Polizzi, Spring Hill, Fla., 3,611, \$850.
- 6, Nate Garcia, Merritt Island, Fla., 3,555, \$800.
- 7, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 3,513, \$750.
- 8, Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., 3,460, \$700.

**Round of 16 Cashers (eliminated after 15 games):**

- 9, Joeseeph Grago, Hampstead, N.C., 3,075, \$575.
- 10, Leon Platt, Summerville, S.C., 3,035, \$560.
- 11, Michael Patterson, Canton, Ga., 3,023, \$550.
- 12, Matt Bollhalter, Niceville, Fla., 3,015, \$540.
- 13, Dale Coleman, High Springs, Fla., 3,009, \$530.
- 14, Mike Preston, Gainesville, Fla., 2,996, \$520.
- 15, Billy Rohde, Lilburn, Ga., 2,976, \$510.
- 16, Michael Robbins, Leighton, Ala., 2,891, \$500.

**Round of 24 Cashers (eliminated after 12 games):**

- 17, n-Thomas Watson, Avon Park, Fla., 2,398, \$420.
- 18, Kristijonas Sergejevas, Lake Wales, Fla., 2,397, \$420.
- 19, Carlos Tobon, Plantation, Fla., 2,361, \$410.
- 20, Sean Wilcox, Altamonte Springs, Fla., 2,323, \$410.
- 21, n-Christian Miller, Homosassa Springs, Fla., 2,300, \$410.
- 22, n-Verity Crawley, Babson Park, Fla., 2,294, \$400.
- 23, Adam Monks, Conway, S.C., 1,579 (8 games), \$400.

300 Games: Matt Bollhalter, Kristijonas Sergejevas.

n-denotes non-PBA member.

Brian LeClair Tops Qualifying After

Johnny Petraglia BVL Open First Round

CLEARWATER, Fla. (April 15, 2019) – Hampered by a lingering knee injury, 2017 PBA50 Player of the Year Brian LeClair of Delmar, N.Y., averaged 247 to take the first round lead in the PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open presented by Lucas Magazine and Brunswick Monday at Maple Countryside Lanes.

After starting the round with games of 207 and 212, LeClair, who uses a brace on his left knee, followed up with games of 256, 279, 238, 280 and 259 to finish with a 1,731 seven-game pinfall total.

"I switched to a ball with a medium reaction after the second game that went a little further down the lane and after that it was bombs away," said the three-time PBA50 Tour winner. "This is one of those situations where having the right angle and right roll on the ball is critical to get the pin carry."

LeClair, who won the 2017 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open, holds an eight-pin lead in the first tournament of the 2019 season over PBA Hall of Famer and eight-time PBA PBA50 Tour winner Amleto Monacelli in second with 1,723. Monacelli started his season with a 300 game and then bowled games of 218, 215, 236, 259, 258 and 237.

Rounding out the top five after the first round were Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 1,690; PBA Hall of Famer Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 1,685, and Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 1,672.

Reigning PBA50 Player of the Year Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix, finished in a tie for eighth with PBA Hall of Famer Ron Mohr of Las Vegas with a 1,647 pinfall. Haugen won the 2018 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open when it was held at Farmingdale Lanes in Farmingdale, N.Y.

PBA Hall of Famer Johnny Petraglia, who has won 14 PBA Tour and eight PBA50 Tour titles in his more than five decades of PBA competition, finished the first round in 70th with 1,476.

Competition continues Tuesday with another seven-game qualifying round beginning at 9 a.m. ET. Cashers and match play rounds get underway Wednesday at 8:30 a.m., which will determine the five players for the stepladder finals at 7 p.m.

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## PBA50 JOHNNY PETRAGLIA BVL OPEN

Presented by Lucas Magazine and Brunswick

Maple Countryside Lanes, Monday

### FIRST ROUND (after seven games)

- 1, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 1,731.
- 2, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,723.
- 3, Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 1,690.

4, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 1,685.  
5, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 1,672.  
6, ss-William Peters, Dayton, Ohio, 1,658.  
7, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,649.  
8, (tie) ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, and Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,647.  
10, ss-Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 1,640.  
11, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,636.  
12, Robert Leonard Sr, Lockwood, N.Y., 1,635.  
13, Darin Hays, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1,634.  
14, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 1,622.  
15, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,617.  
16, Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 1,616.  
17, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,609.  
18, Carlos Denot, Mexico, 1,600.  
19, David Taylor, Largo, Fla., 1,589.  
20, n-Dennis Rakauskas, Apopka, Fla., 1,588.  
21, Brian Menini, Brookfield, Mo., 1,584.  
22, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,582.  
23, ss-Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 1,578.  
24, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 1,576.  
25, Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 1,573.  
26, Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 1,569.  
27, n-David Covington, Holland, Mich., 1,565.  
28, (tie) Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., and ss-Mike Mineman, St Louis, 1,563.  
30, Peter Knopp, Germany, 1,562.  
31, Paul LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 1,561.  
32, Steve Hoskins, New Port Richey, Fla., 1,553.  
33, ss-Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 1,551.  
34, (tie) Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, and Glenn Smith, New York, 1,549.  
36, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 1,548.  
37, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1,547.  
38, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 1,546.  
39, ss-Patrick King, Yankton, S.D., 1,545.  
40, (tie) Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., and Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,544.  
42, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 1,542.  
43, ss-Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 1,539.  
44, (tie) Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,538 and ss-George Gomez, Orlando, Fla., 1,538.  
46, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 1,524.  
47, n-Rich Garner, Hudson, Fla., 1,522.  
48, (tie) John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., and Warren Eales, Chandler, Ariz., 1,520.  
50, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 1,519.  
51, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,516.  
52, ss-Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 1,514.  
53, John Dougherty III, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., 1,508.  
54, Steve Kenyon, Grosse Ile., Mich., 1,506.  
55, Paul Fleming, Ft. Worth, Texas, 1,505.  
56, Todd Haney, Boiling Springs, S.C., 1,504.  
57, James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 1,500.  
58, Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., 1,498.  
59, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1,496.  
60, Doug Becker, Clermont, Fla., 1,494.  
61, ss-Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,492.  
62, (tie) Steven DiMartino, Upper Saddle River, N.J., and Dan Schmerbach, St. Joseph, Mo., 1,489.

64, James Campbell, Clearwater, Fla., 1,486.  
65, ss-Chris Fedden, Albany, N.Y., 1,482.  
66, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,481.  
67, Michael Mikolajczyk, Boothwyn, Pa., and n-Peter Hernandez, Land O' Lakes, Fla., 1,480.  
69, ss-John DiSantis, Wilmington, Del., 1,477.  
70, ss-Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 1,476.  
71, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 1,475.  
72, ss-Jim Pitts, Elmira, N.Y., 1,474.  
73, (tie) ss-Pete DiChiara, Ardsley, N.Y., and ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,470.  
75, Rory Peterson, Jacksonville, Fla., 1,461.  
76, ss-Chuck Richardson, The Villages, Fla., 1,460.  
77, ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 1,458.  
78, (tie) ss-n-Brian Brazeau, Ocala, Fla., and ss-Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 1,457.  
80, (tie) Rolando Sebelen, Dominica Republic, ss-George Litwin, Miami, and John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 1,456.  
83, ss-n-Dennis Psaropolus, Lake Worth, Fla., 1,452.  
84, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 1,446.  
85, ss-Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 1,441.  
86, (tie) ss-Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 1,437, and ss-Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,437.  
88, (tie) ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., and ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,434.  
90, ss-Nick Panicaro, Ocala, Fla., 1,433.  
91, n, ss-Lucy Sandelin, Tampa, Fla., 1,429.  
92, Ken Shealy, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 1,421.  
93, ss-Steve Bova, Massapequa, N.Y., 1,420.  
94, ss-Sam Maccarone, Williamstown, N.J., 1,418.  
95, (tie) ss-Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., and ss-Kerry Fulford, Ft. Worth, Texas, 1,417.  
97, ss-n-Stan Sprow, Lakeland, Fla., 1,413.  
98, ss-Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 1,409.  
99, David Bleggi, Jacksonville, N.C., 1,408.  
100, (tie) ss-Widmar Vargas, Sun City Center, Fla., and Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 1,407.  
102, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 1,405.  
103, n-John Stronka, Davie, Fla., 1,404.  
104, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,402.  
105, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 1,398.  
106, Jimmy Jean, Kathleen, Ga., 1,396.  
107, ss-Michael Truitt, New Port Richey, Fla., 1,394.  
108, ss-Steve Ferraro, Kingston, N.Y., 1,393.  
109, John Donovan, Melbourne, Fla., 1,391.  
110, (tie) ss-John Younger, The Villages, Fla., and Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 1,390.  
112, Jon DeLaney, McKinney, Texas, 1,389.  
113, (tie) ss-Bob Kelly, Dayton, Ohio, and n-Michael Owen, Gainesville, Fla., 1,375.  
115, ss-Willie Wells, Plano, Texas, 1,374.  
116, ss-Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,367.  
117, (tie) Bill Vannoy, Jacksonville, N.C., and ss-Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 1,365.  
119, Harry Alchin III, Madeira Beach, Fla., 1,363.  
120, ss-Lee Rautenberg, Boynton Beach, Fla., 1,361.  
121, Tom Johnson, Golfport, Fla., 1,357.  
122, Mark Abraham, Lansing, Mich., 1,356.  
123, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1,355.  
124, David Sanders, Blythewood, S.C., 1,351.  
125, (tie) Mal Williams, Jr, Greensboro, N.C., and ss-Ken Waters, Kingsport, Tenn., 1,350.  
127, Darryl Dempsey, Pinellas Park, Fla., 1,341.  
128, ss-Louis Alessi, Clearwater, Fla., 1,332.

129, Jim Horan, Mountain View, Calif., 1,321.  
130, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 1,312.  
131, (tie) ss-Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, and Fran Luzzi, Port Jervis, N.Y., 1,307.  
133, ss-Larry Helton, Bolingbrook, Ill., 1,305.  
134, Jay Hess, Gotha, Fla., 1,292.  
135, (tie) ss-Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., and n,ss-Joe Barna, Stuart, Fla., 1,287.  
137, Michael Vella, Medford, N.Y., 1,277.  
138, (tie) Timothy Banks, Rosamond, Calif., and Larry Felts Jr., Simpsonville, S.C., 1,276.  
140, Darren Hook, Santo, Texas, 1,253.  
141, Richard Strath, Schenectady, N.Y., 1,248.  
142, Carl West, San Jose, Calif., 1,243.  
143, ss-Joe Salvemini, Colorado Springs, Colo., 1,220.  
144, ss-Dan Howsmon, Land O'Lakes, Fla., 1,210.  
145, ss-Garry Blanton, Owensboro, Ky., 1,209.  
146, ss-Thomas Sliwinski, Reynoldsville, Pa., 1,207.  
147, ss-Peter Brainard, Tampa, Fla., 1,190.  
148, John Austin Jr., League City, Texas, 1,176.  
149, ss-Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 1,157.  
150, ss-Stephen Lippman, Palm Harbor, Fla., 1,155.  
151, ss-Robert Stevens, Zephyrhills, Fla., 1,152.  
152, n-Gavin Newman, Palm Harbor, Fla., 1,126.  
153, ss-Vinny Rivas, Zephyrhills, Fla., 1,114.  
154, ss-Sтивен Grotowski, Ft Lauderdale, Fla, 1,100.  
155, John Christensen, Carmel, N.Y., 1,080.  
156, ss-Norm Ginsberg, Lady Lake, Fla., 1,119.  
157, ss-Lucien Casagrande, Canada, 1,022.

300 games – Amleto Monacelli

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Malott, Svensson Take Advantage of Misfortunes to Advance in PBA Playoffs

Round of 16 competition begins Monday, April 22 at 9 p.m. ET p.m. on FS1

PORTLAND, MAINE (April 15, 2019) – Ten-time PBA Tour winner Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, and seven-time titlist Jesper Svensson of Sweden took advantage of 10th-frame misfortunes by their opponents to advance to the Round of 16 in the inaugural PBA Playoffs at Bayside Bowl.

Malott, the No. 15 seed, and Svensson, No. 23, along with No. 11 Kyle Sherman of O'Fallon, Missouri, and seven-time Tour winner and No. 14 seed Dom Barrett of England, won their Round of 24 single-game elimination matches, that aired on FS1 Monday to advance to the Round of 16 where they will join four earlier winners – three-time Tour titlist Andres Gomez of Colombia; six-time titlist Rhino Page of Orlando, Fla.; three-time winner Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, North Carolina, and 2019 Scorpion Championship winner Kris Prather of Plainfield, Illinois.

The winner of the Playoffs, which features the top 24 players in competition points after the first 13 Go Bowling! PBA Tour tournaments of the season, will earn a \$100,000 first prize.

Malott won his match against No. 18 qualifier three-time tour winner Josh Blanchard of Mesa, Arizona, when Blanchard – needing a nine-count on his fill ball in the 10th frame to win – threw the ball wide leaving the 1-2-4 to lose the match, 212-211.

"My heart goes out to Josh, but we've all been there and I know how he feels," said Malott. "Even though I hated it for Josh, I still felt like I deserved to win because I fought hard to put the pressure on him to get back in the match.

"At the start of the match I was way too quick," Malott said of his slow start in the match. "With the electric atmosphere here it's easy to get too pumped up, so I had to calm down. I'm just glad I was able to do what I had to do to get back in the match."

Svensson won his match against No. 10 seed four-time tour winner Marshall Kent of Yakima, Washington, 206-190 but was also aided in his win by Kent. Holding a five-pin lead heading into the 10th frame, Kent, who missed a 10 pin earlier in the match, left a 4-9 split on his first shot and was unable to convert. Svensson, a left-handed two-hander, took advantage, closing the game with three strikes for the win.

In the other two Round of 24 matches, Barrett, a seven-time tour winner, handily won his match against No. 19 Brad Miller of Lees Summit, Missouri, 237-187, and Sherman won his match against No. 22 DJ Archer of Spring, Texas, 203-182, to also advance to the Round of 16.

Round of 16 and Round of 8 matches will be televised by FS1 on consecutive Monday nights at 9 p.m. ET beginning April 22, reducing the field to four survivors who will return to Portland for the semifinal and final rounds June 1-2, with both shows airing live on FOX at noon Eastern.

The format for the Rounds of 16 and 8 will change to a Race to 2 Points format where each game won is worth one point. If the players split the first two games, a ninth and 10th frame tie-breaker will be used to award the deciding point. The eight Round of 24 winners will take on the top eight Playoffs qualifiers – Jason Belmonte, Jakob Butturff, Norm Duke, Anthony Simonsen, EJ Tackett, Sean Rash, Bill O'Neill and Tom Daugherty – who earned byes to automatically advance to the Round of 16.

To view the PBA Playoffs bracket click here:

[https://www.pba.com/Content/Images/playoffs/2019\\_PBA\\_Playoff\\_Bracket.pdf](https://www.pba.com/Content/Images/playoffs/2019_PBA_Playoff_Bracket.pdf)

#### PBA PLAYOFFS RESULTS

Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine (second half of Round of 24 aired Monday on FS1. Winners advance to Round of 16)

Match 5 – Jesper Svensson, Sweden, def. Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 206-190.

Match 6 – Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., def. DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 203-182.

Match 7 – Dom Barrett, England, def. Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 237-187.

Match 8 – Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, def. Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 212-211.

Round of 16 pairings (Race to 2 Points based on one point per game won)

Match 9 – Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., vs. Jason Belmonte, Australia (airs April 22).

Match 10 – Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., vs. Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla. (airs April 22).

Match 11 – Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., vs. Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas (airs April 29).

Match 12 – Andres Gomez, Colombia vs. EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind. (airs April 29).

Match 13 – Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, vs. Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz. (airs May 6).

Match 14 – Jesper Svensson, Sweden, vs. Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa. (airs May 6).

Match 15 – Dom Barrett, England, vs. Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla. (airs May 13).

Match 16 – Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., vs. Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill. (airs May 13).

## Norm Duke Turns His Attention to PBA50 Tour Where He Takes

### Johnny Petraglia BVL Open Top Qualifier Honors

CLEARWATER, Fla. (April 16, 2019) – If Norm Duke isn't busy enough challenging for Player of the Year honors on the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour, the 55-year-old hall of famer has turned his attention to the PBA50 Tour this week where he finds himself as the qualifying leader after the second round of the Johnny Petraglia BVL Open presented by Lucas Magazine and Brunswick.

After finishing the first round in 11th, Duke surged to the top spot finishing with a 3,370 14-game qualifying pinfall total (240 average) Tuesday at Maple Country Lanes after bowling games of 268, 254, 255, 247, 225, 227 and 258 in the second round.

"The center and the lanes are in great condition which is making it easy to get a good read right away," Duke said. "Nothing is confusing me and I'm able to get lined up quick, so pair to pair there's a consistency that I'm able to take advantage of."

On the PBA Tour, Duke won his 39th and 40th titles back-to-back in February to become the oldest player to accomplish the feat.

"I'm getting better at managing the nagging little injuries in recent years and I'm committed to not over-hooking the ball which puts me in a better place from a physical standpoint," said Duke, who is in his 37th season on the PBA Tour and sixth season on the tour for players 50 and over. "The kids tour is still the priority for me but I'm going to

bowl the PBA50 Tour as much as I can. Managing my schedule going forward is also something I'm going to have to do."

After qualifying, the top 24 players advanced to Wednesday's match play with an additional eight players that will be determined through a casher's round that begins at 8:30 a.m. ET.

Duke held a 47-pin lead over fellow hall of famers Bryan Goebel of Shawnee, Kan., in second with a 3,323 pinfall and a 53-pin lead over Amleto Monacelli of Venezuela in third with 3,317. Robert Leonard of Lockwood, N.Y., finished fourth with 3,307 and Joe Scarborough of Charlotte, N.C. rounded out the top five with 3,288.

Reigning PBA50 Player of the Year and 2018 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open winner Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix, finished qualifying in sixth with 3,274 followed by Gary Faulkner of Norfolk, Va., in seventh with 3,264. First round leader Brian LeClair of Albany, N.Y., the winner of the 2017 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open, rounded out the top eight with 3,258. The top eight players will be seeded into Wednesday's second match play round.

PBA Hall of Famer Johnny Petraglia advanced to the casher's round by finishing sixth among the PBA60 players (ages 60 and over) out of the regular prize fund. The 72-year-old left-hander finished qualifying with a 2,970 14-game pinfall.

After match play the top five players will advance to the stepladder finals scheduled for 7 p.m.

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#### PBA50 JOHNNY PETRAGLIA BVL OPEN

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Maple Country Lanes, Clearwater, Fla., Tuesday

SECOND ROUND (after 14 games. Positions 1-24 advance to match play. Positions 25-52 plus eight PBA60 players advance to casher's round to determine eight match play spots)

- 1, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,370.
- 2, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3,323.
- 3, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,317.
- 4, Robert Leonard, Lockwood, N.Y., 3,307.
- 5, Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 3,288.
- 6, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3,274.
- 7, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 3,264.
- 8, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 3,258.
- 9, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,244.
- 10, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,241.
- 11, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 3,222.
- 12, William Peters, Dayton, Ohio, 3,208.
- 13, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 3,191.

- 14, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3,190.
- 15, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 3,171.
- 16, Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 3,166.
- 17, Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 3,164.
- 18, Steve Hoskins, New Port Richey, Fla., 3,144.
- 19, (tie) Steve Kenyon, Grosse Ile., Mich., and Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3,136.
- 21, (tie) Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., and George Gomez, Orlando, Fla., 3,134.
- 23, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 3,128.
- 24, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,121.
- 25, (tie) James Campbell, Clearwater, Fla., and Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,093.
- 27, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 3,090.
- 28, Paul Fleming, Ft. Worth, Texas, 3,083.
- 29, Darin Hays, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 3,080.
- 30, n-Brian Brazeau, Ocala, Fla., 3,079.
- 31, (tie) Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., and Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,067.
- 33, Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 3,063.
- 34, Rolando Sebelen, Dominica Republic, 3,060.
- 35, (tie) John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, and Brian Menini, Brookfield, Mo., 3,055.
- 38, Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 3,053.
- 39, Carlos Denot, Mexico, 3,050.
- 40, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 3,046.
- 41, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 3,043.
- 42, Mike Mineman, St Louis, 3,042.
- 43, David Taylor, Largo, Fla., 3,031.
- 44, Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 3,027.
- 45, Warren Eales, Chandler, Ariz., 3,025.
- 46, (tie) Tom Baker, King, N.C., and Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 3,022.
- 48, Pete DiChiara, Ardsley, N.Y., 3,018.
- 49, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 3,013.

50, (tie) Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., and Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 3,007.

52, Doug Becker, Clermont, Fla., 3,004.

53, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 3,002.

54, ss-Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 3,000.

55, ss-Chris Fedden, Albany, N.Y., 2,998.

56, John Dougherty III, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., 2,997.

57, ss-Jim Pitts, Elmira, N.Y., 2,992.

58, (tie) John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., and Peter Knopp, Germany, 2,985.

60, n-Dennis Rakauskas, Apopka, Fla., 2,983.

61, ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 2,981.

62, Steven DiMartino, Upper Saddle River, N.J., 2,979.

63, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 2,978.

64, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 2,975.

65, Paul LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 2,973.

66, Dan Schmerbach, St. Joseph, Mo., 2,971.

67, ss-Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 2,970.

68, n-Peter Hernandez, Land O' Lakes, Fla., 2,964.

69, (tie) ss-Kerry Fulford, Ft. Worth, Texas, Todd Haney, Boiling Springs, S.C., and Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 2,960.

72, James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 2,957.

73, John Donovan, Melbourne, Fla., 2,955.

74, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 2,954.

75, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 2,951.

76, ss-Patrick King, Yankton, S.D., 2,931.

77, n-Rich Garner, Hudson, Fla., 2,927.

78, Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 2,925.

79, n-Dennis Psaropolus, Lake Worth, Fla., 2,917.

80, (tie) Chuck Richardson, The Villages, Fla., and Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 2,913.

82, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 2,912.

83, n-David Covington, Holland, Mich., 2,911.

84, Glenn Smith, New York, 2,908.

85, Carl West, San Jose, Calif., 2,905.

86, Rory Peterson, Jacksonville, Fl, 2,902.

87, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 2,901.

88, Michael Mikolajczyk, Boothwyn, Pa., 2,900.

89, Widmar Vargas, Sun City Center, Fla., 2,897.

90, David Bleggi, Jacksonville, N.C., 2,893.

91, Bill Vannoy, Jacksonville, N.C., 2,890.

92, Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 2,888.

93, (tie) Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., and Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 2,885.

95, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 2,884.

96, Steve Ferraro, Kingston, N.Y., 2,878.

97, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 2,875.

98, George Litwin, Miami, 2,872.

99, Joe Salvemini, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2,869.

100, John Younger, The Villages, Fla., 2,856.

101, Lee Rautenberg, Boynton Beach, Fla., 2,854.

102, (tie) n-Michael Owen, Gainesville, Fla., and Ken Shealy, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 2,853.

104, (tie) Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, n-Lucy Sandelin, Tampa, Fla., and Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 2,852.

107, Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 2,849.

108, Sam Maccarone, Williamstown, N.J., 2,835.

109, n-Stan Sprow, Lakeland, Fla., 2,834.

110, (tie) Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., and John DiSantis, Wilmington, Del., 2,833.

112, Steve Bova, Massapequa, N.Y., 2,830.

113, Fran Luzzi, Port Jervis, N.Y., 2,825.

114, ss-Louis Alessi, Clearwater, Fla., 2,810.

115, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 2,766.

116, (tie) Bob Kelly, Dayton, Ohio, and Nick Panicaro, Ocala, Fla., 2,763.

118, Mark Abraham, Lansing, Mich., 2,758.

119, Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 2,753.

120, (tie) Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., and Jimmy Jean, Kathleen, Ga., 2,742.

122, n-John Stronka, Davie, Fla., 2,740.

123, Mal Williams, Jr, Greensboro, N.C., 2,732.

124, Michael Truitt, New Port Richey, Fla., 2,728.

125, Darryl Dempsey, Pinellas Park, Fla., 2,727.

126, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 2,723.

127, David Sanders, Blythewood, S.C., 2,715.

128, Richard Strath, Schenectady, N.Y., 2,712.

129, Jim Horan, Mountain View, Calif., 2,703.

130, Harry Alchin III, Madeira Beach, Fla., 2,682.

131, Willie Wells, Plano, Texas, 2,669.

132, Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 2,656.

133, Timothy Banks, Rosamond, Calif., 2,653.

134, Jay Hess, Gotha, Fla., 2,634.

135, Tom Johnson, Gulfport, Fla., 2,626.

135, Jon DeLaney, McKinney, Texas, 2,626.

137, Michael Vella, Medford, N.Y., 2,620.

138, Larry Helton, Bolingbrook, Ill., 2,588.

139, (tie) Thomas Sliwinski, Reynoldsville, Pa., and Ken Waters, Kingsport, Tenn., 2,583.

141, Larry Felts Jr., Simpsonville, S.C., 2,582.

142, Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 2,581.

143, Dan Howsmon, Land O'Lakes, Fla., 2,573.

144, John Austin Jr., League City, Texas, 2,567.

145, Steven Grotowski, Ft Lauderdale, Fla, 2,562.

146, n-Joe Barna, Stuart, Fla., 2,551.

147, n-Gavin Newman, Palm Harbor, Fla., 2,504.

148, Garry Blanton, Owensboro, Ky., 2,495.

149, Darren Hook, Santo, Texas, 2,453.

150, Peter Brainard, Tampa, Fla., 2,398.

151, Stephen Lippman, Palm Harbor, Fla., 2,390.

152, Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 2,378.

153, Vinny Rivas, Zephyrhills, Fla., 2,364.

154, John Christensen, Carmel, N.Y., 2,313.

155, Robert Stevens, Zephyrhills, Fla., 2,044.

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ss-PBA60 players ages 60 and over out of the regular prize fund advancing to casher's round

**Walter Ray Williams Jr. Wins PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open  
For 12th Career PBA50 Tour Title**

*Hall of Famer beats Sammy Ventura 288-205 in title match  
to move into tie for second on PBA50 all-time win list*

**CLEARWATER, Fla. (April 17, 2019)** – PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Florida, won the PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open Wednesday for his 12th career title on PBA's tour for players 50 and over, moving him into a tie for second on the all-time titles list with three other players.

In the first tournament of the 2019 season, the 59-year-old Williams beat finals top qualifier Sammy Ventura of Syracuse, N.Y., 288-205, in the title match at Maple Country Lanes to tie Tom Baker, Gary Dickinson and Dale Eagle on the all-time list. John Handegard holds the record of 14 PBA50 Tour titles.

Technical difficulties prevented the finals from airing live on FloBowling but the stream will be archived for later viewing on [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com).

"I wasn't really bowling well in qualifying until I made some ball changes later in the tournament where I could play outside and go straighter to the pocket," said Williams, who had to battle all the way from the cashers round. "I started getting a much better ball reaction as the tournament went on. I was finally able to get to the pocket and then it was just a matter of getting all the pins to go down."

In the semi-final match, Williams, who qualified second for the finals, also dominated by beating 2017 PBA50 Player of the Year Brian LeClair of Albany, New York, 277-225.

LeClair, the 2017 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open winner, started the finals by beating No. 4 qualifier PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Florida, 10-9, in a one-ball roll-off after tying the match 237-237. LeClair then went on to beat No. 3 qualifier Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio, 238-213, to advance to the semifinal against Williams. Duke was trying for his sixth career PBA50 Tour title and Kretzer his second.

With his win, Williams, the PBA Tour's all-time titles leader with 47 wins, moved a step closer to becoming the all-time leader on both of PBA's national tours.

"If I'm going to challenge that record I'm going to need to get going," said Williams. "The senior tour keeps getting better and better which means it's going to be much harder to get the wins."

Williams' last win on the PBA50 Tour came in the 2017 USBC Senior Masters. He finished second three times in 2018 including the Johnny Petraglia BVL Open which was held at Farmingdale Lanes in Farmingdale, N.Y.

Ventura's second-place finish was his career best on the PBA50 Tour eclipsing his previous best of third in the 2017 Race City Open.

The PBA50 Tour heads to The Villages, Florida for the first major of the season when Spanish Springs Lanes hosts the PBA50 National Championship April 22-26.

**PBA50 JOHNNY PETRAGLIA BVL OPEN**  
**Presented by Lucas Magazine and Brunswick**  
**Maple Country Lanes, Clearwater, Fla., Wednesday**

**Final Standings:**

- 1, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., \$7,500.
- 2, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., \$4,000.
- 3, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., \$3,000.
- 4, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, \$2,500.
- 5, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., \$2,000.

**Stepladder Results:**

Match One – LeClair def. Duke, 237-237, LeClair won roll-off 10-9.

Match Two – LeClair def. Kretzer, 238-213.

Semifinal Match – Williams def. LeClair, 277-225.

Championship Match – Williams, def. Ventura, 288-205.

**Match Play Round 2 (after six games, including match play bonus pins. Top five advance to stepladder finals)**

- 1, ss-Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 5-1, 1,646.
- 2, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 6-0, 1,619.
- 3, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 4-2, 1,595.
- 4, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 4-2, 1,582.
- 5, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 4-2, 1,558.
- 6, (tie) ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 5-1, 1,528, and Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 4-2, 1,528, \$1,600.
- 8, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 2-4, 1,481, \$1,600.
- 9, (tie) Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 2-4, 1,461, and Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 4-2, 1,461, \$1,400.
- 11, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1-5, 1,399, \$1,400.
- 12, Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 2-4, 1,398, \$1,400.
- 13, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 2-4, 1,391, \$1,400.
- 14, Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 1-5, 1,384, \$1,400.
- 15, Steve Kenyon, Grosse Ile., Mich., 1-5, 1,235, \$1,400.
- 16, Robert Leonard, Lockwood, N.Y., 1-5, 1,155, \$1,400.

**Match Play Round 1 (After five games, including match play bonus pins)**

- 17, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 4-1, 1,206, \$1,250.
- 18, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 2-3, 1,192, \$1,250.
- 19, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 4-1, 1,187, \$1,250.
- 20, (tie) Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 2-3, 1,182, and Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2-3, 1,182, \$1,250.
- 22, Steve Hoskins, New Port Richey, Fla., 3-2, 1,151, \$1,250.
- 23, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 2-3, 1,142, \$1,250.

24, Brian Menini, Brookfield, Mo., 2-3, 1,122, \$1,250.  
25, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 2-3, 1,100, \$1,150.  
26, ss-William Peters, Dayton, Ohio, 1-4, 1,092, \$1,150.  
27, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 1-4, 1,078, \$1,150.  
28, (tie) Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., 2-3, 1,058, and ss-Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 1-4, 1,058, \$1,150.  
30, ss-George Gomez, Orlando, Fla., 1-4, 1,052, \$1,150.  
31, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 1-4, 1,018, \$1,150.  
32, Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 0-5, 1,008, \$1,150.

**Other Cashers (after five-game cashers round)**

33, ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 1,136, \$1,100.  
34, Rolando Sebelen, Dominican Republic, \$1,100.  
35, Doug Becker, Clermont, Fla., 1,134, \$1,100.  
36, ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,133, \$1,100.  
37, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 1,132, \$1,100.  
38, Paul Fleming, Ft. Worth, Texas, 1,122, \$1,100.  
39, ss-Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 1,112, \$1,100.  
40, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 1,111, \$1,100.  
41, n,ss-Brian Brazeau, Ocala, Fla., 1,110, \$1,100.  
42, Darin Hays, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1,109, \$1,100.  
43, ss-Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 1,096, \$1,100.  
44, Warren Eales, Chandler, Ariz., 1,085, \$1,050.  
45, Carlos Denot, Mexico, 1,077, \$1,050.  
46, ss-Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 1,073, \$1,050.  
47, ss-Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 1,069, \$1,050.  
48, ss-Pete DiChiara, Ardsley, N.Y., 1,067, \$1,050.  
49, ss-Jim Pitts, Elmira, N.Y., 1,066, \$1,050.  
50, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 1,051, \$1,050.  
51, Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 1,050, \$1,050.  
52, James Campbell, Clearwater, Fla., 1,042, \$1,050.  
53, ss-Chris Fedden, Albany, N.Y., 1,033, \$1,000.  
54, ss-Kerry Fulford, Ft. Worth, Texas, 1,030, \$1,000.  
55, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1,026, \$1,000.  
56, ss-Patrick King, Yankton, S.D., 1,023, \$1,000.  
57, ss-Mike Mineman, St Louis, 1,019, \$1,000.  
58, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 1,016, \$1,000.  
59, ss-Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,000, \$1,000.  
60, David Taylor, Largo, Fla., 355, \$1,000.

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ss-PBA60 player ages 60 years and older

## **Lundquist Wins PBA Debbie & Leo Nunan Memorial Central Open**

**Grove City, Ohio (April 14, 2019)** – Jason Lundquist of Columbus, Ohio defeated Brandon Novak of Chillicothe, Ohio by 131 pins Sunday to win the Professional Bowlers Association Debbie & Leo Nunan Memorial Central Open presented by Track at AMF Stardust Lanes.

Lundquist finished with an 9-2-1 match play record and a total of 4,471 pins for 20 games, including match play bonus pins, for his fifth career regional title. He also earned \$2,500.

The next PBA Central Region event will be a one day/reduced entry fee event in Richmond, Ind., April 27-28.

**PBA DEBBIE & LEO NUNAN MEMORIAL CENTRAL OPEN PRESENTED BY TRACK  
AMF Stardust Lanes, Grove City, Ohio, Sunday**

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

1, Jason Lundquist, Columbus, Ohio, 9-2-1, 4,471, \$2,500. 2, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 5-7, 4,340, \$1,300. 3, Kyle Bigelow, Troy, Ohio, 7-5, 4,327, \$1,000. 4, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 6-6, 4,311, \$900.

5, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 7-5, 4,302, \$850. 6, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 7-4-1, 4,299, \$800.

7, Aaron Lorincz, Center Line, Mich., 8-4, 4,283, \$780. 8, n-Todd Book, Russells Point, Ohio, 6-5-1, 4,271, \$760.

9, Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 7-5, 4,253, \$740. 10, Chris Colella, Indianapolis, Ind., 7-5, 4,249, \$720.

11, Michael Schlabach, Goshen, Ind., 5-7, 4,202, \$700. 12, n-Dan Higgins Jr, Westerville, Ohio, 5-7, 4,200, \$680.

13, n-Ryan Tamburrino, Dublin, Ohio, 4-8, 4,157, \$660. 14, n-Mike Sturgell, Grove City, Ohio, 5-7, 4,060, \$640.

15, Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2-9-1, 4,045, \$620. 16, n-Greg Vangundy, Canal Winchester, Ohio, 4-8, 3,995, \$600.

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**Monday on FS1: PBA Playoffs Round of 16 Action Begins from Bayside Bowl at 9 p.m. ET**

**PORTLAND, Maine (April 19, 2019)** – The inaugural PBA Playoffs moves into Round of 16 action Monday with two Race to 2 Points matches from Bayside Bowl on FS1 at 9 p.m. ET.

The first match will feature a showdown between two of the Go Bowling! PBA Tour's premier two-handers, No. 1 seed and four-time PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia vs. No. 17 seed and three-time Tour winner Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, North Carolina.

Belmonte earned a bye into the Round of 16 by finishing as the leader in PBA Tour points after the first 13 tour tournaments of the season. Troup, who earned his berth in the Playoffs by finishing 17th in the points race, advanced to the Round of 16 by beating PBA Hall of Famer Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas in the one-game Round of 24 eliminations, 236-205.

The second Round of 16 match will feature No. 9 Kris Prather of Plainfield, Illinois, who won his first PBA Tour title in the PBA Scorpion Championship during the PBA World Series of Bowling X in March, against two-time tour winner and No. 8 qualifier Tom Daugherty of Tampa, Florida. Prather won his Round of 24 match over No. 24 Darren Tang of San Francisco, 207-183. As the No. 8 seed, Daugherty received the last of eight first-round byes.

For the Race to 2 Points format, each game won in the match is worth one point. If the players split the first two games, a ninth and 10th frame tie-breaker is used to award the deciding point.

The winner of the Playoffs will earn a \$100,000 first prize.

Round of 16 action continues on FS1 April 29, May 6, and May 13 at 9 p.m. ET. The eight winners advance to the Round of 8 competition beginning May 20 on FS1. The four survivors from the Round of 8 will return to Portland for the semifinal and final rounds June 1-2, with both shows airing live on FOX at noon ET.

To view a PBA Playoffs bracket click

on: [https://www.pba.com/Content/Images/playoffs/2019\\_PBA\\_Playoff\\_Bracket.pdf](https://www.pba.com/Content/Images/playoffs/2019_PBA_Playoff_Bracket.pdf)

## **PBA PLAYOFFS**

### **Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine**

#### **Round of 16 pairings (Race to 2 Points format based on one point per game won)**

Match 9 – Jason Belmonte, Australia vs. Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C. (airs April 22)

Match 10 – Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill. vs. Tom Daugherty, Tampa, Fla. (airs April 22)

Match 11 – Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., vs. Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas (airs April 29).

Match 12 – Andres Gomez, Colombia vs. EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind. (airs April 29).

Match 13 – Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, vs. Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz. (airs May 6).

Match 14 – Jesper Svensson, Sweden, vs. Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa. (airs May 6).

Match 15 – Dom Barrett, England, vs. Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla. (airs May 13).

Match 16 – Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., vs. Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill. (airs May 13).

## **PBA Spare Shots**

### **TWO-YEAR PBA TOUR POINTS LEADERS SET FOR DHC PBA JAPAN INVITATIONAL**

While the inaugural PBA Playoffs continue to play out on Monday nights on FS1, 10 PBA Tour players who led the combined 2018 and 2019 competition points standings will be part of a 16-player international contingent that will bowl against 16 top Japanese players in the 2019 DHC PBA Japan Invitational that will take place April 27-29 at Tokyo Port Bowl.

The tournament, which will air in its entirety on FloBowling, will award a PBA Tour title to the winner if he/she is a PBA member along with an estimated \$35,000 first prize.

PBA members who qualified for invitations based on competition points are 2018 PBA Player of the Year **Andrew Anderson, Anthony Simonsen, EJ Tackett, Kris Prather, Stuart Williams, Jason Belmonte, Marshall Kent, Bill O'Neill, Jakob Butturff** and **Tom Smallwood**. Also in the international field will be defending DHC Japan champion **Dom Barrett** and PBA Tour stars **Kyle Troup, Sean Rash** and team captain **Chris Barnes** who have been selected by tournament sponsor DHC. Rounding out the international field will be PBA Japan Region champion **Yuka Tsuchiya** and a Korea PBA player to be named later.

The international players will be joined by 16 Japanese bowlers who will qualify during a pre-tournament qualifier a week ahead of the main event. PBA's official live streaming partner, FloBowling, will cover the event live in the early morning hours in the U.S., but will be archived for viewing at more convenient hours for American subscribers. For more information, visit [flobowling.com](http://flobowling.com).

### **PBA50 TOUR SEASON-OPENER NOW AVAILABLE "ON DEMAND" AT [FLOBOWLING.COM](http://flobowling.com)**

The stepladder finals of the PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open, the opening event of the 2019 PBA50 Tour season, are now available to FloBowling subscribers. Visit the FloBowling.com archives: <https://www.flobowling.com/events/6329194-2019-pba50-johnny-petraglia-bvl-open-presented-by-brunswick>.

### **PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: 13-YEAR MEMBER KEITH LAING WINS FIRST PBA TITLE**

After 13 years of membership, **Keith Laing** of Oakdale, Conn., defeated **Gary Haines** of West Babylon, N.Y., 222-209, to capture his first PBA Regional title in the PBA Bowlers Discount Eastern Open presented by DV8 at AMF Towson Lanes in Towson, Md., Sunday.

Laing, who earned \$2,500, had four career runner-up finishes while competing in the PBA West Region. He qualified fourth in Towson, earning a two-round bye in the bracket elimination finals before eliminating **Johnathan Bower** of Middletown, Pa., 2-1, in the best-of-three game Round of 8. He then defeated **Greg Ostrander** of Brick, N.J., 204-162, in the semifinal match.

Haines, looking for his second career title, qualified sixth. He defeated **Michael Ruben** of Selden, N.Y., 2-0; **Dominick Snyder** of Glen Burnie, Md., 2-1, and **Carvel Waters** of Ft. Washington, Md., 279-176, in his matches leading up to the championship round.

• **Jakob Butturff** of Tempe, Ariz., posted a 12-4 match play record and a 24-game total of 5,730 pins Sunday to win the PBA Earl Anthony West/Northwest Memorial at Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl in Dublin, Calif., while **Craig Miller** of Tracy, Calif., won the PBA50 portion of the doubleheader weekend.

Butturff, who won the USBC Masters on April 1 for his first major PBA Tour championship, cruised to his 21st PBA Regional title and the \$2,500 first prize by 121 pins over **PJ Haggerty** of Roseville, Calif., who had an 10-6 record and a 24-game total of 5,609 pins, including match play bonus pins.

Miller went 12-4 in the 16-game PBA50 match play finals and knocked down 5,307 total pins for his 24 games to top **Wayne Garber** of Modesto Calif., by 76 pins. Miller collected \$1,500 and his second PBA50 regional title.

- **Jason Lundquist** of Columbus, Ohio defeated **Brandon Novak** of Chillicothe, Ohio by 131 pins Sunday to win the Professional Bowlers Association Debbie & Leo Nunan Memorial Central Open presented by Track at AMF Stardust Lanes in Grove City, Ohio.

Lundquist finished with an 9-2-1 match play record and a total of 4,471 pins for 20 games, including match play bonus pins, for his fifth career regional title. He also earned \$2,500.

- **Dick Allen** of Lexington, S.C., won \$2,500 and his 23rd PBA South Region title Sunday, defeating **Colin Champion** of Spring Hill, Fla., 213-195, to win the third annual PBA Jac's Lanes Valdosta South Open at Jac's Lanes in Valdosta, Ga.

Champion qualified in the number one position for the stepladder finals with a 17-game pinfall of 3,768, 43 pins ahead of Allen. But in the title game, he couldn't match Allen's mid-game string of four strikes.

In first stepladder match, **Giorgio Clinaz** defeated one-time PBA Tour champion **Cristian Azcona** of Puerto Rico, 209-195. Allen then eliminated Clinaz, 171-162, in the semifinal match.

- The only event heading into the Easter weekend is the PBA50 Sarasota Ford South Open April 18-20 at Sarasota Lanes in Florida.

- Closing the April PBA Regional calendar over the April 26-28 weekend will be the Houston Copperfield Bowl Southwest Challenge for non-title winners, presented by Global 900; the Brighton Construction Myrtle Beach South Open at Myrtle Beach Bowl in South Carolina; the Oklahoma City Southwest Open presented by Roto Grip at Planet Bowl in Oklahoma; the PBA/PBA50 Tumwater Lanes Doubles event presented by MOTIV in Tumwater, Wash., and the Greater Richmond Central Open at Richmond 40 Bowl in Richmond, Ind.

- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit [pba.com](http://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](http://pba.com) (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

## QUICK NOTES

- FloBowling has announced it will live-stream the 2019 Teen Masters from Sawgrass Lanes in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The event will take place June 29-July 5. Visit [FloBowling.com](http://FloBowling.com) for more information.

- PBA Hall of Famer **Chris Barnes** and England's **Stuart Williams** discuss the proper term for crossover strikes, bowling in Japan, the Weber Cup and other "inside the PBA Tour" topics on FloBowling's "Going Brooklyn Live Show." It's an example of the diverse content available to FloBowling subscribers. To watch, click here: <https://www.flobowling.com/video/6449034-going-brooklyn-talking-with-chris-barnes-and-stu-williams>

## **Kevin Croucher Wins PBA50 Sarasota Southern Open**

**Sarasota, Fla. (April 20, 2019)** – Kevin Croucher from Grants Pass, Oregon, knew he had to give it his best effort in the championship match against red hot PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr., the winningest bowler in PBA history, and he did just that by defeating Williams, 268-197, to win the fourth annual PBA50 Sarasota Ford South Open at Sarasota Lanes on Saturday, April 20.

Croucher, who picked up his ninth overall PBA Regional title, won easily after starting with a spare and then stringing seven strikes. The Oxford, Fla., superstar gave Croucher a head start when he had an open in the first frame of the game and was never able to catch up. Croucher earned the \$2,000 first prize while Williams earned \$1,000 as the runner-up.

In the semifinal round, Croucher eliminated Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., 196-170, while Williams took out Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio, 205-183.

The PBA South Region's next tournament will be the PBA Myrtle Beach South Open in South Carolina, April 26-28.

### **PBA50 SARASOTA SOUTHERN OPEN Sarasota Lanes, Sarasota, Fla., April 20**

#### **Championship:**

Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore. (\$2,000), def. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla. (\$1,000), 268-197.

#### **Semifinal Round (losers earned \$800):**

Croucher def. Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 196-170.

Williams def. Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 205-183.

#### **Round of 8 (three games total pinfall, losers eliminated and earned \$700 each):**

Kretzer def. John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 610-573.

Williams def. Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 733-685.

Croucher def. Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 684-660.

Shafer def. Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill. 697-587.

#### **Round of 12 (three games total pinfall, losers eliminated and earned \$600 each):**

Alstott def. Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 697-624.

Croucher def. Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 705-700.

Sullivan def. Paul Fleming, Ft. Worth, Texas, 728-647.

Marsala def. Ernie Segura, Taylor, Mich., 645-550.

#### **Round of 16 (three games total pinfall, losers eliminated and earned \$500 each):**

Fleming def. Sam Maccarone, Williamstown, N.J., 716-662.

Marsala def. Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 705-667.

Staikoff def. Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 695-627.

Faulkner def. Kerry Fulford, Ft. Worth, Texas, 610-594.

Belmonte and Prather Win Round of 16 Matches to

Advance to PBA Playoffs Round of 8

Playoffs Round of 16 action continues April 29 at 9 p.m. ET p.m. on FS1

PORTLAND, Maine (April 22, 2019) – In a Round of 16 PBA Playoffs match that featured two of the Go Bowling! PBA Tour's premier two-handers, No. 1 seed Jason Belmonte of Australia beat No. 17 Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, North Carolina, in a Race to Two Points match at Bayside Bowled that aired on FS1 Monday to advance to the Round of 8.

Also advancing to the Round of 8 was No. 9 Kris Prather of Plainfield, Illinois, who won his first PBA Tour title in the Scorpion Championship at World Series of Bowling X, beating two-time tour winner No. 8 Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Florida, 2-0, in the second Round of 16 match.

For the Race to 2 Points format, each game won in the match is worth one point. If the players split the first two games, a ninth and 10th frame tie-breaker is used to award the deciding point. As the Playoffs reached the Round of 16, the eight winners who advanced from the Round of 24 take on the top eight Playoffs seeds – Belmonte, Jakob Butturff, Norm Duke, Anthony Simonsen, EJ Tackett, Sean Rash, Bill O'Neill and Daugherty – who earned a bye to the Round of 16.

The winner of the Playoffs, which features the top 24 players in competition points after the first 13 Go Bowling! PBA Tour tournaments of the season, will earn a \$100,000 first prize.

In front of the raucous Bayside Bowl crowd, Belmonte, who won the PBA World Championship for a record 11th PBA major in February, beat Troup soundly 245-186 in the first game. Troup, a three-time tour winner with two third-place finishes this season, rebounded in the second game after a slow start with a run of six strikes from the fourth to the ninth frame, beating Belmonte 223-217 to force the 9th and 10th frame roll-off. Belmonte won the roll-off 49-40 benefitting from Troup leaving a solid nine pin on his first ball of the 10th.

"The crowd is so infectious here if I let them in to my head I'll explode," said Belmonte of the Bayside Bowl fans. "I have to balance the electricity generated from the fans with the focus that's necessary to get the job done."

"Some guys feed on being more animated with the crowd and can get their energy that way," the four-time PBA Player of the Year added. "We all like the energy from the fans, but for me, if I come out of my zone it will be a distraction so I have to stay in a bubble."

Prather beat a struggling Daugherty 222-137 in the first game of the second match and then held off Daugherty, who got back on track in the second game, winning 228-222 to advance to the Round of 8.

"After the first game I obviously knew he (Daugherty) was going to bowl a better game but I felt pretty confident that if I could bowl something in the 220s or 230s I liked my chances," Prather said. "After the first game, I made a good decision by switching to a ball that went further down the lane before it hooked and that enabled me to control the pocket. I didn't want to leave the match in the hands of a roll-off so I was glad I could get it done in the second game."

Round of 16 action continues on FS1 April 29, May 6, and May 13 at 9 p.m. ET, which will determine the top eight for Round of 8 competition May 20 and May 27 that will reduce the field to four survivors who will return to Portland for the semifinal and final rounds June 1-2, with both shows airing live on FOX at noon Eastern.

To view a PBA Playoffs bracket click on

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#### PBA PLAYOFFS ROUND OF 16 RESULTS

Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine

(aired Monday on FS1. Race to 2 Points format. Winners advance to Round of 8. Losers earn \$5,000)

##### Match One

Game 1 - Jason Belmonte, Australia, def. Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 245-186.

Game 2 – Troup def. Belmonte, 223-217.

Belmonte won roll-off 49-40.

##### Match Two

Game 1 – Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill. def. Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 222-137.

Game 2 – Prather def. Daugherty, 228-222.

Remaining Round of 16 pairings (Race to 2 Points format based on one point per game won)

Match 11 – Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., vs. Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas (airs April 29).

Match 12 – Andres Gomez, Colombia vs. EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind. (airs April 29).

Match 13 – Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, vs. Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz. (airs May 6).

Match 14 – Jesper Svensson, Sweden, vs. Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa. (airs May 6).

Match 15 – Dom Barrett, England, vs. Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla. (airs May 13).

Match 16 – Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., vs. Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill. (airs May 13).

## **AJ Chapman Tops PBA Houston Southwest Challenge Field**

**Houston, Texas, (April 23, 2019)** – Manchester, Iowa's AJ Chapman won six matches in the eight-game modified round robin finals to pull away from the field and win his first Professional Bowlers Association title in the Houston Copperfield Bowl Southwest Challenge, presented by 900 Global, on Easter Sunday.

Chapman, who qualified second for the finals, was trailing non-member Josh Sorola, who was bowling in his second PBA event, by 46 pins going into the deciding final game position round. Chapman took an early lead after Sorola had two early open frames and never recovered. With his 195-147 win plus 30 match play bonus pins, Chapman finished with 4,530 pins to top Sorola's 4,498 total by 32 pins. He also became eligible to enter the PBA Tournament of Champions in the future and he earned the \$2,000 winner's check.

The PBA Southwest Region's next event is the PBA Oklahoma City Southwest Open, April 26-28. The PBA Junction City Bowl Southwest/Midwest Open follows May 3-5 at Junction City Bowl in Junction City, Kan.

### **PBA COPPERFIELD BOWL HOUSTON SOUTHWEST CHALLENGE, presented by Global 900 Copperfield Bowl, Houston, Texas, Sunday**

#### **Final Standings (after 21 games, including match play bonus pins):**

1, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 6-2, 4,530, \$2,000. 2, n-Joshua Sorola, Baytown, Texas, 5-3, 4,498, \$1,200. 3, Skylar Glanovsky, Fort Smith, Ark., 6-1-1, 4,479, \$900. 4, n-Julian Salinas, Richmond, Texas, 5-3, 4,440, \$800. 5, n-Stephanie Schwartz, Racine, Wis., 4-4, 4,330, \$720. 6, n-Joseph Baker, Bryar, Texas, 5-3, 4,316, \$680. 7, n-Terry Gelner, Jr., Cameron, TX, 5-3, 4,315, \$660. 8, n-Terence McQueen, Missouri City, Texas, 4-4, 4,256, \$640.

9, n-Matthew Stephens, Houston, Texas, 3-5, 4,242, \$620. 10, Vaughn Cruz, Helotes, Texas, 3-5, 4,220, \$600. 11, Thomas Young, Houston, 2-6, 4,216, \$580. 12, Tyson Branagan, Fort Worth, Texas, 3-5, 4,204, \$560. 13, n-Christian Lopez, Houston, Texas, 4-4, 4,202, \$540. 14, Anthony Coats, Pflugerville, Texas, 1-6-1, 4,165, \$520. 15, n-Matthew Hyson, Plano, Texas, 4-4, 4,154, \$510. 16, n-Johnathan Norman, Murfreesboro, Tenn., 3-5, 4,139, \$500.

n-denotes non-PBA member

## **Norm Duke, WRW Lead PBA50 National Championship After First Round**

*Two of PBA's all-time greats tie for lead with a 1,479 six-game pinfall total*

**THE VILLAGES, Fla. (April 23, 2019)** – PBA Hall of Famers Walter Ray Williams Jr. and Norm Duke averaged 246 for six games to tie for the first-round lead Tuesday in the PBA50 National Championship presented by Spanish Springs Lanes and Radical.

Williams, who is coming off his 12th career PBA50 Tour title after winning the season-opening Johnny Petraglia BVL Open, and Duke, finished the first round with a 1,479 pinfall total. Williams had games of 279, 222, 258, 247, 247 and 226.

"The scoring pace was pretty good but getting the ball to the right spot on the lane and then getting a good ball reaction was a little tricky," said the 59-year-old Williams, who leads the PBA Tour's all-time titles list with 47 wins. "For the first two games I started playing outside around the three board and then moved as far inside as nine, but even toward the end of the round I was able to play outside again so you really had to pay attention to what was happening out there."

Duke, who finished second in the 2018 PBA50 National Championship, bowled games of 206, 237 238, 249, 300 and 249, found the going a bit more predictable.

"I was able to play the second arrow pretty consistently which is gave me a good angle to the pocket and good pin carry," said Duke, the winner of five PBA50 Tour titles. As good as it was, I'm not that excited about it because I might have left some pins out there. The important thing at this point is to get as many pins as possible to make sure you have enough to make the cuts."

Earlier this season the 55-year-old Duke won the Go Bowling! Indianapolis Open and Go Bowling! Jonesboro Open for his 39th and 40th PBA Tour titles to become the oldest to win back-to-back tour titles. He ranks third on the all-time PBA Tour titles list behind Williams and the late Earl Anthony with 43 titles.

Rounding out the top five after the first round were Darryl Bower of Middletown, Pennsylvania., 1,424; PBA Hall of Famer Tom Baker, King, North Carolina, 1,412; defending champion Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wisconsin., and Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, New York, who finished second in the Johnny Petraglia BVL open, tied for fifth with 1,404.

Boresch, a four-time PBA50 Tour winner is trying for his third consecutive win at Spanish Springs Lanes having also won the Sun Bowl In The Villages in 2017.

Williams, and Baker, also a 12-time PBA50 Tour winner, are tied with fellow hall of famers Gary Dickinson and Dale Eagle for second on the all-time PBA50 Tour titles list. John Handegard leads the list with 14 wins.

Competition in the first PBA50 Tour major of the season continues Wednesday and Thursday with six-game qualifying rounds beginning at 9 a.m. ET, with the top 32 players advancing to match play Friday morning at 9 a.m. After the first match play round the top 16 players will advance to the second match play round which will determine the top five players for the stepladder finals at 7 p.m.

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## **Spanish Springs Lanes, The Villages, Fla., Tuesday**

### **FIRST ROUND (after six games)**

- 1, (tie) Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., and Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,479.
- 3, ss-Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,424.
- 4, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,412.
- 5, (tie) ss-Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., and Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,404.
- 7, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 1,397.
- 8, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1,396.
- 9, Chris Collins, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 1,383.
- 10, Darryl Dempsey, Pinellas Park, Fla., 1,376.
- 11, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 1,375.
- 12, ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,374.
- 13, Steve Kenyon, Grosse Ile, Mich., 1,372.
- 14, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 1,366.
- 15, (tie) Steve Hoskins, New Port Richey, Fla., and ss-John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 1,362.
- 17, (tie) John Donovan, Melbourne, Fla., and ss-Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,361.
- 19, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 1,360.
- 20, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 1,352.
- 21, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,348.
- 22, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,343.
- 23, (tie) ss-Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., and ss-Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 1,341.
- 25, (tie) ss-George Gomez, Orlando, Fla., and Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 1,340.
- 27, (tie) n-Jeff Atkins, Hot Springs Village, Ark., Jim Horan, Mountain View, Calif., n-Dennis Rakauskas, Apopka, Fla., and John Dougherty III, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., 1,336.
- 31, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 1,334.
- 32, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1,330.
- 33, ss-Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, 1,323.
- 34, (tie) Warren Eales, Chandler, Ariz., and ss-Joe Salvemini, Colorado Springs, Colo., 1,322.
- 36, (tie) ss-Mike Mineman, St Louis, and Rory Peterson, Sacramento, Calif., 1,321.
- 38, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,320.
- 39, Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 1,316.
- 40, ss-John DiSantis, Wilmington, Del., 1,314.
- 41, (tie) Steven Badovinac, Parker, Colo., and ss-Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 1,312.
- 43, Peter Knopp, Germany, 1,311.
- 44, (tie) ss-Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, and Mark Abraham, Lansing, Mich., 1,306.
- 46, ss-Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 1,305.
- 47, (tie) Todd Haney, Boiling Springs, S.C., and Steve Easterday, Strasburg, Ohio, 1,304.
- 49, (tie) Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, Bill Ursillo, Bluffton, S.C., n-Richard Morgan, Grand Island, Fla., 1,302.
- 53, (tie) Jay Hess, Gotha, Fla., and Richard Strath, Schenectady, N.Y., 1,301.
- 55, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 1,300.
- 56, Joe Fulner III, Belleview, Fla., 1,299.
- 57, Darin Hays, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1,298.
- 58, (tie) ss-Sam Maccarone, Williamstown, N.J., and ss-Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 1,296.
- 60, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1,295.
- 61, n,ss-Brian Brazeau, Ocala, Fla., 1,294.
- 61, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 1,294.
- 63, n,ss-Roger Bowker, Ocala, Fla., 1,293.
- 64, James Campbell, Clearwater, Fla., 1,290.
- 65, (tie) ss-Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., and Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,289.
- 68, (tie) Kevin Duncan, Mexico, Mo., Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., and

Paul Fleming, Ft. Worth, Texas, 1,287.  
72, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,285.  
73, Doug Henry, Columbus, Ind., 1,284.  
74, ss-William Peters, Dayton, Ohio, 1,283.  
75, Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 1,279.  
76, David Taylor, Largo, Fla., 1,278.  
77, Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 1,276.  
78, (tie) Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., and Chris Johnson, Nashville, N.C., 1,275.  
80, ss-Chuck Richardson, The Villages, Fla., 1,273.  
81, (tie) Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., and n-Lester See, The Villages, Fla., 1,272.  
84, Tommy Martin, Millington, Tenn., 1,271.  
85, Roy Davis, Lumberton, N.C., 1,269.  
86, ss-Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 1,267.  
87, ss-Steve Ferraro, Kingston, N.Y., 1,258.  
88, Michael Whittington, Matthews, N.C., 1,256.  
89, James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 1,254.  
90, n,ss-Dennis Psaropolus, Lake Worth, Fla., 1,249.  
91, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 1,248.  
92, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 1,247.  
93, (tie) ss-Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., and Carlos Denot, Mexico, 1,246.  
95, John Austin Jr., League City, Texas, 1,235.  
96, ss-Widmar Vargas, Sun City Center, Fla., 1,232.  
97, (tie) Bill Vannoy, Jacksonville, N.C., and David Scardaville, Houston, Texas, 1,229.  
99, (tie) Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., and n,ss-Joe Barna, Stuart, Fla., 1,228.  
101, ss-Stephen Lippman, Palm Harbor, Fla., 1,226.  
102, n-Michael Owen, Gainesville, Fla., and ss-Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 1,224.  
104, Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio, 1,223.  
105, (tie) Doug O'Bryant, Ball Ground, Ga., and ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,222.  
107, (tie) ss-Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., and Carl West, San Jose, Calif., 1,221.  
109, (tie) ss-Bob Kelly, Dayton, Ohio, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., and n-Adam Colton, Boynton Beach, Fla., 1,214.  
112, n-Rich Garner, Hudson, Fla., 1,213.  
113, Brian Menini, Brookfield, Mo., 1,212.  
114, John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 1,211.  
115, ss-Garry Blanton, Owensboro, Ky., 1,209.  
116, ss-Nick Panicaro, Ocala, Fla., 1,208.  
117, (tie) ss-Kerry Fulford, Ardmore, Okla., 1,207.  
117, n,ss-Warren Meyer Sr, Melbourne, Fla., and n-John Hough, Naples, Fla., 1,207.  
120, (tie) ss-Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., and n-Douglas Nairn, Debary, Fla., 1,206.  
123, Paul LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 1,205.  
124, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 1,204.  
125, Doug Becker, Clermont, Fla., 1,203.  
126, ss-Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 1,201.  
127, ss-Bob Chamberlain, The Villages, Fla., 1,200.  
128, ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 1,198.  
129, n-John Stronka, Davie, Fla., 1,193.  
130, (tie) Pete Arruda, Gilbert, S.C., and ss-Chris Fedden, Albany, N.Y., 1,192.  
132, David Bleggi, Jacksonville, N.C., 1,191.  
133, ss-Michael Truitt, New Port Richey, Fla., 1,187.  
134, Alan Wilson, Martinsville, Ind., 1,181.  
135, n,ss-Andy Ippolito, The Villages, Fla., and ss-Steven Grotowski, Ft Lauderdale, Fla, 1,179.

137, ss-Steve Bova, Massapequa, N.Y., 1,178.  
138, n,ss-Albert Stiriz Jr., Cape Coral, Fla., 1,177.  
139, ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 1,168.  
139, Jon DeLaney, McKinney, Texas, 1,168.  
141, (tie) Harry Alchin, Madeira Beach, Fla., and ss-Louis Alessi, Clearwater, Fla., 1,167.  
143, Robert Leonard Sr, Lockwood, N.Y., 1,164.  
144, Don Michaelson Sr., Plant City, Fla., 1,162.  
145, ss-John Younger, The Villages, Fla., 1,160.  
146, John Christensen, Carmel, N.Y., 1,158.  
147, Jimmy Jean, Kathleen, Ga., 1,154.  
148, (tie) Fran Luzzi, Port Jervis, N.Y., and Dan Schmerbach, St. Joseph, Mo., 1,147.  
150, Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 1,146.  
151, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 1,144.  
152, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 1,126.  
153, n-Rick Pittman, Fruitland Park, Fla., 1,124.  
154, n-Jerry O'Neil, Alexander City, AL, 1,121.  
155, ss-Larry Helton, Bolingbrook, Ill., 1,120.  
156, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,112.  
157, Eddie Wu, New York, N.Y., 1,106.  
158, ss-Mark Simpson, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1,105.  
159, (tie) ss-Douglas Slier, Lenox, Mass., and ss-Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 1,102.  
161, (tie) Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, Larry Felts Jr., Simpsonville, S.C., and John Kidwell, Indianapolis, Ind., 1,099.  
164, ss-Daniel Kelso, New Fairfield, Conn., 1,095.  
165, ss-David Martin, Chesapeake, Va., 1,089.  
166, ss-Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 1,088.  
167, ss-Thomas Sliwinski, Reynoldsville, Pa., 1,065.  
168, ss-Ken Waters, Kingsport, Tenn., 1,040.  
169, ss-Dan Howsmon, Land O'Lakes, Fla., 1,029.  
170, ss-Jim Pitts, Elmira, N.Y., 1,025.  
171, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 1,022.

**300 games** – Norm Duke, George Gomez

n-non-member

ss-PBA60 players ages 60 and over

Johnny Petraglia Closes With 274 in Second Round

to Take PBA50 National Championship Lead

Field returns for final qualifying round Thursday

to determine cut to top 32 for match play

THE VILLAGES, Fla. (April 24, 2019) – PBA Hall of Famer Johnny Petraglia bowled a 1,491 six-game pinfall total in the second round to move into the PBA50 National Championship presented by Spanish Springs Lanes and Radical lead Wednesday.

The 72-year-old Petraglia, who owns 14 PBA Tour and eight PBA50 Tour titles, bowled a 274 in his final game of the second round to finish with a 2,853 12-game overall pinfall (237 average) to hold a six-pin lead over Mark Sullivan of Indianapolis in second with 2,847.

Petraglia, who won the Fort Smith (Arkansas) Open for his first PBA Tour title in 1966, is the only player to have won a national PBA title in six different decades.

Bowling a 15th-place 1,362 six-game pinfall after the first round, Petraglia bowled games of 216, 227, 259, 268 and 247 before his 274 in the second round. In the 274 game Petraglia opened in the first frame but then threw 10 strikes in a row to take the lead.

“Well, I’ll say it feels like a step back in time, at least for one block,” Petraglia said. “The one advantage of getting older is that you can’t throw the ball hard and with a slower ball speed and the good look I had on the lanes, it was just the right combination.

“I had the same look the first game that I had in the last game which allowed me to get comfortable from the start,” Petraglia added. “Even in the last game I felt I could get to the pocket every shot. It was a matter of getting all 10 pins down.”

Petraglia won the 2009 Sun Bowl In The Villages at Spanish Springs Lanes and set the PBA50 Tour six-game block record of 1,557 in qualifying for the event.

“It’s been a good center for me,” said Petraglia, whose last PBA50 Tour title came in the 2012 Senior Dayton Classic. “But with that in mind I’m not even thinking past tomorrow’s qualifying round. I’ve been around long enough to know not to do that. I’ll

come in tomorrow and watch some of the lefties bowl and see how their (ball) reaction is and maybe use that as a baseline for any changes I might need to make, if any.”

Competition in the first PBA50 Tour major of the season continues Thursday with the final six-game qualifying round beginning at 9 a.m. ET. The top 32 players will advance to match play Friday morning at 9 a.m. After the first match play round the top 16 players will advance to the second match play round which will determine the top five players for the stepladder finals Friday at 7 p.m.

Sullivan, whose best previous PBA50 Tour finish is 10th, bowled games of 243, 194, 300, 258, 237 and 218 in his second round after bowling for 1,397 for six games in the first round to move from seventh to second.

First-round co-leader PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke dropped to third finishing with a 2,790 pinfall. Reigning PBA50 Player of the Year Michael Haugen Jr. vaulted from 49th after the first round to fourth thanks to a 1,480 pinfall in the second round finishing with 2,782. Rounding out the top five was PBA Hall of Famer and PBA50 Tour rookie Danny Wiseman with 2,772.

PBA Hall of Famer and 12-time PBA50 Tour winner Tom Baker finished the day in sixth with 2,759 followed by defending champion Lennie Boresch Jr. in seventh with 2,753.

Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr., who shared the first-round lead with Duke, dropped to ninth after the second round finishing with a 2,746 pinfall. Williams won the season-opening Johnny Petraglia BVL Open for his 12th career PBA50 Tour title.

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Spanish Springs Lanes, The Villages, Fla., Wednesday

## SECOND ROUND RESULTS (after 12 games)

- 1, ss-Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 2,853.
- 2, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 2,847.
- 3, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,790.
- 4, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 2,782.
- 5, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 2,772.
- 6, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 2,759.
- 7, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 2,753.
- 8, ss-Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 2,748.
- 9, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 2,746.
- 10, ss-Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 2,738.
- 11, n,ss-Roger Bowker, Ocala, Fla., 2,732.
- 12, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 2,726.
- 13, ss-Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 2,709.
- 14, ss-Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 2,706.
- 15, (tie) Chris Collins, Myrtle Beach, S.C., and ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 2,702.
- 17, Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 2,700.
- 18, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 2,691.
- 19, John Dougherty, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., 2,686.
- 20, ss-Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 2,682.
- 21, (tie) Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, and Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 2,681.
- 23, Paul Fleming, Ft. Worth, Texas, 2,680.
- 24, Chris Johnson, Nashville, N.C., 2,676.
- 25, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 2,670.
- 26, Steve Kenyon, Grosse Ile., Mich., 2,667.
- 27, ss-Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, 2,663.
- 28, Steve Easterday, Strasburg, Ohio, 2,661.
- 29, ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 2,658.
- 30, Joe Fulner, Belleview, Fla., 2,656.
- 31, John Donovan, Melbourne, Fla., 2,655.
- 32, n-Jeff Atkins, Hot Springs Village, Ark., 2,654.
- 33, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2,652.
- 34, Peter Knopp, Germany, 2,647.
- 35, David Taylor, Largo, Fla., 2,643.
- 36, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 2,642.
- 37, ss-Mike Mineman, St Louis, 2,641.
- 38, n-Richard Morgan, Grand Island, Fla., 2,640.
- 39, Kevin Duncan, Mexico, Mo., 2,639.
- 40, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 2,633.

41, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 2,632.  
42, Rory Peterson, Sacramento, Calif., 2,629.  
43, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2,628.  
44, Todd Haney, Boiling Springs, S.C., 2,625.  
45, (tie) Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., and Darryl Dempsey, Pinellas Park, Fla., 2,624.  
47, (tie) James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, and Darin Hays, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 2,622.  
49, ss-Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 2,618.  
50, Jay Hess, Gotha, Fla., 2,617.  
51, (tie) Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, and Steve Hoskins, New Port Richey, Fla., 2,610.  
53, ss-Chuck Richardson, The Villages, Fla., 2,606.  
54, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 2,605.  
55, Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 2,603.  
56, (tie) ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., David Scardaville, Houston, Texas, and Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 2,600.  
59, n,ss-Brian Brazeau, Ocala, Fla., 2,596.  
60, (tie) ss-Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., and n-Dennis Rakauskas, Apopka, Fla., 2,593.  
62, Bill Ursillo, Bluffton, S.C., 2,589.  
63, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 2,584.  
64, n-Douglas Nairn, Debary, FL, 2,580.  
65, n,ss-Dennis Psaropoulos, Lake Worth, Fla., 2,574.  
66, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 2,568.  
67, Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 2,567.  
68, James Campbell, Clearwater, Fla., 2,565.  
69, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 2,561.  
70, ss-Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 2,557.  
71, Jim Horan, Mountain View, Calif., 2,555.  
72, ss-William Peters, Dayton, Ohio, 2,552.  
73, ss-Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 2,549.  
74, (tie) Carlos Denot, Mexico, and ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 2,547.  
76, ss-Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 2,546.  
77, ss-George Gomez, Orlando, Fla., 2,538.  
78, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 2,535.  
79, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 2,534.  
80, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 2,531.  
81, Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 2,528.  
82, ss-Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 2,525.  
83, (tie) ss-Steve Ferraro, Kingston, N.Y., and ss-Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 2,523.  
85, Warren Eales, Chandler, Ariz., 2,521.  
86, ss-John DiSantis, Wilmington, Del., 2,520.  
87, Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 2,519.  
88, ss-Joe Salvemini, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2,513.  
89, (tie) Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., and Michael Whittington, Matthews, N.C., 2,506.  
91, (tie) Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., and Mark Abraham, Lansing, Mich., 2,505.

94, Doug Henry, Columbus, Ind., 2,501.  
95, Doug O'Bryant, Ball Ground, Ga., 2,498.  
96, ss-Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 2,496.  
97, (tie) n-John Stronka, Davie, Fla., and Steven Badovinac, Parker, Colo., 2,493.  
99, n-Rich Garner, Hudson, Fla., 2,484.  
100, David Bleggi, Jacksonville, N.C., 2,483.  
101, Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 2,482.  
102, Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 2,480.  
103, (tie) n-Adam Colton, Boynton Beach, Fla., and Tommy Martin, Millington, Tenn., 2,478.  
105, ss-Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 2,477.  
106, (tie) ss-Widmar Vargas, Sun City Center, Fla., and Richard Strath, Schenectady, N.Y., 2,474.  
108, Brian Menini, Brookfield, Mo., 2,464.  
109, ss-Bob Kelly, Dayton, Ohio, 2,463.  
110, (tie) Robert Leonard Sr, Lockwood, N.Y., and Roy Davis, Lumberton, N.C., 2,461.  
112, ss-Michael Truitt, New Port Richey, Fla., 2,457.  
113, (tie) ss-Chris Fedden, Albany, N.Y., and ss-Sam Maccarone, Williamstown, N.J., 2,456.  
115, John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 2,452.  
116, ss-Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 2,450.  
117, ss-Nick Panicaro, Ocala, Fla., 2,441.  
118, n-Lester See, The Villages, Fl., 2,439.  
119, ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 2,435.  
120, John Austin Jr., League City, Texas, 2,432.  
121, ss-Steve Bova, Massapequa, N.Y., 2,430.  
122, ss-n-Warren Meyer Sr, Melbourne, Fla., 2,428.  
123, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 2,418.  
124, (tie) ss-Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., and Bill Vannoy, Jacksonville, N.C., 2,416.  
126, Jon DeLaney, McKinney, Texas, 2,414.  
127, ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 2,405.  
128, Paul LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 2,401.  
129, Doug Becker, Clermont, Fla., 2,397.  
130, Harry Alchin III, Madeira Beach, Fla., 2,396.  
131, Carl West, San Jose, Calif., 2,388.  
132, n-Jerry O'Neil, Alexander City, Ala., 2,381.  
133, Don Michaelson, Plant City, Fla., 2,375.  
134, n-ss-Joe Barna, Stuart, Fla., 2,372.  
135, ss-Stephen Lippman, Palm Harbor, Fla., 2,371.  
136, (tie) n-John Hough, Naples, Fla., and ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 2,370.  
138, (tie) Dan Schmerbach, St. Joseph, Mo., and ss-Louis Alessi, Clearwater, Fla., 2,363.  
140, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 2,362.  
141, Pete Arruda, Gilbert, S.C., 2,357.  
142, (tie) n,ss-Andy Ippolito, The Villages, Fla., and ss-Garry Blanton, Owensboro, Ky., 2,349.

144, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 2,343.  
145, ss-n-Albert Stiriz, Cape Coral, Fla., 2,341.  
146, ss-Bob Chamberlain, The Villages, Fla., 2,339.  
147, n-Michael Owen, Gainesville, Fla., 2,335.  
148, ss-John Younger, The Villages, Fla., 2,329.  
149, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 2,324.  
150, ss-Steven Grotowski, Ft Lauderdale, Fla, 2,314.  
151, ss-Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 2,312.  
152, Fran Luzzi, Port Jervis, N.Y., 2,299.  
153, Jimmy Jean, Kathleen, Ga., 2,282.  
154, n-Rick Pittman, Fruitland Park, Fla., 2,276.  
155, Alan Wilson, Martinsville, Ind., 2,272.  
156, ss-David Martin, Chesapeake, Va., 2,269.  
157, (tie) ss-Douglas Slier, Lenox, Mass., and ss-Mark Simpson, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 2,268.  
159, Eddie Wu, New York, 2,257.  
160, John Kidwell, Indianapolis, Ind., 2,253.  
161, ss-Larry Helton, Bolingbrook, Ill., 2,248.  
162, (tie) ss-Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., and ss-Kerry Fulford, Ardmore, Okla., 2,246.  
164, John Christensen, Carmel, N.Y., 2,220.  
165, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 2,213.  
166, ss-Thomas Sliwinski, Reynoldsville, Pa., 2,149.  
167, ss-Ken Waters, Kingsport, Tenn., 2,141.  
168, ss-Daniel Kelso, New Fairfield, Conn., 2,129.  
169, ss-Dan Howsmon, Land O'Lakes, Fla., 2,103.  
169, Larry Felts Jr., Simpsonville, S.C., 2,103.  
171, ss-Jim Pitts, Elmira, N.Y., 2,086.

300 games – Mark Sullivan

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ss-PBA60 players ages 60 and over

## **Norm Duke Edges Walter Ray Williams Jr. For PBA50 National Championship Top Qualifier Honors**

*Field cut to top 32 for Friday's first match play round*

**THE VILLAGES, Fla. (April 25, 2019)** – PBA Hall of Famers Norm Duke and Walter Ray Williams Jr. continued their battle for the PBA50 National Championship presented by Spanish Springs Lanes and Radical lead, but after Thursday's final round of qualifying, it was Duke who earned top qualifier honors with a 4,264 pinfall total (237 average) for 18 games to lead 32 players who advanced to Friday's first round of match play.

Duke, a five-time PBA50 Tour winner including two majors, bowled 1,474 for six games with games of 242, 225, 267, 235, 238 and 267 in the third round which was enough to give him a 23-pin lead over Williams who finished qualifying in second with 4,214. Both players tied for the lead after the first round.

"Obviously, you're always trying to do your best, but when you see guys like Walter Ray and the other great bowlers I've bowled with during my PBA Tour career who are out here now on the PBA50 Tour, it's definitely a motivating factor," said Duke. "You still want to let them know you're there."

"In today's game, there are so many ways to play the lanes you have to find a way to strike or you won't keep up," Duke added. "Any adjustments and decisions you make with your equipment, or the way you play the lanes, have to be based on your ability to strike and not just being able to get to the pocket."

Williams, who won the season-opening Johnny Petraglia BVL Open for his 12th career PBA50 Tour title last week, is trying for his third PBA50 major title having won USBC Senior Masters titles in 2014 and 2017.

Finishing the day in third was defending champion Lennie Boresch Jr. of Kenosha, Wisconsin with a 4,166 pinfall total for 18 games. Boresch, a four-time PBA50 Tour winner, is trying to make it three wins in a row at Spanish Springs Lanes having also won the Sun Bowl In the Villages in 2017.

"The crowds are great and it's just one of those centers where I match up real well with the lanes," Boresch said of his success at Spanish Springs Lanes. "Other than that, I can't put my finger on exactly why I do so well here. It's going to be tough in match play, but I have the confidence I can do it again."

Second-round leader hall of famer Johnny Petraglia finished qualifying in fourth with 4,160. The 72-year-old eight-time PBA50 Tour winner bowled a 1,307 six-game pinfall in the third round.

Rounding out the top five was one-time PBA50 Tour winner Kevin Croucher of Grants Pass, Ore., bowling a 1,442 pinfall in the third round to jump from 14th after the second round to finish qualifying with a 4,148 pinfall.

After Friday's first match play round at 9 a.m. ET, the field will be cut to the top 16 players for the second match play round at 2 p.m. that will determine the top five players for the stepladder finals at 7 p.m.

Fans can catch all the final day action of the season's first PBA50 Tour major live via PBA's online streaming partner FloBowling. Visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com) for subscription and schedule information.

**PBA50 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**Presented by Spanish Springs Lanes and Radical**  
**Spanish Springs Lanes, The Villages, Fla., Thursday**

**THIRD ROUND RESULTS (after 18 games. Top 32 players advance to Friday's first match play round)**

- 1, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 4,264.
- 2, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 4,241.
- 3, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 4,166.
- 4, Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 4,160.
- 5, Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 4,148.
- 6, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 4,137.
- 7, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 4,106.
- 8, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 4,103.
- 9, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 4,097.
- 10, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 4,090.
- 11, Dale Csuhata, Wadsworth, Ohio, 4,078.
- 12, Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 4,071.
- 13, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 4,055.
- 14, Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 4,054.
- 15, Chris Collins, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 4,040.
- 16, Darin Hays, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 4,038.
- 17, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 4,035.
- 18, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 4,030.
- 19, (tie) Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., and Rory Peterson, Jacksonville, Fla., 4,026.
- 21, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 4,024.
- 22, Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 4,018.
- 23, George Gomez, Orlando, Fla., 4,013.
- 23, Joe Fulner III, Bellevue, Fla., 4,013.
- 25, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 4,012.
- 26, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 4,005.
- 27, Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 4,004.
- 28, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 4,003.
- 29, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3,981.
- 30, (tie) Paul Fleming, Ft. Worth, Texas, and n,Roger Bowker, Ocala, Fla., 3,974.
- 32, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,971.

**Did not advance:**

- 33, Peter Knopp, Germany, 3,952, \$1,175.
- 34, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 3,948, \$1,175.
- 35, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 3,943, \$1,175.
- 36, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,937, \$1,175.
- 37, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 3,925, \$1,175.
- 38, n-Dennis Rakauskas, Apopka, Fla., 3,921, \$1,175.
- 39, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 3,919, \$1,175.
- 40, (tie) Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 3,916, and Chris Johnson, Nashville, N.C., 3,916, \$1,175.
- 42, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3,915, \$1,175.
- 43, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 3,909, \$1,175.
- 44, Steve Hoskins, New Port Richey, Fla., 3,901, \$1,175.
- 45, (tie) Darryl Dempsey, Pinellas Park, Fla., 3,895, and Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 3,895, \$1,163.
- 47, (tie) Mike Mineman, St Louis, 3,893, and David Taylor, Largo, Fla., 3,893, \$1,150.
- 49, (tie) Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 3,892, and Steve Kenyon, Grosse Ile., Mich., 3,892, \$1,150.
- 51, (tie) James Campbell, Clearwater, Fla., 3,891, and n-Brian Brazeau, Ocala, Fla., 3,891, \$1,150.
- 53, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,890, \$1,150.
- 54, Kevin Duncan, Mexico, Mo., 3,889, \$1,150.
- 55, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 3,882, \$1,150.
- 56, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 3,881, \$1,150.
- 57, (tie) Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 3,874, and n-Jeff Atkins, Hot Springs Village, Ark., 3,874, \$575.
- 59, David Scardaville, Houston, Texas, 3,873.

60, n-Douglas Nairn, Debary, FL, 3,867.  
61, Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 3,864.  
62, John Dougherty III, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., 3,862.  
63, n-Richard Morgan, Grand Island, Fla., 3,861.  
64, (tie) Sam Maccarone, Williamstown, N.J., and Jay Hess, Gotha, Fla., 3,854.  
66, (tie) Joe Salvemini, Colorado Springs, Colo., Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., and John Donovan, Melbourne, Fla., 3,853.  
69, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 3,850.  
70, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 3,843.  
71, (tie) Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., and n-Dennis Psaropoulos, Lake Worth, Fla., 3,834.  
73, Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 3,829.  
74, James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 3,826.  
75, Steve Easterday, Strasburg, Ohio, 3,825.  
76, Todd Haney, Boiling Springs, S.C., 3,823.  
77, Tommy Martin, Millington, Tenn., 3,820.  
78, Warren Eales, Chandler, Ariz., 3,819.  
79, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 3,813.  
80, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 3,812.  
81, Carlos Denot, Mexico, 3,811.  
82, Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 3,808.  
83, Steve Ferraro, Kingston, N.Y., 3,803.  
84, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 3,792.  
85, Widmar Vargas, Sun City Center, Fla., 3,780.  
86, Doug Henry, Columbus, Ind., 3,777.  
87, Michael Whittington, Matthews, N.C., 3,774.  
88, Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 3,772.  
89, Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 3,769.  
90, (tie) Mark Abraham, Lansing, Mich., and Chuck Richardson, The Villages, Fla., 3,764.  
92, Bill Ursillo, Bluffton, SC, 3,761.  
93, Jon DeLaney, McKinney, Texas, 3,758.  
94, n-Adam Colton, Boynton Beach, Fla., 3,754.  
95, Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 3,735.  
96, (tie) n-Warren Meyer, Melbourne, Fla., and Steven Badovinac, Parker, Colo., 3,733.  
98, Jim Horan, Mountain View, Calif., 3,730.  
99, Brian Menini, Brookfield, Mo., 3,725.  
100, n-Lester See, The Villages, Fl., 3,715.  
101, William Peters, Dayton, Ohio, 3,714.  
102, (tie) Steve Bova, Massapequa, N.Y., and n-John Stronka, Davie, Fla., 3,713.  
104, n-Rich Garner, Hudson, Fla., 3,703.  
105, (tie) Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., and Roy Davis, Lumberton, N.C., 3,701.  
107, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 3,700.  
108, Richard Strath, Schenectady, N.Y., 3,697.  
109, Nick Panicaro, Ocala, Fla., 3,690.  
110, Doug O'Bryant, Ball Ground, Ga., 3,685.  
111, Carl West, San Jose, Calif., 3,680.  
112, Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 3,678.  
112, Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 3,678.  
114, (tie) Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., and John DiSantis, Wilmington, Del., 3,677.  
116, Bob Chamberlain, The Villages, Fla., 3,675.  
117, Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio, 3,670.  
118, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 3,668.  
119, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 3,665.  
120, James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 3,659.

- 121, Paul LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 3,651.
- 122, Bob Kelly, Dayton, Ohio, 3,645.
- 123, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 3,643.
- 124, (tie) Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., and Robert Leonard Sr, Lockwood, N.Y., 3,637.
- 126, David Bleggi, Jacksonville, N.C., 3,617.
- 127, Dan Schmerbach, St. Joseph, Mo., 3,616.
- 128, Michael Truitt, New Port Richey, Fla., 3,603.
- 129, John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 3,595.
- 130, Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 3,594.
- 131, John Austin Jr., League City, Texas, 3,585.
- 132, Jimmy Jean, Kathleen, Ga., 3,575.
- 133, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 3,570.
- 134, n-Michael Owen, Gainesville, Fla., 3,567.
- 135, Steven Grotowski, Ft Lauderdale, Fla, 3,560.
- 136, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 3,557.
- 137, Joe Barna, Stuart, Fla., 3,553.
- 138, Doug Becker, Clermont, Fla., 3,551.
- 139, Eddie Wu, New York, 3,544.
- 140, Chris Fedden, Albany, N.Y., 3,531.
- 141, Harry Alchin III, Madeira Beach, Fla., 3,530.
- 142, (tie) n-Andy Ippolito, The Villages, Fla., and Stephen Lippman, Palm Harbor, Fla., 3,529.
- 144, John Younger, The Villages, Fla., 3,527.
- 145, Louis Alessi, Clearwater, Fla., 3,525.
- 146, David Martin, Chesapeake, Va., 3,524.
- 147, Don Michaelsen Sr., Plant City, Fla., 3,516.
- 148, Pete Arruda, Gilbert, S.C., 3,514.
- 149, n-Rick Pittman, Fruitland Park, Fla., 3,506.
- 150, Bill Vannoy, Jacksonville, N.C., 3,502.
- 151, n-John Hough, Naples, Fla., 3,501.
- 152, Alan Wilson, Martinsville, Ind., 3,498.
- 153, John Kidwell, Indianapolis, Ind., 3,455.
- 154, Kerry Fulford, Ardmore, Okla., 3,452.
- 155, n-Jerry O'Neil, Alexander City, AL, 3,445.
- 156, Garry Blanton, Owensboro, Ky., 3,433.
- 157, (tie) Douglas Slier, Lenox, Mass., and Fran Luzzi, Port Jervis, N.Y., 3,430.
- 159, n-Albert Stiriz Jr., Cape Coral, Fl., 3,428.
- 160, Larry Helton, Bolingbrook, Ill., 3,412.
- 161, Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 3,380.
- 162, Thomas Sliwinski, Reynoldsville, Pa., 3,354.
- 163, John Christensen, Carmel, N.Y., 3,344.
- 164, Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 3,338.
- 165, Mark Simpson, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 3,324.
- 166, Ken Waters, Kingsport, Tenn., 3,302.
- 167, Jim Pitts, Elmira, N.Y., 3,218.
- 168, Dan Howsmon, Land O'Lakes, Fla., 3,125.
- 169, Larry Felts Jr., Simpsonville, S.C., 3,114.
- 170, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 3,563.

n-non-member

## **MONDAY ON FS1: PBA Playoffs Round of 16 Continues with Anthony Simonsen vs. Rhino Page, EJ Tackett vs. Andres Gomez Matchups at 9 p.m. ET**

**PORTLAND, Maine (April 26, 2019)** – Two more PBA Playoffs Round of 8 berths will be filled when Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas meets Rhino Page of Orlando, and EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Indiana, battles Colombia's Andres Gomez in Round of 16 Race to 2 Points matches that will air on FS1 Monday at 9 p.m. ET from Bayside Bowl.

Australia's Jason Belmonte and Kris Prather of Plainfield, Illinois, advanced to the Round of 8 by winning their Round of 16 matches which aired on FS1 April 22.

For the Race to 2 Points format each game won in the match is worth one point. If the players split the first two games, a 9th and 10th frame tie-breaker is used to award the deciding point.

After Round of 8 competition, the top four players will return to Bayside Bowl June 1-2 for the live semifinal and championship rounds on FOX at noon ET. The Playoffs winner will earn \$100,000.

The Playoffs field started with 24 players who earned berths by finishing in the top 24 in points after the first 13 Go Bowling! PBA Tour tournaments of the season.

Earlier this season, the 22-year-old Simonsen became the youngest player to win two PBA major titles with his win in the PBA Players Championship. Page, a six-time tour winner, has four top-five finishes this season.

Tackett, the 2016 PBA Player of the Year, has three telecast appearances this season with a second-place finish in the PBA Tournament of Champions. Gomez has a season-best finish of second in the Chameleon Championship.

Round of 16 action continues on FS1 with two matches each on May 6 and May 13 at 9 p.m. ET. Those two telecasts will complete the Round of 8 field. Two Round of 8 telecasts on May 20 and 27 will reduce the field to the final four survivors.

To view a PBA Playoffs bracket click on [https://www.pba.com/Content/Images/playoffs/2019\\_PBA\\_Playoff\\_Bracket.pdf](https://www.pba.com/Content/Images/playoffs/2019_PBA_Playoff_Bracket.pdf)

### **PBA PLAYOFFS Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine**

#### **Remaining Round of 16 pairings (Race to 2 Points format based on one point per game won)**

Match 11 – No. 13 Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., vs. No. 4 Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas (April 29).

Match 12 – No. 21 Andres Gomez, Colombia, vs. No. 5 EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind. (April 29).

Match 13 – No. 15 Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, vs. No. 2 Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz. (airs May 6).

Match 14 – No. 23 Jesper Svensson, Sweden, vs. No. 7 Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa. (airs May 6).

Match 15 – No. 14 Dom Barrett, England, vs. No. 3 Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla. (airs May 13).

Match 16 – No. 11 Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., vs. No. 6 Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill. (airs May 13).

## **PBA Spare Shots**

### **EVERY TOURNAMENT MEANS A NEW PBA RECORD FOR WALTER RAY WILLIAMS JR.**

It's not a secret, but every time **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** picks up a bowling ball and steps onto the approach at a PBA tournament – no matter what level of tournament it may be – he sets another record.

The “GOAT” – Greatest Of All Time – as many of his peers refer to him is approaching his 60th birthday (on October 6). He has been a PBA member since 1980 (39 years). His most recent record of note was winning the 110th PBA title of his lengthy and colorful career. His victory in the PBA50 Tour's season-opening Johnny Petraglia BVL Open last week was his 12th in PBA50 Tour competition to go along with his record 47 PBA Tour titles, 33 standard PBA Regional wins and 18 PBA50 Regional titles.

His portfolio of PBA records would take pages to summarize, but here are some astonishing statistics that put Williams' career in PBA competition into perspective compared to an “average” league bowler:

- As of last Sunday, Williams had bowled 24,135 games in PBA Tour competition, 2,328 in PBA Regionals, 2,625 in PBA50 Tour events and another 694 in PBA50 Regionals for a combined total of 29,782 games in PBA tournaments at all levels.
- That total doesn't include games bowled in practice, pro-ams or exhibitions.
- If an average league bowler rolls three games a week over a typical 32-week league season, he or she will bowl 96 games in a year.
- At the average league bowler rate, it would take that bowler 310.2 years to bowl as many games as Williams has bowled in PBA competition.
- If you were able to live 310.2 years and match Williams' games bowled total, take note that he also has knocked down 6,558,110 pins over that span. That converts to a 220.20 average for all PBA games bowled.
- Keep in mind, Walter Ray is still actively competing at all levels of PBA competition.

### **FRAN HEALY'S “FOCUSED” DOCUMENTARY PROFILES THE PBA**

The TV show "FOCUSED" hosted by **Fran Healy**, features documentaries on athletes and sports institutions, and a new “Professional Bowlers Association” episode currently airing on FOX Sports regional networks plus the Madison Square Garden Network examines the evolution of professional bowling from its origin to today. For listings for

the day and time for “FOCUSED” in your area, click here: <https://www.pba.com/content/files/downloads/FocusedReairSchedule.pdf>

## **PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: AJ CHAPMAN WINS FIRST PBA REGIONAL TITLE IN HOUSTON**

- Manchester, Iowa’s **AJ Chapman** won six matches in the eight-game modified round robin finals to pull away from the field and win his first PBA title in the Houston Copperfield Bowl Southwest Challenge, presented by 900 Global, on Easter Sunday.

Chapman, who qualified second for the finals, was trailing non-member **Josh Sorola** of Baytown, Texas, who was bowling in his second PBA event ever, by 46 pins going into the deciding final game position round. Chapman took an early lead as Sorola had two early opens and never recovered, as Chapman won 195-147. Along with his title, Chapman earned \$2,000.

PBA Regional Challenge tournaments are open to players who have not previously won a PBA title.

- Grants Pass, Ore., proprietor and veteran PBA50 competitor **Kevin Croucher** knew he had to give it his best effort in the championship match against red hot PBA Hall of Famer **Walter Ray Williams Jr.**, the winningest bowling in PBA history, and he did just that by defeating Williams, 268-197, to win the fourth annual PBA50 Sarasota Ford South Open at Sarasota Lanes in Sarasota, Fla., on Saturday.

Croucher, who picked up his ninth overall PBA Regional title, won easily after starting with a spare and then stringing seven strikes. The Oxford, Fla., superstar gave Croucher a head start when he had an open in the first frame and was never able to catch up. Croucher earned the \$2,000 first prize while Williams earned \$1,000 as the runner-up.

In the semifinal round, Croucher eliminated **Ryan Shafer** of Horseheads, N.Y., 196-170, while Williams took out **Brian Kretzer** of Dayton, Ohio, 205-183.

- Closing the April PBA Regional calendar over the April 26-28 weekend will be the Brighton Construction Myrtle Beach South Open at Myrtle Beach Bowl in South Carolina; the Oklahoma City Southwest Open presented by Roto Grip at Planet Bowl in Oklahoma; the PBA/PBA50 Tumwater Lanes Doubles event presented by MOTIV in Tumwater, Wash., and the Greater Richmond Central Open at Richmond 40 Bowl in Richmond, Ind.

- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit [pba.com](http://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](http://pba.com) (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

## **QUICK NOTES**

- USBC has announced the 2020 USBC Masters will be held March 23-29 at the Grand Sierra Resort Bowling Center in Reno, Nev. The stepladder finals will be televised live on FS1 as part of the PBA's television package with FOX Sports.

- Sneaking in under the radar, Part I: PBA Hall of Famer **Pete Weber** late in the 2018 season became the second player in PBA history to surpass \$4 million in combined PBA career earnings. **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** remains the all-time PBA earnings leader. He currently stands at \$4,794,859.

- Sneaking in under the radar, Part II: **Bill O'Neill** is the 44th member of the PBA Millionaires Club. He surpassed the career milestone with his fourth-place finish in the PBA World Championship, which was his 226th career PBA Tour tournament. That put him in a tie for third place for earning \$1 million in the fewest number of tournaments with **Tommy Jones**. O'Neill's long-time doubles partner, **Jason Belmonte**, set the standard by reaching the million-dollar milestone in 131 tournaments. The runner-up is **Chris Barnes** who hit the milestone in 220 events.

- PBA Hall of Famers **Chris Barnes, Mika Koivuniemi, Jim St. John**, meritorious service honorees **Bob Johnson** and **Larry Lichstein**, and the only woman ever to win a PBA major title – **Kelly Kulick** – will be inducted into the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame along with the late Kegel founder **John Davis** during the USBC Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 1, at The Orleans in Las Vegas.

## **PBA Set to Launch Nine-Event Summer Tour in June**

*Incentives, schedule, FloBowling coverage figure to attract big names, offer unique opportunities for PBA players and fans*

**CHICAGO (April 26, 2009)** – Much will be at stake when the 2019 Go Bowling! Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) Summer Tour begins at the end of June.

Entry into an historic PBA event in China, a new FloBowling PBA ATX Invite special event and the inaugural United States Bowling Congress (USBC) Cup all rest in the balance when the seven-city, nine-event PBA Summer Tour begins June 28-30, in Lubbock, Texas.

The Summer Tour then moves to Houston for the Storm Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles in July before the heart of the schedule in August with seven more title events, punctuated by the FloBowling PBA Summer Swing presented by the brands of Ebonite, in Aurora, Illinois, Aug. 24-31.

All nine events will be streamed live from first ball to last by FloBowling. For subscription and schedule information visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com).

"We're excited about the 2019 PBA Summer Tour because it gives more PBA fans around the country a chance to see our top players compete up close," PBA Tour CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark said. "The PBA Player Services Truck and lane maintenance team will be at all of the stops. The geography involved and the calendar are strategic, and the bonus incentives for top performers are big."

The 2019 PBA Summer Tour will have its own points list, with enticing and historic bonus incentives involving three inaugural competitions serving as top story lines throughout the Tour.

1) The inaugural USBC Cup will reward the top five players in PBA Summer Tour points with bonus cash prizes, including \$20,000 to the points leader.

2) The inaugural FloBowling PBA ATX Invite will award berths into a special event for the top eight PBA Summer Tour points leaders at Dart Bowl in the hometown of FloSports, Austin, Texas, on Sept. 21. First prize in the FloBowling Invite will be \$25,000 and all participants in the event will cash.

3) The inaugural PBA China Tiger Cup will award the top eight PBA Summer Tour points leaders with expenses-paid trips to Shanghai, Nov. 19-21, for a 16-player singles event including eight Chinese bowlers, and a separate USA vs. China team match. All players will cash in the PBA Tiger Cup singles event which offers a \$20,000 first prize, and in the team event the winning five-player team will divide \$15,000.

The 2019 PBA Summer Tour events will be open to non-PBA members as well as members, but non-members will not be eligible for any of the special events or bonus prizes.

Points earned during the PBA Summer Tour will also count toward 2020 DHC PBA Japan Invitational and 2020 PBA Tour Finals eligibility, as well as figuring into consideration for the end-of-season Player and Rookie of the Year awards.

All Summer Tour tournaments except the Aurora Open will be Tier 3 events under the PBA's Tier 1-2-3 points system (the Aurora Open will be a Tier 2 event).

## **2019 GO BOWLING! PBA SUMMER TOUR SCHEDULE**

**June 28-30** – Lubbock Sports Shootout, South Plains Lanes, Lubbock, Texas.

**July 26-29** - Storm PBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, Copperfield Lanes, Houston, Texas

**Aug. 9-11** - PBA Harry O'Neale Chesapeake Open, AMF Western Branch Lanes, Chesapeake, Va.

**Aug. 12-14** - PBA Wilmington Open, Ten Pin Alley Family Fun Center, Wilmington, N.C.

**Aug. 16-18**- PBA Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic, Mid-County Lanes, Middletown, Del.

**Aug. 21-23** - PBA [Bowlerstore.com](http://Bowlerstore.com) Classic presented by Moxy Xtra Pair, Pla-Mor Lanes, Coldwater, Ohio.

**Aug. 24-31** - FloBowling PBA Summer Swing (Wolf Open, Bear Open, Aurora Open) presented by the Brands of Ebonite International, Parkside Lanes, Aurora, Ill.

## **BONUS EVENTS**

**Sept. 21** - FloBowling PBA ATX Invite, Dart Bowl, Austin, Texas.

**Nov. 19-21** - PBA China Tiger Cup, Shanghai.

## **Walter Ray Williams Jr. Takes PBA50 National Championship Title to Start Season with Back-to-Back Wins**

*Hall of Famer beats reigning PBA50 Player of the Year Michael Haugen Jr. 278-243 in title match for 13th career and third PBA50 Tour major title*

**THE VILLAGES, Fla. (April 26, 2019)** – PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. defeated reigning PBA50 Player of the Year Michael Haugen Jr. 278-243 in the title match to win the PBA50 National Championship presented by Spanish Springs Lanes and Radical Friday for his second consecutive PBA50 Tour title of the season and third career PBA50 Tour major title.

Down by nine pins in the fourth frame, Williams reeled off eight strikes in a row to win the match. After starting with four strikes in a row, Haugen ran into trouble in the fifth frame when he left the 3-10 split, made the spare, but then opened in the sixth after leaving the 3-6 which gave Williams the opening he needed.

"I was a little concerned because he (Haugen) had such a good ball reaction," said Williams, who is the all-time PBA Tour titles leader with 47 wins. "We both play a similar angle to the pocket, so I was watching him pretty closely in the first three matches. We both got off to a good start, but he ran into trouble in the middle of the match and fortunately I was able to keep striking."

Williams dominated Friday's match play rounds to earn the top seed for the finals posting a 12-4 record and 8,479 34-game pinfall total (including bonus pins) outdistancing fellow hall of famer No. 2 qualifier Norm Duke by 337 pins.

The win also was Williams' 13th of his career on the tour for players 50 and over which moved him into sole possession of second on the all-time list behind John Handegard who tops the list with 14 wins.

"After this win I feel like the record is definitely in sight," said Williams, who won the 2014 and 2017 USBC Senior Masters for his other PBA50 major titles. "Over the past year I've been feeling like I'm bowling decent but just not getting the results. Now I feel like I'm at the top of my game and can get the job done when I need to, but you never know when you'll win again."

Williams' first win of the season came in last week's season-opening Johnny Petraglia BVL Open presented by Lucas Magazine and Brunswick where he beat finals top qualifier Sammy Ventura of Syracuse, New York, 288-205, in the title match.

As the No. 4 qualifier for the finals, Haugen, trying for his second major and fourth career PBA50 Tour win, came out of the gate strong with a 287-251 win over No. 5 qualifier, 2017 PBA50 Player of the Year Brian LeClair of Albany, New York, and then beat hall of famer and eight-time PBA50 Tour winner Amleto Monacelli, who qualified third for the finals, 277-237, to advance to the semifinal match against Duke.

Haugen then managed to beat Duke, who was trying for his third major and sixth career title, in a hard-fought semifinal match, 214-206, to advance to the title match.

The PBA50 Tour heads to Mooresville, North Carolina for the PBA50 Mooresville Open presented by the Mooresville Convention & Visitors Bureau and Storm at Victory Lanes and Entertainment Center April 28-May 1.

Fans can catch all the action via PBA's online streaming partner FloBowling. Visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com) for subscription and schedule information.

**PBA50 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**Presented by Spanish Springs Lanes and Radical**  
**Spanish Springs Lanes, The Villages, Fla., Friday**

**Final standings:**

- 1, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., \$10,000.
- 2, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, \$5,500.
- 3, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., \$4,000.
- 4, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, \$3,000.
- 5, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., \$2,500.

**Stepladder Results:**

**Match One** – Haugen def. LeClair, 287-251.

**Match Two** – Haugen def. Monacelli, 277-237.

**Semifinal** – Haugen def. Duke, 214-206.

**Championship** – Williams def. Haugen, 278-243.

**FIFTH ROUND RESULTS (after 34 games. Top five advance to stepladder finals. Includes match play record and total pinfall with bonus pins)**

- 1, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 12-4, 8,479.
- 2, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 9-7, 8,142.
- 3, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 11-5, 8,132.

- 4, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 10-5-1, 8,108.
- 5, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 12-4, 8,070.
- 6, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 8-7-1, 8,066, \$2,000.
- 7, ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 8-8, 8,047, \$1,900.
- 8, ss-Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 8-8, 7,998, \$1,850.
- 9, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 8-7-1, 7,956, \$1,800.
- 10, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 7-9, 7,915, \$1,750.
- 11, ss-Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, 10-6, 7,910, \$1,700.
- 12, ss-Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 8-8, 7,869, \$1,680.
- 13, ss-Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 8-8, 7,760, \$1,660.
- 14, ss-John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 4-12, 7,757, \$1,640.
- 15, Paul Fleming, Ft. Worth, Texas, 7-8-1, 7,741, \$1,620.
- 16, Chris Collins, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 6-8-2, 7,694, \$1,600.

**FOURTH ROUND RESULTS (after 26 games. Top 16 advance to second match play round. Includes match play record and total pinfall with bonus pins)**

- 1, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 6-2, 6,368.
- 2, ss-Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 5-3, 6,208.
- 3, ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 6-2, 6,201.
- 4, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 4-3-1, 6,183.
- 5, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 4-4, 6,158.
- 6, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 6-2, 6,086.
- 7, ss-Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 5-3, 6,082.
- 8, ss-Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 5-3, 6,050.
- 9, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 4-4, 6,043.
- 10, ss-John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 3-5, 6,020.
- 10, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 4-3-1, 6,020.
- 12, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 2-6, 6,004.
- 13, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 5-3, 5,999.
- 14, ss-Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, 5-3, 5,990.
- 15, Paul Fleming, Ft. Worth, Texas, 5-2-1, 5,951.
- 16, Chris Collins, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 4-3-1, 5,936.

**Did not advance:**

- 17, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 4-4, 5,916, \$1,450.
- 18, ss-Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 5-2-1, 5,912, \$1,440.
- 19, ss-Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 3-4-1, 5,908, \$1,430.
- 20, Rory Peterson, Jacksonville, Fla., 5-3, 5,907, \$1,420.
- 21, Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 3-5, 5,879, \$1,410.
- 22, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 2-6, 5,876, \$1,400.
- 23, ss-George Gomez, Orlando, Fla., 4-4, 5,863, \$1,390.
- 24, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 2-6, 5,854, \$1,380.
- 25, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1-7, 5,822, \$1,370.
- 26, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 4-4, 5,813, \$1,360.
- 27, Darin Hays, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 3-5, 5,808, \$1,350.
- 28, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3-5, 5,774, \$1,340.
- 29, Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 4-4, 5,763, \$1,330.
- 30, Joe Fulner III, Belleview, Fla., 4-4, 5,738, \$1,315.
- 30, ss-Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 3-5, 5,738, \$1,315.
- 32, n,ss-Roger Bowker, Ocala, Fla., 2-6, 5,667, \$1,300.

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## **Jakob Butturff Tops DHC PBA Japan Invitational Qualifying**

*Defending champion Dom Barrett advances to match play in fourth place*

**TOKYO, Japan (April 26, 2019)** – Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona, in pursuit of his third title of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season, topped the field of 16 finalists who advanced to the match play finals of the DHC PBA Japan Invitational Saturday at Tokyo Port Bowl.

Butturff, who won the PBA Oklahoma Open and the USBC Masters earlier in the year, rolled averaged for a 12-game total of 2,793 pins and a 93-pin lead over Japan's Tomoyuki Sasaki. Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, the 2015 DHC PBA Japan Invitational winner, was 18 pins behind Sasaki in third place followed by defending champion Dom Barrett of England with a 2,645 total and Japan's Takuya Miyazawa in fifth with 2,640 pins.

PBA's live streaming partner, FloBowling, is providing live coverage of the DHC event. Two eight-game round-robin match play rounds will air at 7:30 and 11:50 p.m. EST today followed by the five-player stepladder finals at 4:30 a.m. EST Sunday. First prize is \$44,650 plus a PBA Tour title if the winner is a PBA member.

For fans who prefer a more convenient time to watch, each FloBowling segment from Japan will be available on demand shortly after the shows air live. For subscription information, visit [flobowling.com](http://flobowling.com).

### **DHC PBA JAPAN INVITATIONAL**

**Tokyo Port Bowl, Tokyo, Japan, Saturday**

#### **Final Qualifying Round Standings (after 12 games; top 16 advanced to round-robin match play; top five after 28 games advance to stepladder finals):**

- 1, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 2,793.
- 2, Tomoyuki Sasaki, Japan, 2,700.
- 3, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,682.
- 4, Dom Barrett, England, 2,645.
- 5, Takuya Miyazawa, Japan, 2,640.
- 6, Teruyuki Obara, Japan, 2,625.
- 7, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,619.
- 8, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 2,616.
- 9, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 2,589.
- 10, Kosuke Shirai, Japan, 2,587.
- 11, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 2,562.
- 12, Isao Yamamoto, Japan, 2,561.
- 13, Shusaku Asato, Japan, 2,534.
- 14, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2,528.
- 15, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 2,520.
- 16, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2,519.

#### **Other Cashers (after 12 games):**

- 17, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 2,496, \$1,780.
- 18, Stevie Weber, Japan, 2,479, \$1,780.
- 19, Nobuhito Fujii, Japan, 2,446, \$1,690.
- 20, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,441, \$1,690.
- 21 (tie), Mai Takasaka, Japan, and Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,422, \$1,600.
- 23, Yuta Saito, Japan, 2,421, \$1,510.
- 24, Takashi Taniai, Japan, 2,386, \$1,510.
- 25, Stuart Williams, England, 2,384, \$1,420.
- 26, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 2,374, \$1,420.

27, Yuka Sasaki, Japan, 2,373, \$1,340.  
 28, Urara Himeji, Japan, 2,368, \$1,240.  
 29, Shuma Sakamoto, Japan, 2,353, \$1,340.  
 30, Hideaki Hata, Japan, 2,348, \$1,250.  
 30, He Yeo Yun, South Korea, 2,348, \$1,250.  
 32, Mai Fujita, Japan, 2,346, \$1,250.  
 33, Hidekazu Wada, Japan, 2,343, \$1,250.  
 34, Hiroko Shimizu, Japan, 2,321, \$1,250.  
 35, Ryoya Tanaka, Japan, 2,310, \$1,250.  
 36 (tie), Manae Kameshima, Japan, and Yuka Tsuchiya, Japan, 2,303, \$1,160.  
 38, Hayato Hijikata, Japan, 2,285, \$1,160.  
 39, Junichi Yajima, Japan, 2,277, \$1,160.  
 40, Tsuguo Tsukahara, Japan, 2,267, \$1,160.  
 41, Misaki Mukoutani, Japan, 2,258, \$1,070.  
 42, Rina Asada, Japan, 2,228, \$1,070.  
 43, Kazuma Noborikawa, Japan, 2,204, \$1,070.  
 44, Susumu Okuoka, Japan, 2,136, \$1,070.  
 45, Yuki Akiyoshi, Japan, 2,128, \$980.  
 46, Mihoko Matsuoka, Japan, 2,120, \$980.  
 47, Akiho Mitzutani, Japan, 2,105, \$980.  
 48, Junko Shiraishi, Japan, 2,103, \$980.

## **Australia's Jason Belmonte Wins DHC PBA Japan Invitational**

*Two-handed star wins fourth title of 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season*

**TOKYO, Japan (April 28, 2019)** – Australia's two-handed star, Jason Belmonte, defeated top qualifier Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona, 224-213, to win the DHC PBA Japan Invitational at Tokyo Port Bowl on Sunday for his fourth title of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season and the 22nd of his career.

With the win, the 35-year-old Belmonte moved into a tie for 10th place on the PBA all-time titles list with PBA Hall of Famer Marshall Holman.

After qualifying third for the stepladder finals, Belmonte eliminated Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, 245-220, and Japan's Takuya Miyazawa, 227-189, to advance to the title match. Barnes defeated defending DHC champion Dom Barrett of England, 253-222, in the first match.

"I've traveled to Japan to bowl for fifteen years and I've never won," Belmonte said. "Winning in front of the Japanese crowd means a lot; I'm very honored.

"Jakob bowled incredible all week. I feel for the leaders," he continued. "It's unfortunate to dominate a tournament and then lose it all in one game. It took me fifteen years but I feel quite certain Jakob will do it much sooner than that."

The difference in the tightly-contested championship match was Butturff's failure to convert the 3-5-6-9 "bucket" in the second frame. The loss prevented Butturff from claiming his third title of the year, which would have put him in a title-tie with Belmonte. Instead, Belmonte further enhanced his bid for 2019 PBA Player of the Year honors.

"At 2:30 this morning, Tim Mack (his bowling ball rep) called me and said he had an idea to drill me a different ball and I bowled amazing with it today," Belmonte said.

PBA's live streaming partner, FloBowling, provided live coverage of the DHC PBA Japan Invitational. Full coverage of the finals, along with match play and qualifying rounds, is available for on-demand viewing on [flobowling.com](http://flobowling.com) for FloBowling subscribers.

Coverage of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season continues Monday with Round of 16 coverage of the PBA Playoffs at 9 p.m. EDT from Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, on FS1. Monday's "Race to 2 Points" matches will feature Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas against Rhino Page of Orlando, and EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Indiana, vs. Colombia's Andres Gomez.

### **DHC PBA JAPAN INVITATIONAL Tokyo Port Bowl, Tokyo, Japan, Sunday**

#### **Final Standings**

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$44,650.
- 2, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., \$22,330.
- 3, Takuya Miyazawa, Japan, \$11,150.
- 4, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, \$8,900.
- 5, Dom Barrett, England, \$7,100.

#### **Stepladder Results**

Match One – Barnes def. Barrett, 253-222.  
Match Two – Belmonte def. Barnes, 245-220.  
Semifinal Match – Belmonte def. Miyazawa, 227-189.  
Championship – Belmonte def. Butturff, 224-213.

#### **Final Match Play Standings (after 28 games, including match play bonus pins)**

- 1, Butturff, 13-3, 6,917.
- 2, Miyazawa, 11-5, 6,619.
- 3, Belmonte, 10-4-2, 6,503.
- 4, Barrett, 10-5-1, 6,495.
- 5, Barnes, 8-8, 6,196.
- 6, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 11-5, 6,194, \$3,750.
- 7, Tomoyuki Sasaki, Japan, 8-8, 6,187, \$3,570.
- 8, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 8-6-2, 6,175, \$3,370.
- 9, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 7-9, 6,109, \$3,300.
- 10, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 8-8, 6,061, \$3,200.
- 11, Shusaku Asato, Japan, 7-9, 6,015, \$3,030.
- 12, Teruyuki Obara, Japan, 5-11, 6,006, \$2,940.
- 13, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 5-11, 6,000, \$2,850.
- 14, Isao Yamamoto, Japan, 6-10, 5,969, \$2,760.
- 15, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 5-11, 5,892, \$2,680.
- 16, Kosuke Shirai, Japan, 3-12-1, 5,758, \$2,500.

Pennsylvania's Rick Graham, Hall of Famer Ron Mohr Top

PBA50 Mooresville Open Qualifying After First Round

MOORESVILLE, North Carolina (April 29, 2019) – Part-time PBA50 Tour player Rick Graham of Lancaster, Pennsylvania bowled a 1,926 pinfall for eight games Monday to lead the first round of the PBA50 Mooresville Open presented by the Mooresville Convention & Visitors Bureau and Storm.

Graham, who works full-time for a printing company, averaged 240 for the round bowling games of 235, 270, 241, 200, 246, 228, 247 and 259 at Victory Lanes Family Entertainment Center to lead PBA Hall of Famer and two-time PBA50 Player of the Year Ron Mohr of Las Vegas in second, who finished with a 1,919 pinfall with games of 244, 259, 246, 227, 214, 218, 266 and 245.

"I had a good read right from the start," said the 51-year-old Graham, who used one ball for the entire round. "I just adjusted my speed and moved left or right on the lane depending on the pair.

"I was very relaxed and everything was very consistent," added Graham, who owns three regular PBA regional and one PBA50 regional title. "I'm going to start with the same ball in the second round and see how it goes. I didn't have a lot of expectations coming in so I'm just taking it one game at a time."

Graham's best PBA50 Tour finish was 25th in last season's Johnny Petraglia BVL Open.

Rounding out the top eight after the first round were Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,914; John Marsala, St. Louis, Missouri, 1,901; reigning PBA50 Player of the Year Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,872; PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III, Jackson, New Jersey, 1,861; 2017 PBA50 Player of the Year Brian LeClair, Albany, New York, 1,859, and Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 1,857.

Defending champion PBA Hall of Famer Brian Voss of Centennial, Colorado, finished the round in 37th with a 1,774 pinfall and hall of famer Walter Ray Williams Jr., of Oxford, Florida, who is coming off two wins to start the season, got off to a slow start finishing the day 55th with 1,736.

Competition continues Tuesday with another eight-game qualifying round beginning at 9 a.m. ET. Cashers and match play rounds get underway Wednesday at 8:30 a.m., which will determine the five players for the stepladder finals at 7 p.m.

Fans can catch all the action live via PBA's online streaming partner FloBowling. Visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com) for subscription and schedule information.

**PBA50 MOORESVILLE OPEN**

Presented by Mooresville Convention & Visitors Bureau and Storm

Victory Lanes Family Entertainment Center, Mooresville, N.C., Monday

FIRST ROUND RESULTS (after eight games)

- 1, Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., 1,926.
- 2, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1,919.
- 3, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,914.
- 4, John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 1,901.
- 5, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,872.
- 6, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,861.
- 7, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 1,859.
- 8, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 1,857.
- 9, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 1,852.
- 10, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,847.
- 11, n-Jerry Horn, West Columbia, S.C., 1,846.
- 12, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,845.
- 13, ss-Chris Fedden, Albany, N.Y., 1,839.
- 14, Doug Henry, Columbus, Ind., 1,836.
- 15, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 1,834.
- 16, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 1,828.
- 17, Michael Smith, Centennial, Colo., 1,826.
- 18, Chris Collins, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 1,824.
- 19, ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 1,823.
- 20, ss-Widmar Vargas, Sun City Center, Fla., 1,820.
- 21, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 1,819.
- 22, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,817.
- 23, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 1,809.
- 24, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,804.
- 25, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,800.
- 26, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,796.
- 27, Mac Sanders, Taylors, S.C., 1,795.
- 28, n-Jeff Atkins, Hot Springs Village, Ark., 1,791.
- 29, ss-Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C., 1,788.
- 30, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,787.
- 31, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 1,786.
- 32, (tie) Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., and Tommy Martin, Millington, Tenn., 1,782.
- 34, (tie) Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., and ss-Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 1,781.
- 36, James Campbell, Clearwater, Fla., 1,777.
- 37, ss-Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 1,774.
- 38, John Neral, Vienna, Va., 1,768.
- 39, n,ss-Paul Kreins, Mooresville, N.C., 1,765.
- 40, ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 1,759.
- 41, ss-Mike Mineman, St Louis, 1,758.
- 42, Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 1,756.
- 43, ss-Chuck Richardson, The Villages, Fla., 1,755.
- 44, James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 1,754.
- 45, (tie) Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., and ss-William Peters, Dayton, Ohio, 1,753.
- 47, ss-Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 1,748.
- 48, (tie) ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., and Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 1,747.
- 50, Brian Menini, Brookfield, Mo., 1,746.
- 51, Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 1,744.

52, (tie) Peter Knopp, Germany, and Troy McKinney, Yorktown, Va., 1,742.  
54, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 1,741.  
55, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,736.  
56, ss-Mike Moore, Marietta, Ohio, 1,731.  
57, ss-Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 1,722.  
58, ss-Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 1,721.  
59, Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., 1,717.  
60, Pasquale Lucci, Sr., Hamilton, N.J., 1,716.  
61, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1,714.  
62, Doug O'Bryant, Ball Ground, Ga., 1,711.  
63, Carl West, San Jose, Calif., 1,710.  
64, Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 1,709.  
65, Robert Leonard Sr, Lockwood, N.Y., 1,708.  
66, (tie) ss-Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., and ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1,705.  
68, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 1,703.  
69, Pete Arruda, Gilbert, S.C., 1,702.  
70, Chris Johnson, Nashville, N.C., 1,699.  
71, Charlie Toney, Oak Hill, W.Va., 1,695.  
72, n-Chuck Richey, Charlotte, N.C., 1,693.  
73, ss-Jim Price, Harrisburg, N.C., 1,690.  
74, ss-Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,688.  
75, n-Tony Todd, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 1,687.  
76, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 1,682.  
77, Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 1,680.  
78, (tie) ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., and Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 1,679.  
80, Steve Easterday, Strasburg, Ohio, 1,671.  
81, Kevin Duncan, Mexico, Mo., 1,668.  
82, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 1,666.  
83, (tie) Jeffrey Campbell, Newport News, Va., and Scott Thomsen, Sumter, S.C., 1,657.  
85, ss-David Kneas, Annapolis, Md., 1,656.  
86, ss-Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., 1,653.  
87, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 1,652.  
88, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,651.  
89, ss-Tom Howison, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,636.  
90, ss-Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 1,635.  
91, n,ss-Peter Minaudo, Chesterfield, Mich., 1,634.  
92, Brett Caramagno, Goose Creek, S.C., 1,631.  
93, (tie) ss-Gary Shultis, Levittown, N.Y., and ss-Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 1,630.  
95, n-Curt Guinn, Greenwood, S.C., 1,625.  
96, Steve Hoskins, New Port Richey, Fla., 1,623.  
97, Todd Haney, Boiling Springs, S.C., 1,619.  
98, Chuck Walker, Rutledge, Tenn., 1,615.  
99, ss-Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 1,614.  
100, (tie) Jon DeLaney, McKinney, Texas, ss-Fran Luzzi, Port Jervis, N.Y., and Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 1,609.  
103, ss-Joe Salvemini, Colorado Springs, Colo., 1,608.  
104, ss-Steven Grotowski, Ft Lauderdale, Fla, 1,602.  
105, (tie) Richard Strath, Schenectady, N.Y., and ss-Jim Pitts, Elmira, N.Y., 1,600.  
107, ss-Dale Csuhata, Wadsworth, Ohio, 1,599.  
108, ss-Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 1,563.  
109, ss-Dave Flemming, Fairborn, Ohio, 1,561.  
110, ss-James Souder, Greeneville, Tenn., 1,557.  
111, ss-Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 1,547.

- 112, David Bleggi, Jacksonville, N.C., 1,540.
- 113, ss-Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 1,536.
- 114, (tie) Bill Vannoy, Lexington, S.C., and n-Jason Gordon, Concord, N.C., 1,535.
- 116, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 1,531.
- 117, David Zelger, Red Lion, Pa., 1,529.
- 118, ss-Larry Helton, Bolingbrook, Ill., 1,522.
- 119, Dave Han, Birmingham, Ala., 1,519.
- 120, Jay Hess, Gotha, Fla., 1,516.
- 121, Jim Horan, Mountain View, Calif., 1,512.
- 122, ss-Charlie Tomey, Spartanburg, S.C., 1,507.
- 123, ss-Ross McDonald, Las Vegas, Nev., 1,503.
- 124, n, ss-Ron Jenkins, Statesville, N.C., 1,491.
- 125, ss-Kerry Fulford, Ft. Worth, Texas, 1,485.
- 126, ss-Thomas Sliwinski, Reynoldsville, Pa., 1,463.
- 127, (tie) Jeff Caudle, Lexington, N.C., and Larry Felts Jr., Simpsonville, S.C., 1,456.
- 129, Michael Whittington, Matthews, N.C., 1,453.
- 130, Ken Shealy, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 1,447.
- 131, Steven Hartzell, Hanahan, S.C., 1,440.
- 132, ss-Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 1,419.
- 133, ss-Tom Giffin, Martinsville, Va., 1,413.
- 134, ss-Mark Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 1,391.
- 135, ss-Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 1,377.
- 136, Harry Alchin III, Madeira Beach, Fla., 1,366.
- 137, ss-Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 1,360.
- 138, ss-Richard Felten, Rockville, Md., 1,314.
- 139, ss-Ken Waters, Kingsport, Tenn., 1,307.
- 140, n-Charles Allen Jr., Pell City, Ala., 1,299.

n-non-PBA member

ss-PBA60 player ages 60 and older

Anthony Simonsen, Andres Gomez Advance to PBA Playoffs Round of 8

Two more Round of 16 matches to air on May 6 at 9 p.m. ET p.m. on FS1

PORTLAND, Maine (April 29, 2019) – Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas and Colombia’s Andres Gomez filled two more spots in the PBA Playoffs Round of 8 after winning their Round of 16 Race to 2 Points matches that aired Monday on FS1 from Bayside Bowl.

Simonsen and Gomez joined Jason Belmonte of Australia, who leads the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season with four wins, and 2019 PBA Scorpion Championship winner Kris Prather of Plainfield, Illinois, who advanced by winning their Round of 16 matches that aired April 22 on FS1 and will meet in the Round of 8 on May 20.

Simonsen, who became the youngest to win two majors at 22 with his win in the PBA Players Championship in February, beat Page in the first game of their Race to 2 Points match, 237-214, but Page, a six-time tour winner with four top-five finishes this season, came back to win the second game, 226-214, to send the match to a ninth and 10th frame roll-off. Simonsen won the roll-off, 49-39, to advance to the Round of 8.

“The adrenaline was really flowing after the first game and I was a little too pumped up heading into the second game,” said Simonsen of dealing with the energy from the boisterous Bayside Bowl crowd. “When we got to the second game the crowd got a little quiet for some reason and that actually threw me off a little bit.

“Rhino got off to a good start in the second game, but I knew with one game in the bank I still had an opportunity in the roll-off,” Simonsen added. “I looked at the roll-off as another game – just make the best shots I can.”

In the second Round of 16 match, Gomez, a three-time tour winner, beat 2016 PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Indiana in both games – 231-228 and 245-193 – to advance.

Gomez put together a string of five strikes heading into the 10th frame of the first game to overtake Tackett after being down 37 pins in the fifth frame.

“In the first half of the first game I was still trying to figure it out,” said Gomez. “I needed to do what I do best and that was slow down. I don’t have the power that these guys have out here on tour so having the right hand position and ball speed are critical for me to get a good ball reaction.”

Gomez found the right combination in the second game, striking in seven of the first nine frames to breeze past a struggling Tackett.

The winner of the Playoffs, which features the top 24 players in competition points after the first 13 Go Bowling! PBA Tour tournaments of the 2019 season, will earn a \$100,000 first prize.

Round of 16 action continues on FS1 on May 6 and May 13 with both two-match telecasts airing at 9 p.m. EDT. The eight survivors will bowl Round of 8 Race to 2 Points matches on May 20 and May 27, reducing the field to the four survivors who will return to Portland for the semifinal and final rounds June 1-2. Both of those rounds will air live on FOX at noon Eastern.

To view a PBA Playoffs bracket click on

[https://www.pba.com/Content/Images/playoffs/2019\\_PBA\\_Playoff\\_Bracket.pdf](https://www.pba.com/Content/Images/playoffs/2019_PBA_Playoff_Bracket.pdf)

## PBA PLAYOFFS ROUND OF 16 RESULTS

Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine

(aired Monday on FS1. Race to 2 Points format. Winners advance to Round of 8. Losers earn \$5,000)

### Match One

Game 1 – No. 4 Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas def. No. 13 Rhino Page, Orlando, 237-214.

Game 2 – Page def. Simonsen 226-214.

Simonsen won roll-off 49-39

### Match Two

Game 1 – No. 21 Andres Gomez, Colombia def. No. 5 EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 231-228.

Game 2 – Gomez def. Tackett, 245-193

Remaining Round of 16 pairings (Race to 2 Points format based on one point per game won)

Match 13 – No. 15 Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, vs. No. 2 Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz. (airs May 6).

Match 14 – No. 23 Jesper Svensson, Sweden, vs. No. 7 Bill O’Neill, Langhorne, Pa. (airs May 6).

Match 15 – No. 14 Dom Barrett, England, vs. No. 3 Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla. (airs May 13).

Match 16 – No. 11 Kyle Sherman, O’Fallon, Mo., vs. No. 6 Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill. (airs May 13).

Round of 8 Pairings (Race to 2 Points format based on one point per game won)

Match 17 – No. 1 Jason Belmonte, Australia, vs. No. 9 Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill. (airs May 20).

Match 18 – No. 4 Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, vs. No. 21 Andres Gomez, Colombia (airs May 20).

Match 19 – Malott-Butturff winner vs. Svensson-O’Neill winner (airs May 27).

Match 20 – Barrett-Duke winner vs. Sherman-Rash winner (airs May 27).

## **Joe Findling Wins PBA Planet Bowl Oklahoma City Southwest Open Title**

**Oklahoma City, Okla. (April 30, 2019)** – Joe Findling from Mesquite, Texas, survived a tense final match to win his eighth Professional Bowlers Association Regional title in the PBA Oklahoma City Planet Bowl Southwest Open, presented by Roto Grip, Sunday.

Findling led after eight and 13 games of qualifying, and maintained his lead through the modified eight-game round robin match play finals heading into the final position round match. Holding a 64-pin lead over Sean Lavery-Spahr of Pasadena, Texas, Lavery-Spahr needed to win the match by 35 pins and pick up the 30 match play bonus pins to deny Findling the title. After both players opened in the first frame, Lavery-Spahr strung seven strikes before leaving a 10 pin in the ninth frame, eventually finishing with a 244 game. It wasn't enough. Findling threw two strikes in his 10th frame to finish with 227 and a 4,965 pinfall total, topping Lavery-Spahr's 4,948 to claim the \$2,500 winner's check.

Lavery-Spahr held on to second place, earning \$1,600, while his twin brother, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, also from Pasadena, finished third and collected \$1,100.

The Southwest Region returns to Junction City, Kan., for the PBA Junction City Bowl Southwest/Midwest Open. May 3-5. Hilltop Lanes in Waxahachie, Texas, follows May 17-19, for the PBA Waxahachie Southwest Challenge. Challenge events are non-champion events and limited to non-winners in PBA events and PBA members without a PBA title.

### **PBA OKLAHOMA CITY SOUTHWEST OPEN, presented by Roto-Grip Planet Bowl, Midwest City, Okla., Sunday**

#### **Final Match Play Standings (after 21 games, including match play bonus pins):**

1, Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas, 5-3, 4,965, \$2,500. 2, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 6-2, 4,948, \$1,600. 3, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 5-3, 4,944, \$1,100. 4, Allan Smith, Killeen, Texas, 5-3, 4,825, \$950. 5, Mason Edmondson, Amarillo, Texas, 4-4, 4,786, \$800. 6, Brandon Knowles, Westminster, Colo., 4-4, 4,755, \$700.

7, n-Jared Wolf, Lowell, Ark., 4-4, 4,746, \$650. 8, Levi Fintel, Lubbock, Texas, 4-4, 4,731, \$600. 9, n-Kaden Rogillio, Deer Park, Texas, 4-4, 4,704, \$575. 10, Alex George, Wichita, Kan., 2-6, 4,638, \$550.

11, Jeffrey Campbell, Clearwater, Fla., 2-6, 4,579, \$525. 12, Michael Austin, Conroe, Texas, 3-5, 4,530, \$500.

n- non PBA member  
300 game: Mike Austin

## **2019 PBA Billy Welu Scholarship Applications Now Being Accepted**

**CHICAGO** -- The Professional Bowlers Association is now accepting applications for the 2018 PBA Billy Welu Scholarship Award which recognizes exemplary qualities in male or female college students who excel in academics as well as in the sport of bowling.

The winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. To be eligible candidates must be amateur bowlers who are currently in college (preceding the application date) and maintaining at least a 2.5/4.0 GPA or equivalent. Applications must be postmarked by June 21.

The scholarship was established in 1982 in memory of the PBA Hall of Famer who served as television analyst alongside legendary ABC broadcaster and PBA Hall of Famer Chris Schenkel on the "Pro Bowlers Tour" series prior to his death in 1974. Over the years, 33 outstanding student athletes have been selected as Welu Scholarship recipients, including 2018 winner Wesley Low Jr. of Wichita State.

The application is in two parts and can be retrieved by downloading both files using this link <http://www.pba.com/Corporate/Scholarships>. Nominations can be sent to [scholarships@pba.com](mailto:scholarships@pba.com) or through the U.S. mail at PBA Billy Welu Scholarship, 55 E. Jackson Blvd., Suite 401, Chicago, IL 60604.

#### **HISTORY OF PBA BILLY WELU SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**

2018 – Wesley Low Jr. (Wichita State)  
2017 – Kristie Lopez (Wichita State)  
2016 – Sydney Brummett (Wichita State)  
2015 – Ramon Hilferink (Webber International)  
2014 – Melanie Hannon (Fairleigh Dickinson)  
2013 – Katie Thornton (Webber International)  
2012 – Danielle McEwan (Fairleigh Dickinson)  
2011 – Kristina Frahm (Maryland Eastern Shore)  
2010 – Kim Yioulos (Pikeville)  
2009 – Elizabeth Seibel (Penn State)  
2008 – Heather D'Errico (Robert Morris-Illinois)  
2007 – Ricki Williams (Wichita State)  
2006 – Jerrod Reece (Creighton University)  
2005 – Mandy Pezzano (University of Pennsylvania)  
2004 – Holly Pusok (University of Houston)  
2003 – Robby Spigner (Indiana University)  
2002 – N/A  
2001 – Jennie Snoddy (Notre Dame College of Ohio)  
2000 – Jackie Edwards (Cal State-Fresno)  
1999 – Steven Svetlik (University of Illinois-Chicago)  
1998 – Nicholas Hoagland (Indiana University)  
1997 – Preston Brunswig (Wichita State)  
1996 – Brenda Doshier (University of Southern Indiana)  
1995 – Michael Lamont (University of Florida)  
1994 – Joe Ciccone (Erie Community College)  
1993 – N/A

1992 – Stephen Dale Jr. (Northeastern University)  
1991 – Kari Murph (Morehead State)  
1990 – Kimberly Berke (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)  
1989 – Ronni Shehorn (San Jose State)  
1988 – Julie Powell (University of Michigan)  
1987 – N/A  
1986 – Paul Kaib (University of Florida)  
1985 – Curt Pezzano (University of Miami (Fla))  
1984 – Michelle Mullen (University of Illinois)  
1983 – Jeri Edwards (Penn State)  
  
1982 – Patricia Bowie (Arizona State)

## **Brandon Curtis Wins Second PBA South Region Title in Myrtle Beach**

**MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. (April 28, 2019)** – Brandon Curtis of Manson, N.C. wins his second Professional Bowlers Association Regional title Sunday, defeating Chris Polizzi of Spring Hill, Fla., 222-178, to win the fourth annual PBA Brighton Construction Myrtle Beach South Open at Myrtle Beach Lanes.

Curtis, who qualified in the number one position for the stepladder finals with a 17-game pinfall of 3,875, led the event wire-to-wire.

In the opening match Polizzi eliminated Sean Connolly of Apopka, Fla., 211-191, and then easily defeated Mike Coffey of Melbourne, Fla., 246-189, in the semifinal contest to advance to the championship match.

In the title match Curtis started with three strikes while Polizzi had two opens in the first three frames. Curtis then coasted to the finish for the title.

Curtis earned \$2,600 while Polizzi pocketed \$1,400 for second, Coffey took home \$1,100 for third place finish and Connolly earned \$1,000 for fourth.

The PBA South Region's next event will be the PBA B&R Hauling Aberdeen South Open May 3-5 at Sandhills Lanes in Aberdeen, N.C.

### **PBA BRIGHTON CONSTRUCTION MYRTLE BEACH SOUTH OPEN Myrtle Beach Lanes, Myrtle Beach, S.C., Sunday**

#### **Final Standings:**

- 1, Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., \$2,600.
- 2, Chris Polizzi, Spring Hill, Fla., \$1,300.
- 3, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., \$1,100.
- 4, Sean Connolly, Apopka, Fla., \$1,000.

#### **Stepladder Results:**

Match One – Polizzi def. Connolly, 211-191.  
Semifinal – Polizzi def. Coffey, 246-189.  
Championship – Curtis def. Polizzi, 222-178.

#### **Final Qualifying Standings (after 17 games, top 4 advanced to stepladder finals):**

- 1, Curtis, 3,875.
- 2, Coffey, 3,775.

- 3, Polizzi, 3,748.
- 4, Connolly, 3,622.
- 5, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, N.Y., 3,566, \$900.
- 6, Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 3,549, \$800.
- 7, Kristijonas Sergejevas, Lithuania, 3,495, \$750.
- 8, n-Lewis Martin, Tampa, Fla., 3,379, \$700.

**Round of 16 Cashers (eliminated after 15 games):**

- 9, Joseph Grago, Hampstead, N.C., 3,089, \$600.
- 10, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 3,085, \$575.
- 11, n-Adam Van Fleet, Haw River, N.C., 3,077, \$550.
- 12, n-Robert Riggle, Virginia Beach, Va., 2,950, \$540.
- 13, Trevor Roberts, Crystal River, Fla., 2,949, \$530.
- 14, Rusty Thomsen, Carteret, N.J., 2,949, \$520.
- 15, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 2,905, \$510.
- 16, n-Christian Miller, Homosassa, Fla., 2,899, \$500.

**Round of 32 Cashers (eliminated after 12 games):**

- 17, Zachary Seals, Kingsland, Ga., 2,359, \$420.
- 18 (tie), James Grago, Hampstead, N.C., and Leon Platt, Summerville, S.C., 2,350, \$417.50.
- 20, Christopher Glaz, Huntersville, N.C., 2,302, \$415.
- 21, Brian Elder, Newark, Del., 2,299, \$410.
- 22, Kevin Fischer, Winter Park, Fla., 2,288, \$410.
- 23, Victor Florie, Richmond, Va., 2,286, \$405.
- 24, Matthew Martin, Axton, Va., 2,233, \$405.
- 25, Easton Brown, Summerville, S.C., 2,223, \$400.
- 26, n-Bobby Benton, Accident, Md., 2,178, \$400.

n-denotes non-PBA member.

Parker Bohn III, Jerry Horn Top PBA50 Mooresville Open Qualifying

MOORESVILLE, N.C. (April 30, 2019) – PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III and non-member Jerry Horn of West Columbia, South Carolina, both bowled a 3,693 16-game pinfall total to tie for top-qualifier honors in the PBA50 Mooresville Open presented by the Mooresville Convention & Visitors Bureau and Storm Tuesday at Victory Lanes Family Entertainment Center.

Bohn, a 35-time PBA Tour and four-time PBA50 Tour titlist, bowled games of 192, 255, 206, 236, 246, 237, 212 and 248 in Tuesday's final round to tie Horn for the lead.

"So far, everything is going pretty well but I'm having trouble in the 10th frame for some reason," said the 55-year-old Bohn, whose last PBA50 Tour win came in the 2017 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic. "I'm putting together nine solid frames but I'm finishing with a lot of splits and opens at the end and I'm going to have to fix that.

"When it comes time for when we start match play, it becomes a sprint to the finish," Bohn added. "I can guarantee you that I'm going to have to finish games better than I did today to make it to the finals."

Horn, bowling in his first PBA50 Tour tournament, bowled games of 246, 209, 215, 268, 205, 254, 202 and 248 after Tuesday's first second-round block.

"It was a different block for me today than the first round," said Horn, who works full-time as an ATM technician. "Today, I was able to use one ball and just make the adjustments with my speed and angles to the pocket. I'm just trying to not look too far ahead and keep focused on what I need to do each frame."

Bohn and Horn led eight players who earned two-round byes into match play. Rounding out the top eight were Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Illinois and Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Missouri, who tied for third with 3,692; first-round leader Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, 3,683; Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colorado, 3,681; John Marsala, St. Louis, Missouri, 3,660 and PBA Hall of Famer Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kansas, 3,644.

The top 24 players advanced to Wednesday's match play who will be joined by an additional eight players that will be determined through a casher's round that begins at 8:30 a.m. ET.

PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr., the winner of the first two tournaments of the season, climbed from 55th after the first round to finish qualifying in 33rd with a 3,529 pinfall advancing to the cashers round.

Defending champion 60-year-old PBA Hall of Famer Brian Voss also advanced to the cashers round by placing second among the eight PBA60 Players finishing out of the regular prize fund. Voss finished with a 3,453 pinfall.

John Dudak of Orland Park, Illinois earned the last PBA60 spot (eighth) for the cashers round by beating James Storts of Westfield, Indiana in a one-game roll-off 182-176 after tying with 3,415.

Fans can catch all the final day action live via PBA's online streaming partner FloBowling. Visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com) for subscription and schedule information.

## PBA50 MOORESVILLE OPEN

Presented by Mooresville Convention & Visitors Bureau and Storm

Victory Lanes Family Entertainment Center, Mooresville, N.C., Tuesday

SECOND ROUND RESULTS (after 16 games. Top 24 players advance to match play. Positions 25-46 plus top eight PBA60 players out of the regular prize fund advance to cashers round to determine eight additional match play spots)

1, (tie) n-Jerry Horn, West Columbia, S.C., and Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,693.

3, (tie) Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., and Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 3,692.

5, Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., 3,683.

6, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 3,681.

7, John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 3,660.

8, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3,644.

9, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 3,634.

10, Brian Menini, Brookfield, Mo., 3,632.

11, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,622.

12, Widmar Vargas, Sun City Center, Fla., 3,621.

13, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3,619.

14, Chris Collins, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 3,612.

14, Doug Henry, Columbus, Ind., 3,612.

16, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 3,608.

17, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 3,602.

18, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,601.

19, Chuck Richardson, The Villages, Fla., 3,595.

19, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,595.

21, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 3,583.

22, Michael Smith, Centennial, Colo., 3,580.

23, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 3,576.

24, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3,575.

25, Mac Sanders, Taylors, S.C., 3,572.

26, Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 3,559.

27, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3,557.

28, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3,555.

29, Troy McKinney, Yorktown, Va., 3,547.

30, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3,546.

31, Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C., 3,541.

32, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 3,537.

33, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,529.

34, Frank Gallo Jr, Jacksonville, Fla., 3,525.

35, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3,509.

36, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 3,506.

37, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 3,502.

38, (tie) n-Tony Todd, Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 3,501.

40, William Peters, Dayton, Ohio, 3,498.

41, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 3,496.

42, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 3,490.

43, Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 3,481.

44, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 3,474.

45, Chris Fedden, Albany, N.Y., 3,468.  
46, Mike Moore, Marietta, Ohio, 3,465.  
47, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 3,456.  
48, (tie) Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., and ss-Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 3,453.  
50, (tie) ss-Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., and ss-Mike Mineman, St Louis, 3,451.  
52, Chris Johnson, Nashville, N.C., 3,449.  
53, n-Chuck Richey, Charlotte, N.C., 3,446.  
54, ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 3,445.  
55, Pete Arruda, Gilbert, S.C., 3,444.  
56, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 3,435.  
57, John Neral, Vienna, Va., 3,434.  
58, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,429.  
59, (tie) Scott Thomsen, Sumter, S.C., and n-Jeff Atkins, Hot Springs Village, Ark., 3,422.  
61, Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 3,420.  
62, ss-n-Paul Kreins, Mooresville, N.C., 3,419.  
63, ss-Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., 3,416.  
64, \*(tie) ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., and ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 3,415.  
66, Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., 3,410.  
67, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3,407.  
68, Kevin Duncan, Mexico, Mo., 3,406.  
69, (tie) Pasquale Lucci, Sr., Hamilton, N.J., and Peter Knopp, Germany, 3,404.  
71, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 3,401.  
72, James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 3,399.  
73, Tommy Martin, Millington, Tenn., 3,395.  
74, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,393.  
75, Todd Haney, Boiling Springs, S.C., 3,390.  
76, Robert Leonard Sr, Lockwood, N.Y., 3,387.  
77, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 3,383.  
78, Tom Howison, Chillicothe, Ohio, 3,380.  
79, Fran Luzzi, Port Jervis, N.Y., 3,375.  
80, Steve Hoskins, New Port Richey, Fla., 3,370.  
81, (tie) Richard Strath, Schenectady, N.Y., and n-Curt Guinn, Greenwood, S.C., 3,364.  
83, Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, 3,345.  
84, James Campbell, Clearwater, Fla., 3,344.  
85, Jim Pitts, Elmira, N.Y., 3,342.  
86, Chuck Walker, Rutledge, Tenn., 3,339.  
87, Steve Easterday, Strasburg, Ohio, 3,327.  
88, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3,326.  
89, Jeffrey Campbell, Newport News, Va., 3,324.  
90, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 3,319.  
91, Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 3,302.  
92, Doug O'Bryant, Ball Ground, Ga., 3,297.  
93, Charlie Toney, Oak Hill, W.Va., 3,295.  
94, David Zelger, Red Lion, Pa., 3,292.  
95, Carl West, San Jose, Calif., 3,291.  
96, Steven Grotowski, Ft Lauderdale, Fla, 3,276.  
97, Jim Price, Harrisburg, N.C., 3,273.  
98, Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 3,271.  
99, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 3,269.  
100, Kerry Fulford, Ft. Worth, Texas, 3,264.  
101, David Kneas, Annapolis, Md., 3,262.  
102, Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 3,241.  
103, Gary Shultis, Levittown, N.Y., 3,240.

- 104, Dave Han, Birmingham, Ala., 3,235.
- 105, Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 3,232.
- 106, Joe Salvemini, Colorado Springs, Colo., 3,231.
- 107, Jim Horan, Mountain View, Calif., 3,217.
- 108, Dave Flemming, Fairborn, Ohio, 3,206.
- 109, Jon DeLaney, McKinney, Texas, 3,195.
- 110, Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 3,180.
- 111, n-Peter Minaudo, Chesterfield, Mich., 3,168.
- 112, Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 3,167.
- 113, Brett Caramagno, Goose Creek, S.C., 3,166.
- 114, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 3,165.
- 115, Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 3,150.
- 116, Larry Helton, Bolingbrook, Ill., 3,132.
- 117, n-Jason Gordon, Concord, N.C., 3,117.
- 118, Bill Vannoy, Lexington, S.C., 3,109.
- 119, Ken Shealy, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 3,087.
- 120, James Souder, Greeneville, Tenn., 3,080.
- 121, Charlie Tomey, Spartanburg, S.C., 3,079.
- 122, Jay Hess, Gotha, Fla., 3,051.
- 123, n-Ron Jenkins, Statesville, N.C., 3,047.
- 124, Mark Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 3,027.
- 125, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 3,021.
- 126, David Bleggi, Jacksonville, N.C., 2,986.
- 127, Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 2,969.
- 128, Larry Felts Jr., Simpsonville, S.C., 2,965.
- 129, Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 2,955.
- 130, Steven Hartzell, Hanahan, S.C., 2,936.
- 131, Tom Griffin, Martinsville, Va., 2,919.
- 132, Ross McDonald, Las Vegas, Nev., 2,910.
- 133, Thomas Sliwinski, Reynoldsville, Pa., 2,883.
- 134, Harry Alchin III, Madeira Beach, Fla., 2,879.
- 135, Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 2,757.
- 136, n-Charles Allen Jr., Pell City, Ala., 2,724.
- 137, Ken Waters, Kingsport, Tenn., 2,704.
- 138, Richard Felten, Rockville, Md., 2,669.
- 139, Jeff Caudle, Lexington, N.C., 2,503.
- 140, Michael Whittington, Matthews, N.C., 1,453.

n-non-PBA member

ss-PBA60 player ages 60 and older advancing to Wednesday cashers round

\*John Dudak defeated James Storts 182-176 in roll-off for final PBA60 spot for cashers round

Walter Ray Williams Jr. Wins PBA50 Mooresville Open for

Third Consecutive Title and Record-Tying 14th of His Career

Williams defeats fellow hall of famer Danny Wiseman 229-227 after comeback in title match

MOORESVILLE, N.C. (May 1, 2019) – Walter Ray Williams Jr., the Professional Bowlers Association's all-time PBA Tour career titles leader, won the PBA50 Mooresville Open presented by the Mooresville Convention & Visitors Bureau and Storm Wednesday to start the 2019 season with three consecutive wins and record his 14th career title, tying him for the all-time career titles record in PBA's tour for players 50 and over.

Williams, the Go Bowling! PBA Tour's all-time career titles leader with 47 wins, tied John Handegard for most career PBA50 Tour titles.

In a dramatic comeback effort in the title match, the 59-year-old Williams, who was the top qualifier for the finals, threw the last five strikes of the match to beat fellow hall of famer Danny Wiseman 229-227. Wiseman, a 12-time PBA Tour winner bowling in his second PBA50 Tour tournament, had an opportunity to win the match with a strike on the first ball in the 10th frame but left a 10 pin.

"I came out of practice all lined up on both lanes, but things got a little tricky in the middle of the game," said Williams, who left the 3-6-10 in the fifth frame and 3-6 in the seventh frame. "The right lane was a little tighter for me, so I thought I needed to hit the ball a little more at release but the reaction I got was totally unexpected.

"In the ninth frame I moved one board left and that was the right move," Williams added, after being down as much as 28 pins in the match. "You've got to bowl well and get the

breaks to win. I was able to finish strong and caught a break when Danny left the 10 pin in the 10th frame.”

The win also marked the second time this season that Williams advanced all the way from the cashers round to reach the finals. He won the season-opening PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open by advancing from the cashers round.

“Even though I’m bowling pretty well, I’ve been a little frustrated in qualifying,” Williams admitted. “In general, it seems like I’m not getting good pin carry until I get to match play for whatever reason.”

Williams, who won the 2010 Senior Miller High Life Classic at Victory Lanes for his first PBA50 Tour title, was especially fortunate to advance to match play earlier Wednesday bowling a 256 in the final game of the cashers round to earn a spot in the first match play round.

“All I can say is it’s crazy,” Williams said about his journey to the Mooresville Open title. “I didn’t expect to win the first three titles of the season, but it feels awesome.”

Williams’ second win of the season came in last week’s PBA50 National Championship for his third career major title.

The stepladder final, streamed live on FloBowling, began with No. 5 qualifier hall of famer Parker Bohn III of Jackson, New Jersey beating No. 4 qualifier Todd Kjell of Roscoe, Illinois, 196-181.

Bohn, trying for his fifth PBA50 Tour title, then beat No. 3 qualifier Scott Greiner of Sunrise Beach, Missouri, 258-229, to advance to the semifinal match against Wiseman.

Wiseman, who finished 10th in last week's PBA50 National Championship, then beat Bohn 258-223 to advance to the title match against Williams. Greiner and Kjell were both trying for their first PBA50 Tour titles.

The PBA50 Tour heads to Hamilton Lanes in Trenton, New Jersey for the PBA50 Hamilton Lanes & Entertainment Center Open presented by Columbia 300 May 3-5. Fans can catch all the action from start to finish via PBA's online streaming partner FloBowling. For subscription and schedule information visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com).

#### PBA50 MOORESVILLE OPEN

Presented by the Mooresville Convention & Visitors Bureau and Storm

Victory Lanes Family Entertainment Center, Wednesday

Final Standings:

1, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., \$7,500.

2, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, \$4,000.

3, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., \$2,700.

4, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., \$2,200.

5, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., \$1,900.

#### Stepladder Results:

Match One – Bohn def. Kjell, 196-181.

Match Two – Bohn def. Greiner, 258-229.

Semifinal Match – Wiseman def. Bohn, 258-223.

Championship Match – Williams def. Wiseman, 229-227.

Match Play Round 2 (after six games, including match play bonus pins. Top five advance to stepladder finals)

1, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 4-2, 1,601.

2, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 4-2, 1,590.

- 3, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 4-2, 1,562.
- 4, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 5-1, 1,532.
- 5, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 4-2, 1,515.
- 6, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 4-2, 1,513, \$1,600.
- 7, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 4-2, 1,510, \$1,600.
- 8, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3-3, 1,496, \$1,600.
- 9, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 2-4, 1,471, \$1,350.
- 10, Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., 3-3, 1,461, \$1,350.
- 11, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3-3, 1,396, \$1,350.
- 12, Chris Collins, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 2-4, 1,376, \$1,350.
- 13, John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 2-4, 1,351, \$1,350.
- 14, n-Jerry Horn, West Columbia, S.C., 2-4, 1,326, \$1,350.
- 15, Doug Henry, Columbus, Ind., 2-4, 1,304, \$1,450.
- 16, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 0-6, 1,123, \$1,350.

Match Play Round 1 (After five games, including match play bonus pins)

- 17, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3-2, 1,239, \$1,250.
- 18, ss-Widmar Vargas, Sun City Center, Fla., 3-2, 1,226, \$1,250.
- 19, ss-Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C., 3-2, 1,209, \$1,250.
- 20, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 3-2, 1,204, \$1,250.
- 21, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 2-3, 1,149, \$1,250.
- 22, Brian Menini, Brookfield, Mo., 2-3, 1,142, \$1,250.
- 23, Mac Sanders, Taylors, S.C., 3-2, 1,139, \$1,250.
- 24, ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 2-3, 1,133, \$1,350.
- 25, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 0-5, 1,128, \$1,150.
- 26, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1-4, 1,124, \$1,150.
- 26, ss-Chuck Richardson, The Villages, Fla., 3-2, 1,109, \$1,150.

28, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 2-3, 1,093, \$1,150.  
29, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1-3-1, 1,092, \$1,150.  
30, ss-Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 1-4, 1,091, \$1,150.  
31, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1-4, 1,034, \$1,150.  
32, Michael Smith, Centennial, Colo., 0-5, 1,015, \$1,150.

Other Cashers (after five-game cashers round)

33, Troy McKinney, Yorktown, Va., 1,122, \$1,050.  
34, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 1,113, \$1,050.  
35, ss-Mike Mineman, St Louis, 1,108, \$1,050.  
36, ss-Frank Gallo Jr, Jacksonville, Fla., 1,107, \$1,050.  
37, n-Tony Todd, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 1,105, \$1,050.  
38, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 1,099, \$1,050.  
39, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 1,097, \$1,050.  
40, ss-Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 1,092, \$1,050.  
41, ss-Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., 1,079, \$1,025.  
42, ss-Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 1,043, \$1,025.  
43, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,003, \$1,025.  
44, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 998, \$1,025.  
45, (tie) , ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 994, and Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 994, \$1,025.  
47, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 989, \$1,000.  
48, ss-Mike Moore, Marietta, Ohio, 986, \$1,000.  
49, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 982, \$1,000.  
50, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 978, \$1,000.  
51, ss-William Peters, Dayton, Ohio, 975, \$1,000.  
52, Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 974, \$1,000.  
53, n,ss-Paul Kreins, Mooresville, N.C., 967, \$1,000.

n-non-member

ss-PBA60 player ages 60 years and older

## **MONDAY ON FS1: PBA Playoffs Round of 16 Matchups - Bill O'Neill vs. Jesper Svensson and Jakob Butturff vs. Wes Malott at 9 p.m. ET**

**PORTLAND, Maine (May 3, 2019)** – PBA Playoffs Round of 16 action continues from Bayside Bowl on FS1 Monday at 9 p.m. ET when No. 7 seed Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania takes on Sweden's Jesper Svensson (No. 23 seed) and No. 2 seed Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona meets No. 15 seed Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas in matchups that will determine the fifth and sixth spots in the Round of 8.

Already advancing to the Round of 8 were Australia's Jason Belmonte (No. 1 seed), who will bowl No. 9 seed Kris Prather of Plainfield, Illinois, and No. 4 seed Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, who takes on Colombia's Andres Gomez (No. 21 seed). Both of those Round of 8 matches take place May 20 on FS1.

Competition will once again feature the Race to 2 Points format where each game won in the match is worth one point. If the players split the first two games, a ninth and 10th frame tie-breaker is used to award the deciding point.

After Round of 8 competition, the top four players will return to Bayside Bowl June 1-2 for the live semifinal and championship rounds on FOX. The winner will take home the \$100,000 first prize.

O'Neill, who won the season-opening PBA Hall of Fame Classic for his 10th Go Bowling! PBA Tour title will face off against Svensson, a seven-time title winner, in the first match. In the second match, Butturff, who won the 2019 USBC Masters for his sixth tour title, will meet 10-time tour winner Malott, whose best finish in 2019 was third in the Go Bowling! Indianapolis Open.

Round of 16 action concludes on FS1 May 13 at 9 p.m. ET. Two Round of 8 telecasts on May 20 and 27 will reduce the field to the final four survivors.

To view a PBA Playoffs bracket click on

[https://www.pba.com/Content/Images/playoffs/2019\\_PBA\\_Playoff\\_Bracket.pdf](https://www.pba.com/Content/Images/playoffs/2019_PBA_Playoff_Bracket.pdf)

### **PBA PLAYOFFS SCHEDULE Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine**

#### **Remaining Round of 16 pairings (Race to 2 Points format based on one point per game won)**

Match 13 – No. 23 Jesper Svensson, Sweden, vs. No. 7 Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa. (airs May 6)

Match 14 – No. 15 Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, vs. No. 2 Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz. (airs May 6)

Match 15 – No. 14 Dom Barrett, England, vs. No. 3 Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla. (airs May 13).

Match 16 – No. 11 Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., vs. No. 6 Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill. (airs May 13).

### **Round of 8 Pairings (Race to 2 Points format based on one point per game won)**

Match 17 – No. 1 Jason Belmonte, Australia, vs. No. 9 Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill. (airs May 20).

Match 18 – No. 4 Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, vs. No. 21 Andres Gomez, Colombia (airs May 20).

Match 19 – Malott-Butturff winner vs. Svensson-O'Neill winner (airs May 27).

Match 20 – Barrett-Duke winner vs. Sherman-Rash winner (airs May 27).

## **PBA Spare Shots**

### **NEW PBA CONSOLE VIDEO GAME TO DEBUT IN THE FALL**

The PBA and FarSight Studios have partnered to create an official PBA-licensed console video game. The game will feature dozens of venues and playing environments, quickplay and local multi-player modes, online leaderboards, E-Sports style online tournaments and more.

More than 20 PBA pros will be included in the launch of the game and PBA Hall of Famer **Randy Pedersen** will provide in-game commentary during all the action.

Due out in late Fall 2019, the game will be available for PC (Steam), Nintendo Switch, PS4, Xbox One and Oculus. A quick look at the PBA Pro Bowling can be found here: <https://youtu.be/d6MCnY4Uq6w>.

### **MISSOURI FRIENDS BUILDING FANS THROUGH SUCCESSFUL YOUTUBE VENTURE**

Missouri friends, PBA doubles partners and singles rivals (depending upon the event), **Brad Miller** of Lee's Summit and **Kyle Sherman** of O'Fallon have created a popular YouTube channel (Brad & Kyle) that has generated more than 30,000 subscribers and in excess of 3.5 million views since its debut in 2018.

Miller and Sherman, who finished second as partners in the Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship earlier in the 2019 season, have produced nearly 150 YouTube episodes providing their followers with an inside – sometimes irreverent – glimpse of life on the PBA Tour. Among their episodes: Dogs Vs. Hydrant, Cooking w/Pro Bowlers, We Made it to Portland, When Dreams Come True and many others.

To subscribe to Brad & Kyle's channel at no cost, visit this link and click on the "Subscribe"

button: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUf8pyBxiCWZXVeGf4eVn3g/featured>.

### **PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: FINDLING WINS INTENSE FINALE IN OKLAHOMA CITY**

**Joe Findling** from Mesquite, Texas, survived a tense final match to win his eighth PBA Regional title in the PBA Oklahoma City Planet Bowl Southwest Open, presented by Roto Grip, Sunday.

Findling led throughout qualifying and held a 64-pin lead over Sean Lavery-Spahr of Pasadena, Texas, going into the final position round match. Lavery-Spahr needed to win the match by 35 pins and pick up the 30 match play bonus pins to deny Findling the title. After both players opened in the first frame, Lavery-Spahr strung seven strikes before leaving a 10 pin in the ninth frame, eventually finishing with a 244 game.

It wasn't enough. Findling threw two strikes in his 10th frame to finish with 227 and a 4,965 pinfall total, topping Lavery-Spahr's 4,948 to claim the \$2,500 winner's check.

- **Kyle Cook** of Centerville, Ohio defeated **Mike Eaton Jr.** of Wyoming, Mich., 201-180, to win the PBA's Greater Richmond Central Open at Richmond 40 Bowl in Richmond, Ind., Sunday.

Cook, who earned his second regional title and \$2,000 for the one-day, reduced entry fee event, downed **Chris Via** of Springfield, Ohio, 244-212, while Eaton eliminated **Kyle Mayberry** of Mechanicsburg, Ohio, 241-183, to set up the championship match.

- **Brandon Curtis** of Manson, N.C. wins his second PBA Regional title Sunday, defeating **Chris Polizzi** of Spring Hill, Fla., 222-178, to win the fourth annual PBA Brighton Construction Myrtle Beach South Open at Myrtle Beach Lanes in South Carolina.

Curtis, who qualified in the number one position for the stepladder finals with a 17-game pinfall of 3,875, led the event wire-to-wire. In the opening match, Polizzi eliminated **Sean Connolly** of Apopka, Fla., 211-191, and then easily defeated **Mike Coffey** of Melbourne, Fla., 246-189, in the semifinal contest to advance to the championship match.

In the title match Curtis started with three strikes while Polizzi had two opens in the first three frames. Curtis then coasted to the \$2,600 first prize.

- **Randy Macomber** of University Place, Wash., and partner **Dean Richards** of Tacoma, Wash. teamed up to win Sunday's PBA/PBA50 Tumwater Lanes Doubles title presented by MOTIV in Tumwater, Wash.

In Sunday's title match, Macomber and Richards defeated **Mark Hanken** of Prineville, Ore., and **Chris Tuholski** of Troutdale, Ore., 447-433, to claim the \$4,000 first prize. Macomber earned his first PBA Regional title and Richards his fifth Regional title.

In the best-of-three-game semifinal round, Macomber and Richards eliminated **Rob Rice** of Sunnyside, Wash. and **Evan Nash** of Kennewick, Wash., 2-1, while Hanken and Tuholski ousted **Blaine Weninger** of Happy Valley, Ore. and his partner, non-member **Thomas Ault Jr.**, both of Portland, Ore., 2-0.

- The May calendar of PBA Regional competition begins over the May 3-5 weekend with the Taylor Kia Central/East Open presented by Hammer at Holiday Bowl in Struthers,

Ohio; the Bowlersmart/Bowlero Midwest Open presented by Brunswick at Brunswick Zone Lakeside in Valley Park, Mo.; the Junction City Bowl Southwest/Midwest Open in Junction City, Kan., and the B&R Hauling Aberdeen South Open at Sandhills Bowling Center in Aberdeen, N.C.

- PBA Region tournaments over the May 9-11 weekend include the PBA and PBA50 Baldo Campana Memorial/Ohio Lottery Central Opens presented by DV8 and MOTIV, respectively, at Rebman Recreation in Lorain, Ohio, and a PBA Northwest Region “tripleheader” in Puyallup, Wash., including the PBA and PBA50 Daffodil Bowl Opens presented by Roto Grip plus the Daffodil Bowl Women’s Open.
- Over the May 17-19 weekend, the PBA Midwest Region returns to Glo Bowl in Marengo, Ill., for the Glo Bowl Midwest Open presented by Global 900. Also scheduled are the PBA50 Cherokee Lanes South Open presented by Roto Grip in Canton, Ga., and the Waxahachie Southwest Challenge for non-titlists at Hilltop Lanes in Waxahachie, Texas.
- PBA Regionals over the Memorial Day weekend (May 24-25) will include the Colony Park Lanes Challenge for non-titlists, presented by Columbia 300, in York, Pa., and the annual Celeste Walker Midwest/Central Open presented by Track at Strike N Spare II in Lockport, Ill.
- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit [pba.com](http://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](http://pba.com) (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

## QUICK NOTES

- **Denise Roth**, wife of PBA Hall of Famer **Mark Roth**, has reported that Mark recently suffered a heart attack, but is in recovery in a New York hospital.
- PBA’s YouTube followers can find weekly recaps on the PBA Channel. Here’s a link to Week 3 of the PBA Playoffs: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ceDWwCRvC8>.
- Newly-inducted USBC Hall of Famer **Chris Barnes** has been elected to a three-year term on the USBC Board of Directors by Team USA athletes, filling the vacancy created by the expiration of **Bill O’Neill**’s term as of August 1. The other athletes on the board are PBA titlist **Rhino Page**, PBA titlist and USBC Hall of Famer **Kelly Kulick** and PWBA champion **Josie Barnes** (no relation to Chris).

## **Thomas Leads, Baker Second After PBA50 Hamilton Lanes & Entertainment Center Open First Round**

*Greg Thomas starts with 300 game while PBA Hall of Famer Tom Baker  
finishes strong with 269 and 268*

**TRENTON, N.J. (May 3, 2019)** – Greg Thomas of Irmo, South Carolina, opened with a 300 and averaged 251 for seven games Friday to take the first-round lead in the PBA50 Hamilton Lanes & Entertainment Center Open presented by Columbia 300.

Thomas, whose best PBA50 Tour finish was fourth in last season's PBA50 South Shore Open, fired a 1,760 pinfall total with games of 300, 225, 270, 256, 249, 245 and 215 to lead PBA Hall of Famer and four-time PBA50 Player of the Year Tom Baker of King, North Carolina, who finished the round in second 38 pins behind with a 1,722 pinfall.

"I didn't have a lot of confidence coming into the season, but that's been steadily improving" said Thomas. "I feel like I'm bowling pretty well but I'm leaving a lot of nine counts. I think bowling on the shorter (PBA Del Ballard 34-foot) lane condition is helping me get the hook I need on the back end to get the carry—I just hope I can keep it going."

The 64-year-old Baker, a 10-time PBA Tour and 12-time PBA50 Tour winner, bowled games of 234, 268, 235, 200, 248, 269 and 268 to make a late-round surge to finish second.

Brian Boghosian of Agawam, Massachusetts, the 1999 USBC Masters champion, finished the round in third with 1,716 followed by Gary Shultis of Levittown, New York, in fourth with 1,684.

Reigning PBA50 Player of the Year Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix, rounded out the top five with a 1,670 pinfall.

"I got caught out in the transition in the third game but I'm not disappointed," said Haugen, who was runner-up to PBA50 National Championship winner hall of famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. "I probably lost my focus a little bit in that game, but the important thing is I adjusted and got back on track."

In his pursuit of a record 15th career title on PBA's tour for players 50 and over and a record-tying fourth in a row, Williams, the PBA Tour's all-time titles leader with 47 wins, finished the first round in 10th with 1,623.

Competition continues Saturday with another seven-game qualifying round with squads at 8 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. ET. Match play rounds get underway Sunday at 10 a.m. which will determine the five players for the stepladder finals schedule 5:30 p.m.

Fans can catch all the action live via PBA's online streaming partner FloBowling. Visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com) for subscription and schedule information.

**PBA50 HAMILTON LANES & ENTERTAINMENT CENTER OPEN**  
**Presented by Columbia 300**  
**Hamilton Lanes & Entertainment Center, Trenton, N.J., Friday**

### **FIRST ROUND RESULTS (after seven games)**

- 1, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 1,760.
- 2, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,722.
- 3, n-Brian Boghosian, Agawam, Mass., 1,716.
- 4, ss-Gary Shultis, Levittown, N.Y., 1,684.
- 5, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,670.

6, ss-Keth Doran, Pomona, N.Y., 1,648.  
7, n-Chrisopher Viale, Westfield, Mass., 1,630.  
8, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,628.  
9, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 1,624.  
10, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,623.  
11, ss-Pete DiChiara, Ardsley, N.Y., 1,621.  
12, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1,613.  
13, Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 1,611.  
14, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,602.  
15, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1,598.  
16, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 1,594.  
17, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 1,590.  
18, Brian Menini, Brookfield, Mo., 1,589.  
19, John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 1,583.  
20, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,580.  
21, Stephen Pavlinko, Sewell, N.J., 1,577.  
22, Jeff Zaffino, Warren, Pa., 1,576.  
23, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,572.  
24, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,568.  
25, ss-Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,561.  
26, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 1,559.  
27, John Neral, Vienna, Va., 1,554.  
28, ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,552.  
29, (tie) ss-James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., and ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 1,546.  
31, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1,544.  
32, ss-Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 1,542.  
33, Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., 1,534.  
34, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,527.  
35, ss-Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 1,514.  
36, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 1,513.  
37, ss-William Peters, Dayton, Ohio, 1,509.  
38, n,ss-Rob Sperling, Livingston, N.J., 1,505.  
39, (tie) Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, and Richard Strath, Schenectady, N.Y., 1,503.  
41, ss-Bill Neumann, Rensselaer, N.Y., 1,498.  
42, ss-Jimmie Pritts Jr., Mathune, Mass., 1,495.  
43, ss-Sam MacCarone, Williamstown, N.J., 1,494.  
44, ss-Chris Fedden, Albany, N.Y., 1,491.  
45, ss-Fran Luzzi, Port Jervis, N.Y., 1,480.  
46, ss-Joe Salvemini, Colorado Springs, Colo., 1,474.  
47, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,471.  
48, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 1,459.  
49, Ray Mahon, Hulmeville, Pa., 1,457.  
50, Robert Leonard Sr, Lockwood, N.Y., 1,455.  
51, ss-Bob Caruso, Dayton, N.J., 1,452.  
52, Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 1,449.  
53, ss-Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 1,435.  
54, (tie) Steven DiMartino, Upper Saddle River, N.J., and ss-Jim Pitts, Elmira, N.Y., 1,433.  
56, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 1,427.  
57, ss-Ron Glick, Morganville, N.J., 1,426.  
58, Michael Healy, Yonkers, N.Y., 1,425.  
59, (tie)ss-Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., and Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 1,424.  
61, Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 1,423.  
62, Carl West, San Jose, Calif., 1,421.

- 63, ss-Jay Boyle, Garnet Valley, Pa., 1,420.
- 64, Robert Greene, Oxford, Conn., 1,418.
- 65, Warren Eales, Chandler, Ariz., 1,414.
- 66, ss-Vince Mazzanti Jr., Levittown, Pa., 1,413.
- 67, ss-Barry Clare, Bayside, N.Y., 1,407.
- 68, ss-Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 1,399.
- 69, ss-Widmar Vargas, Sun City Center, Fla., 1,398.
- 70, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 1,396.
- 71, (tie) Naime Esteves, Clifton Park, N.Y., and n-Clint Randall, Trenton, N.J., 1,392.
- 73, ss-John DiSantis, Wilmington, Del., 1,382.
- 74, (tie) ss-Steve Bova, Massapequa, N.Y., and David Zelger, Red Lion, Pa., 1,376.
- 76, Richard Wilburn, Jr., Adamstown, Md., 1,372.
- 77, Michael Klosin, Windham, N.H., 1,370.
- 78, ss-John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 1,359.
- 79, Michael Vella, Medford, N.Y., 1,352.
- 80, Jim Horan, Mountain View, Calif., 1,350.
- 81, ss-William Keenan Jr., Orlando, Fla., 1,345.
- 82, n-Edward Brabant Jr, Dracut, Mass., 1,343.
- 83, Glenn Smith, New York, 1,333.
- 84, ss-Fred Ferreira, Kings Park, N.Y., 1,332.
- 85, n,ss-Guy Wallach, Livingston, N.J., 1,326.
- 86, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 1,311.
- 87, ss-Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,306.
- 88, n-Scott Santos, Bethlehem, Pa., 1,305.
- 89, ss-Robert Donovan, Prattsville, N.Y., 1,277.
- 90, n-Jim DiNunzio, Williamstown, N.J., 1,273.
- 91, Terry Wiley, Vienna, Va., 1,272.
- 92, Michael Robey, Morrisville, Pa., 1,245.
- 93, ss-Ross McDonald, Las Vegas, Nev., 1,233.
- 94, Pasquale Lucci, Sr., Hamilton, N.J., 1,222.
- 95, ss-Louis Barbera, North Bellmore, N.Y., 1,204.
- 96, ss-Thomas Sliwinski, Reynoldsville, Pa., 1,120.
- 97, n,ss-Augustus Hover, Swedesboro, N.J., 1,115.
- 98, ss-Tony Bellantoni, White Plains, N.Y., 1,053.
- 99, John Christensen, Carmel, N.Y., 1,000.

**300 games – Greg Thomas**

n-non-PBA member

ss-PBA60 player ages 60 and older

## **Viale, Boresch Take Top Spots After PBA50 Hamilton Lanes & Entertainment Center Open Qualifying**

*Top 32 players advance to Sunday's match play that will determine top five for stepladder finals*

**TRENTON, N.J. (May 4, 2019)** – Chris Viale of Westfield, Massachusetts earned top qualifier honors for the PBA50 Hamilton Lanes & Entertainment Center Open presented by Columbia 300 Saturday with a 3,375 14-game pinfall total (241 average) adding his name to the growing list of newcomers making their presence felt at the top of PBA50 Tour leaderboards this season.

Bowling as a non-member, the 51-year-old Viale bowled a 1,745 pinfall in the second round with games of 287, 222, 234, 277, 248, 246 and 231 moving from seventh after Friday's first round to lead 32 players who advanced to Sunday's first match play round which begins at 10 a.m. ET.

"I had a couple of bad starts today but basically finished strong in every game which meant I was making the right adjustments," said the 51-year-old Viale. "I stayed patient and trusted what I was seeing on the lanes and made the changes I needed to make.

"I'm starting my target at around the seven to nine board, throwing it out almost to the gutter and that has resulted in great pin carry," Viale added. "I think in all but one or two games I finished with a string of five or six strikes and it's making it a lot fun."

Viale, a former collegiate All-American and member of the 1992 William Patterson Intercollegiate Team Championship winning men's team, is bowling in his second PBA50 Tour event. He finished 15th in the 2018 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open.

After finishing 14th after the first round, four-time PBA50 Tour winner Lennie Boresch Jr. of Kenosha, Wisconsin, bowled a 1,761 pinfall in the second round to finish qualifying with a 3,363 pinfall just 12 pins behind Viale.

Rounding out the top five were PBA Hall of Famers Ron Mohr of Las Vegas in third with 3,300 and Tom Baker of King, North Carolina in fourth with 3,269. Mohr is a 10-time PBA50 Tour winner and two-time PBA50 Player of the Year and Baker is a 12-time PBA50 Tour winner and four-time PBA50 Player of the Year.

Rounding out the top five was Keith Doran of Pomona, N.Y., who finished with 3,261.

In his pursuit of a record 15th PBA50 Tour title and record-tying fourth in a row, PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. will start match play from 16th after posting a 3,182 pinfall.

After Sunday's second match play round, scheduled for 1:45 p.m., the top five players will be determined for the stepladder finals set for 5:30 p.m.

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### **SECOND ROUND RESULTS (after 14 games. Top 32 advance to match play)**

- 1, n-Chris Viale, Westfield, Mass., 3,375.
- 2, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3,363.

3, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,300.  
4, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3,269.  
5, Keith Doran, Pomona, N.Y., 3,261.  
6, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,250.  
7, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 3,239.  
8, Gary Shultis, Levittown, N.Y., 3,238.  
9, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 3,212.  
10, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3,209.  
11, Pete DiChiara, Ardsley, N.Y., 3,208.  
12, n-Brian Boghosian, Agawam, Mass., 3,207.  
13, John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 3,194.  
14, Jeff Zaffino, Warren, Pa., 3,189.  
15, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3,186.  
16, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,182.  
17, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 3,177.  
18, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 3,171.  
19, John Neral, Vienna, Va., 3,146.  
20, James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 3,142.  
21, Stephen Pavlinko, Sewell, N.J., 3,141.  
22, William Peters, Dayton, Ohio, 3,133.  
23, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,117.  
23, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,117.  
25, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 3,116.  
26, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3,112.  
27, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,107.  
28, Chris Fedden, Albany, N.Y., 3,099.  
29, Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 3,061.  
30, Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., 3,057.  
31, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3,056.  
32, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 3,047.

**Did not advance:**

33, Bill Neumann, Rensselaer, N.Y., 3,041, \$1,000.  
34, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 3,035.  
35, ss-Jimmie Pritts Jr., Mathuen, Mass., and ss-Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3,033, \$1,000.  
37, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 3,029.  
38, Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 3,017.  
39, Richard Strath, Schenectady, N.Y., 3,008.  
40, ss-Jay Boyle, Garnet Valley, Pa., 2,981, \$1,000.  
41, ss-Sam Maccarone, Williamstown, N.J., 2,977, \$1,000.  
42, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 2,976, \$1,000.  
43, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 2,973.  
44, Brian Menini, Brookfield, Mo., 2,970.  
45, ss-Joe Salvemini, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2,953, \$1,000.  
46, ss-Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 2,948, \$1,000.  
47, ss-Jim Pitts, Elmira, N.Y., 2,940, \$1,000.  
48, Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 2,936.  
49, Glenn Smith, New York, 2,928.  
50, Vince Mazzanti Jr., Levittown, Pa., 2,927.  
51, Bob Caruso, Dayton, N.J., 2,913.  
52, Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 2,909.  
52, Warren Eales, Chandler, Ariz., 2,909.  
54, Robert Greene, Oxford, Conn., 2,904.

- 55, Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 2,898.
- 56, Fran Luzzi, Port Jervis, N.Y., 2,896.
- 57, Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 2,894.
- 58, Ray Mahon, Hulmeville, Pa., 2,888.
- 59, Michael Healy, Yonkers, N.Y., 2,875.
- 60, Robert Leonard Sr, Lockwood, N.Y., 2,873.
- 61, n-Rob Sperling, Livingston, N.J., 2,866.
- 62, John DiSantis, Wilmington, Del., 2,856.
- 63, Michael Klosin, Windham, N.H., 2,851.
- 64, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 2,850.
- 65, Steven DiMartino, Upper Saddle River, N.J., 2,848.
- 66, Terry Wiley, Vienna, Va., 2,846.
- 67, Richard Wilburn, Jr., Adamstown, Md., 2,844.
- 68, Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 2,833.
- 69, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 2,830.
- 70, Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 2,828.
- 71, Carl West, San Jose, Calif., 2,810.
- 72, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 2,808.
- 73, Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 2,792.
- 74, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 2,790.
- 75, Barry Clare, Bayside, N.Y., 2,786.
- 76, Ron Glick, Morganville, N.J., 2,763.
- 77, n-Clint Randall, Trenton, N.J., 2,756.
- 78, David Zelger, Red Lion, Pa., 2,755.
- 79, Widmar Vargas, Sun City Center, Fla., 2,748.
- 80, Fred Ferreira, Kings Park, N.Y., 2,720.
- 81, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 2,718.
- 82, Steve Bova, Massapequa, N.Y., 2,703.
- 83, Michael Vella, Medford, N.Y., 2,698.
- 84, William Keenan Jr., Orlando, Fla., 2,697.
- 85, Michael Robey, Morrisville, Pa., 2,673.
- 86, Naime Esteves, Clifton Park, N.Y., 2,641.
- 87, n-Scott Santos, Bethlehem, Pa., 2,630.
- 88, (tie) Robert Donovan, Prattsville, N.Y., and Jim Horan, Mountain View, Calif., 2,625.
- 90, n-Guy Wallach, Livingston, N.J., 2,620.
- 91, Ross McDonald, Las Vegas, Nev., 2,612.
- 92, n-Jim DiNunzio, Williamstown, N.J., 2,604.
- 93, Pasquale Lucci, Sr., Hamilton, N.J., 2,531.
- 94, n-Edward Brabant Jr, Dracut, Mass., 2,529.
- 95, Thomas Sliwinski, Reynoldsville, Pa., 2,366.
- 96, Louis Barbera, North Bellmore, N.Y., 2,355.
- 97, John Christensen, Carmel, N.Y., 2,169.
- 98, n-Augustus Hover, Swedesboro, N.J., 1,115.
- 99, Tony Bellantoni, White Plains, N.Y., 1,053.

**300 games** – Ron Mohr, Jay Boyle

n-non-PBA member

ss-PBA60 players ages 60 and older out of the regular prize fund cashing for \$1,000.

## **Joel Carlson Beats Ron Mohr in Roll-Off to Win**

### **PBA50 Hamilton Lanes Open for First PBA50 Tour Title**

#### **After a 279-279 tie in title match, Carlson wins one-ball roll-off 10-8**

TRENTON, N.J. (May 5, 2019) – After a 279-279 title match tie, PBA50 Tour veteran Joel Carlson of Omaha, Nebraska, defeated PBA Hall of Famer Ron Mohr of Las Vegas, in a one-ball roll-off 10-8 to win the PBA50 Hamilton Lanes & Entertainment Center Open presented by Columbia 300 Sunday for his first title on PBA's tour for players 50 and over. Carlson and Mohr went strike for strike through the first seven frames of the title match until Carlson left a 7 pin in the eighth. After making the spare, he finished the match with four strikes to force the roll-off. Finishing the match first, Mohr, the stepladder finals top qualifier, threw the first nine strikes before leaving a 10 pin on his first ball in the 10th, made the spare, and then struck on his final ball of the 10th frame. Mohr, trying for his 11th PBA50 Tour title, started the roll-off with an eight-count when his ball went high leaving the 4-7. Carlson took advantage of the opportunity by throwing a strike for the win. "I didn't watch," said Carlson, when Mohr threw his shot in the roll-off. "When it was my turn, I just concentrated on keeping the ball on line and throw the best shot I possibly could. I could never have imagined winning my first title this way." Carlson's previous high PBA50 Tour finishes were third in the 2016 Sun Bowl In The Villages and fourth in the 2018 PBA50 Lucas Magazine Classic. "I always felt that I could win out here but winning like this was beyond expectations," the 57-year-old Carlson added. "It's awesome to win with the ball in your hand and then coming through with a strike to do it. It's how you dream of winning, but right now I'm having a hard time believing my good fortune." Carlson, who entered the position round match in sixth, beat non-member Chris Viale of Westfield, Massachusetts 288-245 to make the finals and earn the No. 3 qualifying position for the finals. Ironically, earlier in the week, Carlson seemed to have a spot in the finals locked up for the PBA50 Mooresville Open, but dropped from second to sixth when he lost in the position round to eventual winner Walter Ray Williams Jr. after bowling a 185 game. To get to the title match, Carlson beat PBA Hall of Famer and four-time PBA50 Tour winner Parker Bohn III, who qualified fifth for the finals, 227-182, in the second stepladder match and then beat No. 2 qualifier reigning PBA50 Player of the Year Michael Haugen Jr., 268-248, in the semifinal to advance to the title match against Mohr. In the opening stepladder match, Bohn defeated Viale, who qualified fourth for the finals, 268-173. PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr.'s bid for a record-tying fourth consecutive PBA50 Tour title to also become the sole all-time PBA50 Tour titles leader with 15 wins, ended with an eight-place finish. He remains tied with John Handegard at 14. The PBA50 Tour takes a three-week break before it heads west to Brentwood, California for the PBA50 Northern California Classic presented by MOTIV May 25-28.

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Hamilton Lanes & Entertainment Center, Trenton, N.J., Sunday

Final standings:

- 1, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., \$7,500.
- 2, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, \$4,000.
- 3, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, \$2,500
- 4, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., \$2,000.
- 5, Chris Viale, Westfield, Mass., \$1,750.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Bohn def. Viale, 268-173.

Match Two – Carlson def. Bohn, 227-182.

Semifinal – Carlson def. Haugen, 268-248.

Championship – Carlson def. Mohr 279-279 (Carlson won one-ball roll-off 10-8)

FOURTH ROUND RESULTS (after 26 games. Top five advance to stepladder finals. Includes match play record and total pinfall with bonus pins)

- 1, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 7-5, 6,396.
- 2, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 7-4-1, 6,309.
- 3, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 6-5-1, 6,301.
- 4, n-Chris Viale, Westfield, Mass., 6-6, 6,289.
- 5, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 9-3, 6,275.
- 6, ss-William Peters, Dayton, Ohio, 9-3, 6,272, \$1,500.
- 7, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 8-3-1, 6,234, \$1,400.
- 8, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 8-4, 6,225, \$1,375.
- 9, n-Brian Boghosian, Agawam, Mass., 8-3-1, 6,204, \$1,350.
- 10, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 5-6-1, 6,173, \$1,325.
- 11, ss-Keith Doran, Pomona, N.Y., 8-4, 6,154, \$1,300.
- 12, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 8-3-1, 6,153, \$1,280.
- 13, Jeff Zaffino, Warren, Pa., 7-5, 6,147, \$1,260.
- 14, ss-Gary Shultis, Levittown, N.Y., 5-7, 6,125, \$1,240.
- 15, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 7-5, 6,114, \$1,220.
- 16, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 6-6, 6,101, \$1,200.
- 17, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 8-3-1, 6,083, \$1,190.
- 18, ss-Chris Fedden, Albany, N.Y., 5-5-2, 6,001, \$1,180.
- 19, ss-Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 5-6-1, 5,971, \$1,170.
- 20, ss-James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 5-6-1, 5,961, \$1,160.

- 21, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 6-6, 5,908, \$1,155.
- 22, John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 5-7, 5,860, \$1,150.
- 23, ss-Pete DiChiara, Ardsley, N.Y., 3-9, 5,841, \$1,145.
- 24, Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., 6-6, 5,833, \$1,140.
- 25, ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 6-6-0, 5,829, \$1,135.
- 26, Stephen Pavlinko, Sewell, N.J., 4-8, 5,797, \$1,130.
- 27, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3-9, 5,794, \$1,125.
- 28, John Neral, Vienna, Va., 3-8-1, 5,756, \$1,120.
- 29, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3-9, 5,742, \$1,115.
- 30, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 4-8, 5,737, \$1,110.
- 31, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 3-9, 5,634, \$1,105.
- 32, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 3-9, 5,598, \$1,100.

THIRD ROUND RESULTS (after 20 games. All players advance to second match play round. Includes match play record and total pinfall with bonus pins)

- 1, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 2-4, 4,824.
- 2, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 5-1, 4,821.
- 3, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3-2-1, 4,810.
- 4, n-Chris Viale, Westfield, Mass., 3-3, 4,798.
- 5, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 4-1-1, 4,768.
- 6, ss-Keith Doran, Pomona, N.Y., 5-1, 4,757.
- 7, ss-William Peters, Dayton, Ohio, 5-1, 4,749.
- 8, ss-Gary Shultis, Levittown, N.Y., 4-2, 4,743.
- 9, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 5-1, 4,720.
- 10, n-Brian Boghosian, Agawam, Mass., 3-2-1, 4,709.
- 11, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 2-3-1, 4,699.
- 12, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3-2-1, 4,697.
- 13, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 2-3-1, 4,684.
- 14, ss-Chris Fedden, Albany, N.Y., 3-2-1, 4,636.
- 15, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3-3, 4,632.
- 16, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 3-3, 4,617.
- 17, ss-James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 3-2-1, 4,599.
- 18, Jeff Zaffino, Warren, Pa., 2-4, 4,582.
- 19, ss-Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 3-2-1, 4,562.
- 20, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3-3, 4,557.
- 20, Stephen Pavlinko, Sewell, N.J., 3-3, 4,557.
- 22, John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 3-3, 4,528.
- 23, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 3-3, 4,508.
- 24, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3-2-1, 4,507.
- 25, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 3-3, 4,491.
- 26, ss-Pete DiChiara, Ardsley, N.Y., 1-5, 4,476.
- 27, ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3-3, 4,456.
- 28, Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., 3-3, 4,440.
- 29, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 0-6, 4,419.
- 30, John Neral, Vienna, Va., 1-5, 4,409.
- 31, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1-5, 4,323.
- 32, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1-5, 4,295.

n-non-member

ss-PBA60 players ages 60 and over

## **O'Neill and Malott Survive Roll-offs in Round of 16 Matches to Advance in PBA Playoffs**

*Round of 8 to be determined after final Round of 16 matchup May 13 at 9 p.m. ET p.m. on FS1*

**PORTLAND, Maine (May 6, 2019)** – No. 7 seed Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania and No. 15 seed Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, survived PBA Playoffs Round of 16 Race to 2 Points matches that both required a ninth and 10th frame roll-off, to advance to the Round of 8 after FS1's telecast Monday from Bayside Bowl.

O'Neill and Malott join No. 4 seed Anthony Simonsen, No. 21 Andres Gomez, No. 1 Jason Belmonte and No. 9 Kris Prather who have already advanced to the Round of 8 after winning Round of 16 matches.

In the first match, No. 2 seed Jakob Butturff of Mesa, Arizona, defeated Malott in the first game, 268-210, but the USBC Masters champion couldn't keep the momentum going in the second game, losing to Malott, 226-193, to send their match into a roll-off.

With both players starting with a strike and spare, Malott, a 10-time tour winner, struck on his final ball and advanced when Butturff left a solid 7 pin on his fill ball, handing Malott a 40-39 win. It was the second time that Malott won a Playoffs match sitting on the bench. He also won his Round of 24 match-up against Josh Blanchard when Blanchard left the 1-2-4 on his final ball of the 10th frame.

"I felt like I was running out of lives when I was watching Jakob," said Malott, the 2009 PBA Player of the Year. "I didn't think either one of us had a really good look to start the second game. Jakob was struggling and I was still trying to get comfortable. It looked like it was going to be one of those matches where filling frames any way you can was going to get the job done.

"In the middle of the second game I was finally getting comfortable enough where I was getting the ball reaction I wanted so I could repeat good shots."

No. 23 seed Sweden's Jesper Svensson, a seven-time tour winner, jumped out to an early lead with a 222-211 win in the first game of the second match, but O'Neill capitalized on the struggling Svensson in the second game coming back to win, 247-164, to send the match into the roll-off. O'Neill, who won his 10th PBA Tour title in the season-opening PBA Hall of Fame Classic, struck in the ninth and the first two shots in the 10th to eliminate Svensson, 57-39.

"To start the first game, I really didn't feel like I knew what I was doing," said O'Neill. "In practice everything felt good but I think I started to rush because the adrenaline was pumping. I felt lucky to get 211.

"Fortunately, I was able to settle down and I made really good shots down the stretch," O'Neill continued. "With Jesper struggling I felt like the ball was in my court and was pretty confident going into the roll-off. I made a ball change and threw three really good shots when I needed them."

The Round of 16 concludes on May 13 at 9 p.m. ET on FS1 with two matches to determine the last two positions for the Round of 8 matches which will air on May 20 and May 27. The four Round of 8 winners will return to Portland for the semifinal and final rounds live on FOX on Saturday and Sunday, June 1-2.

The winner of the Playoffs, which features the top 24 players in competition points after the first 13 Go Bowling! PBA Tour tournaments of the 2019 season, will earn a \$100,000 first prize.

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## **PBA PLAYOFFS ROUND OF 16 RESULTS**

### **Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine**

**(aired Monday on FS1. Race to 2 Points format. Winners advance to Round of 8. Losers earn \$5,000)**

#### **Match One**

**Game 1** – No. 2 Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz. def. No. 15 Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 268-210.

**Game 2** – Malott def. Butturff, 226-193.

Malott won roll-off, 40-39.

#### **Match Two**

**Game 1** – No. 23 Jesper Svensson, Sweden def. No. 7 Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 222-211.

**Game 2** – O'Neill def. Svensson, 247-164.

O'Neill won roll-off, 57-39.

## **PBA PLAYOFFS SCHEDULE**

### **Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine**

#### **Remaining Round of 16 pairings (Race to 2 Points format based on one point per game won)**

Match 15 – No. 14 Dom Barrett, England, vs. No. 3 Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla. (airs May 13).

Match 16 – No. 11 Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., vs. No. 6 Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill. (airs May 13).

#### **Round of 8 Pairings (Race to 2 Points format)**

Match 17 – No. 1 Jason Belmonte, Australia, vs. No. 9 Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill. (airs May 20).

Match 18 – No. 4 Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, vs. No. 21 Andres Gomez, Colombia (airs May 20).

Match 19 – No. 15 Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, vs. Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa. (airs May 27).

Match 20 – Barrett-Duke winner vs. Sherman-Rash winner (airs May 27).

## **Kyle Cook Wins PBA Greater Richmond Central Open**

**Richmond, Ind. (April 28, 2019)** – Kyle Cook of Centerville, Ohio defeated Mike Eaton Jr. of Wyoming, Mich., 201-180, to win the Professional Bowlers Association's Greater Richmond Central Open at Richmond 40 Bowl Sunday.

Cook, who earned his second regional title and \$2,000 for the one-day, reduced entry fee event, downed Chris Via of Springfield, Ohio, 244-212, while Eaton eliminated Kyle Mayberry of Mechanicsburg, Ohio, 241-183, to set up the championship match.

Eaton earned \$1,300 for second place. Via and Mayberry each earned \$950 as semifinal round losers.

The next PBA Central Region event will be the in Struthers, Ohio, May 3-5.

## **PBA GREATER RICHMOND CENTRAL OPEN**

**Richmond 40 Bowl, Richmond, Ind., Sunday**

**Championship:** Kyle Cook, Centerville, Ohio (\$2,000) def. Mike Eaton, Jr., Wyoming, Mich. (\$1,300), 201-180.

**Semifinal Round (best game, losers earned \$950):**

Cook def. Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 244-212.

Eaton def. Kyle Mayberry, Mechanicsburg, Ohio, 241-183.

**Round of 8 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$700 each):**

Cook def. Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 2-1.

Via def. Nathan Michalowski, Mount Pleasant, Wis., 2-1.

Mayberry def. n-s-Jerry Kessler, Englewood, Ohio, 2-0.

Eaton def. Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 2-1.

**Round of 16 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$500 each):**

Fach def. n-Brandon Kennard, Wapakoneta, Ohio, 2-0.

Cook def. Devon Miller, Orchard Park, N.Y., 2-1.

Michalowski def. n-Jesse Gibson, Vincennes, Ind., 2-1.

Via def. David Harold II, Columbus, Ohio, 2-0.

Mayberry def. n-Kevin Zatorski, Hammond, Ind., 2-0.

Kessler def. Zach Doty, Campbellsville, Ky., 2-1.

Robinson def. Chandler Stevens, Archbold, Ohio, 2-0.

Eaton def. Chris Colella, Indianapolis, 2-0.

s-denotes PBA50 player; n-denotes non-PBA member

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**Chris Via Wins PBA Taylor Kia Central/East Open**

**Struthers, Ohio (May 5, 2019)** – Chris Via of Springfield, Ohio defeated Patrick Dombrowski of Parma, Ohio by 20 pins Sunday to win the Professional Bowlers Association Taylor Kia Central/East Open presented by Hammer at Holiday Bowl.

Via finished with a 9-3 match play record and a total of 4,616 pins for 20 games, including match play bonus pins, for his second PBA Regional title and the \$2,500 top prize. Dombrowski posted an 8-4 match play record and knocked down 4,596 pins to earn the \$1,300 runner-up prize.

Next up for the PBA Central Region is a doubleheader including the PBA50 Baldo Campana Memorial/Ohio Lottery Central/Midwest Open presented by MOTIV and the PBA Baldo Campana Memorial/Ohio Lottery Central Open presented by DV8 (a reduced entry fee, one-day event) in Lorain, Ohio, over the May 9-11 weekend.

**PBA TAYLOR KIA CENTRAL/EAST OPEN PRESENTED BY HAMMER  
Holiday Bowl, Struthers, Ohio, Sunday**

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

1, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 9-3, 4,616, \$2,500. 2, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 8-4, 4,596, \$1,300. 3, n-Shawn McKee, Niagara Falls, N.Y., 8-4, 4,540, \$1,000. 4, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 6-6, 4,527, \$950. 5, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 6-6, 4,519, \$900. 6, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 6-5-1, 4,504, \$850.

7, n-Casey Cohagan, Fairport Harbor, Ohio, 7-5, 4,486, \$800. 8, Tim Pfeifer, Oakdale, Pa., 7-4-1, 4,482, \$775.

9, Chandler Stevens, Archbold, Ohio, 5-7, 4,471, \$750. 10, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 7-5, 4,413, \$725. 11, Kevin Donovan, Painted Post, N.Y., 4-6-2, 4,379, \$700. 12, Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 7-5, 4,320, \$680. 13, Jared Shaner, Ford City, Pa., 4-8, 4,201, \$660. 14, Tommy Gollick, Oberlin, Pa., 3-9, 4,179, \$640. 15, Gregory Hess, Hamilton, N.J., 4-8, 4,053, \$620. 16, n-Dean Vargo, Willowick, Ohio, 3-9, 3,980, \$600.

n-denotes non-PBA member

**Dick Allen Wins B & R Hauling Sandhills Aberdeen South Open**

**ABERDEEN, NC. (May 6, 2019)** – Dick Allen of Lexington, S.C., won his 24th Professional Bowlers Association Regional title Sunday, defeating seven-time PBA Tour champion Ryan Ciminelli of Clarence, N.Y., 222-163, to win the second annual PBA B&R Hauling Aberdeen South Open at Sandhills Bowling Center.

Allen, who led the event wire-to-wire, qualified in the number one position for the stepladder finals with a 20-game pinfall including bonus pins of 4,499. Allen started the final match with a spare followed by three strikes while Ciminelli suffered two unmakeable splits in the first three frames and could never overcome the early deficit.

In first stepladder match, Trevor Roberts of Crystal River, Fla., defeated last week's Myrtle Beach Open champion, Brandon Curtis of Manson, N.C., 240-213. Ciminelli then eliminated Roberts, 215-190, in the semifinal match.

Allen earned \$3,000 while Ciminelli pocketed \$1,500 for second, Roberts earned \$1,300 for third and Curtis took home \$1,100 for his fourth-place finish.

The PBA South Region's next event will be the PBA50 Canton South Open, May 17-19 at Cherokee Lanes in Canton, Ga.

**PBA SANDHILLS ABERDEEN SOUTH OPEN  
Sandhills Bowling Center, Aberdeen, NC., Sunday****Final Standings:**

1, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., \$3,000.  
2, Ryan Ciminelli, Clarence, S.C., \$1,500.  
3, Trevor Roberts, Crystal River, Fla., \$1,300.  
4, Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., \$1,100.

**Stepladder Results:**

Match One – Roberts def. Curtis, 240-213.

Semifinal – Ciminelli def. Roberts, 215-190.  
Championship – Allen def. Ciminelli, 222-163.

**Final Qualifying Standings (after 20 games, top 4 advanced to stepladder finals):**

- 1, Allen, 4,499.
- 2, Ciminelli, 4,282.
- 3, Roberts, 4,177.
- 3, Curtis, 4,129.
- 5, Jason Gittleston, Southern Pines, N.C., 5-3, 4,080, \$900.
- 6, Anthony Caso, Merritt Island, Fla., 3-5, 4,038, \$750.
- 7, Mark Tarkington, Elizabeth City, N.C., 5-3, 4,002, \$700.
- 8, Kristijonas Sergejevas, Lithuania, 1-7, 3,822, \$650.

**Other Cashers (after 12 games):**

- 9, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 2,333, \$525.
- 10, n-Adam Van Fleet, Haw River, N.C., 2,324, \$475.
- 11, n-James Rawley, Raleigh, N.C., 2,316, \$460.
- 12, Leon Platt, Summerville, S.C., 2,310, \$455.
- 13, n-Pierre Gaither, Greensboro, N.C., 2,309, \$450.
- 14, Chris Johnson, Nashville, N.C., 2,308, \$445.
- 15, Roy Davis, Lumberton, N.C., 2,277, \$440.
- 16, Kevin Fischer, Winter Park, Fla., 2,272, \$435.
- 17, Lee Vanderhoef, Canton, Ga., 2,269, \$430.
- 18, Greg Wilhelm, Laurel Hill, N.C., 2,264, \$425.

n-denotes non-PBA member.

## **PBA Spare Shots**

### **PETE WEBER JOINS PBA'S ELITE "100 TITLES" CLUB WITH 47TH REGIONAL WIN**

PBA Hall of Famer **Pete Weber** has now won 37 PBA Tour, 47 standard PBA Regional, 11 PBA50 Tour and five PBA50 Regional titles, joining **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** as the only players to win a combined total of 100 PBA titles.

The 56-year-old St. Ann, Mo., resident joined the exclusive "100 PBA Titles" club after defeating **Kyle Sherman** of O'Fallon, Mo., by 75 pins to win the BowlersMart/Bowlero Midwest Open presented by Brunswick at Brunswick Zone Lakeside in Valley Park, Mo., Sunday.

Weber, who won his 99th title almost two years ago in the 2017 PBA50 DeHayes Insurance Group Championship in Fort Wayne, Ind., won nine of his 12 matches and posted a 20-game total of 4,643 pins Sunday, including match play bonus pins, to win his 100th combined PBA title.

Williams is the record-holder, with a total of 112 titles at all levels of PBA competition (47 PBA Tour, 33 PBA Regional, 14 PBA50 Tour and 18 PBA50 Regional). Weber also joined Williams late in 2018 as the second player in PBA history to surpass \$4 million in career earnings. Williams is the all-time PBA earnings leader with just over \$4.8 million.

By winning his 47th standard Regional title and his 52nd including his five PBA50 Regional wins, Weber is one title behind **Chris Warren** of Grants Pass, Ore., in both of those categories.

Sherman finished the Valley Park tournament with a 7-5 match play record and 4,568 pins, 70 ahead of 2018 PBA Rookie of the Year **Kamron Doyle** of Brentwood, Tenn. Weber earned \$2,500, Sherman \$1,500 and Doyle \$1,250.

#### YOUNG CANCER SURVIVOR HONORED AT PBA REGIONAL IN MYRTLE BEACH

The PBA South Region and Myrtle Beach Bowl, the host center for the Brighton Construction Myrtle Beach South Open, paid tribute to 8-year-old cancer survivor and PBA super fan **Titus Radosti** in late April, according to reporter **Ian Klein** of WMBF News in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

"I like when you throw the ball and it hits these pins," the young Radosti told Klein.

While dealing with leukemia, Titus found peace watching professional bowling, his father, **Rob Radosti**, said. "It was like a glimmer of hope for him among just a couple other things."

Now in remission, Titus has been able to fulfill his dream by joining a local youth bowling league and he got to take part in the Myrtle Beach PBA event, including rolling the ceremonial first ball.

"If he can beat cancer, he can become a pro. I'm sure he has his dreams and his goals set high," said seven-time PBA Tour titlist **Ryan Ciminelli**.

"We just hope that our story can be a glimmer of hope for anyone in Myrtle Beach who is facing a giant like we faced," said Rob Radosti.

#### PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: BRAD MILLER REPEATS AS JUNCTION CITY CHAMP

**Brad Miller** from Lee's Summit, Mo., defeated Canada's **Francois Lavoie** in their final position round match, 247-181, to successfully defend his 2018 Junction City Bowl title and claim his fourth PBA Regional title in the 12th annual PBA Junction City Bowl Southwest/Midwest Open on Sunday in Junction City, Kan.

After eight games, Miller was in 10th place, advancing to third after the five-game casher's round before finally overtaking Lavoie after game five of the eight-game round-robin match play finals. Lavoie regained the lead after game six before Miller took a five-pin lead going into the final game. Miller started the pivotal game with four strikes as Lavoie suffered an early open and was unable to offer any challenge after that. Miller's win earned him the \$2,500 first prize.

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- PBA Regional tournaments over the May 10-12 weekend include the PBA and PBA50 Baldo Campana Memorial/Ohio Lottery Central Opens presented by DV8 and MOTIV, respectively, at Rebman Recreation in Lorain, Ohio, and a PBA Northwest Region "tripleheader" in Puyallup, Wash., including the PBA and PBA50 Daffodil Bowl Opens presented by Roto Grip plus the Daffodil Bowl Women's Open.

- Over the May 17-19 weekend, the PBA Midwest Region returns to Glo Bowl in Marengo, Ill., for the Glo Bowl Midwest Open presented by Global 900. Also scheduled are the PBA50 Cherokee Lanes South Open presented by Roto Grip in Canton, Ga., and the Waxahachie Southwest Challenge for non-titlists at Hilltop Lanes in Waxahachie, Texas.

- PBA Regionals over the Memorial Day weekend (May 24-25) will include the Colony Park Lanes Challenge for non-titlists, presented by Columbia 300, in York, Pa., and the annual Celeste Walker Midwest/Central Open presented by Track at Strike N Spare II in Lockport, Ill.

- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit [pba.com](http://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](http://pba.com) (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

## QUICK NOTES

- The latest "PBA Playoffs in Brief" episode is now available on PBA's YouTube channel at this link: <https://youtu.be/lbje4PBibKs>.

- Renowned bowling instructor **Tom Kouros**, the author of the best-selling "Par Bowling" and a member of the USBC Hall of Fame, died on April 28 at his home in Deer Park, Ill., after a lengthy illness. He was 92.

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The Southwest Region's next event will be a Challenge event for non-champions at Waxahachie, Texas' Hilltop Lanes, May 17-19. The Southwest Region will then host a PBA Xtra Frame Tour event in June, the PBA Lubbock Sports Shootout, on FloBowling's Xtra Frame, June 28-30 in Lubbock, Texas. That event is offering a \$12,500 top prize along with a PBA Tour title if the winner is a PBA member.

**PBA JUNCTION CITY BOWL SOUTHWEST/MIDWEST OPEN**  
**Junction City Bowl, Junction City, Kan., Sunday**

**Final Match Play Standings (after 21 game including match play bonus pins):**

1, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 5-3, 4,676, \$2,500. 2, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 5-3, 4,575, \$1,750. 3, Thomas Rash, Spencer, Okla., 6-2, 4,534, \$1,300. 4, Dylan Burns, Garden City, Kan., 4-4, 4,426, \$1,100.

5, n-Wesley Low Jr., Palmdale, Calif., 4-4, 4,413, \$900. 6, Nick Burgess, Jersey Village, 3-5, 4,394, \$775. 7, n-Brian DeMoss Jr., Lee's Summit, Mo., 2-6, 4,349, \$675. 8, Allan Smith, Killeen, Texas, 3-5, 4,347, \$600.

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**MONDAY ON FS1: Duke vs. Barrett, Rash vs. Sherman in Final PBA Playoffs**  
**Round of 16 Matches at 9 p.m. ET**

**PORTLAND, Maine (May 10, 2019)** – The race for the \$100,000 first prize in the inaugural PBA Playoffs will come down to eight players after the final Round of 16 Race to 2 Points matches between No. 3 seed Norm Duke and No. 14 Dom Barrett, and No. 6 Sean Rash and No. 11 Kyle Sherman, air on FS1 Monday at 9 p.m. ET from Bayside Bowl.

The winners of Monday's matches will join No. 1 Jason Belmonte, No. 9 Kris Prather, No. 4 Anthony Simonsen, No. 21 Andres Gomez, No. 7 Bill O'Neill and No. 15 Wes Malott who have already earned

berths in the Round of 8 after winning their Round of 16 matches on FS1 telecasts over the past three weeks.

The PBA Playoffs champion will be determined Saturday and Sunday, June 1-2, when the final four return to Bayside Bowl for the live FOX semifinal and championship matches.

Earlier in the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season, the 55-year-old Duke became the oldest player to win back-to-back PBA Tour titles when he won the Go Bowling! Indianapolis and Jonesboro Opens for his 39th and 40th titles. Barrett, a seven-time tour winner, has had a best finish of fourth this season which came in the PBA Oklahoma Open.

Rash won his 13th PBA Tour title earlier this year when he teamed with Matt Ogle to win the PBA Mark Roth-Marshall Holman Doubles Championship, while Sherman has two runner-up finishes that include the PBA Cheetah Championship and the Roth-Holman Doubles Championship with partner Brad Miller.

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## **PBA PLAYOFFS SCHEDULE**

### **Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine**

#### **Round of 16 pairings (Race to 2 Points format based on one point per game won)**

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Match 19 – No. 7 Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa. vs. No. 15 Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas (airs May 27).

Match 20 – Barrett-Duke winner vs. Sherman-Rash winner (airs May 27).

## **Barrett, Rash Win in Round of 16 to Complete PBA Playoffs Round of 8 Matchups**

*Race to 2 Points quarterfinal matches set for May 20 and 27 at 9 p.m. ET p.m. on FS1*

**PORTLAND, Maine (May 13, 2019)** – Seven-time Go Bowling! PBA Tour winner Dom Barrett of England, and 13-time tour winner Sean Rash of Montgomery, Illinois, won their PBA Playoffs Round of 16 Race to 2 Points matches that aired on FS1 Monday from Bayside Bowl to complete the lineup of players who advanced to the Round of 8.

Barrett, the No. 14 seed, won the first game of the Round of 16 match 236-222 over No. 3 seed Norm Duke of Clermont, Florida, who won his 39th and 40th career tour titles back-to-back earlier this season, but the PBA Hall of Famer came back in the second game by starting with the first five strikes to beat Barrett 236-174 forcing a ninth and 10th frame roll-off.

Both players tied in the roll-off, 40-40, which then sent the match into a one-ball roll-off. Barrett won the match with a strike when Duke left a 6 pin on his shot.

"I was comfortable in the first game, but I knew it was going to be a challenge in the second game when Norm started with the first five," Barrett said. "I could feel it start to go away from me toward the end of the second game, but since I was out of it at that point, I changed to a different ball in the eighth frame and then used the remaining frames to figure out what I should do."

"I still wasn't real comfortable in the two-frame roll-off but managed to hang in there. When Norm got nine in the one-ball roll-off, I thought that was my opportunity and I had better take advantage of it."

In the second Round of 16 match, the No. 6-seeded Rash defeated No. 11 Kyle Sherman of O'Fallon, Missouri in both games – 227-175 and 237-214 – to advance to the Round of 8.

"I had a good ball reaction in both games and was fortunate to take advantage of the opportunity I was given," said Rash, who won the Mark Roth-Marshall Holman Doubles Championship with Matt Ogle for his 13th PBA Tour title earlier this season. "You need to fill frames anyway you can, but in the end, I felt like I only threw one bad shot."

"I was pretty much in control and Kyle was struggling in the first game," Rash added. "It came down to strong finishes in both games. Kyle's an excellent player and I didn't want to give him too much hope."

The first of two Round of 8 telecasts will air next Monday (May 20) on FS1 at 9 p.m. ET with No. 1 seed Jason Belmonte taking on No. 9 Kris Prather and No. 4 Anthony Simonsen meeting No. 21 Andres Gomez. The second Round of 8 telecast on May 27 will feature No. 7 Bill O'Neill vs. No. 15 Wes Malott and Barrett vs. Rash, which will determine the four players who will battle for the \$100,000 first prize June 1-2 with live FOX semifinal and final matches from Bayside Bowl.

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#### **Match One**

**Game 1** – No. 14 Dom Barrett, England def. No. 3 Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 236-222.

**Game 2** – Duke def. Barrett, 236-174.

Barrett won one-ball roll-off 10-9 after tying with Duke in two-frame roll-off 40-40.

#### **Match Two**

**Game 1** – No. 6 Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill. def. No. 11 Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 227-175.

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#### **Round of 8 pairings (Race to 2 Points format)**

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Match 20 – No. 6 Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill. vs. No. 14 Dom Barrett, England (airs May 27).

## **MONDAY ON FS1: Belmonte vs. Prather and Simonsen vs. Gomez in PBA Playoffs Round of 8 Matches at 9 p.m. ET**

**PORTLAND, Maine (May 16, 2019)** – The stretch drive for a return trip to Bayside Bowl for the semifinal and final rounds of the inaugural PBA Playoffs June 1-2 begins Monday on FS1 with No. 1 seed two-hander Jason Belmonte taking on No. 9 Kris Prather and No. 4 Anthony Simonsen meeting No. 21 Andres Gomez in Round of 8 matchups.

The Round of 8 matches will once again use the Race to 2 Points format where one point is awarded for each of two games in the match. If both players win a game, the tie will be broken by a ninth and 10th frame roll-off to determine the winner.

After Monday's FS1 Round of 8 telecast, the other two spots for the semifinals will be determined after No. 7 Bill O'Neill vs. No. 15 Wes Malott and No. 6 Sean Rash vs. No. 14 Dom Barrett Round of 8 matches air May 27 on FS1 at 9 p.m. ET.

Belmonte won three titles including the PBA Tournament of Champions and PBA World Championship for his 10th and record 11th major titles on his way to the top of the points list to earn the No. 1 seed. To get to the Round of 8 he won a Round of 16 match against No. 17 Kyle Troup.

Prather, who won the PBA Scorpion Championship at World Series of Bowling X for his first Go Bowling! PBA Tour title, advanced to the Round of 8 by defeating No. 24 Darren Tang in the Round of 24 and No. 8 Tom Daugherty in the Round of 16.

Simonsen, the winner of the PBA Players Championship for his fourth career tour title and second major, won his Round of 16 match against No. 13 Rhino Page, and Gomez, with a season's best runner-up finish in the Chameleon Championship, advanced with wins in the Round of 24 against No. 12 Dick Allen and No. 5 EJ Tackett in the Round of 16.

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#### **Round of 8 Pairings (Race to 2 Points format. Winners earn berth in semifinals to be televised live on FOX June 1 at noon ET)**

Match 17 – No. 1 Jason Belmonte, Australia vs. No. 9 Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill. (airs May 20).

Match 18 – No. 4 Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas vs. No. 21 Andres Gomez, Colombia (airs May 20).

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## PBA Spare Shots

### BJI FEATURES PBA “SIDELINE REPORTER” KIMBERLY PRESSLER IN PODCAST

**Kimberly Pressler**, the cover subject for the May issue of Bowlers Journal International, has been a mainstay on the sidelines of Go Bowling! PBA Tour telecasts now for nine years. The dawn of the PBA Tour’s FOX Sports era this season saw her role expand with that network as she now serves up scoops for viewers about adjustments and storylines the audience would not know about if Pressler were not down in the trenches with the players and tour reps.

But Pressler had been doing TV long before her arrival in the pro bowling world. She covered a range of sports including Motocross, snocross, truck racing, X Games events and much more for major networks such as MTV, NBC and ABC. As you will hear in her conversation with BJI Editor **Gianmarc Manzione** in a Bowlers Journal Podcast, some of those prior TV gigs made for some pretty hair-raising experiences that Pressler never will forget.

The conversation covers a broad range of topics, including the 20th anniversary of Pressler's win in the 1999 Miss USA pageant, what it was like to subsequently work for **Donald Trump** and live in Trump Tower as the first Miss USA since his acquisition of the Miss Universe Organization, and what it was like to dine with Trump and his then-girlfriend Melania (now First Lady **Melania Trump**) after Pressler arrived in New York City following her Miss USA win.

To listen to the conversation, visit: <https://soundcloud.com/user-658733792/kimberlyeditfinal>

### PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: DOTY, KRETZER WIN BALDO CAMPANA MEMORIAL TITLES

**Zach Doty** of Campbellsville, Ky. defeated **Graham Fach** of Urbana, Ohio, 208-202, to win his first PBA Regional title in the PBA Baldo Campana Memorial/Ohio Lottery Central Open presented by DV8 at Rebman Recreation in Lorain, Ohio Saturday while **Brian Kretzer** of Kettering, Ohio won the “senior” half of the doubleheader.

Doty, a 24-year-old PBA rookie, earned \$2,000 along with his first title. He downed **Chris Loschetter** of Avon, Ohio, 231-200, while Fach edged **Mike Clark Jr.** of Cleveland, Ohio, 199-168, in the semifinal round to set up the championship match.

Kretzer defeated non-PBA member **Chuck Tompkins** of Reynoldsburg, Ohio by 62 pins to win the PBA50 Baldo Campana Memorial/Ohio Lottery Central/Midwest Open title, presented by MOTIV.

Kretzer finished with a 6-4 match play record and a total of 4,283 pins for 18 games, including match play bonus pins, to win the \$1,500 first prize, his 12th career PBA50 regional title and his fourth PBA50 regional title of 2019.

- **Darren Tang** of Las Vegas; **Henry Dawson** of Elma, Wash., and **Danaka Heekin** of Woodinville, Wash., were victorious in a PBA Northwest Region tripleheader at Daffodil Bowl at Puyallup, Wash., Sunday.

Tang posted a 5-7 match play record and a 20-game total of 4,836 pins, including match play bonus pins, to win Sunday's PBA FiX Auto of Puyallup Open, a standard PBA Northwest Regional event, by 47 pins over **Jordan Jung** of Canada. The win was worth \$2,000 first prize and his fifth regional title.

Dawson won the PBA50 portion of the tripleheader with a 5-3 match play record and 3,354 total pins, beating **Rob Rice** of Sunnyside, Wash., by two pins for the \$1,500 first prize and his first PBA50 Regional title.

Heekin had a 5-2 match play record and knocked down 3,081 total pins for her 14 games to top non-PBA member **Correen Lieber** of Phoenix, Ariz. in the PBA special women's event to earn the \$800 first prize.

- Over the May 17-19 weekend, the PBA Midwest Region returns to Glo Bowl in Marengo, Ill., for the Glo Bowl Midwest Open presented by 900 Global. Also scheduled are the PBA50 Cherokee Lanes South Open presented by Roto Grip in Canton, Ga., and the Waxahachie Southwest Challenge for non-titlists at Hilltop Lanes in Waxahachie, Texas.

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## QUICK NOTES

- The 17th Pioneers Tournament for PBA membership in China this week in Shanghai qualified three more bowlers for PBA membership eligibility. They join 97 players who qualified in previous Pioneers Tournaments conducted by **Frank Zhao** since 2014, bringing the total number of Chinese bowlers who have qualified for PBA membership to 100. Since the program began, Pioneers Tournaments have been held throughout China with hundreds of bowlers from mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Germany, Japan and The Philippines participating.

- **Kai Strothers**, the 10-year-old Maplewood boy who became the youngest New Jersey bowler to roll a certified 300 game and later rolled the ceremonial first ball at the PBA Tournament of Champions at the PBA's invitation, was recognized as part of the annual "Essex County Celebrates Youth" Program at the Hall of Records in Newark recently. The annual event acknowledges outstanding young people throughout Essex County for their notable achievements.

Strothers, who is passionate and knowledgeable about bowling, bears the nickname "Popcorn" because while bowling he was snacking on popcorn and it was said the secret was in the popcorn.

- The latest Playoffs In Brief episode covering last week's telecast is now available at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DsfecmEdxbs>

## **PBA, H5G Brands Renew Official Jersey Agreement Through 2022**

*H5G Brands also will assume management of PBA's online and on-site merchandise sales*

**CHICAGO (May 20, 2019)** – H5G Brands, the Official Jersey Provider of the Professional Bowling Association since 2013, has renewed its agreement with the PBA through July 1, 2022, representatives of both companies announced Monday.

In addition to continuing its role as PBA's Official Jersey Provider, H5G Brands will assume management of the PBA's online and on-site merchandise sales in a companion two-year agreement that begins July 1, PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark, and H5G President Todd Molbeck confirmed.

"We are excited about expanding our partnership with H5G," Clark said. "Together we have grown the category of dye-sub bowling jerseys by helping shape player personalities and giving sponsors greater exposure. Now fans will have greater opportunities to feel closer to the PBA through H5G's new commitment towards merchandising a diverse assortment of products."

"H5G Brands has dedicated itself to enhancing the image of professional bowling ever since our relationship with the PBA began," Molbeck said, "and our goal will continue to pursue that objective with its diverse products and contemporary designs. As promised in the beginning, we have provided PBA competitors with high-quality clothing designed for competition and we continue to re-invest in the growth of the sport."

The merchandising agreement is new for H5G Brands, Molbeck added. His company will be responsible for merchandising sales on-site at all PBA Tour stops, through the PBA Store on [pba.com](http://pba.com) and through the H5Gbrands.com website. The merchandise line will include a much larger mix of products than just jerseys and shirts when it is unveiled in September.

Prather, Simonsen Win to Advance to PBA Playoffs Semifinal Round

O'Neill vs. Malott, Rash vs. Barrett Round of 8 matches May 27 on FS1

will finalize semifinal round pairings

PORTLAND, Maine (May 20, 2019) – No. 4 seed Anthony Simonsen and No. 9 seed Kris Prather have clinched semifinal round berths in the inaugural PBA Playoffs and will continue their bids to win the \$100,000 top prize after winning their Round of 8 matches at Bayside Bowl. The first of two Round of 8 matches aired Monday on FS1.

Prather and Simonsen will be joined in the semifinals by the winners of the No. 7 Bill O'Neill vs. No. 15 Wes Malott and No. 6 Sean Rash vs. No. 14 Dom Barrett Round of 8 matches which will air May 27 on FS1 at 9 p.m. ET. The four remaining players will battle in the Race to 2 Points format semifinals Saturday, June 1 live at noon ET on FOX with the winners returning for the live finals on June 2 that will determine the inaugural PBA Playoffs champion who will celebrate the largest payday of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season.

Prather, who won the PBA Scorpion Championship at World Series of Bowling X earlier this year for his first PBA Tour title, beat No. 1 seed Jason Belmonte in both games of the Race to 2 Points format match – 197-165 and 224-214 – to advance to the semifinals.

In the second game, Prather finished with four strikes in a row to eliminate Belmonte, who left a 3 pin as result of a high hit on his second shot of the 10th frame to end his bid for the win.

Belmonte, who led the PBA Playoffs points race to earn the No. 1 seed, won three titles including the PBA Tournament of Champions and PBA World Championship for his 10th and record 11th major titles leading up to the Playoffs.

"I went into the match determined not to get comfortable," said the 27-year-old Prather. "I know that if I let up, he's (Belmonte) going to take advantage of that. That's why he's the best bowler in the world.

"I wanted to use the momentum from the first game to put as much pressure on him as I could," Prather said of the second game. "Even though he's the best in the world I didn't want that thought to creep into my mind where I would lose focus. I don't think those last four shots were the best I could throw but they got the job done.

"I don't think I've ever been a crowd favorite, but I sure feel like it here," Prather said of the support he was getting from the raucous Bayside Bowl crowd. "I hope I can continue to use that energy to my advantage."

As the No. 9 seed, Prather advanced to the Round of 8 by winning a single-game Round of 24 match against No. 24 seed Darren Tang and a Round of 16 Race to 2 Points match against No. 8 seed Tom Daugherty.

In the second match, Gomez, a three-time tour winner, beat Simonsen, 234-207, but Simonsen rallied in the second game to defeat Gomez, 243-215, to force a ninth and 10th frame roll-off.

Despite a slow start by Simonsen in the second game with two spares after leaving seven counts, the two-hander came back with five consecutive strikes and took advantage of a missed 10 pin by Gomez in the fifth frame.

The 22-year-old Simonsen, who won the PBA Players Championship in February for his second career major, struck on his first three shots of the roll-off to win, 56-39.

"One good thing about this format is that if you're struggling you have some time to figure it out," said Simonsen, who advanced to the Round of 8 by beating Rhino Page in the Round of 16 after earning a first-round bye. "The turning point probably came when he missed the 10 pin, but I could see he was struggling with ball reaction. I was finally getting the ball reaction I needed and felt I could probably put some pressure on him. Everything seemed to be going my way at that point.

"It's very rewarding to make it this far but there's a lot of work left to do," Simonsen said of his return trip to Portland. "One thing I know is, it's going to be fun to watch. I'm going to do the bowling and let the crowd do the rest."

To view a PBA Playoffs bracket click on

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## PBA PLAYOFFS ROUND OF 8 RESULTS

Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine

(aired Monday on FS1. Race to 2 Points format. Winners advance to semifinals. Losers earn \$8,000)

### Match One

No. 9 Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill. def. No. 1 Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2-0.

Game 1 – Prather def. Belmonte, 197-165 (one point earned for Prather).

Game 2 – Prather def. Belmonte, 224-214 (one point earned for Prather).

### Match Two

No. 4 Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas def. No. 21 Andres Gomez, Colombia, 2-1.

Game 1 – Gomez def. Simonsen, 234-207 (one point earned for Gomez).

Game 2 – Simonsen def. Gomez, 243-215 (one point earned for Simonsen).

Roll-off - Simonsen won roll-off, 56-39 (one point earned for Simonsen).

Remaining Round of 8 Pairings (Race to 2 Points format)

Match 19 – No. 7 Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa. vs. No. 15 Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas (airs May 27).

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### **Stoney Baker Wins Title No. 31 in PBA50 Canton South Open**

**CANTON, Ga. (May 19, 2019)** – Stoney Baker of Canton, Ga., defeated PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., 247-224, to take the first prize in the PBA50 Canton South Open presented by Roto Grip at Cherokee Lanes Sunday, improving his all-time PBA titles total to 31.

Baker qualified in second place for the stepladder finals with an 5-3 match play record and a 16-game total of 3,800 pins, including match play bonus pins, and then won two consecutive matches to earn the \$1,700 first prize. Williams, who led from the start to the title match, posted an 4-4 match play record and had 3,975 pins to qualify first, 175 pins ahead of Baker, but had to settle for the \$900 second prize.

Williams, the all-time PBA composite titles leader with 114, was cruising for another win but Baker had a different idea. After Williams took the lead with an early double, Baker rolled six consecutive strikes to take the commanding lead.

In the first stepladder match Joe Beck of Montgomery, Ala. defeated Dave Han of Birmingham, Ala., 188-181. Baker then disposed of Beck, 214-161, in the semifinal match.

The PBA South Region's next tournament will be the PBA Timmy See Memorial South Open in Tavares, Fla., June 14-16.

#### **PBA50 CANTON SOUTH OPEN**

**Presented by Roto Grip**

**Cherokee Lanes, Canton, Ga., Sunday**

**Final Standings:** 1, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., \$1,700. 2, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., \$900. 3, Joe Beck, Montgomery, Ala., \$800. 4, Dave Han, Birmingham, Ala., \$700.

**Stepladder Results:** Match One – Beck def. Han, 188- 181. Semifinal Match – Baker def. Beck, 214-161. Championship – Baker def. Williams, 247-224.

### **Final Match Play Standings (after 16 games)**

- 1, Williams, 4-4, 3,975.
- 2, Baker, 5-3, 3,800.
- 3, Han, 5-3, 3,675.
- 4, Beck, 5-2-1, 3,613.
5. Joe Fulner III, Belleview, Fla., 3-4-1, 3,538, \$600.
- 6, Aaron White, Cleveland, Tenn., 5-3, 3,501, \$550.
- 7, Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 2-6, 3,304, \$525.
- 8, Chuck Walker, Rutledge, Tenn., 2-6, 3,294, \$500.

## **Walter Ray Williams Jr. Takes Commanding Points Lead as PBA50 Tour Resumes Competition**

*PBA50 Northern California Classic to be followed by  
USBC Senior Masters and Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open*

**BRENTWOOD, Calif. (May 21, 2019)** -- With three consecutive wins and an eighth-place finish to start the season, PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. takes a huge 10,000-point lead in the PBA50 Tour points race over reigning Player of the Year Michael Haugen Jr., as the tour for players 50 years and over begins its western swing with the PBA50 Northern California Classic presented by MOTIV at Harvest Park Bowl in Brentwood May 25-28.

The 59-year-old Williams, who owns the PBA Tour all-time career titles mark of 47, will try again for a record 15th career PBA50 Tour title, and if successful, will hold the all-time titles lead for both of PBA's national tours. Williams is currently tied with fellow Hall of Famer John Handegard for most PBA50 Tour titles at 14.

Williams started the 2019 season with wins in the season-opening PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open and PBA50 National Championship for his third career PBA50 major title, before his streak ended with a win in the PBA50 Mooresville Open. He fell short of a record-tying fourth consecutive PBA50 Tour title with an eighth-place finish in the PBA50 Hamilton Lanes & Entertainment Center Open.

"It's a matter of everything coming together, especially because the PBA50 Tour continues to get better and better," said Williams, who won the Northern California Classic in 2012 and 2013. "When I started the season, I certainly couldn't have predicted getting the crazy start that I did.

"Last season I was in a good position to win but finished second three times," the seven-time PBA Tour and two-time PBA50 Tour Player of the Year continued. "Before the start of this season, I didn't think winning a 15th title was within reach but now it's certainly possible. You never know when the next win will come."

Williams currently leads the PBA50 Tour points list with 18,930 points, 10,270 ahead of Haugen in second with 8,660.

PBA Hall of Famer and two-time PBA50 Player of the Year Ron Mohr will defend his Northern California Classic title at Harvest Park Bowl. The 63-year-old Mohr, who also won in 2011, handed Williams one of his three runner-up finishes in 2018 with a come-from-behind 237-218 title match victory for his 10th career PBA50 Tour title.

The fifth stop of the 2019 season starts with eight-game qualifying Sunday, May 26 with squads at 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to be followed by a second round of qualifying on May 27. Cashers and match play rounds begin at 8 a.m. on May 28 which will determine the top five players for the stepladder finals at 6:30 p.m.

Following the Northern California Classic the PBA50 Tour heads to Las Vegas for back-to-back majors – the USBC Senior Masters at Sam's Town June 2-9 and the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm June 10-14.

Chris Warren won the 2018 USBC Senior Masters to become the third player to win both the USBC Masters and USBC Senior Masters when he defeated Duke in the double-elimination format title match when Duke left the devastating 3-4-6-7-9-10 in the 10th frame of the second game of the match.

PBA Hall of Famer Mika Koivuniemi won the 2018 Senior U.S. Open for his first PBA50 Tour title by beating Brian Kretzer 259-237 in the title match at the Suncoast Bowling Center.

Prior to the USBC Senior Masters, Sam's Town will also host the first tournament of the season solely for players 60 and over when the USBC Super Senior Classic gets underway May 29-June 2. Mike Dias is the defending champion.

The Northern California Classic and Senior U.S. Open will be streamed live via PBA's online streaming partner FloBowling. The USBC Senior Masters and USBC Super Senior Classic will be streamed on BowlTV.com.

**PBA50 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CLASSIC**  
**Presented by MOTIV**  
**Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood, Calif.**  
**(All times Pacific)**

**Saturday, May 25**

**9 a.m. - noon** - Practice Session

**1, 3, 7 p.m.** - Pro-am squads

**Sunday, May 26**

**8 a.m.** - A Squad qualifying (8 games)

**1:30 p.m.** - B Squad qualifying (8 games)

**Monday, May 27**

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**1:30 p.m.** - A Squad qualifying (8 games)

**Tuesday, May 28**

**8 a.m.** - Cashers Round

**11:30 a.m.** - Match Play Round 1 (5 games)

**2:45 p.m.** - Match Play Round 2 (6 games)

*Top five players advance to stepladder finals*

**6:30 p.m.** stepladder finals

## **Cole Schroyer Tops PBA Waxahachie Southwest Challenge Field**

**Waxahachie, Texas, (May 21, 2019)** – Cole Schroyer, a non-PBA member from Stanton, Texas, pulled ahead of the field late in the 13-game qualifying round and then won seven of his eight matches in the modified round-robin finals to thoroughly dominate the competition in the second annual PBA Waxahachie Southwest Challenge Sunday at Hilltop Lanes.

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The PBA Southwest Region's next tournaments will be an Xtra Frame event. The PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Shootout, presented by Ebonite, June 28-30..

### **PBA WAXAHACHIE SOUTHWEST CHALLENGE Hilltop Bowl, Waxahachie, Texas, Sunday**

#### **Final Standings (after 21 games, including match play bonus pins):**

1, n-Cole Schroyer, Stanton, Texas, 7-1, 4,817, \$2,000. 2, Tyler Albracht, Amarillo, Texas, 6-2, 4,450, \$1,300. 3, Paul Henderson, Watauga, Texas, 6-2, 4,439, \$1,000. 4, Jonathan Lawson, Canyon, Texas, 4-4, 4,387, \$850. 5, Mason Edmondson, Amarillo, Texas, 4-4, 4,385, \$750. 6, Pete Thomas, Oklahoma City, Okla., 5-3, 4,332, \$700. 7, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 6-2, 4,321, \$675. 8, n-Derek Ray, Denton, Texas, 4-4, 4,305, \$650.

9, Tyson Branagan, Fort Worth, Texas, 5-3, 4,289, \$625. 10, n-Chris Massengale, Ringgold, Ga., 3-5, 4,214, \$600. 11, James Cantere, Norman, Okla., 2-6, 4,203, \$575. 12, n-Terry Gelner, Jr., Cameron, Texas, 3-5, 4,107, \$550. 13, n-Philip Wong, Houston, Texas, 3-5, 4,091, \$530. 14, Jon DeLaney, McKinney, Texas, 2-6, 4,050, \$520. 15, James Price, Edmond, Okla., 2-6, 4,041, \$510. 16, Kenneth Bland Jr., San Antonio, Texas, 2-6, 3,955, \$500.

n-denotes non-PBA member

### **MONDAY ON FS1: O'Neill vs. Malott, Rash vs. Barrett in PBA Playoffs Round of 8 at 9 p.m. ET to Determine Remaining Semifinal Berths**

**PORTLAND, Maine (May 23, 2019)** – The last two semifinal berths for the inaugural PBA Playoffs will be determined when No. 7 seed Bill O'Neill meets No. 15 seed Wes Malott, and No. 6 seed Sean Rash takes on No. 14 seed Dom Barrett in Race to 2 Points matchups on FS1 Monday, May 27 at 9 p.m. ET from Bayside Bowl.

The winners of Monday's matches will join No. 4 seed Anthony Simonsen and No. 9 seed Kris Prather, who earned their berths in the semifinals after winning Round of 8 matches that aired May 20 on FS1.

After Monday's Round of 8, the four remaining players will return to Bayside Bowl for the live semifinal rounds June 1 at noon ET on FOX with the winners advancing to the championship match on Sunday, June 2. The winner will take home \$100,000, the richest prize of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season.

The Race to 2 Points format awards one point for each of the two games in the match. If both players win a game, the tie will be broken by a ninth and 10th frame roll-off to determine the winner.

O'Neill, the winner of the season-opening PBA Hall of Fame Classic for his 10th career tour title, had a first-round bye and then beat Jesper Svensson in the Round of 16 to reach the Round of 8. Malott, a 10-time tour winner with a season's best third-place finish in the Go Bowling! PBA Indianapolis Open, advanced to the Round of 8 with wins against No. 18 Josh Blanchard in the Round of 24 and No. 2 Jakob Butturff in the Round of 16.

Rash, who won his 13th career tour title teaming with Matt Ogle to win the PBA Mark Roth-Marshall Holman Doubles Championship, had a first-round bye and then beat No. 11 Kyle Sherman in the Round of 16 to advance to the Round of 8. Barrett, a seven-time tour winner with a best finish of fourth in the PBA Oklahoma Open this season, beat Brad Miller in the Round of 24 and PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke in the Round of 16 to advance to the Round of 8.

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## **PBA PLAYOFFS SCHEDULE**

### **Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine**

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### **PBA Spare Shots**

## **JOIN BOWLING'S MOST ENTHUSIASTIC FANS FOR PBA PLAYOFFS FINALE**

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The winners will then return to duel for the \$100,000 first prize in a "race to 2 points" finale Sunday at 12:30 p.m. Both rounds will air live on FOX.

To order tickets, visit <https://www.pba.com/Tickets>. Don't wait. Both shows are expected to sell out.

#### PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: KUBA TOPS PATE FOR FIRST REGIONAL TITLE

Matt Kuba of Chicago Ridge, Ill. defeated Nick Pate of Inner Grove Heights, Minn., 242-236, to win \$2,500 and his first PBA Regional title in the PBA Glo Bowl Midwest Open presented by 900 Global at Glo Bowl Fun Center in Marengo, Ill., Saturday.

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• Reminder: Applications for the 2019 PBA Billy Welu Scholarship Award, recognizing exemplary qualities in male or female college students who excel in academics as well as in the sport of bowling, are being accepted through June 21. The winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. To be eligible candidates must be amateur bowlers who are currently in college (preceding the application date) and maintaining at least a 2.5/4.0 GPA or equivalent. The two-part application can be retrieved by downloading the files from this link <http://www.pba.com/Corporate/Scholarships>.

## **Walter Ray Williams Jr. Leads PBA50 Northern California Classic**

*PBA Hall of Famer is on a quest for fourth 2019 title, record 15th in PBA Tour competition*

**BRENTWOOD, Calif. (May 26, 2019)** – PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. continued his torrid 2019 pace, racing into the first-round lead in the PBA50 Northern California Classic presented by MOTIV Sunday at Harvest Park Bowl in his quest for his fourth PBA50 title of the year and sole possession of the all-time PBA50 Tour titles lead.

Williams, who bowled much of his career as a resident of nearby Stockton, California, averaged a blistering 243.63 for his first eight-game round that included games of 195, 237, 237, 300, 238, 226, 237 and 279. With a 1,949 pinfall total, the Oxford, Florida resident barely held off fellow PBA Hall of Famer Bryan Goebel of Shawnee, Kansas, who had 1,938 pins. Bob Rosenau of Redding, California, was in third place with 1,936 followed by Norm Duke of Clermont, Florida, with a 1,932 total and Tony Rodriguez Jr. of Rancho Cucamonga, California, with 1,896 pins. Defending champion Ron Mohr of Las Vegas was in 23rd place after the first eight games with a 1,786 total.

Williams, 59, won the first three tournaments of the year to boost his career total of 14 PBA Tour titles, tying him with John Handegard for the "senior tour" titles record. He also holds the PBA Tour titles record with 47 and has won a combined total of 115 titles at all levels of PBA competition.

The entire field returns for another eight-game qualifying round Monday which begins at 8 a.m. PT. Wednesday's cashers and match play rounds will also begin at 8 a.m. After match play the top five players will be determined for the stepladder finals at 6:30 p.m. The fifth stop of the 2019 PBA50 Tour season continues with a second round of qualifying on Monday. Cashers and match play rounds then begin at 8 a.m. on Tuesday which will determine the top five players for the stepladder finals at 6:30 p.m.

The entire PBA50 Northern California Open is being live-streamed by PBA's online streaming partner, FloBowling. Visit FloBowling.com for subscription and schedule information.

### **PBA50 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CLASSIC**

**presented by MOTIV**

**Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood, Calif., Sunday**

#### **FIRST ROUND (after eight games)**

- 1, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,949.
- 2, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 1,938.
- 3, Bob Rosenau, Redding, Calif., 1,936.
- 4, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,932.
- 5, Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 1,896.
- 6, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 1,893.
- 7, n-George Aboud, San Jose, Calif., 1,892.
- 8, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,882.
- 9, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 1,872.
- 10, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,860.
- 11, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 1,857.
- 12, ss-Skip Pavone, San Jose, Calif., 1,854.
- 13, ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 1,845.

- 14, Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., 1,840.
- 15, ss-Joe Salvemini, Colorado Springs, Colo., 1,835.
- 16, Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 1,833.
- 17, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,823.
- 18, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,822.
- 19 (tie), ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., and Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,810.
- 21, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 1,800.
- 22, Dennis Horan Jr., Oakley, Calif., 1,799.
- 23, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1,786.
- 24, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1,785.
- 25, ss-Mike Mineman, St Louis, 1,781.
- 26, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 1,774.
- 27 (tie), Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., and ss-Marty Deh, San Jose, Calif., 1,771.
- 29, Michael Smith, Centennial, Colo., 1,769.
- 30, ss-Paul Herrera, San Jose, Calif., 1,762.
- 31, ss-Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,761.
- 32, ss-Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 1,759.
- 33, ss-Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 1,757.
- 34, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 1,745.
- 35, ss-Mitchell Vernon, Olympia, Wash., 1,741.
- 36, ss-Alan Sabin, Winston, Ore, 1,738.
- 37, Joseph Petrovich, Tracy, Calif, 1,736.
- 38, Joe Goldstein Sr., San Bruno, Calif., 1,734.
- 39, Bob Newman, Pacifica, Calif., 1,729.
- 40, Jay Hess, Gotha, Fla., 1,727.
- 41, n-Rich Feinberg, Danville, Calif., 1,718.
- 42 (tie), Brian Menini, Brookfield, Mo., and Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., 1,717.
- 44, n-David Bolles, Stockton, Calif., 1,711.
- 45, Mark McCreary, Livermore, Calif., 1,708.
- 46, ss-Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 1,704.
- 47, Mark Mazzulla, Brentwood, Calif., 1,687.
- 48, Rob Rice, Sunnyside, Wash., 1,685.
- 49, John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 1,684.
- 50 (tie), Russ Hunt, Kennewick, Wash., and ss-n-Dennis Jones, Fremont, Calif., 1,682.
- 52, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1,681.
- 53, Dave Han, Birmingham, Ala., 1,680.
- 54, ss-Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 1,679.
- 55, Ralph Reynolds, Upperlake, Calif., 1,677.
- 56, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,673.
- 57, Troy Silfies, Northglenn, Colo., 1,666.
- 58, ss-Rick Vandenberg, Ontario, Calif., 1,660.
- 59, ss-Dan Sasaki, Richmond, Calif., 1,659.
- 60, ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 1,658.
- 61, ss-Jim Lesiuk, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 1,653.
- 62, Juergen Siemers, Brentwood, Calif., 1,625.
- 63, n-Joe Baca, Brentwood, Calif., 1,616.
- 64, ss-Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,614.
- 65, n-Scott Luba, Dublin, Calif., 1,603.
- 66, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 1,600.
- 67, ss-Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 1,597.
- 68, n-ss-Pete Milkovich, Hercules, Calif., 1,586.
- 69, ss-Jim Gordin, Modesto, Calif., 1,580.
- 70, n-ss-Rodney Bridgeman, Vallejo, Calif., 1,578.

- 71, n-Eric Hattrup, Martinez, Calif., 1,573.
- 72, Dan Schmerbach, St. Joseph, Mo., 1,569.
- 73, ss-Gary Reh, Fort Mohave, Ariz., 1,567.
- 74, ss-Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wisc., 1,565.
- 75, Joe Beck, Montgomery, Ala., 1,560.
- 76, ss-Stan Winters, Simi Valley, Calif., 1,556.
- 77, ss-Steve Ford, Seaside, Ore., 1,553.
- 78, ss-Steve Davis, Manteca, Calif., 1,535.
- 79, ss-James Skaife, Antioch, Calif., 1,532.
- 80, ss-Scott Schimming, Tacoma, Wash., 1,518.
- 81, n-Keith Schmidt, Park City, Utah, 1,512.
- 82, n-Larry Dyson, Stockton, Calif., 1,510.
- 83, ss-Don Lane, San Francisco, 1,504.
- 84, Jim Horan, Mountain View, Calif., 1,486.
- 85, Shane Horsman, Firerest, Wash., 1,485.
- 86, Carl West, San Jose, Calif., 1,481.
- 87, ss-Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 1,478.
- 88, n-Steven Soto, Port Orchard, Wash., 1,421.
- 89, ss-n-Paul Appling, Camarillo, Calif., 1,416.
- 90, Craig Miller, Tracy, Calif., 1,410.

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### **Norm Duke Takes PBA50 Northern California Classic Lead**

*Former major league pitcher John Burkett trails by 45 pins in bid for his PBA50 Tour title*

**BRENTWOOD, Calif. (May 27, 2019)** – Norm Duke of Clermont, Florida, seeking his first PBA50 Tour title of the 2019 season, advanced from fourth place into the lead in the PBA50 Northern California Classic presented by MOTIV title Monday at Harvest Park Bowl.

Duke, a five-time PBA Tour titlist, rolled games of 243, 168, 248, 229, 254, 279 and 248 Monday for an eight-game total of 1,904 and a 16-game total of 3,836 pins – a 239.75 average – to take a 45-pin lead over former major league baseball pitcher John Burkett of Fort Worth, Texas.

Duke, 55, earlier this year won his 39th and 40th titles in Go Bowling! PBA Tour competition to become the third player in PBA Tour history to win 40 titles. In his two PBA50 Tour appearances in 2019, he finished fifth in the season-opening PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open in Clearwater, Florida, and third in the PBA50 National Championship in The Villages, Florida.

Burkett, 54, is trying for his first PBA50 Tour title in his fifth year as a “senior” player. Burkett, who grew up bowling in the Pittsburgh area, finished fourth in the 2015 Northern California Classic for his best career PBA50 Tour finish.

Bob Rosenau of Redding, California, retained third place with 3,778 pins. He was followed by Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Florida, with a 3,769 total and Parker Bohn III of Jackson, New Jersey, with 3,734 pins.

Tuesday's five-game cashers round begins at 8 a.m. Pacific followed by two eight-game modified round robin match play rounds to determine the top five players for the stepladder finals at 6:30 p.m.

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**PBA50 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CLASSIC**  
**presented by MOTIV**  
**Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood, Calif., Monday**

**SECOND ROUND STANDINGS (after 16 games. Top 16 advance to match play. Qualifiers 17-30 plus top eight PBA60 players out of the regular prize fund advance to five-game cashers round Tuesday at 8 a.m. to determine eight additional match play spots)**

- 1, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,836.
- 2, John Burkett, Fort Worth, Texas, 3,791.
- 3, Bob Rosenau, Redding, Calif., 3,778.
- 4, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,769.
- 5, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,734.
- 6, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3,728.
- 7, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 3,703.
- 8, n-George Aboud, San Jose, Calif., 3,671.
- 9, Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 3,666.
- 10, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,662.
- 11, ss-Skip Pavone, San Jose, Calif., 3,646.
- 12, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,638.
- 13, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 3,637.
- 14, Michael Smith, Centennial, Colo., 3,636.
- 15, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3,630.
- 16, ss-Paul Herrera, San Jose, Calif., 3,628.
- 17, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 3,620.
- 18, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3,599.
- 19, Mark Mazzulla, Brentwood, Calif., 3,588.
- 20, ss-Mike Mineman, St Louis, 3,581.
- 21, Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., 3,578.
- 22, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 3,570.
- 23, John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 3,550.
- 24, ss-Joe Salvemini, Colorado Springs, Colo., 3,538.
- 25, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 3,536.
- 26, ss-Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 3,534.
- 27, Bob Newman, Pacifica, Calif., 3,525.
- 28, Dennis Horan Jr., Oakley, Calif., 3,522.
- 29, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3,520.
- 30, ss-Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 3,518.
- 31, n-David Bolles, Stockton, Calif., 3,502.
- 32, ss-Alan Sabin, Winston, Ore, 3,500.
- 33, Joseph Petrovich, Tracy, Calif, 3,498.
- 34, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 3,493.
- 35, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,490.
- 36, Jay Hess, Gotha, Fla., 3,483.
- 37, ss-Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 3,481.
- 38, ss-Marty Deh, San Jose, Calif., 3,474.
- 39, Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 3,470.

- 40, ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 3,459.
- 41, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 3,457.
- 42, Brian Menini, Brookfield, Mo., 3,449.
- 43, Joe Goldstein Sr., San Bruno, Calif., 3,447.
- 44, Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., 3,444.
- 45, n-Rich Feinberg, Danville, Calif., 3,436.
- 46, Dave Han, Birmingham, Ala., 3,422.
- 47, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3,418.
- 48, ss-Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 3,402.
- 49, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 3,401.
- 50, ss-Dan Sasaki, Richmond, Calif., 3,400.
- 51, Russ Hunt, Kennewick, Wash., 3,393.
- 52, ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 3,391.
- 53, ss-n-Dennis Jones, Fremont, Calif., 3,386.
- 54, ss-Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 3,376.
- 55, n-Joe Baca, Brentwood, Calif., 3,363.
- 56, ss-Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 3,340.
- 57, Mark McCreary, Livermore, Calif., 3,332.
- 58, Rob Rice, Sunnyside, Wash., 3,328.
- 59, Ralph Reynolds, Upperlake, Calif., 3,326.
- 60, ss-Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 3,325.
- 61, ss-Jim Lesiuk, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 3,314.
- 62, Troy Silfies, Northglenn, Colo., 3,307.
- 63, ss-Mitchell Vernon, Olympia, Wash., 3,300.
- 64, ss-Rick Vandenberg, Ontario, Calif., 3,277.
- 65, ss-Gary Reh, Fort Mohave, Ariz., 3,273.
- 66, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 3,269.
- 67, ss-Stan Winters, Simi Valley, Calif., 3,268.
- 68, ss-Jim Gordin, Modesto, Calif., 3,261.
- 69, ss-Steve Davis, Manteca, Calif., 3,251.
- 70 (tie), Carl West, San Jose, Calif., and ss-Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wisc., 3,230.
- 72, Dan Schmerbach, St. Joseph, Mo., 3,213.
- 73, n-ss-Rodney Bridgeman, Vallejo, Calif., 3,199.
- 74, n-Keith Schmidt, Park City, Utah, 3,192.
- 75, Shane Horsman, Firerest, Wash., 3,180.
- 76, Juergen Siemers, Brentwood, Calif., 3,175.
- 77, n-Scott Luba, Dublin, Calif., 3,171.
- 78, n-Eric Hattrup, Martinez, Calif., 3,146.
- 79, n-ss-Pete Milkovich, Hercules, Calif., 3,130.
- 80, n-Larry Dyson, Stockton, Calif., 3,122.
- 81, ss-Scott Schimming, Tacoma, Wash., 3,115.
- 82, ss-Steve Ford, Seaside, Ore., 3,112.
- 83, ss-n-Paul Appling, Camarillo, Calif., 3,100.
- 84, Joe Beck, Montgomery, Ala., 3,070.
- 85, ss-Don Lane, San Francisco, 3,050.
- 86, ss-James Skaife, Antioch, Calif., 3,031.
- 87, Jim Horan, Mountain View, Calif., 3,027.
- 88, n-Steven Soto, Port Orchard, Wash., 2,997.
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## **O'Neill, Rash Win Round of 8 Matches to Complete PBA Playoffs Semifinal Matchups**

*Simonsen vs. Prather, O'Neill vs. Rash matches to air live at noon ET on FOX on June 1 from Bayside Bowl*

**PORTLAND, Maine (May 27, 2019)** – With wins by No. 6 seed Sean Rash and No. 7 seed Bill O'Neill in their Round of 8 matches that aired Monday on FS1, the stage has been set for the historic PBA Playoffs semifinal round matches that will be televised live on FOX on Saturday, June 1, leading into Sunday's championship finals at Bayside Bowl.

O'Neill and Rash will join No. 4 seed Anthony Simonsen and No. 9 seed Kris Prather in the Race to 2 Points format semifinal matches at Noon ET with the winners advancing to the championship match on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. The winner will take home \$100,000, the richest prize of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season.

In Monday's first Round of 8 contest, O'Neill, the winner of the season-opening PBA Hall of Fame Classic, beat fellow 10-time Go Bowling! PBA Tour winner No. 15 seed Wes Malott in both games of the Race to 2 Points match – 229-217 and 246-202 – to advance to the semifinals.

In the first game, the 37-year-old O'Neill recovered from a 4-6-7-10 split and an open in the third frame to defeat Malott.

"I could feel myself rushing and was having a little trouble trying to calm down," said O'Neill. "I was confident in my ball reaction but had to keep telling myself to settle down so I could focus on making good shots. In the Round of 16 against Jesper (Svensson) I learned that lesson. The crowd and atmosphere here just get you so amped up which adds to the normal pressure you experience to win the match.

"It been a super season so far," O'Neill said of his journey to the semifinals. "With the help of my dad I've put in a lot of work in the offseason and it's obviously paid off. I've had a great support system all around to get to this point so I'm confident I'll be as prepared as I can be when we come back."

In the second match, No. 14 seed Dom Barrett won the first game over Rash 226-205, and seemed to be in control in the second game after starting with a spare and six straight strikes, but an eight count and spare in the eighth frame provided a hard-charging Rash with an opportunity to come back for the win. Down by 21 in the fourth frame, Rash reeled off seven strikes to take the second game 268-253 to force the ninth and 10th frame roll-off. Rash completed the comeback victory in the roll-off with four strikes and the maximum 60 pins to Barrett's 40 to advance to the semifinals.

"I was just concentrating on filling frames and hoped it was enough to beat a great player," said Rash, who won the Mark Roth-Marshall Holman Doubles Classic with Matt Ogle for his 13th tour win earlier this season. "If I hit the pocket and didn't strike, I had to re-group and make sure I made the spares.

"I had two bad shots in the first game and I paid the penalty for both of them," Rash continued. "In the second game I made a decision to move right and could have bowled a 180 or 280. Fortunately, I was closer to 280 and was able to carry that momentum into the roll-off.

"The season's been a little frustrating with some highs and lows, but right now things are good and I'm looking forward to coming back to Bayside Bowl to make some history."

Rash, who earned a first-round bye advanced to the Round of 8 with a win against No. 11 Kyle Sherman in the Round of 16. O'Neill, who also earned a bye, advanced by beating No. 23 Jesper Svensson in the Round of 16.

The journey to the PBA Playoffs semifinals started in January with the PBA Hall of Fame Classic. After 13 Go Bowling! PBA Tour tournaments – including three majors – the top 24 players on the PBA Playoffs points list earned berths in the Playoffs and a trip to Bayside Bowl for Round of 24, 16 and 8 matches that aired on FS1 over the past eight weeks.

To view a PBA Playoffs bracket click on  
[https://www.pba.com/Content/Images/playoffs/2019\\_PBA\\_Playoff\\_Bracket.pdf](https://www.pba.com/Content/Images/playoffs/2019_PBA_Playoff_Bracket.pdf)

## **PBA PLAYOFFS ROUND OF 8 RESULTS**

**Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine**

**(aired Monday on FS1. Race to 2 Points format. Winners advance to semifinals. Losers earn \$8,000)**

### **Match One**

**No. 7 Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa. def. No. 15 Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 2-0**

Game 1 – O'Neill def. Malott, 229-217 (one point earned for O'Neill).

Game 2 – O'Neill def. Malott, 246-202 (one point earned for O'Neill).

### **Match Two**

**No. 6 Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill. def. No. 14 Dom Barrett, England, 2-1**

Game 1 – Barrett def. Rash, 226-205 (one point earned for Barrett).

Game 2 – Rash def. Barrett, 268-253 (one point earned for Rash).

Roll-off - Rash won roll-off 60-40 (one point earned for Rash).

## **PBA PLAYOFFS SEMIFINAL AND CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH SCHEDULE**

**Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine (Race to 2 Points format, live on FOX)**

### **June 1 (Noon ET)**

Match One - Anthony Simonsen vs. Kris Prather.

Match Two – Bill O'Neill vs. Sean Rash.

**June 2 (12:30 p.m.)** – Simonsen-Prather winner vs. O'Neill-Rash winner.

## **Robert Riggle Wins First PBA Title in Colony Park Lanes Eastern Challenge**

**York, Pa. (May 25, 2019)** – Robert Riggle of Virginia Beach, Va., defeated Brian Kasperowski of Dickson City, Pa., 238-164, to win his first Professional Bowlers Association title in the PBA Colony Park Lanes Eastern Challenge presented by Columbia 300 on Saturday.

PBA Challenge events are open to any member or non-member who has never won a PBA event.

Riggle, who recently reinstated his membership, was bowling in his fourth career PBA event. He was one of the final bowlers to get into the sold-out field. Kasperowski, a second-year member, was bowling in his eighth career event and had a previous best finish of 20th. Riggle earned \$1,500 for the win while Kasperowski earned \$1,100 for his runner-up finish.

The PBA East Region's next tournament will be the PBA Homefield Bowl Eastern Open presented by MOTIV at Homefield Bowl in Yonkers, N.Y., June 14-16.

**PBA COLONY PARK LANES EASTERN CHALLENGE**  
**presented by Columbia 300**  
**Colony Park Lanes North, York, Pa., Saturday**

**Championship:**

Robert Riggie, Virginia Beach, Va. (\$1,500) def. Brian Kasperowski, Dickson City, Pa. (\$1,100), 238-164.

**Semifinal Round (losers earned \$800):**

Riggie def. Todd Sigeti, Lititz, Pa., 195-189.

Kasperowski def. Howard Ayres, Horseheads, N.Y., 205-167.

**Round of 8 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$550 each):**

Riggie def. Travis Kreiger, Harrisburg, Pa., 2-0.

Kasperowski def. n-Ryan Graham, Lancaster, Pa., 2-1.

Sigeti def. Scott Kinkaid, Elizabethtown, Pa., 2-1.

Ayres def. Josh Schmehl, Millsboro, Del., 2-1.

**Round of 16 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$450 each):**

**Riggie def. Tommy Dakouvanos, N. Middletown, N.J., 2-1.**

**Kasperowski def. Adam Travis, Cockeysville, Md., 2-1.**

**Sigeti def. Brian Prye, Waynesboro, Pa., 2-0.**

**Ayres def. Adam Chase, N. Babylon, N.Y., 2-0.**

**Kreiger def. Ryan Graywacz, Canastota, N.Y., 2-0.**

**Kinkaid def. Matt Wozney, Clayton, Del., 2-0.**

**Graham def. Frank Gray, Jr., North East, Md., 2-1.**

**Schmehl def. Darryl Carreon, Woodbridge, Va., 2-1.**

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"Final Four" Set for Historic Battles as Inaugural PBA Playoffs Concludes

Semifinal, championship rounds set for live coverage on FOX Saturday and Sunday

PORTLAND, Maine – Two players who have already locked up their futures as Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famers and two others who represent the elite among the rising young stars of the PBA will return to center stage at Bayside Bowl this weekend as the inaugural PBA Playoffs concludes with live telecasts Saturday at noon and Sunday at 12:30 p.m. EDT on FOX.

The PBA Playoffs, a showcase competition that began with 13 Go Bowling! PBA Tour events just to qualify for its elite 24-player field, is the spotlight event in the PBA's first year of broadcast and cable television coverage by FOX Sports on its FS1 and FOX networks. It will conclude Sunday when the two

winners from Saturday's semifinal round matches meet on FOX in a "race to 2 points" finale with a \$100,000 first prize at stake.

The weekend script goes like this:

On Saturday at noon, the semifinals will begin with 27-year-old Kris Prather of Plainfield, Illinois, taking on 22-year-old Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, in the opening "race to 2 points" match.

Kris Prather: a native of Milton, Florida and a former Wichita State University star, used his new-found confidence to win his first PBA Tour title in the PBA Scorpion Championship during the 2019 PBA World Series of Bowling. Six championship round appearances in 2018 without a title suggested that Prather was on the final lap of his title chase, and he finally took the checkered flag in Detroit. He barely missed earning a first-round bye for the Playoffs (qualifying as the No. 9 seed), but he made his presence known quickly by knocking off Darren Tang of San Francisco, 207-183, in the one-game Round of 24. He then eliminated Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Florida, 2-0, in his Round of 16 "race to 2 points" match; and pulled off the biggest upset of the Playoffs when he sent No. 1 seed Jason Belmonte of Australia to the sidelines with a 197-165, 224-214 sweep in the quarterfinal round. The enthusiastic fans in Portland, Maine, call Prather "the Shark."

Anthony Simonsen: Simonsen, a six-time PBA Tour title winner, is the youngest player ever to win two PBA major titles (2016 USBC Masters at age 19 and the 2019 PBA Players Championship at age 22). He won the Players Championship title by defeating fellow two-hander Jason Belmonte, 232-212. Simonsen enters Saturday's match as the highest-seeded survivor in the Playoffs, seeded No. 4, after eliminating Rhino Page of Orlando, Florida, 2-1 in a match decided by his 49-39 win in a two-frame roll-off in the Round of 16 followed by a similar 56-39 two-frame roll-off victory over Colombia's Andres Gomez in the Round of 8. Simonsen, a fan favorite in Portland, has been nicknamed "Juiceboxx" in reference to his tender age.

The winner of the match between the two young 20-something stars will bowl for the Playoffs championship on Sunday against the winner of the second semifinal match between a pair of future PBA Hall of Famers, 37-year-old Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania, and 36-year-old Sean Rash of Montgomery, Illinois:

Bill O'Neill: the former Saginaw Valley State collegiate star punched his future election into the PBA Hall of Fame in the 2019 season-opener when he won his 10th career title in the PBA Hall of Fame Classic. A 14-year PBA member, O'Neill was PBA's 2006 Rookie of the Year and won his only major title in the 2010 U.S. Open. Four championship round finishes in 2019 helped him earn the No. 7 seed and a first-round bye in the PBA Playoffs. He then rolled his way into the semifinals with a 57-39 two-frame roll-off victory over Sweden's Jesper Svensson in the Round of 16 followed by a 229-217, 246-202 sweep of Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas in the Round of 8. His fans call him "The Real Deal."

Sean Rash: an Alaska native and former Wichita State star, Rash also is PBA Hall of Fame title-eligible based upon his 13 career titles including two majors (2007 USBC Masters and 2012 PBA Tournament of Champions), plus 2012 PBA Player of the Year honors. He won his 13th title in partnership with Matt Ogle of Louisville, Kentucky, in the 2019 Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship, and earned the No. 6 seed for the Playoffs to also earn a first-round bye. In the Round of 16, he dispatched young Kyle Sherman of O'Fallon, Missouri, 227-175, 237-214, and then earned his berth in the semifinals with a come-from-behind battle with England's Dom Barrett. After losing the first game, 268-205, Rash outlasted Barrett, 268-253, to send the match into overtime where Rash won the two-frame roll-off with a perfect four-strike performance, 60-40. The Bayside Bowl faithful know Rash as "Rash."

In keeping with the format used throughout the PBA Playoffs finals (except for the single-game Round of 24), the semifinal and championship rounds will be decided in "race to 2 points" matches. Each game is worth one point. If the match is tied at 1-1 after two regulation games, the final point will be determined in a ninth-and-10th frame roll-off. In the Rounds of 16 and 8, seven of the 12 matches were decided by roll-offs.

Sunday's championship telecast will be a 90-minute telecast beginning at 12:30 p.m. EDT. In addition to the championship match, the special live FOX telecast will include the traditional broadcast team of announcer Rob Stone, analyst Randy Pedersen and sideline reporter Kimberly Pressler, plus input by PBA Tour competitors Jason Belmonte and Kyle Troup as bonus commentators. The telecast also will include the special analytics introduced by FOX for the 2019 season plus the addition of a second super slow-motion camera, and a "jib" camera that will provide unique perspective shots inside Bayside Bowl.

### **Mike Dias Beats Parker Bohn III to Win PBA50 Northern California Classic for Third PBA50 Tour title**

*Dias beats Bohn 227-217 in title match battle that goes down to 10th frame*

**BRENTWOOD, Calif. (May 28, 2019)** – Mike Dias of Lafayette, Colorado, defeated PBA Hall of Famer and fellow left-hander Parker Bohn III of Jackson, New Jersey, 227-217, in the title match to win the PBA50 Northern California Classic presented by MOTIV at Harvest Park Bowl Tuesday for his third career PBA50 Tour title.

Dias, who was the top qualifier for the stepladder finals, had trouble with pin carry in the first half of the match leaving four nine counts in the first five frames, but after making what he called a minor adjustment, struck on the next four shots.

"I was getting to the pocket fine but needed to make a small adjustment with my hand position," said the 62-year-old Dias. "I started getting a little more aggressive by getting my hand around the ball more at release and just moved one board to the left to get a better angle and that helped solve the carry problem."

After striking on his first shot of the 10th frame, Bohn, trying for his fifth career PBA50 Tour title, had an opportunity to win the match with another strike on the second shot of the frame but left a solid 7 pin which gave Dias the victory.

Bohn, who qualified second for the finals, beat No. 3 qualifier Skip Pavone of San Jose, California, 280-256, in the semifinal to advance to the title match.

"You know you're going to have your hands full trying to beat a great bowler like Parker," said Dias, who advanced all the way from the cashers round earlier in the day to take the top qualifying spot. "Even though he was coming off a big game, I knew he was going to have to adjust to some transition. I thought it might take something like 220 or 230 to win and it turned out to be close to that."

Dias' last PBA50 Tour win came in the 2014 PBA50 Grants Pass Open but he did win the USBC Super Senior Classic for players 60 and over in 2018 for his first PBA60 title.

"I always thought I could win on the PBA50 Tour again," Dias added. "You just never know how many opportunities you'll get but you try to make the most of every opportunity like I was able to do today."

In a match between two hall of famers, five-time PBA50 Tour winner Norm Duke of Clermont, Florida, beat 2017 PBA50 Miller Lite Players Championship winner Bryan Goebel of Shawnee, Kansas, in the opening stepladder match 268-212. In the second match, Pavone, making his first championship round appearance, beat Duke 245-228 to advance to the semifinal against Bohn.

The PBA50 Tour heads to Las Vegas for the USBC Super Senior Classic May 29-June 2, where Dias will defend his title, to be followed by the USBC Senior Masters June 3-9. Both events are hosted by Sam's Town and will be streamed live on [bowltv.com](http://bowltv.com).

The Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm, the season's third major, follows the Senior Masters June 10-14 and will be streamed live by FloBowling. Visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com) for subscription and schedule information.

## **PBA50 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CLASSIC**

**Presented by MOTIV**

**Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood, Calif., Tuesday**

### **Final standings:**

- 1, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., \$7,500.
- 2, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., \$4,000
- 3, Skip Pavone, San Jose, Calif., \$3,000.
- 4, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., \$2,500.
- 5, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., \$2,000.

### **Stepladder Results:**

**Match One** – Duke def. Goebel, 268-212.

**Match Two** – Pavone def. Duke, 245-228.

**Semifinal** – Bohn def. Pavone, 280-256.

**Championship** – Dias def. Bohn, 227-217.

### **Match Play Round 2 (after six games, including match play record and total pinfall including bonus pins. Top five advance to stepladder finals)**

- 1, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 5-1, 1,663.
- 2, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 5-1, 1,651.
- 3, ss-Skip Pavone, San Jose, Calif., 3-3, 1,635.
- 4, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 4-2, 1,590.
- 5, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 4-2, 1,565.
- 6, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 4-2, 1,544, \$1,500.

- 7, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3-3, 1,509, \$1,600.
- 8, n-George Aboud, San Jose, Calif., 4-2, 1,500, \$1,500.
- 9, John Burkett, Fort Worth, Texas, 3-3, 1,479, \$1,400.
- 10, Dennis Horan Jr., Oakley, Calif., 3-2-1, 1,436, \$1,300.
- 11, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 2-3-1, 1,424, \$1,300.
- 12, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 2-4, 1,405, \$1,300.
- 13, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 2-4, 1,372, \$1,300.
- 14, Bob Rosenau, Redding, Calif., 1-5, 1,315, \$1,300.
- 15, ss-Paul Herrera, San Jose, Calif., 2-4, 1,221, \$1,300.
- 16, Bob Newman, Pacifica, Calif., 0-6, 1,094, \$1,300.

**Match Play Round 1 (after five games, including match play record and total pinfall including bonus pins)**

- 17, Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 3-2, 1,157, \$1,100.
- 18, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 2-3, 1,141, \$1,100.
- 19, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3-2, 1,139, \$1,100.
- 20, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 1-4, 1,114, \$1,100.
- 21, ss-Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1-3-1, 1,108, \$1,100.
- 22, Michael Smith, Centennial, Colo., 3-2, 1,089, \$1,100.
- 23, ss-Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 0-5, 1,063, \$1,100.
- 24, Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., 1-4, 1,056, \$1,100.

**Other Cashers (after five-game cashers round)**

- 25, (tie) Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., and John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 1,119, \$1,050.
- 26, ss-Mike Mineman, St Louis, 1,112, \$1,050.
- 27, Mark Mazzulla, Brentwood, Calif., 1,111, \$1,050.
- 28, ss-Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 1,106, \$1,050.
- 29, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,095, \$1,050.
- 30, ss-Joe Salvemini, Colorado Springs, Colo., 1,085, \$1,000.
- 31, ss-Marty Deh, San Jose, Calif., 1,084, \$1,000.
- 32, ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 1,083, \$1,000.
- 33, ss-Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 1,071, \$1,000.
- 34, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,069, \$1,000.
- 35, ss-Alan Sabin, Winston, Ore, 1,044, \$1,000.
- 37 (tie) ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 993 and ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 974, \$1,000.

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ss-PBA60 players ages 60 and over

Kris Prather, Anthony Simonsen Ready to Kick Off PBA Playoffs Finale

Future stars bowl opening semifinal round match live on FOX Saturday

PORTLAND, Maine – After 13 tournaments and nearly six months of competition, Kris Prather and Anthony Simonsen are ready to do battle at Bayside Bowl Saturday at noon EDT, live on FOX, as the inaugural Professional Bowlers Association Playoffs heads into Sunday's finale at 12:30 p.m. EDT, also live on FOX.

The PBA Playoffs began with the PBA Hall of Fame Classic in January in Arlington, Texas. After 13 Go Bowling! PBA Tour events, the elite field of 24 qualifiers is now down to four contenders for the \$100,000 first prize that will be decided in Sunday's "race to 2 points" match. The contestants will be the winners of Saturday's semifinal round matches, beginning with the showdown between Prather, a 27-year-old right-hander from Plainfield, Illinois, and Simonsen, a 22-year-old two-hander who resides in Little Elm, Texas. Whomever wins will bowl for the championship against the winner of the Bill O'Neill-Sean Rash semifinal match that follows.

Prather, the dark horse in the final four, qualified for the Playoffs as the lowest remaining seed – No. 9. Simonsen is the highest surviving seed, qualifying No. 4. Prather enters the semifinal round after winning all three preliminary matches without losing a single game. Simonsen, who was exempt from the Round of 24, had to win two-frame roll-offs in both of his preliminary matches in order to advance.

But both are ready for Saturday's showdown.

"I feel like I'm as prepared as I can be," Prather said. "I don't feel like I'm missing anything. I think it's important not to over emphasize the job at hand and get over-hyped.

"It will be an opportunity to put a stamp on the year and it will set the tone for the second half of the season," he continued. "Obviously, it's been very satisfying to get to this point, but I don't want to be overwhelmed by the thought of the possibility of being the first Playoffs champion. Hopefully I'll have the opportunity to reflect on that when it's over."

Prather has had plenty of opportunities to bowl in “pressure” matches, both as a collegiate star at Wichita State University and in five years of PBA competition.

“There were a lot of close matches that went into the roll-off (in Portland), and with the quality of players who made the finals, I anticipate that happening again,” Prather added. “Beating Belmo (top seed Jason Belmonte of Australia) was a big confidence booster and showed that if I I’m ever in that position again, I have the potential of doing it again. I know if I get into that position again where I need a clutch performance in the 10th frame or in a roll-off, I’ll feel more relaxed because I’ve been there before.”

Advancing to the PBA Playoffs also has given Prather his first chance to bowl in front of the always loud, always enthusiastic crowd inside Portland’s Bayside Bowl.

“It may sound strange, but having the crowd behind you is much more of a stress-reliever than it is a distraction,” Prather said. “There’s actually more pressure feeling that if I don’t win, I’ll let them down, so I want to be sure that I channel their support and energy in a way that enhances my performance on the lanes.”

Prather and Simonsen have bowled against each other only one previous time on television, and that win went to Simonsen, 247-203, in the stepladder finals of the Go Bowling! Greater Jonesboro Open earlier in the 2019 season.

Simonsen also is ready to go, but he isn't heading to Portland with any more emotion than any other tournament.

"I've been following my normal routine," he said. "I'm really looking at it like it's another event. I tend to not practice a lot, except for the past couple of weeks because we haven't been bowling in competition lately. I took a couple of weeks off just to refresh myself and then I got back at it."

Simonsen admits he isn't much for practice under any circumstances.

"No sir. I'm more of a feel type of bowler," he said. "For me it's a matter of getting comfortable on the lanes. I'll practice if we haven't bowled tour events in a while. Otherwise I don't practice too much."

And he hasn't given the \$100,000 first prize much thought either.

"There's a whole lot of bowling left before you get to the title. I haven't given it too much thought," he said. "The money's there, of course, but I'm trying to keep it as simple as possible. You have to win first before you can worry about the rest of it."

What about Bayside's fans?

"I love 'em," Simonsen said. "There's probably only one other place that has fans like that. The Swedish League is pretty incredible, from videos I've seen. I'm not involved with it, but I'd like to go, just to experience it."

"One of the things I tell people about experiencing Portland is that it's indescribable. You can't know what it's like until you make a trip out there."

Prather and Simonsen both expect the Bayside Bowl fans to be at their best this weekend.

### **O'Neill or Rash: Who Will Win the Final Berth in PBA Playoffs Finale?**

*Future PBA Hall of Famers to meet in second semifinal round match live on FOX Saturday*

**PORTLAND, Maine** – Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania, and Sean Rash of Montgomery, Illinois, will both be elected to the Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Fame at some point in the future, but a victory in the inaugural PBA Playoffs would provide another accomplishment each player would love to have on his resumé.

One of the two will get his shot at that prestigious victory when they meet in the final semifinal round showdown at Bayside Bowl Saturday at noon EDT, live on FOX. Whomever wins will advance to the PBA Playoffs championship match Sunday at 12:30 p.m. EDT, also live on FOX, against the winner of the first semifinal match between Kris Prather-Anthony Simonsen.

O'Neill, 37, began his march to the PBA Playoffs in January when he won the PBA Hall of Fame Classic in Arlington, Texas, for his 10th career PBA Tour title. That win secured his eligibility for the PBA Hall of Fame ballot when he enters his 20th year of PBA membership. O'Neill earned the No. 7 seed for the Playoffs.

Rash, 36, won his only 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour title in the Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship with partner Matt Ogle of Louisville, Kentucky. Rash, now a 13-time PBA Tour title winner, also is PBA Hall of Fame title-eligible. Rash earned the No. 6 seed for the Playoffs.

There are a number of similarities between the two:

- Both joined the PBA in 2005 which means they will both be “participation-eligible” for election to the PBA Hall of Fame in the same year: 2025.
- Both are currently in their 14th years of PBA Tour competition.
- Both are members of the “PBA Millionaires Club” (exceeding \$1 million in career earnings).
- Both are former collegiate stars (O’Neill at Saginaw Valley State in Michigan, Rash at Wichita State in Kansas).
- Both are married with two young children.
- Both have competed internationally as members of Team USA.
- Both have served the sport as athlete representatives on the United States Bowling Congress board of directors.

One interesting distinction about the pair? They have never bowled against each other on television, so in addition to all of the other issues, bragging rights are at stake Saturday.

“I don’t have any experience bowling against Sean in a tour telecast but I’ve faced him in match play many times,” O’Neill said. “I think Sean’s strong suit is his versatility and when he’s locked in he’s able to maintain that momentum which makes him hard to beat.”

Said Rash, “You’ve got four very deserving and versatile players in the finals so it could easily come down to whomever catches the good break at a key point in the match and takes advantage of it.”

O’Neill isn’t over-thinking Saturday’s matchup, nor is he letting the magnitude of the weekend get in his head.

“I know this event can be a career-defining moment for me, but that’s something I can think about after this weekend,” O’Neill said. “Once I get there, my preparation will be the same as it is for every tournament. I’ll be concentrating on making sure my mental and physical game are synched up which I do for every event. It will be a matter of trying to develop a routine where I can make the best possible shots.”

The Bayside Bowl crowd, O’Neill said, provides the kind of atmosphere he has always dreamed about as a professional bowler.

“This environment is what we should be bowling in every tournament,” he said. “In fact, it’s more comfortable for me to bowl in front of a crowd like we have at Bayside than when we bowl when it’s quiet because any little sound can be a distraction. You can use the energy to your advantage, but you also have to avoid getting too pumped up.”

Rash has had some physical and mental issues to deal with during the 2019 season, but he feels like he’s physically refreshed and emotionally ready to go for the weekend.

“It’s been a more grueling season for me to this point; it’s had its ups and downs, but overall I think I’ve bowled pretty well, so I think from a physical and mental standpoint I’ll be where I need to be when the lights go on.

“If you look at the Playoffs to this point, there haven’t been many really high scores,” he added. “It’s been more of a grind with a lot of close matches that have gone into roll-offs. If that holds true for the finals, like I’ve said before, it’s as simple as making the best shot you can and if you don’t strike, you need to fill the frames. If history is any indication, you’re also going to need to catch some breaks and take advantage of opportunities when they present themselves.”

One thing Rash is certain about is bowling in front of the Bayside Bowl faithful is going to be fun.

"I know we're all looking forward to the 'sporting event' atmosphere at Bayside Bowl," he said. "(All four of us) are going to give the Portland fans and the fans watching on FOX a show they're going to remember."

## **THIS WEEKEND ON FOX: PBA Playoffs Semifinals Saturday at Noon ET; Finals Sunday at 12:30 p.m.**

**PORTLAND, Maine (May 31, 2019)** -- Another chapter in PBA history will be written when Anthony Simonsen, Kris Prather, Bill O'Neill and Sean Rash return to Bayside Bowl Saturday and Sunday for the live semifinal and final rounds of the inaugural PBA Playoffs on FOX. In addition to becoming the first PBA Playoffs champion, the winner takes home a \$100,000 first prize, the biggest payday of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season.

The first semifinal match gets underway at noon ET Saturday with No. 4 seed Simonsen vs. No. 9 seed Prather. It will be followed by No. 6 Rash vs. No. 7 O'Neill. The winners will return for the Finals at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday.

The journey to the PBA Playoffs semifinals started in January with the PBA Hall of Fame Classic, the first Go Bowling! PBA Tour tournament of the season. After 12 more tournaments – including three majors (PBA Tournament of Champions, PBA Players Championship and USBC Masters) – the top 24 players on the points list earned berths in the Playoffs and a trip to Bayside Bowl for Round of 24, 16 and 8 matches that aired on FS1 over the past eight weeks.

The 2019 season has already been a milestone season for both Simonsen and Prather.

Simonsen won the PBA Players Championship to become the youngest player to win two majors (at age 22). After seven consecutive top five finishes over the past two seasons, the 27-year-old Prather finally broke through for his first PBA Tour title by winning the PBA Scorpion Championship at World Series of Bowling X.

Saturday's second stepladder match will feature a pair of PBA Tour veterans and future Hall of Fame candidates. O'Neill won the season-opening PBA Hall of Fame Classic for his 10th PBA Tour title and Rash won the PBA Mark Roth-Marshall Holman Doubles Championship with Matt Ogle for his 13th PBA Tour title. The pair of 14-year PBA Tour veterans will bowl in a head-to-head match on national television for the first time.

Competition will once again feature the unique Race to 2 Points format where each game won in the match is worth one point. If the players split the first two games, a ninth and 10th frame tie-breaker is used to award the deciding point.

Sunday's 90-minute finals telecast will feature the broadcast team of announcer Rob Stone, analyst Randy Pedersen and sideline reporter Kimberly Pressler, plus input by PBA Tour competitors Jason Belmonte and Kyle Troup as bonus commentators. The telecast also will include the special analytics introduced by FOX for the 2019 season plus the addition of a second super slow-motion camera, and a "jib" camera that will provide unique perspective shots inside Bayside Bowl.

## PBA Spare Shots

### WALTER RAY WILLIAMS JR. TOPS FLOBOWLING'S PBA50 "POWER RANKING" LIST

After kicking off the 2019 PBA50 Tour season with three consecutive victories, boosting his career total to a record-tying 14 PBA50 Tour titles, it's no surprise that PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. earned the No. 1 ranking in FloBowling's unofficial ranking of "senior tour" players.

Rounding out the top 10 in the power rankings after five tournaments and leading into the PBA50 Tour's second and third major tournaments of 2019, is a Hall of Fame-dominated field. The players' ranking position prior to last week's Northern California Classic are listed in parenthesis. The PBA50 power rankings are arbitrarily selected by FloBowling announcers who regularly cover PBA50 events:

- 1) Walter Ray Williams Jr. (1);
- 2) Norm Duke (2);
- 3) Michael Haugen Jr. (3);
- 4) Amleto Monacelli (4);
- 5) Parker Bohn III (7);
- 6) Ron Mohr (6);
- 7) Brian LeClair (5);
- 8) Bryan Goebel (14);
- 9) Lennie Boresch Jr. (8);
- 10) Danny Wiseman (9).

Previously unranked Mike Dias, the NorCal Classic winner, just missed the top 10, earning the No. 11 ranking. Among the top 10, all except Haugen, LeClair and Boresch are not members of the PBA Hall of Fame.

Next up for the PBA50 Tour are the USBC Super Senior Classic (for players 60-and-older), the USBC Senior Masters and the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm – all in Las Vegas. The Senior U.S. Open and all regularly-schedule PBA50 Tour events are covered live, from start to finish, by FloBowling. The USBC Super Senior Classic and Senior Masters will be live streamed by USBC's BowlTV premium service. Visit Bowl.com for details.

## PBA BOWLING CHALLENGE MOBILE GAME OFFERS "PBA PLAYOFFS" SPECIAL EVENT

The inaugural PBA Playoffs calls for a special limited-time tournament for Concrete Software's PBA Bowling Challenge mobile device players.

The PBA Bowling Challenge mobile game will offer a PBA Playoffs tournament inside a custom PBA venue. To enter, download PBA Bowling Challenge to your mobile device and start bowling in the limited-time tournament on June 3 at 1 p.m. EDT and try to post a higher score than the PBA Playoffs winner bowls in game two of the championship match (you can find out the score to beat during the live telecast on FOX on Sunday, June 2 at 12:30 p.m. EDT).

Each score you bowl that beats the winner's game two score will count as an entry. One entry will be randomly selected as the winner and will receive a bowling pin signed by the PBA Playoffs champion plus 6,000 Gold Pins. The sweepstakes ends at 1 a.m. EDT on June 10.

To play PBA Bowling Challenge, visit: <http://bit.ly/Download-PBA>. For the official rules, visit: [http://bit.ly/PBA\\_OfficialRules](http://bit.ly/PBA_OfficialRules).

## PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: DAVIDSON, RIGGLE WIN FIRST PBA REGIONAL TITLES

- Michael Davidson of Versailles, Ohio defeated Michael Martell of Brooklyn, N.Y., 247-194, to win the PBA Celeste Walker Midwest/Central Open presented by American Family Insurance and Track at Strike & Spare II in Lockport, Ill., Saturday.

Davidson, who earned his first regional title and \$1,800 for the one-day, reduced entry fee event, downed non-PBA member Bryan Bourget of Woonsocket, R.I., 200-169, while Martell edged Matt Staninger of Centerville, Ohio, 247-231, in semifinal round matches to set up the championship match.

- Robert Riggle of Virginia Beach, Va., defeated Brian Kasperowski of Dickson City, Pa., 238-164, to win his first PBA title in the PBA Colony Park Lanes Eastern Challenge presented by Columbia 300 in York, Pa., on Saturday. PBA Challenge events are open to any member or non-member who has never won a PBA event.

Riggle, who recently reinstated his membership, was bowling in his fourth career PBA event. He was one of the final bowlers to get into the sold-out field. Kasperowski, a second-year member, was bowling in his eighth career event and had a previous best finish of 20th. Riggle also earned \$1,500 for the win.

- PBA's Regional program moves into the summer with a trio of tournaments over the June 8-9 weekend including the Elkhart Central/Midwest Open presented by 900 Global at Country Club Lanes in Elkhart, Ind., and a pair of one-day events in Minnesota: the River City Extreme Midwest Open presented by Hammer on June 8 in Monticello followed by the Mermaid Lanes Midwest Open presented by Columbia 300 in Moundsview on Sunday.

- The June 14-16 weekend schedule of PBA Regional activity features the Homefield Bowl Eastern Open presented by MOTIV in Yonkers, N.Y., and the Timmy See Memorial Tavares South Open at Break Point Alley in Tavares, Fla.

- PBA Regional tournaments on tap for the June 21-23 weekend include the PBA50 Ned Micelli Memorial presented by Ebonite at Herrill Lanes in New Hyde Park, N.Y.; the Pro Bowl West/Midwest Challenge presented by Ebonite for non-title winners in Fort Wayne, Ind.; the PBA50 Sand Hills South Open at Sand Hills Bowling Center in Aberdeen, N.C., and the PBA/PBA50 Epicenter Northwest/West Open doubleheader in Klamath Falls, Ore.

- Closing out the June PBA Regional calendar will be the PBA-PBA50 John Kontos Memorial Midwest/Central Doubles Open at Town & Country Lanes in Joliet, Ill., and the Century Lanes Hampton South Open in Hampton, Va. Also on the June 28-30 schedule is the PBA Tour's Lubbock Sports Shootout presented by Ebonite at South Plains Lanes in Lubbock, Texas. The Lubbock Sports Shootout kicks off the Go Bowling! PBA Summer Tour and USBC Cup points series.
- Heading into the 4th of July weekend, Bowl 10 Fairborn will host the PBA50 Fairborn Central Classic presented by Roto Grip Monday-Wednesday, July 1-3, in Fairborn, Ohio. Closing the extended holiday weekend July 5-7 will be the PBA50 Greater Freeport Midwest/Central Open at 4 Seasons Bowl in Freeport, Ill.; the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Southwest Doubles presented by DV8 at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla., and the PBA/PBA50 Vanessa Brown Homes West Open doubleheader presented by Track at Yosemite Lanes in Modesto, Calif.
- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit [pba.com](http://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](http://pba.com) (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

## QUICK NOTES

- The two most recent PBA Playoffs In Brief episodes covering the past two week's telecasts are now available at the following links:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kxX6WpyUOp8> and  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xnuhMJKbFMc>.
- Reminder: Applications for the 2019 PBA Billy Welu Scholarship Award, recognizing exemplary qualities in male or female college students who excel in academics as well as in the sport of bowling, are being accepted through June 21. The winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. To be eligible candidates must be amateur bowlers who are currently in college (preceding the application date) and maintaining at least a 2.5/4.0 GPA or equivalent. The two-part application can be retrieved by downloading the files from this link <http://www.pba.com/Corporate/Scholarships>.
- Reminder: The 10th annual Rhino Page Lace Up to Strike Out Crohn's and Colitis fundraiser is set for Saturday, June 15, at South Levittown Lanes in Levittown, N.Y. Since its inception in cooperation with the Tyler Cacioppo family event has raised more than \$300,000 to fight the debilitating gastrointestinal diseases. For more information about the event, visit: [www.strikeoutcrohns.com](http://www.strikeoutcrohns.com).

## **Dark Horse Kris Prather, Veteran Bill O'Neill Advance to PBA Playoffs Finale**

*Championship match live on FOX Sunday at 12:30 p.m. Eastern*

**PORTLAND, Maine (June 1, 2019)** – Dark horse contender Kris Prather of Plainfield, Illinois and veteran Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania, will bowl for the inaugural Professional Bowlers Association Playoffs Championship Sunday after emotional victories in the semifinal round Saturday at Bayside Bowl.

Sunday's championship match between Prather and O'Neill for a \$100,000 first prize will air live on FOX at 12:30 p.m. EDT.

Prather, the lowest seeded player in the finals at No. 9, needed a win in the two-frame roll-off to eliminate No. 4 seed Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, while the No. 7-seeded O'Neill was nearly perfect in sweeping his "race to 2 points" match against No. 6 Sean Rash of Montgomery, Illinois, 258-214 and 289-266.

In the opening match, Prather spotted Simonsen a 19-pin lead after two frames when he fouled in the second frame. But he rebounded with a string of five strikes, taking advantage of Simonsen's inability to put any strikes together, to run away with the first game, 217-179.

"My feet got quick (on the foul) because I was trying to throw the ball a little too hard," Prather said, "but I'm kinda glad I did that because it helped me refocus. I was throwing the wrong ball, so I made a ball change and I was fine."

Simonsen made a big move to the inside of the lane in game two, and threw a string of six strikes of his own for a 247-216 win to send the match into the two-frame roll-off, which Prather won, 49-40, when he struck on his first two shots while Simonsen struck, but then left a 7 pin on a weak pocket hit on his second attempt.

"I was nervous as hell," Prather said. "Normally I take a couple of deep breaths to release the energy and calm down, but down the stretch, I was kind of out of it. I'm honestly surprised I threw a double in the roll-off. My hand was shaking when I tried to grip the ball."

"I didn't think I was going to win after I didn't strike (on my third shot) because his look was so good. I'm kinda mind-blown about that. When he started striking, I knew the (Bayside fans) we're going to ring that bell (signaling a roll-off was going to decide the match). I'm thinking it's going to come down to four more shots and then you realize it's going to come down to one shot for a shot at \$100,000."

"It's almost impossible not to think about (the money)," Prather continued, "but now that I'm in the final two, life for my wife and I is going to be different, no matter what happens."

O'Neill and Rash, two future PBA Hall of Famers with very similar credentials, engaged in a strikefest that was much closer than the scores might indicate. O'Neill threw 10 strikes to win the first game, 258-214, but after throwing a 4-9 split and failing to convert in the first frame, Rash rallied behind a string of five strikes and had a chance to tie the match with another strike in the ninth frame. He left a 10 pin and missed, and O'Neill threw four more strikes to close the match and win by 44 pins.

"Sean's shot in the ninth frame was probably his worst in the whole match, and it wasn't that bad," O'Neill said.

In the second game, neither player missed the pocket until the match was decided. The difference was an 8 pin Rash left on a perfect pocket hit in the fourth frame while O'Neill flirted with perfection, throwing the first 10 strikes before leaving a 10 pin on his 11th attempt.

"My mental approach for this event, and my past few times on TV, has really helped me out," O'Neill said. "It keeps me grounded, keeps my tempo under control. It was especially important with as great as Sean was bowling."

"I almost feel bad for him, but I've been on the other side of it, too," O'Neill said.

His bid for a nationally-televised 300 game wasn't a factor until after he had thrown his first strike in the 10th frame to clinch the win.

"I wasn't focusing on 300; I was focusing on the match," O'Neill said. "I didn't make that great of a shot in the 11th, but I knew I had the match won and then I got a little excited because I've never been in that situation before. At that moment, I wasn't thinking about 300. I didn't care."

Sunday, Prather and O'Neill will bowl for the richest prize either of them has ever won. Prather's incentive? After the 2018 season, he was seriously pondering putting his bowling balls in the closet and calling it a career. But after clinching a chance to win \$100,000 Sunday, he's no longer thinking about giving up on the PBA. "Bowling is going to be my job for as long as I can make it," he said.

For O'Neill, vastly more experienced and the winner of 10 Go Bowling! PBA Tour titles, Sunday's match is going to be another day at the office.

"I'm looking forward to it," O'Neill said, "but I'm going to try to do what I did today – not change a thing."

## **PBA PLAYOFFS**

**(A Go Bowling! PBA Tour event)**

**Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine, Saturday**

**Semifinal Match One (Race to 2 Points format)**

Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., def. Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas (\$20,000), 217-179, 216-247, 49-40 in two-frame roll-off.

**Semifinal Match Two (Race to 2 Points format)**

Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., def. Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill. (\$20,000), 258-214, 289-266.

**Kris Prather Wins Inaugural PBA Playoffs, \$100,000 First Prize**

*Fifth-year PBA member sweeps "race to two points" duel with Pennsylvania's Bill O'Neill*

**PORTLAND, Maine (June 2, 2019)** – Kris Prather of Plainfield, Illinois, made critical shot after critical shot in defeating Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania, 226-215 and 216-185, to win the inaugural Professional Bowlers Association Playoffs Championship and its \$100,000 first prize Sunday at Bayside Bowl.

The championship match aired live on FOX, concluding a 13-tournament qualifying series leading into a 24-player match play elimination competition. A calm and confident Prather, who entered the Playoffs as the No. 9 seed, was in complete control in claiming the championship.

"It was a lot easier thinking that no matter what happened, I was going to help my family financially," Prather said after the biggest win of his career. "I told myself last night I couldn't be disappointed no matter what. But after watching Bill's ball motion not being that great, and me throwing a few good shots that loosened my arm swing really helped.

"When I came out on tour, I didn't treat it as a job and it showed," he added. "I hope people can see how much I've matured over the past five years, and it's really having an impact on the success I'm having."

Prather, a 27-year-old five-year PBA Tour veteran, used a string of four strikes to build a lead over the struggling O'Neill in the first game but had to convert a 3-4-6-7-10 split in the 10th frame to win the first in the "race to two points" match.

"I threw the ball about as bad as I could in that situation, and it showed," Prather said. "On the spare I told myself I make that split all the time, so I just wanted to hit the pin in front and if I made it, it was meant to be."

O'Neill, who didn't throw back-to-back strikes until the sixth and seventh frames, had a chance to win by a pin with three strikes in his 10th frame but left the 2-8 on his second shot.

"I was unsure of what I was doing," O'Neill admitted. "In hindsight I should have played the lanes a lot straighter. It was more a tactical error on my part. That second shot in the 10th frame I thought was pretty good, but that's what happens when you're not playing the lanes properly."

Prather, who won his only PBA Tour title earlier in the season in the PBA Scorpion Championship during the PBA World Series of Bowling X, retained control in game two with a string of three strikes after O'Neill failed to convert the 4-9 split in the first frame and again struggled to put together consecutive strikes. When O'Neill finally put together a double, he left the 3-6-9-10 in the eighth frame and failed to convert, basically sealing the victory for Prather.

"This was the first time, in the whole playoffs, I had the lead early. In every other match, except one, I had to come from behind," Prather said, noting he was surprised by how well the Bayside Bowl fans

embraced him considering he'd never bowled in Maine before this year. "These fans are incredible. I never thought I'd be accepted into a place I'm not from, like I have been in Portland. You hear about how enthusiastic these fans are, but you don't really know until you experience this place."

The 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour will resume competition June 28-30 when the Lubbock Sports Shootout presented by Ebonite at South Plains Lanes in Lubbock, Texas, kicks off the PBA Summer Tour and USBC Cup points competition. The PBA Summer Tour will be livestreamed in its entirety by the PBA's online streaming partner, FloBowling.

**PBA PLAYOFFS CHAMPIONSHIP  
(A Go Bowling! PBA Tour event)  
Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine, Sunday**

**Championship (Race to 2 Points format)**

Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill. (\$100,000) def. Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa. (\$40,000), 226-215, 216-185.

**STEVE SMITH LEADS FIRST ROUND AT 2019 USBC SENIOR MASTERS**

**LAS VEGAS** – San Diego's Steve Smith finished his opening round of qualifying at the 2019 United States Bowling Congress Senior Masters with games of 279 and 266 on Tuesday to lead the 300-player field at Sam's Town Bowling Center.

The 51-year-old right-hander started his block with games of 235, 256 and 202 to finish with a five-game total of 1,238, a 247.6 average.

John Dudak of Orland Park, Illinois, sits in second place with 1,212, and Oklahoma City's Pete Thomas is third with 1,204. Stoney Baker of Canton, Georgia, and Canada's Joe Ciach round out the top five with scores of 1,187 and 1,184, respectively.

BowlTV.com is providing wire-to-wire livestream coverage of the event for USBC members age 50 and older.

Smith bowled on the burn variation of this week's 40-foot oil pattern Tuesday, meaning one squad already had bowled its five-game block on the condition. Ciach posted the highest score on the fresh, while Thomas paced his squad on the double-burn.

The three-time Team USA member started his block playing farther to the right. A zone change to his left, however, let him find the look to move to the top of the standings.

“I didn’t have any expectations today, other than to try and bowl well,” Smith said. “I tried to play the lanes to the right between the first and second arrows. It looked OK, but when I moved left between the second and third arrows, things really opened up for me. I had a pretty good look there.”

Smith will bowl on the fresh during Wednesday’s second round, and he feels he has a good game plan based on his experiences during Monday’s official practice session.

If things don’t go as planned, he has a few additional bowling balls in mind to combat the conditions. Smith also knows he’s afforded himself the opportunity to not worry about a bad game or two based on Tuesday’s strong performance.

“They’ll probably be tighter tomorrow, so I’ll probably be about five boards right compared to today,” Smith said. “But, we’ll see what happens tomorrow. Starting this well means if I have a bad game or two, it shouldn’t impact me too much.”

Qualifying will continue Wednesday, starting at 11 a.m. Eastern. After three days of qualifying, 15-game pinfall totals will determine the 63 bowlers who will join defending champion Chris Warren of Grants Pass, Oregon, in the double-elimination bracket.

Warren is tied for 50th place after the opening round with a 1,094 total. He is guaranteed the No. 64 seed in the bracket if he falls out of the cut, but he can improve his seeding for match play during qualifying.

After five games, Henry Dawson of Elma, Washington, is in 64th place with a 1,085 total, a 217 average.

Bowlers advancing to bracket play will compete in three-game total-pinfall matches until the top five bowlers are determined for Sunday’s stepladder finals, which will take place at 1 p.m. Eastern. The winner will take home the \$20,000 top prize.

For more information on the USBC Senior Masters, visit [BOWL.com/SeniorMasters](https://www.usbc.com/seniormasters).

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**2019 USBC SENIOR MASTERS**  
**At Sam's Town Bowling Center, Las Vegas**

## Tuesday's Results

### QUALIFYING - ROUND 1

#### (Five games - top 100)

1, Steve Smith, San Diego, 1,238. 2, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1,212. 3, Pete Thomas, Oklahoma City, 1,204. 4, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 1,187. 5, Joe Ciach (a), Canada, 1,184. 6, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 1,183.

7, John Austin (a), North Ogden, Utah, 1,179. 8, Blaine Weninger, Clackamas, Ore., 1,177. 9, James Harvey (a), Australia, 1,176. 10, Doug Kempt, Arcadia, Calif., 1,173. 11, Alan Frederick (a), Las Vegas, 1,172. 12, Thomas Jones (a), Blaine, Minn., 1,163.

13, Robert Brown, Cody, Wyo., 1,158. 14, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 1,157. 15, Peter Knopp, Columbus, Ohio, 1,156. 16, Joseph Goldstein, San Bruno, Calif., 1,155. 17, Fran Luzzi (a), Port Jervis, N.Y., 1,153. 18, Keith Kolozsi (a), North Las Vegas, Nev., 1,150.

19, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,148. 20, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1,147. 21, Carl West, San Jose, Calif., 1,143. 22, Gerald Johnson (a), Taylor, Mich., 1,141. 23, Gary Morgan, Honolulu, 1,140. 24(tie), Martin Bedford, Cibolo, Texas, Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., and Michael Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 1,139.

27, Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 1,134. 28, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,133. 29, Robert Newman, Pacifica, Calif., 1,131. 30, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 1,127.

31(tie), Walter Ray Williams Jr, Oxford, Fla., and Rick Meneley, Santa Maria, Calif., 1,123. 33, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,118. 34, Kyle Howard (a), San Tan Valley, Ariz., 1,115. 35, John Debenedetta (a), Las Vegas, 1,113. 36, John Congro (a), Las Vegas, 1,112.

37(tie), Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., and Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 1,111. 39, James Campbell (a), Clearwater, Fla., 1,108. 40(tie), Johnny Manzella (a), McCalla, Ala., and Bob Rosenau, Redding, Calif., 1,106. 42, Don Woolard (a), Central Point, Ore., 1,105.

43(tie), David Axon, Bellevue, Neb., Tom Adcock, Decatur, Ill., and Daniel Miyamoto, Pearl City, Hawaii, 1,103. 46(tie), Ben Hoefs (a), Mobile, Ala., and Mark Mazzulla, Brentwood, Calif., 1,102. 48, Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 1,099.

49, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield, Mich., 1,097. 50(tie), Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., and Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,094. 52(tie), Stephen Kenyon, Grosse Ile, Mich., and Dave Washburn (a), Las Vegas, 1,092. 54(tie), David Waswo (a), Lee's Summit, Mo., and Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 1,091.

56(tie), Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., Christopher Viale (a), Westfield, Mass., Billy Langford (a), Lone Grove, Okla., and Mike Nogle (a), Canby, Ore., 1,090. 60(tie), Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., and John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 1,089.

62, Dan Sasaki, Newark, Calif., 1,088. 63, George Szczublewski (a), West Seneca, N.Y., 1,087. 64, Henry Dawson (a), Elma, Wash., 1,085. 65(tie), Rob Rice, Sunnyside, Wash., and Max Shellabarger (a), Layton, Utah, 1,084.

67(tie), Sam Ventura, Norwich, N.Y., Paul Fleming, Fort Worth, Texas, and Lennie Boesch, Kenosha, Wis., 1,083. 70, Peter Hernandez (a), Land O Lakes, Fla., 1,082. 71, Warren Eales (a), Chandler, Ariz., 1,081. 72, Tore Torgerson (a), Norway, 1,079.

73, Jerry Anderson (a), Columbia, Ill., 1,078. 74, Ricky Schissler, Denver, 1,077. 75(tie), David Bolles, Stockton, Calif., Skip Pavone, San Jose, Calif., and Carlos Denot (a), Mexico, 1,075. 78, Rickey Smith (a), Ardmore, Okla., 1,074.

79(tie), Garret Ball (a), Albany, Ore., and Rick Minier, Houston, 1,073. 81, Mark Scroggins, Canyon, Texas, 1,072. 82(tie), Tim Benson, Purcell, Okla., Michael Klosin (a), Windham, N.H., and Bill Hewlett, Las Vegas, 1,071.

85, Michael Kanada, Camarillo, Calif., 1,070. 86, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 1,069. 87, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 1,068. 88(tie), Steve Boyer (a), Las Vegas, and Kevin Anderson, Mount Juliet, Tenn., 1,067. 90, Steven Jeeves (a), United Kingdom, 1,066.

91(tie), Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., and Lance Emerson (a), Albuquerque, N.M., 1,064. 93(tie), Michael Snow (a), Canada, and Bob Learn Jr., Spring Hill, Tenn., 1,063. 95(tie), Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., and Marv Sargent, Temecula, Calif., 1,061.

97(tie), Noel Vazquez, Sacramento, Calif., and Tommy Martin, Millington, Tenn., 1,060. 99(tie), David Schumacher (a), Bloomfield Hills, Mich., and Michael Lucente, Warren, Mich., 1,059.

## **HALL OF FAMER DOUG KENT TAKES LEAD AT 2019 USBC SENIOR MASTERS**

**LAS VEGAS** – United States Bowling Congress and Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Doug Kent of Newark, New York, took over the top spot after two rounds of qualifying at the 2019 USBC Senior Masters on Wednesday.

The 52-year-old right-hander leads the 300-player field with a 10-game score of 2,337, a 233.7 average.

Gary Faulkner of Norfolk, Virginia, is second with 2,320, and 2012 champion Mike Edwards of Tulsa, Oklahoma, is third with 2,314. Denver's Ricky Schissler (2,312) and Blaine Weninger of Clackamas, Oregon (2,310), round out the top five.

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Kent's first two rounds have been on the double-burn and burn variations of this week's 40-foot oil pattern, and he's found that controlling his speed has been the key to creating the proper motion through the pins. He rolled 1,157 for his five games on the double-burn Tuesday and followed up with 1,180 on the burn Wednesday to get to the overall lead.

"I think the biggest key has been speed control," said Kent, the 1991 and 2006 USBC Masters champion. "I'm still trying to hit it, but I'm also keeping my speed softer, which helps it read the midlane. I've just been trying to keep my speed under control through the midlane so the ball still sees the end of the lane pattern."

Kent controls his ball speed by altering his tempo, and he expects he'll have to soften his speed and tighten his angles Thursday while bowling on the fresh during his final round of qualifying.

As many competitors note, the format at Senior Masters functions as two tournaments in one - qualifying and match play.

Kent is familiar in managing both aspects, and he hopes to use Thursday's final round to continue to prepare for the tournament's double-elimination bracket.

"This tournament begins with match play," Kent said. "There are so many smart and great players, which generally causes the scoring environment to go up. You need to have a good plan and have your equipment prepped, but it really comes down to being able to execute and limit your bad shots."

The biggest mover on Wednesday was 2017 PBA50 Player of the Year Brian LeClair of Delmar, New York, who moved from 212th place to 15th with a five-game score of 1,293 on the double-burn. LeClair rolled games of 248, 277, 255, 278 and 235 and now has an overall score of 2,267.

Qualifying will conclude Thursday, starting with the first squad at 11 a.m. Eastern. After three days of qualifying, 15-game pinfall totals will determine the 63 bowlers who will join defending champion Chris Warren of Grants Pass, Oregon, in the double-elimination bracket.

Warren is tied for 40th place after two rounds with a 2,188 total. He is guaranteed the No. 64 seed in the bracket if he falls out of the cut, but he can improve his seeding for match play during qualifying.

After 10 games, Hugh Miller of Mercer Island, Washington, is in 64th place with a 2,153 total, a 215.3 average. Miller was the runner-up at the 2019 Super Senior Classic, which also was held at Sam's Town last week.

Bowlers advancing to bracket play will compete in three-game total-pinfall matches until the top five bowlers are determined for Sunday's stepladder finals, which will take place at 1 p.m. Eastern. The winner will take home the \$20,000 top prize.

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### **2019 USBC SENIOR MASTERS**

#### **At Sam's Town Bowling Center, Las Vegas Wednesday's Results**

#### **QUALIFYING - ROUND 2 (10 games - top 100)**

1, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 2,337. 2, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 2,320. 3, Michael Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 2,314. 4, Ricky Schissler, Denver, Colo., 2,312. 5, Blaine Weninger, Clackamas, Ore., 2,310. 6, Pete Thomas, Oklahoma City, 2,303.

7, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 2,302. 8, Walter Ray Williams Jr, Oxford, Fla., 2,298. 9, John Congro (a), Las Vegas, 2,296. 10, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2,292. 11, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,290. 12(tie), Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, and Alan Frederick (a), Las Vegas, 2,281.

14, Thomas Jones (a), Blaine, Minn., 2,271. 15, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 2,267. 16(tie), Mark Mazzulla, Brentwood, Calif., and Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 2,266. 18(tie), Russ Hunt, Richland, Wash., and Keith Kolozsi (a), North Las Vegas, Nev., 2,257.

20(tie), Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., and Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 2,239. 22, Joe Ciach (a),

Canada, 2,236. 23, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 2,234. 24, Garret Ball (a), Albany, Ore., 2,223.

25(tie), Marv Sargent, Temecula, Calif., and Gary Morgan, Honolulu, 2,222. 27, Steven Jeeves (a), United Kingdom, 2,221. 28, Joseph Goldstein, San Bruno, Calif., 2,220. 29, Robert Brown, Cody, Wyo., 2,219. 30, Tore Torgerson (a), Norway, 2,213.

31(tie), Barry Zimmerman (a), Grand Forks, N.D., and Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 2,209. 33(tie), Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, David Bolles, Stockton, Calif., and Doug Kempt, Arcadia, Calif., 2,205. 36, Bob Rosenau, Redding, Calif., 2,203.

37, Gerald Johnson (a), Taylor, Mich., 2,200. 38, Tom Adcock, Decatur, Ill., 2,196. 39, Peter Knopp, Columbus, Ohio, 2,190. 40(tie), Alvin Lou (a), El Cajon, Calif., and Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 2,188. 42, Billy Langford (a), Lone Grove, Okla., 2,185.

43(tie), Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, and Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 2,183. 45, Ed Silva, Manteca, Calif., 2,181. 46, Carl West, San Jose, Calif., 2,179. 47, Johnny Manzella (a), McCalla, Ala., 2,178. 48(tie), Sam Lantto (a), Eden Prairie, Minn., and John Austin (a), North Ogden, Utah, 2,177.

50, Martin Bedford, Cibolo, Texas, 2,175. 51, Jerry Anderson (a), Columbia, Ill., 2,174. 52, Steve Smith, San Diego, 2,171. 53(tie), Jim Montgomery, Surprise, Ariz., and Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., 2,166.

55(tie), Donald Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., Paul Fleming, Fort Worth, Texas, and John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 2,164. 58, Steve Boyer (a), Las Vegas, 2,162. 59(tie), Doug Hayes, Clarksville, Tenn., Rolando Sebelen (a), Dominican Republic, and Junichi Yajima, Japan, 2,160.

62, Lance Emerson (a), Albuquerque, N.M., 2,159. 63, Steven Davis, Manteca, Calif., 2,157. 64, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 2,153. 65, Rick Meneley, Santa Maria, Calif., 2,152. 66(tie), Chuck Tompkins (a), Reynoldsburg, Ohio, and Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 2,147.

68, Robert Newman, Pacifica, Calif., 2,146. 69, Lennie Boesch, Kenosha, Wis., 2,145. 70, Randy Macomber, University Place, Wash., 2,144. 71, Christopher Viale (a), Westfield, Mass., 2,143. 72(tie), Kevin Anderson, Mount Juliet, Tenn., and Daniel Miyamoto, Pearl City, Hawaii, 2,140.

74, Jeff Mann, Clearlake Oaks, Calif., 2,139. 75, Michael Klosin (a), Windham, N.H., 2,137. 76, Ben Hoefs (a), Mobile, Ala., 2,133. 77, Donald Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 2,132. 78(tie), John Debenedetta (a), Las Vegas, and James Harvey (a), Australia, 2,131.

80(tie), David Schumacher (a), Bloomfield Hills, Mich., Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., and Don Woolard (a), Central Point, Ore., 2,127. 83, Kyle Howard (a), San Tan Valley, Ariz., 2,125. 84, Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 2,122.

85, Peter Hernandez (a), Land O Lakes, Fla., 2,120. 86(tie), James Storts, Westfield, Ind., Pete McCordic (a), Katy, Texas, and George Szczublewski (a), West Seneca, N.Y., 2,119. 89, Tim Benson, Purcell, Okla., 2,118. 90, Bob Learn Jr., Spring Hill, Tenn., 2,117.

91, Takeo Sakai, Japan, 2,115. 92, Greg Thomas (a), Irmo, S.C., 2,113. 93(tie), Dana Wright, St. Paul, Minn., Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., and Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 2,112. 96, Rick Minier, Houston, 2,111.

97(tie), Ray Vervynck (a), Canada, and James Campbell (a), Clearwater, Fla., 2,110. 99(tie), Richard Strath, Schenectady, N.Y., and Fran Luzzi (a), Port Jervis, N.Y., 2,107.

## 2019 Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open Storylines

**LAS VEGAS (June 6, 2019)** – As the most demanding stretch of the PBA50 Tour season continues with the USBC Senior Masters this week in Las Vegas, players will once again have to dig deep when the second half of the major doubleheader continues with the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm wraps up the western swing June 10-14.

The Senior U.S. Open marks the halfway point of the season which, thus far, has been dominated by PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. in what could already be considered a “Player of the Year” worthy season.

The Senior U.S. Open will be streamed live in its entirety via FloBowling beginning with first-round qualifying June 10. Visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com) for subscription and schedule information.

Here’s a look at a few of the storylines for the third and final major of the 2019 season:

**Walter Ray Williams Jr. continues his PBA50 Player of the Year march:** In the first five tournaments of the season, PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. started with three consecutive wins that included the PBA50 National Championship, followed by eighth and seventh-place finishes heading into the Senior Masters, an event he has won twice.

The seven-time PBA Tour and two-time PBA50 Tour Player of the Year holds a huge 10,000-point lead in the PBA50 Tour points race over reigning PBA50 Player of the Year and 2017 Senior U.S. Open winner Michael Haugen Jr. Williams, the career leader on the Go Bowling! PBA Tour titles list with 47 wins, continues his pursuit of a 15th PBA50 Tour title which would give him the career titles lead for both of PBA’s national tours. He is currently tied for first on the PBA50 all-time titles list with fellow Hall of Famer John Handegard with 14 wins.

**Mika Koivuniemi returns to defend Senior U.S. Open title:** The PBA Hall of Famer earned the moniker of “Major Mika” after winning two majors for his first two titles early in his PBA Tour career before winning his first PBA Tour standard title. The 14-time tour winner, who is the head coach for the United Arab Emirates national bowling team, hopes that history will repeat itself on the PBA50 Tour after winning the 2018 Senior U.S. Open with a 259-237 title-match victory over Brian Kretzer for his first PBA50 Tour win. With his win, Koivuniemi – who won the 2001 U.S. Open on the PBA Tour – joined Amleto Monacelli as the only international Senior U.S. Open champions.

**Will the Senior U.S. Open see its first three-time winner?** Hall of Famers Pete Weber, Amleto Monacelli and Tom Baker will be trying to become the first three-time winner of the Senior U.S. Open since it began in 2003. All three players have won it in consecutive seasons – Weber (2015, ‘16), Monacelli (2012, ‘13) and Baker (2005, ‘06). The other two-time winner is retired hall of famer Wayne Webb who also won in back-to-back years in 2008 and ‘09.

**Can Pete Weber bounce back?** Weber, who is tied for sixth on the career PBA50 Tour titles list with 11 wins, took some time off from the PBA50 Tour earlier this season, but after winning a PBA regional in early May, hopes that tune-up will provide some momentum for the rest of the PBA50 Tour season.

**Local favorite Ron Mohr looks for second Senior U.S. Open win:** Among other notables entered in the Senior U.S. Open is 2011 champion and two-time runner-up Ron Mohr of Las Vegas who owns 10 PBA50 Tour titles and is a two-time PBA50 Player of the Year. The 63-year-old Mohr was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in 2018 for his accomplishments on the senior tour.

The PBA has added \$10,500 to the top five positions of the Senior U.S. Open prize fund with first place increased by \$5,000 to \$15,000.

The entire field will bowl six-game qualifying rounds June 10-13 with squads at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. PT. The top 25 percent of the field will then advance to match play which gets underway June 14 at 8 a.m. after which the top five will be determined for the stepladder finals at 4 p.m.

**SUNCOAST PBA SENIOR U.S. OPEN PRESENTED BY STORM SCHEDULE**  
**Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas (all times Pacific)**

**Sunday, June 9**

8 – 9:45 a.m. - A Squad practice  
10 – 11:45 a.m. - B Squad practice  
12:30 and 3:30 p.m. - Pro-Am squads

**Monday, June 10**

9 a.m. - A Squad qualifying (6 games)  
1:30 p.m. - B Squad qualifying (6 games)

**Tuesday, June 11**

9 a.m. - B Squad qualifying (6 games)  
1:30 p.m. - A Squad qualifying (6 games)

**Wednesday, June 12**

9 a.m. - A Squad qualifying (6 games)  
1:30 p.m. - B Squad qualifying (6 games)

**Thursday, June 13**

9 a.m. - B Squad qualifying (6 games)  
1:30 p.m. - A Squad qualifying (6 games)  
*(Top 25 percent of the field advances to match play)*

**Friday, June 14**

8 a.m. - Match Play Round 1 (6 games)  
Noon - Match Play Round 2 (6 games)  
*(Top five advance to stepladder finals)*  
4 p.m. - Stepladder Finals

**HISTORY OF PBA SENIOR U.S. OPEN WINNERS**

2018 Mika Koivuniemi  
2017 Michael Haugen Jr.  
2016 Pete Weber  
2015 Pete Weber  
2014 Norm Duke  
2013 Amleto Monacelli  
2012 Amleto Monacelli  
2011 Ron Mohr  
2010 Mark Williams  
2009 Wayne Webb  
2008 Wayne Webb  
2007 a-Rick Minier  
2006 Tom Baker  
2005 Tom Baker

2004 David Ozio  
2003 Dave Soutar

## **PBA Spare Shots**

### **KRIS PRATHER CLIMBS TO THIRD IN FLOBOWLING'S "POWER RANKINGS"**

With his surprising victory in the inaugural PBA Playoffs, previously-under estimated **Kris Prather** got some respect from the unofficial pollsters who compile the FloBowling "power ranking" list, moving up from seventh to third on the most current list.

Prather, who defeated **Bill O'Neill** in the "race to two points" championship match, won \$100,000 by outlasting a field of 23 of the world's premier players in 2019. Heading into the start of the summer season June 29 in Lubbock, Texas, FloBowling's top 10 are as follows with the player's previous ranking in parenthesis. To review the rationale behind FloBowling's ratings of players, visit FloBowling.com:

- 1, Jason Belmonte (previous ranking: 1);
- 2, Jakob Butturff (2);
- 3, Kris Prather (7);
- 4, EJ Tackett (3);
- 5, Bill O'Neill (6);
- 6, Dom Barrett (4);
- 7, Kyle Sherman (5);
- 8, Anthony Simonsen (8);
- 9, Sean Rash (14);
- 10, Rhino Page (10).

### **PBA ADDS \$10,500 TO SUNCOAST PBA SENIOR U.S. OPEN PRIZE FUND**

With the addition of \$10,500 to the prize fund for the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open prize fund, first place in the 2019 season's final major championship for players ages 50 and older has been increased to \$15,000 and prize money for the other top five finishers also has been increased.

The Senior U.S. Open, presented by Storm, is open to non-members as well as PBA50 members. The PBA50 Tour's most challenging tournament begins Monday, June 10, and concludes on Friday, June 14, at Suncoast Bowling Center in Las Vegas with FloBowling's livestreaming coverage of the stepladder finals at 7:15 p.m. EDT (4:15 Pacific). PBA Hall of Famer **Mika Koivuniemi** is defending champion.

For FloBowling subscription information, visit [flobowling.com](http://flobowling.com).

### **PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: REGIONAL ACTIVITY RESUMES THIS WEEKEND**

PBA's Regional program moves into the summer with a trio of tournaments over the June 8-9 weekend including the Elkhart Central/Midwest Open presented by 900 Global at Country Club Lanes in Elkhart, Ind., and a pair of one-day events in Minnesota: the River City Extreme Midwest Open presented by Hammer on June 8 in Monticello followed by the Mermaid Lanes Midwest Open presented by Columbia 300 in Moundsview on Sunday.

- The June 14-16 weekend schedule of PBA Regional activity features the Homefield Bowl Eastern Open presented by MOTIV in Yonkers, N.Y., and the Timmy See Memorial Tavares South Open at Break Point Alley in Tavares, Fla.

- PBA Regional tournaments on tap for the June 21-23 weekend include the PBA50 Ned Micelli Memorial presented by Ebonite at Herrill Lanes in New Hyde Park, N.Y.; the Pro Bowl West Central/Midwest Challenge presented by Ebonite for non-title winners in Fort Wayne, Ind.; the PBA50 Sand Hills South Open at Sand Hills Bowling Center in Aberdeen, N.C., and the PBA/PBA50 Epicenter Northwest/West Open doubleheader in Klamath Falls, Ore.

- Closing out the June PBA Regional calendar will be the PBA-PBA50 John Kontos Memorial Midwest/Central Doubles Open at Town & Country Lanes in Joliet, Ill., and the Century Lanes Hampton South Open in Hampton, Va.

- Heading into the 4th of July weekend, Bowl 10 Fairborn will host the PBA50 Fairborn Central Classic presented by Roto Grip Monday-Wednesday, July 1-3, in Fairborn, Ohio. Closing the extended holiday weekend July 5-7 will be the PBA50 Greater Freeport Midwest/Central Open at 4 Seasons Bowl in Freeport, Ill.; the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Southwest Doubles presented by DV8 at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla., and the PBA/PBA50 Vanessa Brown Homes West Open doubleheader presented by Track at Yosemite Lanes in Modesto, Calif.

- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit [pba.com](http://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](http://pba.com) (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

## QUICK NOTES

- **Reminder:** Fans have until 1 a.m. EDT on June 10 to enter the special PBA Playoffs tournament on Concrete Software’s PBA Bowling Challenge mobile device players. Each score you bowl that beats the 216 posted by **Kris Prather** in winning the PBA Playoffs will count as an entry. One entry will be randomly selected as the winner and will receive a bowling pin signed by the PBA Playoffs champion plus 6,000 Gold Pins. To play PBA Bowling Challenge, visit: <http://bit.ly/Download-PBA>. For the official rules, visit: [http://bit.ly/PBA\\_OfficialRules](http://bit.ly/PBA_OfficialRules).

- The Weber Cup, in cooperation with Storm, has launched a ‘Weber Cup Golden Ticket’ competition on its Facebook page, offering fans the chance to win an expenses-paid trip to Las Vegas for the Weber Cup June 18-21, including round-trip airfare, accommodation, event tickets, merchandise and a meet & greet with players. To enter, visit Weber Cup on Facebook and post the name of the team (USA or Europe) that you think will win this year's Weber Cup. Entries close 11 a.m. ET on Friday, June 7.

- The two most recent PBA Playoffs In Brief episodes covering last weekend’s semifinal and finals telecasts are now available at the following links: <https://youtu.be/BrSS8jeKOhI> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m6BeyarJf-I>

- **Reminder:** Applications for the 2019 PBA Billy Welu Scholarship Award, recognizing exemplary qualities in male or female college students who excel in academics as well as in the sport of bowling, are being accepted through June 21. The winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. To be eligible candidates must be amateur bowlers who are currently in college (preceding the application date) and maintaining

at least a 2.5/4.0 GPA or equivalent. The two-part application can be retrieved by downloading the files from this link <http://www.pba.com/Corporate/Scholarships>.

• **Reminder:** The 10th annual **Rhino Page** Lace Up to Strike Out Crohn's and Colitis fundraiser is set for Saturday, June 15, at South Levittown Lanes in Levittown, N.Y. Since its inception, the **Tyler Cacioppo** family event has raised more than \$300,000 to fight the debilitating gastrointestinal diseases. For more information about the event, visit: [www.strikeoutcrohns.com](http://www.strikeoutcrohns.com).

### **PBA Playoffs Finale Caps Strong Viewership Surges on FOX Sports**

*Sunday's PBA Playoffs Championship on FOX delivers most-watched PBA telecast since February*

**LOS ANGELES (June 6, 2019)** – FOX Sports today announced that viewership of this year's Professional Bowlers Association competition has surged through the first five months of 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour telecasts. To date, 20,923,000 viewers have tuned-in to watch PBA on FOX, FS1, or FS2, including repeats, up 85 percent over the total audience for the entire 2018 season (11,327,000 viewers).

"The PBA's move to FOX Sports has revitalized the entire sport," PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark said. "In this first year of our partnership, we've already seen dramatically improved production values, promotion and buzz putting the PBA in its best position in decades. We're most proud that our players have delivered historic and inspiring action on the lanes and our fans have brought the passion in sold out venues around the country to match."

"We're thrilled with the viewership the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour has delivered this year on FOX Sports," says Bill Wanger, FOX Sports EVP, Programming, Live Operations and Research. "The shows have been exciting, the bowlers are captivating and colorful, and crowds enthusiastic. The PBA is quickly becoming must-watch sports television."

On Sunday, the inaugural PBA Playoffs finals on FOX delivered 662,000 viewers as Kris Prather captured the championship to claim \$100,000, the biggest first-place prize in more than eight years. Sunday's delivery was 20 percent better than first-run PBA telecasts averaged on TV in 2018 (553,000 viewers) and ranks as the most-watched PBA telecast since FOX's February 10, 2019 airing of the PBA Tournament of Champions that delivered 1,132,000 viewers.

A total of 7,941,000 viewers watched the series of PBA Playoffs telecasts across FOX, FS1 and FS2 including repeats.

Earlier in the season, FOX had the most-watched bowling telecast of any kind on any network since 2005, with the PBA Clash averaging 1.8 million viewers.

FOX Sports coverage of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour resumes Tuesday, July 16 at 7 p.m. ET on FS1 with the first of three consecutive nights of live coverage of the PBA League Elias Cup finals from Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine.

For more information, visit [FOX Sports Press Pass](#).

## **MCCUNE LEADS QUALIFYING AT 2019 USBC SENIOR MASTERS**

**LAS VEGAS** – Eugene McCune of Munster, Indiana, used the momentum of a perfect game Thursday to lead qualifying at the 2019 United States Bowling Congress Senior Masters.

The 50-year-old right-hander finished qualifying at Sam's Town Bowling Center with a 15-game total of 3,510, a 234 average over three days, to pace the 300-player field.

Professional Bowlers Association and USBC Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Florida, is second with 3,484, and defending champion Chris Warren of Grants Pass, Oregon, jumped into third place after posting the biggest five-game block Thursday (1,292) to finish with 3,480.

Warren defeated Duke twice in the stepladder finals of the 2018 Senior Masters to claim the title.

Blaine Weninger of Clackamas, Oregon, and USBC and PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III of Jackson, New Jersey, round out the top five with 3,440 and 3,410, respectively.

BowlTV.com is providing wire-to-wire livestream coverage of the event for USBC members age 50 and older.

McCune's block on the burn variation of this week's 40-foot lane condition Thursday started with a 268 game, but he quickly found his second pair playing drastically different.

He waited until his fill ball to make a move to the right, increase his ball speed and tighten his angle to the pocket to finish with 191.

Throughout his PBA Tour career, McCune has thrived on conditions that allow him to take advantage of his ball speed, and he was able to do so again Thursday, finishing with games of 300, 226 and 223 for a 1,208 total.

He added sets of 1,175 on the double-burn and 1,127 on the fresh. All bowlers in this year's field bowled one-five game set on each variation of the oil pattern.

"On the first pair, I was able to stand about two left and throw it anywhere to shoot 260," said McCune, a three-time PBA Tour champion. "On the next pair, I ended up moving 10 boards and also had the left lane playing weird. I figured if they were going to be that way, I'd try a fill ball out. It looked good, so I tried it on the next pair and never missed the pocket."

McCune retired from the PBA Tour after the 2016 season, but his time on the lanes has been picking up since he turned 50 last June. He won the 2018 PBA50 South Shore Open in his PBA50 debut as a non-member, and he's added a handful of regional events to his schedule in 2019.

Looking ahead to match play, McCune hopes his mindset throughout the week at Sam's Town will allow him to make quick moves during his three-game matches.

“I tried to not get caught up in playing one shot because a lot of pairs are different,” McCune said. “If you go into match play thinking you’re only going to play them one way, and they’re not that way, you need to find something else really quick.”

All bowlers at the 2019 Senior Masters competed in three five-game sets over three days to determine the 63 bowlers joining Warren in the double-elimination bracket. Match play will feature three-game total-pinfall contests to determine which players advance.

McCune will face Alvin Lou of El Cajon, California, in Friday’s opening round, which will start at noon Eastern.

The left side of the bracket will hit the lanes first, while the right side of the bracket will get underway Friday at 2:30 p.m. Eastern.

Lou finished tied for 63rd place with Las Vegas’ Alan Frederick to earn the final spots in the bracket with matching 3,218 totals, a 214.53 average. Frederick will face Duke in the first round.

Match play will take place Friday and Saturday at Sam’s Town until the top five bowlers are determined for Sunday’s stepladder finals, which will take place at 1 p.m. Eastern. The winner will take home the \$20,000 top prize.

For more information on the USBC Senior Masters, visit [BOWL.com/SeniorMasters](http://BOWL.com/SeniorMasters).

## **2019 USBC SENIOR MASTERS**

### **At Sam's Town Bowling Center, Las Vegas**

### **Thursday's Results**

### **QUALIFYING - ROUND 3**

#### **(15 games - top 100)**

1, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 3,510. 2, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,484. 3, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 3,480. 4, Blaine Weninger, Clackamas, Ore., 3,440. 5, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,410. 6, Ricky Schissler, Denver, 3,407.

7, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 3,405. 8, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 3,403. 9, Tom Adcock, Decatur, Ill., 3,393. 10, Robert Brown, Cody, Wyo., 3,391. 11, Michael Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 3,388. 12(tie), Christopher Viale (a), Westfield, Mass., and Pete Thomas, Oklahoma City, 3,379.

14, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,378. 15, Mark Mazzulla, Brentwood, Calif., 3,370. 16, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,369. 17, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3,365. 18, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 3,364.

19(tie), John Debenedetta (a), Las Vegas, and Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 3,363. 21, Tore Torgerson (a), Norway, 3,358. 22, Bob Rosenau, Redding, Calif., 3,357. 23, John Congro (a), Las Vegas, 3,340. 24, Gerald Johnson (a), Taylor, Mich., 3,336.

25, Lennie Boesch, Kenosha, Wis., 3,327. 26, Rick Meneley, Santa Maria, Calif., 3,316. 27, Chuck Tompkins (a), Reynoldsburg, Ohio, 3,311. 28(tie), Noel Vazquez, Sacramento, Calif., and Joe Ciach (a), Canada, 3,308. 30, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,305.

31, Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 3,298. 32, Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 3,296. 33(tie), Barry Zimmerman (a), Grand Forks, N.D., Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., and Thomas Jones (a), Blaine, Minn., 3,292. 36, Walter Ray Williams Jr, Oxford, Fla., 3,289.

37, Daniel Miyamoto, Pearl City, Hawaii, 3,288. 38, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 3,284. 39, Ed Silva, Manteca, Calif., 3,280. 40(tie), Carl West, San Jose, Calif., and Billy Langford (a), Lone Grove, Okla., 3,279. 42, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 3,278.

43, Garret Ball (a), Albany, Ore., 3,275. 44, Paul Fleming, Fort Worth, Texas, 3,272. 45, Ray Vervynck (a), Canada, 3,268. 46, Doug Kempt, Arcadia, Calif., 3,266. 47, Paul Lemond, Jasper, Ind., 3,263. 48, James Campbell (a), Clearwater, Fla., 3,261.

49, Pete McCordic (a), Katy, Texas, 3,259. 50, Steven Jeeves (a), United Kingdom, 3,250. 51, James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 3,248. 52(tie), Michael Klosin (a), Windham, N.H., and Donald Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 3,246. 54, Peter Knopp, Columbus, Ohio, 3,244.

55, Lance Emerson (a), Albuquerque, N.M., 3,235. 56, Rick Minier, Houston, 3,234. 57, Gary Morgan, Honolulu, 3,233. 58(tie), Rolando Sebelen (a), Dominican Republic, and Steve Smith, San Diego, 3,231. 60, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 3,228.

61, Joseph Goldstein, San Bruno, Calif., 3,225. 62, Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 3,219. 63, (TIE) Alvin Lou (a), El Cajon, Calif., and Alan Frederick (a), Las Vegas, 3,218.

## **DID NOT ADVANCE**

65, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 3,217, \$1,200. 66(tie), Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., and John Austin (a), North Ogden, Utah, 3,216, \$1,200.

68, Marv Sargent, Temecula, Calif., 3,214, \$1,200. 69, Takeo Sakai, Japan, 3,212, \$1,155. 70(tie), Tony Yarbrough (a), Rogersville, Mo., and Harry Sullins, Chesterfield, Mich., 3,208, \$1,155. 72, Curt Rasnic (a), Fairborn, Ohio, 3,203, \$1,155.

73(tie), Jimmy Johnson (a), Pataskala, Ohio, and Steve Boyer (a), Las Vegas, 3,200, \$1,145. 75, Doug Hayes, Clarksville, Tenn., 3,198, \$1,130. 76, David Axon, Bellevue, Neb., 3,195, \$1,120. 77, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 3,194. 78(tie), James Wallace (a), Hicksville, N.Y., and Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 3,192.

80, David Cirigliano, Phoenix, 3,191. 81(tie), Steve Hoskins, New Port Richey, Fla., and Johnny Manzella (a), McCalla, Ala., 3,183. 83, Rob Rice, Sunnyside, Wash., 3,182. 84, Sam Lantto (a), Eden Prairie, Minn., 3,177.

85, Michael Smith, Centennial, Colo., 3,175. 86, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,174. 87, Keith Kolozsi (a), North Las Vegas, Nev., 3,173. 88(tie), Brian Menini, Brookfield, Mo., Brian Kretzer, Kettering, Ohio, and Jim Montgomery, Surprise, Ariz., 3,172.

91, Carlos Denot (a), Mexico, 3,171. 92, Sam Ventura, Norwich, N.Y., 3,170. 93, Kevin Anderson, Mt. Juliet, Tenn., 3,168. 94, Randy Macomber, University Pl., Wash., 3,165. 95, Donald Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 3,162. 96, David Bolles, Stockton, Calif., 3,158.

97, Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., 3,157. 98, Junichi Yajima, Japan, 3,156. 99, Bob Learn Jr., Spring Hill, Tenn., 3,154. 100, Joseph Petrovich, Tracy, Calif., 3,152.

## **SIXTEEN PLAYERS UNDEFEATED AT 2019 USBC SENIOR MASTERS**

**LAS VEGAS** - Since turning 50 in January, Blaine Weninger of Clackamas, Oregon, has been working hard, both on the lanes and in the gym, to get ready for the 2019 United States Bowling Congress Senior Masters and Suncoast Professional Bowlers Association Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm, but a back injury nearly derailed his summer plans.

After a couple trips to the doctor and a half-dozen visits to the chiropractor, Weninger felt well enough to compete this week at the Sam's Town Bowling Center, and he's now one of 16 undefeated players at the 2019 USBC Senior Masters.

Also among the undefeated competitors are last year's runner-up Norm Duke of Clermont, Florida, top seed Eugene McCune of Munster, Indiana, two-time USBC Masters champion Doug Kent of Newark, New York, 2015 Senior Masters winner Amleto Monacelli of Venezuela and 2012 champion Mike Edwards of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

On the way to a 2-0 record Friday, Weninger found himself in the highest-scoring match of the day, an 820-729 victory over USBC and PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Florida.

Ironically, while his back might've been a little bit tight due to a bad sacroiliac joint, caused by overdoing his preparation, Weninger said his arm swing was looser than he expected while taking on the winningest player in PBA history. Weninger closed the three-game match with the tournament's eighth perfect game.

"Even though I qualified fourth, I had streaks where I bowled well and other times where I just didn't, or maybe my spare game was off," Weninger said. "I bowled pretty well this morning, and I think the best thing that could've happened was getting to bowl Walter because my expectations were zero. I knew I probably wasn't supposed to win. He's arguably the best player ever, and I'm just me. I just went out and bowled, and something clicked. I wasn't even nervous because I had no expectations."

Having scouted the pair they'd be bowling on, Weninger said he and Williams expected their match to be high-scoring based on the way Edwards and Peter Knopp of Columbus, Ohio, attacked the lanes the match before.

By playing straighter, toward the outside part of the lane and using bowling balls with more surface, Edwards and Knopp helped open up the lanes, ultimately making them very scorable for Weninger and Williams.

That's simply the nature of the Senior Masters, where some rounds are contested on a fresh oil pattern, and others are bowled on the burn, meaning a match already had taken place.

"We talked before we started and knew that pair was going to be good, and then in practice, you could tell there was going to be some room," Weninger said. "Ultimately, though, it's not about the score, it's about winning the match. You can shoot 770 and lose, or you can shoot 520 and win. It's a unique format, where gutting out a win is all that matters. You don't have to worry about the field or pinfall or bonus pins. You just have to focus on the one opponent at a time."

While he rests his body Friday night, Weninger also plans to give his mind a rest, too, at least when it comes to bowling.

One of the stipulations of his time in Las Vegas, is that he keep up with his responsibilities as a full-time accountant, meaning there's plenty of work to distract him from thinking about ball selections and how the 40-foot oil pattern will transition on the second day of match play.

"I'm fortunate to have an employer that allows me come out and bowl as long as I get all my work done, and, luckily, I have a ton of work to keep me busy and distracted when I'm not bowling," Weninger said. "So far, this has been a great experience, and it's all gravy from here. I've had a great time, and no matter how it goes, this is something I'll never forget."

All 32 remaining competitors will be back on the lanes Saturday at noon Eastern, and competition will continue throughout the day, until only five remain in contention for the \$20,000 top prize.

The final five bowlers will advance to Sunday's championship round, a traditional stepladder, that will be broadcast live at BowlTV.com at 1 p.m. Eastern.

BowlTV.com is providing wire-to-wire livestream coverage of the event.

Among the 16 bowlers left in the Elimination Bracket are Williams, the only player to win both the Senior Masters and Masters twice each, fellow hall of famer Parker Bohn III of Jackson, New Jersey, PBA Tour champion Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, New York, and international standouts Tore Torgersen (Norway) and Ray Vervynck (Canada).

Defending champion Chris Warren of Grants Pass, Oregon, will not make another record run at Sam's Town this year after losing back-to-back matches to Mark Williams of Beaumont, Texas, and Shafer.

Warren's opening-round match against Williams ended in a 643 tie, when Warren left a 4-10 split after starting his final frame with a strike. Nine pins would've been enough to advance. Instead, Williams was able to move on after two one-ball roll-offs (10-10, 10-9).

In 2018, Warren lost his first match and then rattled off a record 13 consecutive wins to claim the title, including defeating the top-seeded Duke twice in the traditional double-elimination format.

A total of 300 USBC members age 50 and older took to the lanes this week at the 2019 Senior Masters for three five-game sets over three days to determine the 63 bowlers who joined Warren in the double-elimination bracket. Match play features three-game total-pinfall contests to determine which players advance.

For more information on the USBC Senior Masters, visit [BOWL.com/SeniorMasters](http://BOWL.com/SeniorMasters).

### **United States Bowling Congress**

The United States Bowling Congress serves as the national governing body of bowling as recognized by the United States Olympic Committee (USOC). USBC conducts championship events nationwide including the largest participation sporting events in the world - the USBC Open and Women's Championships - and professional events such as the USBC Masters and USBC Queens.

Founded in 1895, today USBC and its 1,638 state and local associations proudly serve more than a million members. USBC is headquartered in Arlington, Texas, working toward a future for the sport. The online home for USBC is [BOWL.com](http://BOWL.com).

### **2019 USBC SENIOR MASTERS**

**At Sam's Town Bowling Center, Las Vegas  
Friday's Results**

#### **MATCH PLAY**

**Double elimination, three-game matches decided by total pinfall**

#### **ROUND 1**

**(Winners remain in winners bracket. Losers move to elimination bracket).**

- (1) Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., def. (64) Alvin Lou, El Cajon, Calif., 723-591.
- (33) Barry Zimmerman, Grand Forks, N.D., def. (32) Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 669-593.
- (48) James Campbell, Clearwater, Fla., def. (17) Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 670-658.
- (16) Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, def. (49) Pete McCordic, Katy, Texas, 652-627.
- (9) Tom Adcock, Decatur, Ill., def. (56) Rick Minier, Houston, 731-677.
- (24) Gerald Johnson, Taylor, Mich., def. (41) Billy Langford, Lone Grove, Okla., 680-536.
- (25) Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., def. (40) Carl West, San Jose, Calif., 765-572.
- (57) Gary Morgan, Honolulu, def. (8) Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 651-595.
  
- (60) Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., def. (5) Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 677-642.
- (28) Noel Vazquez, Sacramento, Calif., def. (37) Daniel Miyamoto, Pearl City, Hawaii,

695-639.

(44) Paul Fleming, Fort Worth, Texas, def. (21) Tore Torgersen, Norway, 704-576.

(53) Michael Klosin, Windham, N.H., def. (12) Chris Viale, Westfield, Mass., 634-615.

(52) Donald Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., def. (13) Pete Thomas, Oklahoma City, 724-655.

(20) Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., def. (45) Ray Vervynck, Canada, 659-615.

(36) Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., def. (29) Joe Ciach, Canada, 736-643.

(4) Blaine Weninger, Clackamas, Ore., def. (61) Joseph Goldstein Sr., San Bruno, Calif., 663-618.

(62) Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, def. (3) Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 643-643 (10-10, 10-9).

(35) Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., def. (30) Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 631-589.

(46) Doug Kempt, Arcadia, Calif., def. (19) John Debenedetta, Las Vegas, 588-534.

(14) Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, def. (51) James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 604-532.

(11) Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., def. (54) Peter Knopp, Columbus, Ohio, 678-581.

(22) Bob Rosenau, Redding, Calif., def. (43) Garret Ball, Albany, Ore., 617-582.

(38) Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., def. (27) Chuck Tompkins, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, 644-579.

(59) Rolando Sebelen, Dominican Republic, def. (6) Ricky Schissler, Denver, 765-547.

(7) Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., def. (58) Steve Smith, San Diego, 692-558.

(26) Rick Meneley, Santa Maria, Calif., def. (39) Ed Silva, Manteca, Calif., 648-615.

(42) Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, def. (23) John Congro, Las Vegas, 627-548.

(55) Lance Emerson, Albuquerque, N.M., def. (10) Robert Brown, Cody, Wyo., 628-606.

(15) Mark Mazzulla, Brentwood, Calif., def. (50) Steven Jeeves, United Kingdom, 687-593.

(18) Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, def. (47) Paul Lemond, Jasper, Ind., 722-579.

(31) Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., def. (34) Thomas Jones, Blaine, Minn., 717-605.

(2) Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., def. (63) Alan Frederick, Las Vegas, 679-554.

## **ROUND 2 - WINNERS BRACKET**

McCune def. Zimmerman, 706-679.

Mohr def. Campbell, 555-511.

Adcock def. G. Johnson, 664-638.

Boresch def. Morgan, 654-573.

Baker def. Vazquez, 646-638.

Klosin def. Fleming, 667-632.

Kent def. Herrington, 710-671.

Weninger def. W.R. Williams, 820-729.

M. Williams def. Traber, 671-604.

Monacelli def. Kempt, 684-547.

Edwards def. Rosenau, 642-604.  
Sebelen def. Miller, 635-601.

Faulkner def. Meneley, 778-591.  
T. Johnson def. Emerson, 664-660.  
Mazzulla def. Lesko, 694-693.  
Duke def. J. Johnson, 691-587.

**ROUND 1 - ELIMINATION BRACKET**  
**(Losers eliminated, earn \$1,300)**

Goergen def. Lou, 695-673.  
LeClair def. West, 743-625.  
McCordic def. Goebel, 648-647.  
Minier def. Langford, 609-543.

Bohn def. Miyamoto, 746-651.  
Goldstein def. Ciach, 590-572.  
Torgersen def. Viale, 669-648.  
Vervynck def. Thomas, 683-568.

Shafer def. Warren, 577-570.  
Schissler def. Tompkins, 636-524.  
Debenedetta def. Storts, 648-503.  
Ball def. Knopp, 682-549.

Smith def. Silva, 571-510.  
Jones def. Frederick, 601-551.  
Congro def. Brown, 598-536.  
Jeeves def. Lemond, 647-605.

**ROUND 2 - ELIMINATION BRACKET**  
**(Losers eliminated, earn \$1,400)**

Kempton def. Goergen, 688-662.  
Rosenau def. LeClair, 694-660.  
McCordic def. Traber, 625-570.  
Minier def. Miller, 647-585.

Bohn def. Emerson, 681-644.  
Goldstein def. Lesko, 661-578.  
Torgersen def. Meneley, 688-568.  
Vervynck def. J. Johnson, 621-548.

Shafer def. Campbell, 678-649.  
Schissler def. G. Johnson, 676-558.

Debenedetta def. Zimmerman, 648-569.  
Morgan def. Ball, 615-532.

Smith def. Fleming, 604-602.  
Herrington def. Jones, 523-491.  
Vazquez def. Congro, 694-569.  
W.R. Williams def. Jeeves, 763-612.

## **GEORGIA'S STONEY BAKER EARNS TOP SEED FOR FINALS AT 2019 USBC SENIOR MASTERS**

**LAS VEGAS** - Early in his career, Stoney Baker of Canton, Georgia, decided he was going to be a part-time bowler and full-time businessman.

The 56-year-old right-hander was all business Saturday at the Sam's Town Bowling Center as he rolled undefeated through match play to earn the No. 1 seed for the stepladder finals of the 2019 United States Bowling Congress Senior Masters.

Baker, the owner of Canton's Cherokee Lanes, defeated USBC and Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Florida, 717-672, in the match to determine the top seed.

The championship round will be broadcast live on BowlTV on Sunday, beginning at 1 p.m. Eastern, with the winner taking home a \$20,000 top prize and the second major title of the 2019 PBA50 Tour season.

Duke will make his third consecutive appearance in the USBC Senior Masters stepladder, this time as the No. 2 seed, and he'll look to improve on last year's runner-up finish, which was the result of a final-frame miscue that has haunted him on the PBA50 Tour ever since.

Baker and Duke will be joined in the championship round by No. 3 Gary Faulkner of Norfolk, Virginia, No. 4 Tom Adcock of Decatur, Illinois, and No. 5 Amleto Monacelli of Venezuela, who all advanced to the stepladder from an exciting four-player shootout Saturday evening.

Adcock and Monacelli will face off in the opening match, and the winner will meet Faulkner.

"My first line of business is my bowling center, which is my baby, but I like to get out and bowl whenever I can, and I've kind of been a part-time bowler my whole life," Baker said. "I'm 56 years old, and I just enjoy the game. To be on the lanes with guys like Walter (Ray Williams Jr.) and Norm is an incredible thing. They're the best. All these

guys, I look up to them, and it's an honor to bowl with and against them. Norm, he's my idol, and to beat him is an amazing feeling."

Total pinfall for three games determined the winner of each match in the double-elimination match-play bracket, while the championship round will be single-game matches. As the undefeated top seed, Baker must be defeated twice to be denied his first PBA50 Tour title.

Baker averaged more than 231 in his six match-play wins this week at Sam's Town but saved his two biggest sets for last.

To guarantee himself a spot in the stepladder, he rolled the event's 13th perfect game and downed PBA Hall of Famer Ron Mohr of Las Vegas, 772-680. That set up the meeting with Duke, and a 290 in the second game propelled Baker to the top seed.

"Being in this position feels amazing," Baker said. "I plan to go out there and give it my best and make the 10 best shots I can. To win this event would mean everything. I have bowled a decent amount of PBA50 events, and being able to win one would be incredibly special."

To earn their spots in Sunday's stepladder, Faulkner, Adcock and Monacelli made their way through the Elimination Bracket and survived the three-game shootout round.

Faulkner posted the highest score, a 719 series, to take the third spot, while Adcock and Monacelli had 711 and 691, respectively. Ron Mohr of Las Vegas shot 594 and was eliminated, finishing sixth overall. Monacelli is the 2015 Senior Masters champion and is looking to become the eighth two-time winner.

As a PBA member since 1986, Baker has collected 31 PBA regional titles and is the reigning Senior Player of the Year in the PBA South Region. Nationally, his best finish on the PBA50 Tour prior to this week was fourth.

"I went out on the PBA Tour for a while and just didn't love all the travel and being gone all the time," Baker said. "I decided to go into the bowling business, which started with a pro shop, and then I got the bowling center. I chose to be a part-time bowler, and I sometimes wonder 'what if,' but I'm ultimately very happy with the direction I chose."

Duke, a 55-year-old right-hander, has made his career on the lanes, collecting 40 PBA Tour titles and five PBA50 Tour wins along the way.

After finishing fourth at the 2017 Senior Masters, Duke turned in another solid performance in 2018, earning the No. 1 seed for the finals, but was defeated by Chris Warren of Grants Pass, Oregon, 269-220 and 246-241.

In the deciding game of the title tilt, Duke stepped up in his final frame needing to strike on the first shot and get at least eight and a spare to win by a single pin.

After delivering the strike he needed, Duke left the 3-4-6-7-9-10 combination to fall short, a moment that has stuck with him for a year and stalled his success on the PBA50 Tour.

As a competitor on both the Go Bowling! PBA Tour and the PBA50 Tour, Duke essentially is living two separate lives.

Earlier this year, he proved he still can strike and win against the up-and-coming stars of the PBA Tour, winning a pair of titles in back-to-back weeks, but he has been winless on the PBA50 Tour this year, despite making the stepladder of all three events he's entered. He has collected finishes of fifth, third and fourth.

"I've had more trouble on this tour than I have on the regular tour for two years now, but as easily as you can lose yourself out of a roll you're on, you also can win your way out of a funk," Duke said. "I feel like I've been bowling well out here, but I just haven't taken anything home as far as hardware. I know it's up to me to step up and perform, if I'm going to get out of this thing. Right now, there's the mental battle, along with the physical requirement to out-bowl people. It's not anything I haven't experienced before, but unless I can rise to the occasion, it's going to be prolonged."

A win at the 2019 Senior Masters would make Duke the fourth player in history to win both the USBC Masters and the senior version. Dave Soutar, Williams and Warren are the other three, with Williams winning each twice. Duke's Masters title came in 1993.

"I think the way last year's Senior Masters ended is the major contributing factor in what I'm dealing with mentally right now," Duke said. "I let that one get away, and if I get that one, maybe that's the start of a serious roll. But, I didn't. Honestly, it's agonizing at times, and the longer it takes, the more pressure there is. There's a lot of talent on the show, but I'm grateful for the chance. If I'm going to get it done, I've got a lot of work to do."

Duke, who owns two PBA50 major titles, joins fellow hall of famer Pete Weber of St. Ann, Missouri, as the only bowlers to win both the U.S. Open and PBA Senior U.S. Open.

A total of 300 USBC members age 50 and older took to the lanes this week at the 2019 Senior Masters for three five-game sets over three days to determine the 63 bowlers who joined Warren in the double-elimination bracket. Match play features three-game total-pinfall contests to determine which players advance.

As the defending champion, Warren was guaranteed the No. 64 spot in the bracket, but he averaged 232 through 15 games to improve his seeding to No. 3. He then lost to Mark Williams of Beaumont, Texas, and Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, New York, in consecutive matches to end his hopes of becoming the first repeat winner since USBC Hall of Famer Tom Baker in 2007.

BowlTV.com is providing wire-to-wire livestream coverage of the event.

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**Saturday's Results**

#### **MATCH PLAY**

**Double elimination, three-game matches decided by total pinfall**

#### **WINNERS BRACKET ROUND 3**

**(Winners remain in winners bracket. Losers move to elimination bracket)**

(16) Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, def. (1) Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 672-648.

(25) Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., def. (9) Tom Adcock, Decatur, Ill., 715-671.

(60) Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., def. (53) Michael Klosin, Windham, N.H., 681-587.

(4) Blaine Weninger, Clackamas, Ore., def. (20) Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 733-719.

(14) Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, def. (62) Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 760-648.

(59) Rolando Sebelen, Dominican Republic, def. (11) Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 519-140.

(42) Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, def. (7) Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 706-587.

(2) Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., def. (15) Mark Mazzulla, Brentwood, Calif., 648-604.

#### **ROUND 3 - ELIMINATION BRACKET**

**(Losers eliminated, earn \$1,500)**

(22) Bob Rosenau, Redding, Calif., def. (46) Doug Kempt, Arcadia, Calif., 656-585.

(49) Pete McCordic, Katy, Texas, def. (56) Rick Minier, Houston, 757-728.

(61) Joe Goldstein Sr., San Bruno, Calif., def. (5) Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 690-673.

(21) Tore Torgersen, Norway, def. (45) Ray Vervynck, Canada, 661-656.

(30) Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., def. (6) Ricky Schissler, Denver, 638-593.  
(19) John Debenedetta, Las Vegas, def. (57) Gary Morgan, Honolulu, 583-458.  
(52) Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., def. (58) Steve Smith, San Diego, 627-586.  
(36) Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., def. (28) Noel Vazquez, Sacramento, Calif., 768-633.

#### **ROUND 4 - WINNERS BRACKET**

Mohr def. Boresch, 738-673.  
Baker def. Weninger, 679-615.  
Monacelli def. Sebelen, 702-678.  
Duke def. Johnson, 863-765.

#### **ROUND 4 - ELIMINATION BRACKET (Losers eliminated, earn \$1,800)**

Rosenau def. Klosin, 719-646.  
Kent def. McCordic, 650-618.  
McCune def. Goldstein, 694-619.  
Adcock def. Torgersen, 761-725.

Shafer def. Mazzulla, 729-605.  
Faulkner def. Debenedetta, 686-618.  
Herrington def. Edwards, 513-0.  
W.R. Williams def. M. Williams, 779-626.

#### **ROUND 5 - WINNERS BRACKET**

Baker def. Mohr, 772-680.  
Duke def. Monacelli, 738-640.

#### **ROUND 5 - ELIMINATION BRACKET (Losers eliminated, earn \$2,350)**

Rosenau def. Kent, 632-611.  
Adcock def. McCune, 731-640.  
Faulkner def. Shafer, 795-690.  
W.R. Williams def. Herrington, 686-633.

#### **ROUND 6 - WINNERS BRACKET (Winner earns No. 1 seed for Sunday's BowlTV finals; loser is No. 2 seed)**

Baker def. Duke, 717-672.

#### **ROUND 6 - ELIMINATION BRACKET (Losers eliminated, earn \$2,900)**

Johnson def. Rosenau, 657-607.  
Adcock def. Sebelen, 767-698.  
Faulkner def. Weninger, 686-582.  
Boresch def. W.R. Williams, 593-590.

### **ROUND 7 - ELIMINATION BRACKET** **(Losers eliminated, earn \$3,700)**

Adcock def. Johnson, 705-619.  
Faulkner def. Boresch, 725-692.

### **ROUND 8 - ELIMINATION BRACKET** **(Three highest scores advance to Sunday's BowlTV finals, high score is No. 3 seed, second high is No. 4, third high is No. 5, lowest score is eliminated, earns \$4,500).**

Faulkner 719, Adcock 711, Monacelli 691, Mohr 594.

### **MONACELLI WINS 2019 USBC SENIOR MASTERS**

**LAS VEGAS** - For the second time in his career, Venezuela's Amleto Monacelli hoisted the trophy at the United States Bowling Congress Senior Masters, this time averaging more than 246 while climbing the stepladder at the Sam's Town Bowling Center.

The 57-year-old right-hander entered Sunday's championship round as the No. 5 seed and won five games to secure the coveted major title and \$20,000 top prize. His run included a pair of wins over top seed Stoney Baker of Canton, Georgia, and made him the eighth bowler in history to win the USBC Senior Masters twice.

Monacelli, a USBC and Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer, struck at least eight times in each match and closed the finale against Baker with five strikes for a 237-200 victory.

Because Baker had made it through the event's 64-player double-elimination match-play bracket without being beaten, he needed to be defeated twice to be denied the title. Monacelli topped Baker 255-243 to force the second game.

"It's a great feeling, and running through the stepladder, which is the hardest way, is even more special," said Monacelli, now a nine-time PBA50 Tour winner and 20-time PBA Tour titlist. "I think when I have to run the stepladder, it makes me a little more relaxed and more focused about how I'm going to play the lanes. I tried to come in without any expectations and just bowl my best. Luckily, things went my way today."

Baker, a 56-year-old right-hander and 31-time PBA regional champion, started the opening game with seven consecutive strikes, before a 10 pin ended his run at

perfection. An unconverted 1-2-10 washout in the ninth frame gave Monacelli a chance to lock up the game, and the 2015 Senior Masters champion took advantage of the opportunity.

Monacelli, who defeated fellow hall of famer Pete Weber of St. Ann, Missouri, two times to win the 2015 event, kept pace with Baker, slowed only briefly by a 7-10 split in the third frame. He followed the open frame with seven consecutive strikes and a single-pin spare to shut out Baker.

"I was two good shots away from winning this thing," Baker said. "I kind of rolled the thumb in the eighth frame. In the ninth, I didn't quite roll it off my hand. It didn't see any early friction at all, and that's why it just kept going on that shot."

Even as a part-timer on the PBA50 Tour, Baker has found success, including a previous-best finish of fourth. He's also the reigning PBA South Region Senior Player of the Year.

Since joining the PBA in 1986, the bowling center proprietor has enjoyed competing with and against the Tour's top stars, two of whom joined him in the finals Sunday - Monacelli and Norm Duke of Clermont, Florida.

"Amleto had great reaction and is a fabulous bowler, so you have to bring it when you bowl him, especially when he's got a few games on the pair and knows what's going on," Baker said. "It was my first time in a title match in a national event. I don't care who you are, you're going to have some nerves. I just didn't make enough good shots."

"If I could have thrown those two shots in the first game a little better, it might have been a different story. But, I'm not blaming anybody but myself. Overall, though, I'm happy to do what I did."

To earn his meeting with Baker, Monacelli remained unrattled after an eighth-frame gutter ball against Duke and closed with four strikes to escape with a 239-222 victory. Sunday marked Duke's third consecutive appearances in the Senior Masters stepladder, where he has collected finishes of fourth, second and third, respectively.

"The key today was just to get within myself and my process and try to keep my heart rate down, because I needed to be really relaxed before throwing the ball," Monacelli said. "My game is a game where I need to be careful about getting too fast. Overcoming a mistake like throwing it in the gutter is more of a mental test, but you have to remember, it was just a mistake. If anything, it reminded me to stay more behind it and throw good shots, and that's what I did the rest of the time."

Monacelli was one of the three players who advanced to Sunday's stepladder through a four-player shootout that included the last competitors in the Elimination Bracket. Having the third-highest score in the shootout earned him the No. 5 spot.

In the opening match of the championship round, Monacelli struck six times on his first seven shots on the way to a 258-188 win over Tom Adcock of Decatur, Illinois. He then overcame a missed single pin to defeat Gary Faulkner of Norfolk, Virginia, 245-223.

"It was a long road, but winning this title means a lot," said Monacelli, who now will head across town to compete in the 2019 Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm. "It's always special when you win, but this is another major title, and it's a tough tournament with 300 bowlers. I am going to enjoy today and think about tomorrow's event tomorrow."

Walter Ray Williams Jr., the only player to win both the USBC Masters and Seniors Masters twice each, was the last No. 1 seed to win the senior edition, doing so in 2017.

In 2018, Chris Warren of Grants Pass, Oregon, defeated the top-seeded Duke twice to join Williams and Dave Soutar as the only players to win both the Masters and Senior Masters.

Warren's title defense this week at Sam's Town was short-lived. After qualifying third for match play, he lost his first two matches and was eliminated.

The Senior Masters is the premier event for USBC members age 50 and older, and the 2019 edition featured 300 entries.

All competitors bowled 15 games over three days to determine the 63 bowlers who joined Warren in the bracket.

BowlTV.com provided wire-to-wire coverage of the 2019 Senior Masters.

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## **Final standings**

- 1, Amleto Monacelli, Barquisimeto, Venezuela, 1,234 (five games), \$20,000
- 2, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 443 (two games), \$12,000
- 3, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 222 (one game), \$9,000
- 4, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 223 (one game), \$7,500
- 5, Tom Adcock, Decatur, Ill., 188 (one game), \$6,000

## **Stepladder results**

**Match One** - Monacelli def. Adcock, 258-188

**Match Two** - Monacelli def. Faulkner, 245-223

**Semifinal** - Monacelli def. Duke, 239-222

**Championship** - Monacelli def. Baker, 255-243 and 237-200

Mika Koivuniemi Begins Title Defense with

Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open First-Round Lead

LAS VEGAS (June 10, 2019) – Boosted by a 300 game, defending champion Mika Koivuniemi of Finland, began his Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm title defense Monday at the Suncoast Bowling Center with the first-round lead in the season's third major for players 50 and over.

The PBA Hall of Famer, who was inducted into the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame in May, bowled a 1,465 six-game pinfall total (244 average) with games of 203, 253, 300, 229, 234 and 246 to hold a 63-pin lead over fellow countryman Kimmo Lehtonen in second with 1,402.

"I don't think I bowled 10 bad shots the whole round and when you do that it makes everything else easier," said the 52-year-old Koivuniemi, who owns three Go Bowling! PBA Tour major titles including the 2001 U.S. Open. "I was able to use the same ball and the main adjustment I had to make was in the middle of the first game when I started putting more forward roll on the ball which helped me carry the 10 pins.

"I could tell by the third or fourth frame of the third game I had a really good shot and it was probably going to be a matter of just kicking out the 10 pins and a 300 was certainly going to be possible," the 14-time PBA Tour winner added.

As top qualifier for the stepladder finals, Koivuniemi won the 2018 Senior U.S. Open by defeating Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio, 259-237, in the title match for his first PBA50 Tour win.

Because of his commitments as the head bowling coach for the United Arab Emirates national bowling team, the Senior U.S. Open is the only PBA event Koivuniemi plans to bowl this year.

“For the past two months I started practicing regularly about three or four games a day, five or six games a week to get ready,” he said. “Nothing very strenuous – just enough to stay in good playing shape.”

Rounding out the top five after the first round were Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Illinois, 1,358; Don Moser, Menifee, California, 1,347, and PBA Hall of Famer and 2011 Senior U.S. Open winner Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1,327.

A day after winning the USBC Senior Masters for his fifth PBA50 major and ninth career title, PBA Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli is in 20th place after the first round with a 1,276 pinfall bowling games of 211, 198, 224, 193, 222 and 228.

The 57-year-old Monacelli, who is trying to become the Senior U.S. Open's first three-time champion after winning back-to-back in 2012 and 2013, says he has had to put the Senior Masters win out of his mind in preparation for the U.S. Open.

“I need to refocus my mental concentration and keep my emotions stable,” said Monacelli, a 20-time PBA Tour winner. “There’s a lot of talent and experience out here (on the PBA50 Tour) so for me it comes down to the mental game, trusting my instincts and just figuring out how to win. Sometimes I’m so focused, I don’t even know what frame I’m in.”

Former Major League All-Star pitcher John Burkett, who has a best finish of ninth this season that came in the Northern California Classic, withdrew after the second game with a knee injury.

The Senior U.S. Open – the season’s final major – is streamed live in its entirety by PBA’s streaming partner FloBowling. For subscription and schedule information visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com).

Qualifying continues Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday with six-game rounds beginning at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. PT. The field will then be cut to the top 38 players for match play which will begin Friday at 8 a.m. After Friday’s second match play round at noon, the top five players will be determined for the stepladder finals scheduled to begin at 4 p.m.

SUNCOAST PBA SENIOR U.S. OPEN

Presented by Storm

Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Monday

FIRST ROUND (after six games)

- 1, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 1,465.
- 2, Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland, 1,402.
- 3, Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 1,358.
- 4, n-Don Moser, Menifee, Calif., 1,347.
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- 7, n-Ron Nelson Jr., Bridgeview, Ill., 1,313.
- 9, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,312.
- 10, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,311.
- 11, Bob Rosenau, Redding, Calif., 1,303.
- 12, ss-Michael Lucente, Warren, Mich., 1,301.
- 13, Daniel Miyamoto, Mililani, Hawaii, 1,292.
- 14, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 1,291.
- 15, Steve Hoskins, New Port Richey, Fla., 1,287.
- 16, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,284.
- 17, ss-Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,282.

- 18, Paul Fleming, Fort Worth, Texas, 1,281.
- 19, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 1,280.
- 20, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,276.
- 21, Noel Vazquez, Sacramento, Calif., 1,274.
- 22, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,271.
- 23, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,261.
- 24, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 1,260.
- 25, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 1,259.
- 26, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,258.
- 27, ss-Widmar Vargas, Sun City Center, Fla., 1,257.
- 28, Greg McDaniel, Kimball, Neb., 1,256.
- 29, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,244.
- 30, Peter Knopp, Germany, 1,242.
- 31, Rolando Sebelen, Dominican Republic, 1,241.
- 31, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,241.
- 33, ss-Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 1,238.
- 34, Robert Lawrence, Austin, Texas, 1,235.
- 35, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,234.
- 36, Dennis Horan Jr., Oakley, Calif., 1,233.
- 37, Blaine Weninger, Happy Valley, Ore., 1,232.
- 38, Todd Haney, Boiling Springs, S.C., 1,228.
- 39, (tie) ss-Jeff Mann Sr., Clearlake Oaks, Calif., and ss-Johnny Petraglia, Manalapan, NJ, 1,227.
- 41, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 1,226.

42, (tie) ss-Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., and ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1,225.

44, (tie) ss-Junichi Yajima, Japan, and n-James Wallace, Hicksville, N.Y., 1,223.

46, (tie) Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., and Robert P Brown, Cody, Wyo., 1,221.

48, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 1,220.

49, ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 1,218.

50, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,217.

51, Steven Badovinac, Parker, Colo., 1,216.

52, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,212.

53, ss-Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 1,210.

54, (tie) ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., and Pat Nolan, Japan, 1,209.

56, (tie) Richard Strath, Schenectady, N.Y., and Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 1,203.

58, (tie) Joseph Petrovich, Tracy, Calif., Jon DeLaney, McKinney, Texas, and Martin Bedford, Gasport, New York, 1,201.

61, (tie) Brian Menini, Brookfield, Mo., and Rob Rice, Sunnyside, Wash., 1,200.

63, Tommy Martin, Millington, Tenn., 1,199.

64, n-Dana Wright, St. Paul, Minn., 1,195.

65, ss-Skip Pavone, San Jose, Calif., 1,192.

66, Paul LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 1,189.

67, ss-Joe Salvemini, Colorado Springs, Colo., 1,188.

68, n, ss-Bill Oakes, Lawton, Okla., 1,187.

69, ss-Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,184.

70, Doug Kempt, Arcadia, Calif., 1,183.

71, Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 1,181.

72, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 1,180.

73, (tie) Mark Mazzulla, Brentwood, Calif., and Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 1,179.

75, Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 1,175.

76, (tie) n-Barry Zimmerman, Grand Forks, N.D., and Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., 1,174.

78, ss-Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,171.

79, Bill Vannoy, Lexington, S.C., 1,168.

80, Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., 1,164.

81, (tie) ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., and ss-Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 1,160.

83, ss-Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 1,158.

84, n-Steven Smith, San Diego, 1,157.

85, n,ss-Robert Callari, Cordova, Tenn., 1,153.

86, n-Paul Renteria, Henderson, Nev., 1,152.

87, n-Bob Baer, Henderson, Nev., 1,151.

88, n-Jerry Johnson Jr., Las Vegas, 1,150.

89, (tie) ss-Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., and ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1,149.

91, n-David Waswo, Lees Summit, Mo., 1,148.

92, Bill Watson, Monroe, Ohio, 1,144.

93, n-Troy Silfies, Northglenn, Colo., 1,142.

94, (tie) Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., and ss-Russ Simmons, Fontana, Calif., 1,141.

96, (tie) n,ss-Darwin Wimer, Mesquite, Nev., and John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 1,140.

98, ss-Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 1,136.

99, Randy Peterson, Carrington, N.D., 1,133.

100, Michael Smith, Centennial, Colo., 1,131.

101, (tie) Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., n-Steven Jeeves, England, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., and Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 1,130.

105, (tie) ss-Julius Mickel, Omaha, Neb., and n,ss-Dale Knight, Las Vegas, 1,124.

107, n-Jim Montgomery, Byron, Ill., 1,123.

108, Brian McMahon, Boca Raton, Fla., 1,119.

109, (tie) ss-Thomas Sliwinski, Reynoldsville, Pa., and Jay Hess, Gotha, Fla., 1,110.

111, ss-Takeo Sakai, Japan, 1,108.

112, ss-Ross McDonald, Las Vegas, Nev., 1,105.

113, ss-Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., 1,100.

114, Rodney Remmers, Moore, Texas, 1,099.

115, (tie) ss-Jerry Sikora, Huron, S.D. and n-Charles Allen Jr., Pell City, Ala., 1,098.

117, (tie) n,ss-Paul Appling, Camarillo, Calif., and ss-Stan Winters, Simi Valley, Calif., 1,096.

119, Tom Sellers, Barstow, Calif., 1,095.

120, ss-Rick Minier, Houston, 1,094.

121, n-Tish Johnson, Colorado Springs, Colo., 1,089.

122, n-John Shreve Sr., Sheffield Village, Ohio, 1,088.

123, John Dougherty, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., 1,084.

123, n-Linda Walbaum, Brighton, Colo., 1,084.

125, n-Billy Bundza, Tucson, Ariz., 1,083.

126, Timothy Banks, Rosamond, Calif., 1,082.

127, Mark Abraham, Lansing, Mich., 1,081.

128, Carlos Denot, Mexico, 1,077.

129, n-Jeff Atkins, Hot Springs Village, Ark., 1,076.

130, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,075.

131, ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,070.

132, Joe Beck, Montgomery, Ala., 1,062.

133, n-Steven Atkinson, Hollywood Park, Texas, 1,060.

134, Cephas Hensley, Jonesboro, Tenn., 1,059.

135, n-John Hricsina Jr., Las Vegas, 1,055.

136, Carl West, San Jose, Calif., 1,048.

137, ss-Don Lane, San Francisco, 1,045.

138, Ron Hosler, Denver, 1,038.

139, ss-Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 1,037.

140, ss-Garry Blanton, Owensboro, Ky., 1,032.

141, ss-Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 1,029.

142, n-Rolly Sebelen, Dominican Republic, 1,019.

143, ss-Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 1,013.

144, Jack Wofford, Flagstaff, Ariz., 1,011.

145, n-Michael Mellick, Whittier, Calif., 1,010.

146, n,ss-David Graber, Las Vegas, 1,007.

147, n-Vic Karbowski, Sommerton, Ariz., 1,004.

148, n,ss-Robert Reeder, Bellefonte, Pa., 996.

149, ss-Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 975.

150, ss-Robert Walters, North Las Vegas, Nev., 934.

151, ss-Bill Kaiser, Allen, Texas, 966.

152, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 327, WD.

300 games – Mika Koivuniemi

n - non-member

ss – PBA60 players ages 60 and over

### **PBA Tour Heats Up Again with Start of Summer Tour in Lubbock**

*Incentive-packed touring program will be livestreamed in its entirety by FloBowling*

**CHICAGO (June 11, 2019)** – After a modest break to catch its collective breath, the 2019 Go Bowling! Professional Bowlers Association Tour returns to action June 28-30 at South Plains Lanes in Lubbock, Texas, with an incentive-packed 10-event PBA Summer Tour that will be livestreamed in its entirety by PBA's online streaming partner, FloBowling.

From late June through August, with a finale in September, the Go Bowling! PBA Summer Tour will visit Lubbock; Houston, Texas; Chesapeake, Virginia; Wilmington, North Carolina; Middletown, Delaware; Coldwater, Ohio, and Aurora, Illinois before wrapping up in Austin, Texas.

During the summer series, EJ Tackett and Anthony Simonsen will both have opportunities to defend two titles won in 2018. Tackett and partner Liz Johnson won the Storm PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles event in Houston, and Tackett also won the PBA Bear Open in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Simonsen will defend titles in Middletown, where he won the Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic, and in the PBA Wolf

Open, a part of the 2019 PBA Summer Swing that will move from Tulsa to Aurora in August.

The 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Summer Tour will have its own points list, with enticing and historic bonus incentives involving three inaugural competitions serving as top story lines throughout the Tour:

- The inaugural USBC Cup will reward the top five players in PBA Summer Tour points with bonus cash prizes, including \$20,000 to the points leader;
- The inaugural FloBowling PBA ATX Invite will award berths into a special event for the top eight PBA Summer Tour points leaders at Dart Bowl in the hometown of FloSports, Austin, Texas, on Sept. 21. First prize in the FloBowling Invite will be \$25,000 and all participants in the event will cash;
- The inaugural PBA China Tiger Cup will award the top eight PBA Summer Tour points leaders with expenses-paid trips to Shanghai, Nov. 19-21, for a 16-player singles event including eight Chinese bowlers, and a separate USA vs. China team match. All players will cash in the PBA Tiger Cup singles event which offers a \$20,000 first prize, and in the team event the winning five-player team will divide \$15,000.

The PBA Summer Tour events will be open to non-PBA members as well as members, but non-members will not be eligible for any of the special events or bonus prizes.

Points earned during the PBA Summer Tour will also count toward 2020 DHC PBA Japan Invitational and 2020 PBA Tour Finals eligibility, as well as figuring into consideration for the end-of-season Player and Rookie of the Year awards.

For PBA Tour rookies, the Summer Tour also means a resumption of the 2019 Bowl4Life PBA Rookie Watch points competition, which will strongly influence Rookie of the Year voting at year's end. USBC Masters runner-up Mykel Holliman of Collierville, Tenn., is the competition points leader among rookies followed by Kenneth Ryan of Farmingdale, N.J., and Patrick Hanrahan of Wichita, Kan. The 2019 PBA Rookie of the Year will receive a \$2,500 bonus from Chuck Gardner's Bowl4Life Foundation and the foundation will donate an additional \$2,500 to a youth bowler scholarship in the ROY's name.

All Summer Tour tournaments except the Aurora Open and the end-of-season FloBowling PBA ATX Invite will be Tier 3 events under the PBA's Tier 1-2-3 points system. The Aurora Open will be a Tier 2 event. The PBA ATX Invite will be a non-points, non-title special event.

### **PBA SUMMER TOUR SCHEDULE (USBC Cup points series)**

**June 28-30** - PBA Lubbock Sports Shootout (Tier 3 event), South Plains Lanes, Lubbock, Texas (new event).

**July 25-28** - Storm PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles (Tier 3 event), Copperfield Bowl, Houston, Texas (defending champions EJ Tackett/Liz Johnson).

**Aug. 9-11** - PBA Harry O'Neale Chesapeake Open (Tier 3 event), AMF Western Branch, Chesapeake, Va. (defending champion from 2017, Dick Allen).

**Aug. 12-14** - PBA Wilmington Open (Tier 3 event), Ten Pin Alley Family Fun Center, Wilmington, N.C. (defending champion Cristian Azcona).

**Aug. 16-18** – PBA Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic (Tier 3 event), Mid-County Bowling & Entertainment Center, Middletown, Del. (defending champion Anthony Simonsen).

**Aug. 21-23** - PBA Bowlerstore Classic presented by Moxy's Xtra Pair (Tier 3 event), Pla-Mor Lanes, Coldwater, Ohio (defending champion Jakob Butturff).

**Aug. 24-31** - FloBowling PBA Summer Swing (PBA Wolf, Bear and Aurora Open), Parkside Lanes, Aurora, Ill. (PBA Wolf Open, a Tier 3 event, defending champion Anthony Simonsen; PBA Bear Open, a Tier 3 event, defending champion EJ Tackett; PBA Aurora Open, a Tier 2 event, defending Tulsa Open champion Stuart Williams).

**Sept. 21** - FloBowling PBA Summer Tour Finals: FloBowling PBA ATX Invite, Dart Bowl, Austin, Texas (new event).

### **Koivuniemi Extends Lead After Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open Second Round**

*Defending champion extends lead despite 174 and 190 games in second round*

**LAS VEGAS (June 11, 2019)** – No matter how good of a run a player is on in the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm, the specter of bowling a bad game – or more than one – is always looming.

Defending champion Mika Koivuniemi managed to overcome 174 and 190 games in the second round of the 2019 Senior U.S. Open at the Suncoast Bowling Center Tuesday to extend his lead finishing with a 2,781 12-game pinfall (231 average).

The Hall of Famer holds a commanding 166-pin lead over last year's Senior U.S. Open runner-up Brian Kretzer in second with a 2,615 pinfall.

Koivuniemi, a 14-time Go Bowling! PBA Tour titlist who won the 2018 Senior U.S. Open for his first title on the tour for players 50 and over, salvaged a 1,316 pinfall in the second round with games of 243, 223, 174, 210, 276 and 190.

"When you are making good shots, you must take advantage by bowling the big game because you can lose so much ground with a bad game," said Koivuniemi, who owns three PBA Tour major titles including the 2001 U.S. Open. "You want to be able to control the pocket and I wasn't able to do that in the 174 game.

"I was hitting the pocket consistently in the 276 and 190 game but the results weren't the same," the 52-year-old Koivuniemi continued. "You just keep calm and stay adjustable to the situation.

"For me, it comes down to if I'm throwing the ball well, I feel confident that I can control the pocket," he added. "Getting the ball to the pocket is something you can control – what happens once the ball hits the pins is something you can't control. If I'm not throwing the ball well, it can go anywhere."

Kretzer, the 2018 PBA50 Cup winner, bowled 1,331 in the second round with games of 249, 252, 205, 222, 199 and 204 to jump from 16th after the first round to second.

"I'm kind of in conservative mode when it comes to the Senior U.S. Open," said the 53-year-old Kretzer, who lost to Koivuniemi 259-237 in last year's title match. "I don't plan on big numbers – I look at 215 as my goal every game and if I can string some strikes for a big game that's great."

PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber vaulted from 31st after the first round to tie for third thanks to a 1,361 pinfall with games of 187, 258, 221, 259, 200 and 236 in the second round finishing 13-pins behind Kretzer with 2,602. Weber is tied with Norway's Tore Torgersen.

Weber, a two-time Senior U.S. Open winner, along with fellow Hall of Famers and two-time winners Amleto Monacelli and Tom Baker are trying to become the first three-time Senior U.S. Open champion.

Monacelli, the winner of the recent USBC Senior Masters for his fifth PBA50 major title, finished the day in 11th with 2,549 and Baker is in 22nd with 2,511.

The Senior U.S. Open is streamed live in its entirety by PBA's streaming partner FloBowling. For subscription and schedule information visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com).

Qualifying continues Wednesday and Thursday with six-game rounds at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. PT. The field will then be cut to the top 38 players for match play which will begin Friday at 8 a.m. After Friday's second match play round at noon, the top five players will be determined for the stepladder finals scheduled to begin at 4 p.m.

## **SUNCOAST PBA SENIOR U.S. OPEN**

**Presented by Storm**

**Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Tuesday**

### **SECOND ROUND (after 12 games)**

- 1, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 2,781.
- 2, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 2,615.
- 3, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2,602.
- 3, n-Tore Torgersen, Norway, 2,602.
- 5, Rolando Sebelen, Dominican Republic, 2,580.
- 6, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 2,575.
- 7, n-Steven Smith, San Diego, 2,569.
- 8, n-Don Moser, Menifee, Calif., 2,567.
- 9, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 2,560.
- 10, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 2,555.
- 11, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 2,549.
- 12, n-Ron Nelson Jr., Bridgeview, Ill., 2,547.
- 13, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2,542.
- 14, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 2,539.
- 15, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 2,537.
- 16, Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland, 2,535.
- 17, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,529.
- 18, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 2,518.
- 19, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 2,516.
- 20, ss-Michael Lucente, Warren, Mich., 2,514.
- 21, Dennis Horan Jr., Oakley, Calif., 2,513.
- 22, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 2,511.
- 23, Blaine Weninger, Happy Valley, Ore., 2,496.
- 24, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 2,480.
- 25, Daniel Miyamoto, Mililani, Hawaii, 2,475.
- 26, ss-Junichi Yajima, Japan, 2,470.

27, Martin Bedford, Gasport, New York, 2,469.  
28, Steve Hoskins, New Port Richey, Fla., 2,460.  
29, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 2,455.  
30, ss-Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 2,452.  
31, (tie) n-Barry Zimmerman, Grand Forks, N.D., Paul Fleming, Fort Worth, Texas, and Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 2,448.  
34, Robert Lawrence, Austin, Texas, 2,446.  
35, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 2,442.  
36, (tie) Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., and Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 2,439.  
38, Joe Goldstein Sr., San Bruno, Calif., 2,437.  
39, Steven Badovinac, Parker, Colo., 2,432.  
40, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 2,426.  
41, Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 2,425.  
42, (tie) Randy Peterson, Carrington, N.D., and Bob Rosenau, Redding, Calif., 2,420.  
44, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 2,411.  
45, (tie) Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., and Noel Vazquez, Sacramento, Calif., 2,407.  
47, (tie) Jay Hess, Gotha, Fla., and Doug Kempt, Arcadia, Calif., 2,404.  
49, ss-Widmar Vargas, Sun City Center, Fla., 2,403.  
50, Robert Brown, Cody, Wyo., 2,400.  
51, Brian Menini, Brookfield, Mo., 2,398.  
52, ss-Skip Pavone, San Jose, Calif., 2,391.  
53, ss-Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 2,388.  
54, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 2,383.  
55, Tommy Martin, Millington, Tenn., 2,380.  
56, Greg McDaniel, Kimball, Neb., 2,379.  
57, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 2,376.  
58, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 2,374.  
59, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 2,372.  
60, Joseph Petrovich, Tracy, Calif., 2,369.  
61, (tie) Mark Mazzulla, Brentwood, Calif., and ss-Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 2,367.  
63, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 2,364.  
64, (tie) ss-Joe Salvemini, Colorado Springs, Colo., and n-James Wallace, Hicksville, N.Y., 2,363.  
66, ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 2,361.  
67, Peter Knopp, Germany, 2,355.  
68, (tie) n-Steven Jeeves, England, ss-John Petraglia, Manalapan, N.J., and Todd Haney, Boiling Springs, S.C., 2,354.  
71, ss-Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 2,348.  
72, ss-Jeff Mann, Clearlake Oaks, Calif., 2,340.  
73, ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 2,332.  
74, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 2,315.  
75, (tie) Bill Watson, Monroe, Ohio, and Rob Rice, Sunnyside, Wash., 2,310.  
77, Richard Strath, Schenectady, N.Y., 2,301.  
78, Pat Nolan, Japan, 2,300.  
79, n-Troy Silfies, Northglenn, Colo., 2,297.  
80, ss-Jerry Sikora, Huron, S.D., 2,294.  
81, ss-Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 2,293.  
82, n-David Waswo, Lees Summit, Mo., 2,292.  
83, (tie) ss-Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., and Bill Vannoy, Lexington, S.C., 2,291.  
85, n-Bob Baer, Henderson, Nev., 2,290.  
86, (tie) Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., and ss-Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 2,286.  
88, John Dougherty III, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., 2,282.  
89, (tie) ss-Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., and Jon DeLaney, McKinney, Texas, 2,277.  
91, n,ss-Bill Oakes, Lawton, Okla., 2,275.

92, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 2,265.  
93, n-John Hricsina Jr., Las Vegas, 2,263.  
94, ss-Rick Minier, Houston, 2,262.  
95, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 2,253.  
96, n-Dana Wright, St. Paul, Minn., 2,250.  
97, ss-Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., 2,245.  
98, n-Jerry Johnson Jr., Las Vegas, 2,238.  
99, Mark Abraham, Lansing, Mich., 2,233.  
100, ss-Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 2,225.  
101, ss-Russ Simmons, Fontana, Calif., 2,209.  
102, Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 2,207.  
103, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 2,206.  
104, John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 2,205.  
105, Carlos Denot, Mexico, 2,202.  
106, Timothy Banks, Rosamond, Calif., 2,199.  
107, ss-Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 2,198.  
108, Brian McMahon, Boca Raton, Fla., 2,194.  
109, n,ss-Ron Hosler, Englewood, Colo., 2,192.  
110, Michael Smith, Centennial, Colo., 2,187.  
111, (tie) n-Rolly Sebelen, Dominican Republic, and Joe Beck, Montgomery, Ala., 2,184.  
113, Paul LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 2,183.  
114, ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 2,182.  
115, n-Darwin Wimer, Mesquite, Nev., 2,178.  
116, Rodney Remmers, Moore, Texas, 2,176.  
116, n,ss-Robert Callari, Cordova, Tenn., 2,176.  
118, ss-Takeo Sakai, Japan, 2,175.  
119, ss-Thomas Sliwinski, Reynoldsville, Pa., 2,171.  
120, n-Paul Renteria, Henderson, Nev., 2,168.  
121, n,ss-Paul Appling, Camarillo, Calif., 2,165.  
122, Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 2,164.  
123, n-Jim Montgomery, Byron, Ill., 2,163.  
124, ss-Julius Mickel, Omaha, Neb., 2,162.  
125, n-Michael Mellick, Whittier, Calif., 2,161.  
126, n,ss-David Graber, Las Vegas, 2,156.  
127, n-Vic Karbowski, Sommerton, Ariz., 2,154.  
128, n-Linda Walbaum, Brighton, Colo., 2,147.  
129, ss-Stan Winters, Simi Valley, Calif., 2,138.  
130, Carl West, San Jose, Calif., 2,131.  
131, Tom Sellers, Barstow, Calif., 2,119.  
132, ss-Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 2,116.  
133, Jack Wofford, Flagstaff, Ariz., 2,115.  
134, n-Steven Atkinson, Hollywood Park, Texas, 2,106.  
135, ss-Ross McDonald, Las Vegas, Nev., 2,103.  
136, n-Jeff Atkins, Hot Springs Village, Ark., 2,101.  
137, ss-Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 2,081.  
138, (tie) ss-Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, and Cephas Hensley, Jonesboro, Tenn., 2,066.  
140, ss-Don Lane, San Francisco, 2,063.  
141, n,ss-Dale Knight, Las Vegas, 2,041.  
142, n-Tish Johnson, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2,020.  
143, ss-Robert Walters, North Las Vegas, Nev., 2,019.  
144, n-Charles Allen Jr., Pell City, Ala., 2,018.  
145, ss-Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 1,998.  
146, n,ss-Robert Reeder Jr., Bellefonte, Pa., 1,977.

147, ss-Garry Blanton, Owensboro, Ky., 1,959.  
148, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 2,201.  
149, n,ss-John Shreve Sr., Sheffield Village, Ohio, 2,089.  
150, n-Billy Bundza, Tucson, Ariz., 2,078.

n - non-member

ss – PBA60 players ages 60 and over

## **Koivuniemi Holds Off Charge by Torgersen to Retain Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open Lead After Third Round**

*Thursday's fourth qualifying round to determine top 38 players for match play*

**LAS VEGAS (June 12, 2019)** – Defending champion Mika Koivuniemi retained his Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm lead after Wednesday's third round, but another northern European native, Tore Torgersen of Norway, made some news of his own as the season's third and final major for players 50 and over reached the halfway mark.

After three rounds, Koivuniemi, a native of Finland, holds the lead with a 3,980 18-game pinfall total (221 average), just 21 pins ahead of Torgersen in second with 3,959.

A lackluster third round in which Koivuniemi could only manage games of 202, 196, 183, 199, 216 and 203, enabled Torgersen to close the gap after he bowled games of 257, 240, 214, 207, 183 and 256.

"I didn't bowl good, but I didn't bowl bad either," said Koivuniemi, a PBA Hall of Famer and two-time PBA Player of the Year. "I guess you could call it a good bad block."

"It was one of those blocks where I couldn't get the perfect ball reaction," the 14-time PBA Tour and three-time major winner added. "I felt like I was getting to the pocket consistently but just wasn't striking. I think the most strikes I had in a row was three."

Torgersen, the 2000 World Amateur Bowler of the Year and a member of the World Bowling Writers Hall of Fame, is a former PBA member who owns a best tour finish of third which came in the 2005 PBA Birmingham Open.

"This is the first time I've been nervous about bowling in a long time, said the 50-year-old Torgersen, who is bowling in the Senior U.S. Open as a non-member. "This is a special opportunity to bowl at this level of competition at my age. I like the challenge of having to think your way out of trouble. Hopefully, I can continue to focus on what I'm doing and be up there to give myself a chance."

PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber retained his position in third with a 3,923 pinfall after bowling games of 200, 194, 220, 237, 224 and 246 in the third round.

Weber, a two-time Senior U.S. Open winner, along with fellow two-time winners Amleto Monacelli and Tom Baker, are trying to become the first to win the Senior U.S. Open three times. Monacelli finished the day in 11th with 3,781 while Baker finished 26th with 3,688.

Finishing 88th after the first round, former Team USA member Steven Smith of San Diego, surged to fourth after the third round with a 3,876 pinfall.

Also bowling as a non-member, the multi-medalist in international competition, made a big comeback in the third round with games of 231, 234, 223, 229 and 244 after starting with 146 in the first game.

Rounding out the top five was 2018 PBA50 Rookie of the Year Rolando Sebelen of the Dominican Republic who posted a 3,874 pinfall for three rounds.

Finishing 59th after the second round, PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. surged to 22nd with a 3,707 pinfall after bowling games of 208, 255, 195, 222, 226 and 229 in the third round. Williams, the all-time Go Bowling! PBA Tour titles leader with 47 wins, is trying for his fourth win of the season and a record 15th career PBA50 Tour title. He is currently tied with John Handegard on the all-time PBA50 titles list with 14.

Thursday's final six-game qualifying round gets underway with squads at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. PT. The field will then be cut to the top 38 players for match play which begins Friday at 8 a.m. After Friday's second match play round at noon, the top five players will be determined for the stepladder finals scheduled to begin at 4 p.m.

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## **SUNCOAST PBA SENIOR U.S. OPEN**

**Presented by Storm**

**Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Wednesday**

### **THIRD ROUND (after 18 games)**

- 1, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 3,980.
- 2, n-Tore Torgersen, Norway, 3,959.
- 3, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,923.
- 4, n-Steven Smith, San Diego, 3,876.
- 5, Rolando Sebelen, Dominican Republic, 3,874.
- 6, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3,860.
- 7, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,848.
- 8, n-Ron Nelson Jr., Bridgeview, Ill., 3,811.
- 9, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 3,802.
- 10, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 3,792.
- 11, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,781.
- 12, Steve Hoskins, New Port Richey, Fla., 3,776.
- 13, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,769.
- 14, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 3,767.
- 15, Blaine Weninger, Happy Valley, Ore., 3,752.
- 16, (tie) ss-Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., and Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 3,751.
- 18, (tie) Robert Lawrence, Austin, Texas, and ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,736.
- 20, Martin Bedford, Gasport, New York, 3,714.
- 21, Steven Badovinac, Parker, Colo., 3,712.
- 22, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,707.
- 23, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,698.
- 24, n-Don Moser, Menifee, Calif., 3,695.
- 25, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,694.
- 26, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3,688.
- 27, ss-Michael Lucente, Warren, Mich., 3,685.
- 28, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3,684.
- 29, Daniel Miyamoto, Mililani, Hawaii, 3,681.
- 30, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 3,672.
- 31, Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., 3,663.
- 32, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 3,662.
- 33, (tie) Mark Mazzulla, Brentwood, Calif., and ss-Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 3,660.

35, Jay Hess, Gotha, Fla., 3,650.  
36, Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 3,649.  
37, (tie) Brian Menini, Brookfield, Mo., and Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland, 3,647.  
39, Paul Fleming, Ft. Worth, Texas, 3,646.  
40, Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 3,645.  
41, Dennis Horan Jr., Oakley, Calif., 3,642.  
42, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 3,637.  
43, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3,611.  
44, ss-Junichi Yajima, Japan, 3,608.  
45, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3,605.  
46, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 3,601.  
47, ss-Skip Pavone, San Jose, Calif., 3,597.  
48, Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., 3,596.  
49, Bob Rosenau, Redding, Calif., 3,584.  
50, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 3,583.  
51, Tommy Martin, Millington, Tenn., 3,577.  
52, ss-John Petraglia, Manalapan, N.J., 3,576.  
53, Randy Peterson, Carrington, N.D., 3,573.  
54, n-James Wallace, Hicksville, N.Y., 3,571.  
55, ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3,568.  
56, ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 3,562.  
57, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 3,554.  
58, Noel Vazquez, Sacramento, Calif., 3,552.  
59, n-David Waswo, Lees Summit, Mo., 3,549.  
60, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 3,546.  
61, Greg McDaniel, Kimball, Neb., 3,545.  
62, Robert Brown, Cody, Wyo., 3,542.  
63, n-Barry Zimmerman, Grand Forks, N.D., 3,541.  
64, ss-Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3,539.  
65, ss-Widmar Vargas, Sun City Center, Fla., 3,534.  
66, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 3,533.  
67, Joseph Petrovich, Tracy, Calif., 3,530.  
68, n-Jerry Johnson Jr., Las Vegas, 3,526.  
69, ss-Joe Salvemini, Colorado Springs, Colo., 3,520.  
70, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3,519.  
71, Rob Rice, Sunnyside, Wash., 3,518.  
72, ss-Jerry Sikora, Huron, S.D., 3,512.  
73, Pat Nolan, Japan, 3,508.  
74, Doug Kempt, Arcadia, Calif., 3,504.  
75, Joe Goldstein Sr., San Bruno, Calif., 3,502.  
76, n-Steven Jeeves, England, 3,496.  
77, ss-Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 3,495.  
78, ss-Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 3,494.  
78, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 3,494.  
80, Bill Watson, Monroe, Ohio, 3,482.  
81, ss-Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 3,477.  
82, John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 3,472.  
83, ss-Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3,471.  
84, ss-Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 3,467.  
85, Jon DeLaney, McKinney, Texas, 3,464.  
86, Peter Knopp, Germany, 3,455.  
87, (tie) ss-Takeo Sakai, Japan, and ss-Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 3,450.  
89, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 3,446.

90, ss-Rick Minier, Houston, 3,430.  
91, Todd Haney, Boiling Springs, S.C., 3,426.  
92, n-Dana Wright, St. Paul, Minn., 3,422  
93, Richard Strath, Schenectady, N.Y., 3,419.  
94, ss-Jeff Mann Sr., Clearlake Oaks, Calif., 3,413.  
95, n-Bob Baer, Henderson, Nev., 3,410.  
96, John Dougherty III, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., 3,409.  
97, Carlos Denot, Mexico, 3,407.  
98, ss-Russ Simmons, Fontana, Calif., 3,402.  
99, n,ss-Bill Oakes, Lawton, Okla, 3,392.  
100, (tie) n-Paul Renteria, Henderson, Nev., and ss-Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., 3,385.  
102, n-John Hricsina Jr., Las Vegas, 3,382.  
103, Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 3,381.  
104, n,ss-Darwin Wimer, Mesquite, Nev., 3,371.  
105, n-Rolly Sebelen, Dominican Republic, 3,363.  
106, ss-Stan Winters, Simi Valley, Calif., 3,342.  
107, n-Jim Montgomery, Byron, Ill., 3,342.  
108, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 3,339.  
109, (tie) Paul LeMond, Jasper, Ind., n,ss-Robert Callari, Cordova, Tenn. And Brian McMahon, Boca Raton, Fla., 3,326.  
112, ss-Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 3,324.  
113, ss-Ross McDonald, Las Vegas, Nev., 3,318.  
114, n-Linda Walbaum, Brighton, Colo., 3,303.  
115, Bill Vannoy, Lexington, S.C., 3,300.  
116, Michael Smith, Centennial, Colo., 3,298.  
117, Timothy Banks, Rosamond, Calif., 3,280.  
118, n-Troy Silfies, Northglenn, Colo., 3,260.  
119, n,ss-Paul Appling, Camarillo, Calif., 3,250.  
120, n,ss-David Graber, Las Vegas, 3,249.  
121, n,ss-Ron Hosler, Englewood, Colo., 3,247.  
122, (tie) ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., and Joe Beck, Montgomery, Ala., 3,246.  
124, Carl West, San Jose, Calif., 3,234.  
125, (tie) Jack Wofford, Flagstaff, Ariz., and ss-Julius Mickel, Omaha, Neb., 3,216.  
127, Mark Abraham, Lansing, Mich., 3,208.  
128, Tom Sellers, Barstow, Calif., 3,204.  
129, Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 3,200.  
130, Rodney Remmers, Moore, Texas, 3,195.  
131, n-Michael Mellick, Whittier, Calif., 3,193.  
132, n-Vic Karbowski, Sommerton, Ariz., 3,191.  
133, n,ss-Dale Knight, Las Vegas, 3,169.  
134, n-Jeff Atkins, Hot Springs Village, Ark., 3,162.  
135, n-Steven Atkinson, Hollywood Park, Texas, 3,152.  
136, ss-Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 3,145.  
137, ss-Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 3,129.  
138, ss-Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 3,122.  
139, n-Tish Johnson, Colorado Springs, Colo., 3,099.  
140, Cephas Hensley, Jonesboro, Tenn., 3,091.  
141, ss-Thomas Sliwinski, Reynoldsville, Pa., 3,080.  
142, ss-Don Lane, San Francisco, 3,069.  
143, ss-Robert Walters, North Las Vegas, Nev., 3,068.  
144, ss-Garry Blanton, Owensboro, Ky., 3,030.  
145, n-Charles Allen Jr., Pell City, Ala., 2,996.  
146, ss-n-Robert Reeder Jr., Bellefonte, Pa., 2,982.

147, ss-Galean Keas, Alda, Neb., 2,917.

n - non-member

ss – PBA60 players ages 60 and over

## **Torgersen Recovers from Slow Start in Fourth Round to Top Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open Qualifying**

*Field cut to top 38 players for Friday's match play rounds*

**LAS VEGAS (June 13, 2019)** – Norway's Tore Torgersen bounced back from a 166 in the first game of Thursday's fourth round to top qualifying in the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm heading into Friday's match play rounds at the Suncoast Bowling Center.

Torgersen, the 2000 World Amateur Bowler of the Year and a member of the World Bowling Writers Hall of Fame, came back from the slow start with games of 213, 246, 256, 208 and 209 to finish the qualifying portion of the season's third major with a 5,257 24-game pinfall total (219 average).

"Some of the guys were moving to the outside of the lane so I thought I would try it, but I never got comfortable and didn't get results," Torgersen said of the first game. "It was probably a strategic miss on my part. I went back to bowling from the inside part of the lane, where I was yesterday, and I found a good comfort level.

"Except for the first game I had good games bowling across the center which was encouraging," he added. "With two rounds of match play before the finals there's still a long way to go but I'm gaining confidence all the time."

The 50-year-old Torgersen holds a 15-pin lead over PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber in second who finished with 5,242.

Weber, a two-time Senior U.S. Open winner who is trying to end a two-year drought without a PBA50 Tour title, bowled 1,319 in Thursday's round with games of 203, 217, 245, 205, 232 and 217 to move into second heading into match play.

"I'm feeling great and throwing the ball good," said the 56-year-old Weber, who is trying to become the Senior U.S. Open's first three-time winner. "I'm hitting the pocket eight or nine times a game and if I can keep doing that, I'll be in good shape the rest of the way."

Hall of Famer Norm Duke, who is trying for his second Senior U.S. Open title, finished qualifying in third just one pin behind Weber with 5,241. Duke bowled 1,393 in the final qualifying round with games of 201, 234, 259, 205, 259 and 235.

Trying for his first PBA50 Tour title of the season, the 55-year-old Duke won the Go Bowling! Indianapolis and Go Bowling! Jonesboro Opens in February for the 39th and 40th PBA Tour titles of his career becoming the oldest player to win back-to-back tour titles.

After leading the first three rounds, Senior U.S. Open defending champion Mika Koivuniemi of Finland, dropped to fourth finishing with a 5,228 pinfall, followed by former Team USA member Steven Smith of San Diego who qualified fifth with 5,210.

Two other two-time winners, Hall of Famers Amleto Monacelli and Tom Baker, also made the cut to match play. Monacelli finished qualifying in 18th with 4,971 and Baker took the 38th and final match play spot with 4,863.

The intensity will ramp up for Friday's match play rounds where 30 bonus pins are awarded for each match win. The 38 players will bowl six-game match play rounds at 8 a.m. and noon PT which will determine the top five for the stepladder finals scheduled to begin at 4 p.m.

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## **SUNCOAST PBA SENIOR U.S. OPEN**

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**Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Thursday**

### **FOURTH ROUND (after 24 games. Top 38 players advance to Friday's match play rounds)**

- 1, n-Tore Torgersen, Norway, 5,257.
- 2, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 5,242.
- 3, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 5,241.
- 4, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 5,228.
- 5, n-Steven Smith, San Diego, 5,210.
- 6, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 5,077.
- 7, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 5,075.
- 8, Rolando Sebelen, Dominican Republic, 5,074.
- 9, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 5,058.
- 10, Robert Lawrence, Austin, Texas, 5,049.
- 11, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 5,040.
- 12, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 5,027.
- 13, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 5,023.
- 14, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 5,001.
- 15, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 4,996.
- 16, Blaine Weninger, Happy Valley, Ore., 4,986.
- 17, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 4,980.
- 18, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 4,971.
- 19, Steven Badovinac, Parker, Colo., 4,970.
- 20, Mark Mazzulla, Brentwood, Calif., 4,966.
- 21, Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., 4,963.
- 22, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 4,961.
- 23, Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 4,956.
- 24, (tie) Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., and Steve Hoskins, New Port Richey, Fla., 4,952.
- 26, Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 4,944.
- 27, n-Ron Nelson Jr., Bridgeview, Ill., 4,941.
- 28, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 4,940.
- 29, Paul Fleming, Ft. Worth, Texas, 4,912.
- 30, Greg McDaniel, Kimball, Neb., 4,906.
- 31, Martin Bedford, Gasport, New York, 4,905.
- 32, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 4,904.
- 33, Dennis Horan Jr., Oakley, Calif., 4,892.
- 34, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 4,887.
- 35, Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 4,886.
- 36, Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland, 4,876.
- 37, Jay Hess, Gotha, Fla., 4,867.
- 38, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 4,863.

**Did not advance:**

- 39, ss-Junichi Yajima, Japan, 4,859, \$1,100.
- 40, n-Don Moser, Menifee, Calif., 4,852.
- 41, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 4,850.
- 42, Daniel Miyamoto, Mililani, Hawaii, 4,846.
- 43, ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 4,828, \$1,100.
- 44, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 4,824.
- 45, Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 4,811.
- 46, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 4,810.
- 47, Bob Rosenau, Redding, Calif., 4,792.
- 48, Brian Menini, Brookfield, Mo., 4,787.
- 49, Tommy Martin, Millington, Tenn., 4,779.
- 50, ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 4,773, \$1,100.
- 51, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 4,761, \$1,100.
- 52, ss-Michael Lucente, Warren, Mich., 4,760, \$1,100.
- 53, Bill Watson, Monroe, Ohio, 4,746.
- 54, Noel Vazquez, Sacramento, Calif., 4,741.
- 55, Doug Kempt, Arcadia, Calif., 4,740.
- 56, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 4,738, \$1,100.
- 57, (tie) n-Jerry Johnson Jr., Las Vegas, and Joseph Petrovich, Tracy, Calif, 4,737.
- 59, ss-Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., 4,733, \$1,100.
- 60, Peter Knopp, Germany, 4,732.
- 61, Randy Peterson, Carrington, N.D., 4,730.
- 62, ss-Skip Pavone, San Jose, Calif., 4,728, \$1,100.
- 63, n-James Wallace, Hicksville, N.Y., 4,724.
- 64, Johnny Petraglia, Manalapan, N.J., 4,719.
- 65, Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 4,713.
- 65, n-Barry Zimmerman, Grand Forks, N.D., 4,713.
- 67, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 4,710.
- 68, Robert Brown, Cody, Wyo., 4,706.
- 69, Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 4,694.
- 70, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 4,689.
- 71, (tie) Jerry Sikora, Huron, S.D., and Joe Salvemini, Colorado Springs, Colo., 4,684.
- 73, Widmar Vargas, Sun City Center, Fla., 4,678.
- 74, Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 4,654.
- 75, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 4,651.
- 76, Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., 4,649.
- 77, Joe Goldstein Sr., San Bruno, Calif., 4,642.
- 78, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 4,637.
- 79, John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 4,634.
- 80, Rick Minier, Houston, 4,629.
- 81, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 4,628.
- 82, Rob Rice, Sunnyside, Wash., 4,618.
- 83, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 4,614.
- 84, Todd Haney, Boiling Springs, S.C., 4,612.
- 85, Takeo Sakai, Japan, 4,600.
- 86, Pat Nolan, Japan, 4,586.
- 87, n-Steven Jeeves, England, 4,581.
- 88, n-David Waswo, Lees Summit, Mo., 4,578.
- 89, Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 4,577.
- 90, John Dougherty, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., 4,568.
- 91, Russ Simmons, Fontana, Calif., 4,567.

- 92, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 4,563.
- 93, n-Bob Baer, Henderson, Nev., 4,557.
- 94, n-Paul Renteria, Henderson, Nev., 4,553.
- 95, n,ss-Darwin Wimer, Mesquite, Nev., 4,527.
- 96, (tie) Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., and Carlos Denot, Mexico, 4,515.
- 98, (tie) n-John Hricsina Jr., Las Vegas, and Jon DeLaney, McKinney, Texas, 4,508.
- 100, Jeff Mann Sr., Clearlake Oaks, Calif., 4,494.
- 101, Tom Sellers, Barstow, Calif., 4,488.
- 102, n-Bill Oakes, Lawton, Okla., 4,475.
- 103, Richard Strath, Schenectady, N.Y., 4,469.
- 104, n-Linda Walbaum, Brighton, Colo., 4,462.
- 105, Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., 4,453.
- 106, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 4,447.
- 107, Brian McMahon, Boca Raton, Fla., 4,445.
- 108, n-Jim Montgomery, Byron, Ill., 4,444.
- 109, Michael Smith, Centennial, Colo., 4,436.
- 110, Stan Winters, Simi Valley, Calif., 4,406.
- 111, Mark Abraham, Lansing, Mich., and n-Rolly Sebelen, Dominican Republic, 4,404.
- 113, n-Robert Callari, Cordova, Tenn., 4,399.
- 114, n-Paul Appling, Camarillo, Calif., 4,397.
- 115, n-Ron Hosler, Englewood, Colo., 4,390.
- 116, n-David Graber, Las Vegas, 4,373.
- 117, Timothy Banks, Rosamond, Calif., 4,363.
- 118, Julius Mickel, Omaha, Neb., 4,358.
- 119, Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 4,356.
- 120, Paul LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 4,344.
- 121, James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 4,343.
- 122, Ross McDonald, Las Vegas, Nev., 4,340.
- 123, n-Troy Silfies, Northglenn, Colo., 4,326.
- 124, (tie) Carl West, San Jose, Calif., and Joe Beck, Montgomery, Ala., 4,324.
- 126, Rodney Remmers, Moore, Texas, 4,308.
- 127, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 4,297.
- 128, Jack Wofford, Flagstaff, Ariz., 4,280.
- 129, n-Steven Atkinson, Hollywood Park, Texas, 4,260.
- 130, Bill Vannoy, Lexington, S.C., 4,258.
- 131, n-Jeff Atkins, Hot Springs Village, Ark., 4,256.
- 132, n-Michael Mellick, Whittier, Calif., 4,253.
- 133, n-Tish Johnson, Colorado Springs, Colo., 4,245.
- 134, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 4,243.
- 135, Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 4,241.
- 136, n-Vic Karbowski, Sommerton, Ariz., 4,198.
- 137, Cephas Hensley, Jonesboro, Tenn., 4,189.
- 138, Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 4,166.
- 139, n-Charles Allen Jr., Pell City, Ala., 4,161.
- 140, Thomas Sliwinski, Reynoldsville, Pa., 4,159.
- 141, Garry Blanton, Owensboro, Ky., 4,154.
- 142, Don Lane, San Francisco, 4,118.
- 143, Robert Walters, North Las Vegas, Nev., 4,110.
- 144, n-Robert Reeder Jr., Bellefonte, Pa., 4,054.
- 145, n-Dale Knight, Las Vegas, 4,037.
- 146, Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 3,877.

n - non-member ss – PBA60 players ages 60 and over out of the regular prize list earning \$1,100

## PBA Spare Shots

### PBA'S MERMAID LANES MIDWEST OPEN FEATURES A BIZARRE ENDING

**Brady Stearns** of Saint Augusta, Minn., won his first PBA Regional title Sunday in Mounds View, Minn., in what might have been the most bizarre ending in PBA Regional tournament history.

In Sunday's PBA Mermaid Lanes Midwest Open presented by Columbia 300 in Mounds View, Stearns defeated **Nick Pate** of Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 240-239, to win the title and \$2,500 first prize after Pate, needing two pins on his fill ball after converting a 10 pin spare in the 10th frame, saw his final shot drift right into the gutter.

Ironically, Stearns had opened the door for Pate in similar fashion just moments earlier. Working on a string of six strikes including the first two in his 10th frame, Stearns also threw his final shot into the gutter to give Pate an easier chance to win. Had Stearns struck on his fill ball, he would have forced Pate to also strike on his first shot in the 10th for the title, but his gutterball meant Pate only had to spare and get two pins.

Adding to the irony, the Mermaid Lanes Midwest Open was contested on the **Del Ballard Jr.** lane oiling pattern. The lane conditioning pattern was named in honor of the PBA Hall of Famer who infamously rolled a gutter ball on his final shot to lose the 1991 PBA Fair Lanes Open title to **Pete Weber**.

"It was the most bizarre finish I've ever seen, and I've been involved with the PBA since 1976 – 43 years. And I bowled a few years before that," said veteran PBA East Region Manager **Russ Mills**, who served as tournament director for the event. "I thought Nick was going to throw it right down the middle, but he didn't. I don't think he was aware of the situation, but hopefully he'll learn from it."

You can watch the drama unfold on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nNKGdgPOS4&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR1SFYH7beVyQv4Luj8CxrrlfPnJqUjHtAOzsMyoToms754dhuUf1p2CPBE>

Prior to the climactic title match, Pate defeated **Russ Oviatt** of Chandler, Ariz., 279-236, to advance to the championship match after Pate downed **Kiho Kyun** of Plymouth, Minn., 257-219, in the first stepladder match.

In Saturday's PBA River City Extreme Midwest Open presented by Hammer in Monticello, Minn., non-PBA member **John Kreyer Jr.** of Mounds View defeated Stearns, 213-202, to win in Monticello. Kreyer earned \$2,500 but doesn't get credited with a PBA regional title since he is a non-member.

Kreyer defeated **Mike Fagan** of Las Vegas, 209-179, to advance to the championship match after Kreyer edged **Blake Demore** of Springfield, Mo., 214-212, in the first stepladder match.

## FLOSPORTS ANNOUNCES NEW APPS AVAILABLE FOR INSTANT ACCESS

[FloSports](#), the parent of PBA's official livestreaming partner FloBowling, has announced the launch of its new app on Amazon Fire TV, and updated-and-improved apps on Roku and Apple TV.

The user experience streamlines the ability to explore live events and content across the entire FloSports network of more than 20 sports. Improvements have been made to navigation, stream switching capabilities, instant auto-play, content automation, and more.

The apps have many new features, highlighted by instant auto-play, which allows users who are watching long-form events to resume watching where they left off, and seamlessly switch between different live event streams, archives, and camera angles. Additionally, users are able to login and return to the sport vertical they last watched.

"We are excited to offer sports fans more ways to live stream their favorite events on the big screen," FloSports CEO and Co-Founder **Mark Floreani** said. "With the launch of our new apps, fans now have multiple ways to watch from any device with a streamlined experience. We have simplified the ability to search for videos and events, get breaking news, and watch event highlights and replays."

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## TICKETS, SPECIAL ROOM RATES AVAILABLE FOR PBA TOUR FINALS AT RED ROCK

Tickets to watch the 2019 Barbasol PBA Tour Finals, as well as special room rates at the host Red Rock Casino Resort & Spa in Las Vegas, are still available. For tickets for the two-day battle in July between the PBA's elite eight players based upon composite competition points earned during the 2018 and 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour seasons, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/barbasol-pba-tour-finals-presented-by-red-rock-casino-resort-spa-tickets-57610119418>.

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The field of eight for the Barbasol PBA Tour Finals will include top qualifier and defending champion **Jason Belmonte**, 2019 USBC Masters champion **Jakob Butturff**, **Anthony Simonsen**, **EJ Tackett**, **Marshall Kent** and PBA Tour Finals

newcomers **Bill O'Neill**, 2018 PBA Player of the Year **Andrew Anderson** and newly-crowned PBA Playoffs champion **Kris Prather**.

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### **PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: BRAD ANGELO WINS IN ELKHART, INDIANA**

**Brad Angelo** of Lockport, N.Y. defeated **JR Raymond** of Clinton Twp., Mich., 195-167, to win the PBA Elkhart Central Open presented by 900 Global at Country Club Lanes in Elkhart, Ind., Sunday for his third PBA Regional title and a \$2,000 first prize.

Angelo topped **Greg Young** of Viera, Fla., 227-199, while Raymond downed **Tristan Butler** of Ft. Wayne, Ind., 201-155, in the semifinal round to set up the championship match.

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### **QUICK NOTES**

• **Last Call:** Applications for the 2019 PBA Billy Welu Scholarship Award, recognizing exemplary qualities in male or female college students who excel in academics as well as in the sport of bowling, are being accepted through June 21. The winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. To be eligible candidates must be amateur bowlers who are currently in college (preceding the application date) and maintaining at least a 2.5/4.0 GPA or equivalent. The two-part application can be retrieved by downloading the files from this link <http://www.pba.com/Corporate/Scholarships>.

• **Reminder:** The 10th annual **Rhino Page** Lace Up to Strike Out Crohn's and Colitis fundraiser is set for Saturday, June 15, at South Levittown Lanes in Levittown, N.Y. For more information about the event, visit: [www.strikeoutcrohns.com](http://www.strikeoutcrohns.com).

### **000Norway's Torgersen Defeats Finland's Koivuniemi in Title Match to Win Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open**

*Torgersen thwarts Koivuniemi's bid for a second consecutive Senior U.S. Open  
Title with 184-178 title match win*

**LAS VEGAS (June 14, 2019)** – Tore Torgersen of Norway, a highly-decorated bowler on the international stage, thwarted PBA Hall of Famer Mika Koivuniemi's bid for a second consecutive Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm title Friday by winning the low-scoring title match 184-178 at the Suncoast Bowling Center.

In a title match where strikes were hard to come by, the 50-year-old Torgersen, bowling as a non-PBA member, was able to take an early lead in the match when Finland native Koivuniemi, who was top qualifier for the stepladder finals for the second consecutive year, failed to convert the 1-2-10 washout in the fourth frame. Torgersen missed a 10 pin in the seventh frame, but the 52-year-old Koivuniemi who won last year's Senior U.S. Open for his first PBA50 Tour title couldn't take advantage of the opportunity, giving the win in the season's third and final major for players 50 and over to the Norwegian.

"I made the mistake about thinking about the 10 pin," said Torgersen, the 2000 World Amateur Bowler of the Year and a member of the World Bowling Writers Hall of Fame. "I was thinking that I hadn't missed a 10 pin in a while, no problem – and what happened? I missed it. I was very fortunate to get away with winning after missing that."

Torgersen joined 2007 Senior U.S. Open winner Rick Minier as the only non-members to win the major.

Torgersen, who lists the 1994 Qubica/AMF World Cup title and the 1999 World Championships all-events gold medal among his many accomplishments in international competition, qualified second for the stepladder finals.

In the semifinal match he beat No. 3 qualifier PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke who was trying for his second Senior U.S. Open win and sixth career PBA50 Tour title, 196-180, to advance to the title match.

"I could tell it wasn't going to be a strikefest but I like the challenge of thinking your way out of trouble and that's the way it was the whole tournament," Torgersen said. "Once you get in that mindset that's how the tournament is going to be, you just adjust to it. Don't get me wrong, I'll join in on a strikefest party, but if it's not, I'm not afraid of making the big changes you need to make on a challenging condition."

Torgersen also had a two-season stint on the Go Bowling! PBA Tour 15 years ago when he had a career high third-place finish in the 2005 Birmingham Open.

In the opening stepladder match, No. 5 seed 2018 PBA50 Rookie of the Year Rolando Sebelen of the Dominican Republic, defeated No. 4 seed three-time Team USA member Steven Smith of San Diego, 246-200, to advance to the second stepladder match against Duke. Sebelen, who finished fourth, improved on his 10th-place finish in his Senior U.S. Open debut in 2018. Smith, also bowling as a non-member, finished fifth improving on his eighth-place finish in 2018.

In the second match, Duke defeated Sebelen 245-193 to advance to the semifinal against Torgersen.

Earlier this season the 55-year-old Duke won the Go Bowling! Indianapolis and Go Bowling! Jonesboro Opens for the 39th and 40th PBA Tour titles of his career becoming the oldest player to win back-to-back PBA Tour titles.

The 2019 PBA50 Tour season will take a four-week break before starting up again with the PBA50 River City Extreme Open presented by Hammer July 9-12. Fans can catch all the action on FloBowling.com. Visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com) for subscription and schedule information.

### **SUNCOAST PBA SENIOR U.S. OPEN**

**Presented by Storm**

**Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Friday**

#### **Final Standings:**

- 1, Tore Torgersen, Norway, \$15,000
- 2, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, \$7,500
- 3, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., \$5,000
- 4, Rolando Sebelen, Dominican Republic, \$4,000
- 5, Steven Smith, San Diego, \$3,000

#### **Stepladder Results:**

- Match One – Sebelen def. Smith, 246-200.  
Match Two – Duke def. Sebelen, 245-193.  
Semifinal Match – Torgersen def. Duke, 196-180.  
Championship Match – Torgersen def. Koivuniemi, 184-178.

#### **SIXTH ROUND (after 36 games. Includes match play record and total pinfall including bonus pins. Top five players advance to stepladder finals)**

- 1, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 10-2, 8,172.
- 2, n-Tore Torgersen, Norway, 8-4, 8,109.
- 3, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 7-5, 8,057.
- 4, n-Steven Smith, San Diego, 9-3, 8,049.
- 5, Rolando Sebelen, Dominican Republic, 8-4, 7,985.
- 6, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 9-3, 7,899, \$2,700.
- 7, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 10-2, 7,885, \$2,400.
- 8, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 8-4, 7,857, \$2,250.
- 9, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 9-3, 7,847, \$2,150.
- 10, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 4-8, 7,844, \$2,100.
- 11, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 8-4, 7,771, \$2,050.
- 12, Blaine Weninger, Happy Valley, Ore., 7-5, 7,757, \$2,000.
- 13, Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland, 7-5, 7,749, \$1,950.
- 14, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 5-7, 7,720, \$1,900.
- 15, Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 7-5, 7,685, \$1,850.

- 16, Paul Fleming, Ft. Worth, Texas, 7-5, 7,674, \$1,800.
- 17, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 5-7, 7,664, \$1,750.
- 18, n-Ron Nelson Jr., Bridgeview, Ill., 6-6, 7,652, \$1,700.
- 19, Steven Badovinac, Parker, Colo., 5-7, 7,639, \$1,650.
- 20, Greg McDaniel, Kimball, Neb., 7-5, 7,609, \$1,600.
- 21, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 6-6, 7,606, \$1,575.
- 22, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 5-7, 7,568, \$1,550.
- 23, Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., 6-5-1, 7,549, \$1,525.
- 24, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 4-8, 7,548, \$1,500.
- 25, Robert Lawrence, Austin, Texas, 5-7, 7,543, \$1,475.
- 26, Mark Mazzulla, Brentwood, Calif., 5-7, 7,535, \$1,450.
- 27, Dennis Horan Jr., Oakley, Calif., 6-6, 7,501, \$1,425.
- 28, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 5-7, 7,489, \$1,400.
- 29, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 3-8-1, 7,457, \$1,380.
- 30, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 2-10, 7,451, \$1,360.
- 31, Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 6-6, 7,440, \$1,340.
- 32, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 4-8, 7,425, \$1,320.
- 33, Steve Hoskins, New Port Richey, Fla., 4-8, 7,400, \$1,300.
- 34, Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 2-9-1, 7,386, \$1,280.
- 35, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 5-7, 7,358, \$1,260.
- 36, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 5-7, 7,357, \$1,240.
- 37, Jay Hess, Gotha, Fla., 4-8, 7,270, \$1,220.
- 38, Martin Bedford, Gasport, N.Y., 3-8-1, 7,168, \$1,200.

**FIFTH ROUND (after 30 games. Includes match play record and total pinfall including bonus pins. All players advance to the sixth round)**

- 1, n-Tore Torgersen, Norway, 5-1, 6,742.
- 2, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 5-1, 6,741.
- 3, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 5-1, 6,718.
- 4, n-Steven Smith, San Diego, 5-1, 6,628.
- 5, Rolando Sebelen, Dominica Republic, 4-2, 6,516.
- 6, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 5-1, 6,504.
- 7, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 4-2, 6,487.
- 8, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1-5, 6,486.
- 9, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 4-2, 6,470.
- 10, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 5-1, 6,428.
- 11, Blaine Weninger, Happy Valley, Ore., 3-3, 6,422.
- 12, n-Ron Nelson Jr., Bridgeview, Ill., 4-2, 6,398.
- 13, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 4-2, 6,390.
- 14, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 2-4, 6,380.
- 15, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 3-3, 6,376.
- 16, Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 4-2, 6,355.
- 17, Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., 4-1-1, 6,304.
- 18, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1-5, 6,300.
- 19, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 2-4, 6,297.
- 20, Robert Lawrence, Austin, Texas, 2-4, 6,295.
- 21, Steven Badovinac, Parker, Colo., 2-4, 6,284.
- 22, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 2-4, 6,240.
- 23, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 4-2, 6,237.
- 23, Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 4-2, 6,237.
- 25, Mark Mazzulla, Brentwood, Calif., 2-4, 6,233.
- 26, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 1-5, 6,231.
- 27, Paul Fleming, Ft. Worth, Texas, 3-3, 6,228.

- 28, Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland, 3-3, 6,211.
- 29, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 2-4, 6,201.
- 30, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 2-4, 6,199.
- 31, Dennis Horan Jr., Oakley, Calif., 3-3, 6,195.
- 32, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1-5, 6,193.
- 33, Steve Hoskins, New Port Richey, Fla., 3-3, 6,189.
- 34, Greg McDaniel, Kimball, Neb., 3-3, 6,175.
- 35, Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 1-4-1, 6,110.
- 36, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 2-4, 6,105.
- 37, Jay Hess, Gotha, Fla., 1-5, 6,095.
- 38, Martin Bedford, Gasport, New York, 2-4, 6,013.

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### **Corey Umbrello wins PBA Homefield Bowl Eastern Open for 1<sup>st</sup> Title**

**Yonkers, N.Y. (June 16, 2019)** – Corey Umbrello of Westminster, Mass. rolled a clutch double in the 10th frame to defeat Ryan Graywacz of Canastota, N.Y., 227-224, to win the PBA Homefield Bowl Eastern Open presented by MOTIV at Homefield Bowl Sunday.

Umbrello compiled an 8-4 match play record and 4,591 pins for 20 games, including match play bonus pins, to qualify first for the stepladder finals by 65 pins over Graywacz. Umbrello then started the championship match with four strikes, while Graywacz started with a spare and three strikes to stay close. When Umbrello opened in the ninth frame, Graywacz had an opportunity to close him out, but after throwing strikes in the ninth and 10th frames, Graywacz failed to throw the clinching third strike in a row. Umbrello then doubled to secure his first PBA title and the \$3,000 first place prize.

Graywacz almost missed the stepladder finals when Michael Markis of Scranton, Pa., failed to convert a 10 pin in the 10th frame of his final qualifying game, creating a 4,388-4,388 tie. Graywacz won the one-game roll-off, 206-176, to advance.

Graywacz, also looking for his first PBA title, advanced to the championship match by defeating Jonathan Van Hees of Charlestown, R.I., 213-190, and defending champion Anthony Pepe of Elmhurst, N.Y., 201-189. Graywacz earned \$1,700 as the runner-up while Pepe received \$1,300 and Van Hees \$1,000.

The next PBA East Region event is the PBA50 Ned Micelli Memorial presented by Ebonite, hosted by Herrill Lanes in New Hyde Park, N.Y., next weekend.

### **PBA HOMEFIELD BOWL EASTERN OPEN presented by MOTIV Homefield Bowl, Yonkers, N.Y., Sunday**

#### **Final Standings:**

- 1, Corey Umbrello, Westminster, Mass., \$3,000.
- 2, Ryan Graywacz, Canastota, N.Y., \$1,700.
- 3. Anthony Pepe, East Elmhurst, N.Y., \$1,300.
- 4, Jonathan Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., \$1,000.

#### **Stepladder Results:**

Match One – Graywacz def. Van Hees, 213-190.  
Semi-final Match – Graywacz def. Pepe, 201-189.  
Championship Match – Umbrello def. Graywacz, 227-224.

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

- 1, Umbrello, 8-4, 4,591.
- 2, Pepe, 8-4, 4,526.
- 3, Van Hees, 7-5, 4,482.
- 4, Graywacz, 7-5, 4,388.
- 5, Michael Markis, Scranton, Pa., 8-4, 4,388, \$900. Lost roll off to Graywacz 206-176
- 6, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 7-5, 4,375, \$850.
- 7, Adam Chase, North Babylon, N.Y., 8-4, 4,300, \$800.
- 8, n-Matthew Vega, Somers, N.Y., 7-5, 4,284, \$775.
- 9, John Furey, Howell, N.J., 8-4, 4,278, \$750.
- 10, n-Gregory Tack, Port Murray, N.J., 6-6, 4,237, \$725.
- 11, n-Michael Ruben, Selden, N.Y., 6-6, 4,159, \$700.
- 12, Ryan Galli, Binghamton, N.Y., 4-8, 4,114, \$690.
- 13, Tommy Dakouvanos, N. Middletown, N.J., 3-8-1, 4,079, \$680.
- 14, Justin Warhol, Sound Beach, N.Y., 5-6-1, 4,040, \$670.
- 15, n-Scott Kampf, Levittown, N.Y., 3-9, 3,984, \$660.
- 16, Greg Hess, Hamilton, N.J., 0-12, 3,804, \$650.

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### **Belmonte, Duke, Butturff and Simonsen Nominated for 2019 ESPY Best Bowler Award; Voting Now Open**

**CHICAGO** – Four-time PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte, PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke, and rising stars Jakob Butturff and Anthony Simonsen – four players who have already put together milestone seasons on the GoBowling! PBA Tour season in 2019 – have been selected by ESPN as nominees for the 2019 ESPY Best Bowler Award.

Fans have the opportunity to select the winners by voting online at ESPN.com/ESPYS and social media platforms. Visit this link to vote: [https://www.espn.com/espys/story/\\_/page/voting48/best-athlete-sport](https://www.espn.com/espys/story/_/page/voting48/best-athlete-sport)

Hosted by actor/comedian Tracy Morgan, the awards will be announced Wednesday, July 10 during the ESPYs telecast from the Microsoft Theatre in Los Angeles beginning at 8 p.m. ET on ABC. Voting will remain open until the start of the ESPYs telecast.

Belmonte, a four-time winner in 2019, has won four previous ESPYs. During the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season, he has won the PBA Tournament of Champions and a second consecutive PBA World Championship for his 10th and 11th PBA Tour major titles, surpassing Earl Anthony and Pete Weber for first on the all-time majors titles list.

Just shy of his 55th birthday, Duke, a four-time ESPY winner, won the Go Bowling! PBA Indianapolis Open and the Go Bowling! PBA Jonesboro Open for his 39th and 40th tour titles, becoming the oldest player to win back-to-back tour titles. He joins all-time PBA Tour titles record-holder Walter Ray Williams Jr. (47) and Earl Anthony (43) as the third player ever to win 40 PBA Tour titles.

Butturff, a two-time winner so far in 2019, is looking for his first ESPY. He won the USBC Masters for his first PBA Tour major. He also was runner-up to Belmonte in the PBA World Championship.

Simonsen, who became the youngest player ever to win a major when he won the 2016 USBC Masters at age 19, became the youngest to win two majors when he captured the 2019 PBA Players Championship at age 22. He also is hoping for his first ESPY.

The ESPYS and related events benefit the V Foundation for Cancer Research in memory of the late Jim Valvano. You can help raise awareness of Jimmy V's dream by sharing/retweeting his powerful speech, which will be shared by @ESPN (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter) as well as @ESPYS (Twitter) on July 10.

### **HISTORY OF BEST BOWLER ESPY AWARD WINNERS**

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PBA Spare Shots

AMERICAN PBA STARS WIN 20TH WEBER CUP, EVEN SERIES AT 10-10

PBA stars Anthony Simonsen, Kyle Troup, Jakob Butturff and team captain Chris Barnes successfully defended the Weber Cup against a quartet of European PBA stars – Osku Palermaa, Jesper Svensson, Stuart Williams and captain Dom Barrett – in the 20th anniversary of the Ryder-Cup-style bowling event, but the first held on American soil.

Simonsen's 287-278 win over Williams in the 32nd match finished off the 18-14 win by the U.S. One point was awarded in each singles, doubles and Baker team match bowled using the World Bowling "current frame" scoring system. The U.S. win evened the series at 10-10. The invitational event will return to Europe in 2020.

The Weber Cup was conducted over a span of four days on a single lane in a stadium-style setting at Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas.

#### JAKOB BUTTURFF, LIZ JOHNSON TOP 2019 WORLD BOWLING TOUR POINTS LISTS

Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., and Liz Johnson of Palatine, Ill., are the early men's and women's leaders in World Bowling Tour points in the races for three berths in the 2019 World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals. The finals will take place for the first time in Kuwait at the conclusion of the World Bowling-PBA International Tour's Kuwait Open, Oct. 31-Nov. 6.

Points are earned in designated World Bowling Tour events held around the world. Seven additional events are on the men's schedule in 2019 while women have eight more events, including this week's U.S. Women's Open.

Butturff heads the men's qualifying list with 1,080 points, followed by PBA Tour rookie Mykel Holliman of Collierville, Tenn. (636 points); defending WBT Men's Finals winner Jason Belmonte of Australia (600); Mitch Hupé of Canada (468) and AJ Chapman of Manchester, Iowa (444). The women's top five are Johnson (1,224); Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, N.Y. (928); Tannya Roumimper of Indonesia (720); and Clara Guerrero of Colombia (696). Missy Parkin of Laguna Hills, Calif., and Dasha Kovalova of Ukraine are tied for fifth with 600 points each.

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- John Janawicz of Winter Haven, Fla., defeated Kristijonas Sergejevas of Lithuania, 235-196, Sunday to win the fourth annual PBA Timmy See Memorial South Open presented by MOTIV at BreakPoint Alley in Tavares, Fla.

Janawicz, a 2018 USBC Hall of Fame inductee, qualified in the top position for the stepladder finals with a 17-game pinfall total of 4,238, and easily won the championship match after starting with four strikes while Sergejevas opened in the third frame and failed to throw consecutive strikes until the eighth and ninth frames.

In the opening match Anthony DeStasio of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., defeated Shawn Naumann of Orlando, Fla., 248-235. Sergejevas then defeated DeStasio, 257-224, to advance to the final match.

Janawicz earned \$2,300 for the win but doesn't get credit for a PBA title because he is not a PBA member.

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## QUICK NOTES

- How did PBA Hall of Famer Nelson Burton Jr. spend his 77th birthday on June 6? He bowled as a sub in the Wednesday Handicap Singles league at Stuart Bowl in Stuart, Fla., and rolled games of 279, 290 and 269 for an 838 series. He then added a 248 for a four-game series of 1,086 for a 271.5 average.

- Don't Forget to Vote: Four-time PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte, PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke, and rising stars Jakob Butturff and Anthony Simonsen – four players who have already put together milestone seasons in the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season – have been selected by ESPN as nominees for the 2019 ESPY Best Bowler Award. Fans will select the winners by voting online at [ESPN.com/ESPYS](https://www.espn.com/espys/story/_/page/voting48/best-athlete-sport) and social media platforms: [https://www.espn.com/espys/story/\\_/page/voting48/best-athlete-sport](https://www.espn.com/espys/story/_/page/voting48/best-athlete-sport).

- Fans can watch the 2019 Teen Masters from July 1-5 on FloBowling. For schedule and FloBowling subscription information, visit [FloBowling.com](http://FloBowling.com)

- **Reminder:** Tickets to watch the 2019 Barbasol PBA Tour Finals presented by Red Rock Casino, Resort & Spa are still available. For tickets for the two-day battle July 20-21 between the PBA's elite eight players based upon competition points earned during the 2018 and 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour seasons, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/barbasol-pba-tour-finals-presented-by-red-rock-casino-resort-spa-tickets-57610119418>. For room reservations, call Red Rock line (702-797-7625 or 866-767-7773) prior to June 26 to check on availability. Use the code PBARATE prior to June 26. The field of eight will include Jason Belmonte, Jakob Butturff, Anthony Simonsen, EJ Tackett, Marshall Kent, Bill O'Neill, Andrew Anderson and Kris Prather. The Barbasol PBA Tour Finals will be televised live by CBS Sports Network over a span five shows (two on Saturday, July 20 and three on Sunday, July 21).

**Lucrative PBA Summer Tour Gets Underway with Lubbock Sports Shootout**  
*World-class field to compete for bonus money, incentives, seven titles live on FloBowling*

**LUBBOCK, Texas (June 24, 2019)** – After a highly-success first half of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season televised for the first time by FOX Sports' network of television and social media outlets, the PBA turns its attention to a lucrative 10-event, seven-title Summer Tour that will be covered exclusively by the PBA's other new media partner, FloBowling.

The PBA Summer Tour, which will include more than \$100,000 in bonus prize money and other significant incentives, gets underway Saturday and Sunday with the Lubbock Sports Shootout, presented by Ebonite, at South Plains Lanes in Lubbock, Texas, where Dick Allen won his seventh career title earlier in the season when South Plains Lanes hosted the PBA Lubbock Sports Open.

Allen, along with his Lubbock Sports Open title-match victim, Sean Rash, will head the field of established and rising PBA stars from around the globe who will make the trip to Lubbock to kick off the Summer Tour. Also entered is Australia's Jason Belmonte, the leading contender for 2019 PBA Player of the Year honors after winning four titles including two majors thus far in the year, and a handful of top Rookie of the Year candidates including rookie points leader Mykel Holliman of Collierville, Tennessee.

The Lubbock tournament will launch a series of events that will provide one of the most exciting summers of PBA action in recent memory. Among the highlights:

- The USBC Cup points competition that will reward the top five players in the series with a total of \$40,000 in bonus prize money: \$20,000 to the points leader, \$10,000 to second and \$5,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000 to the next three;
- Berths in the inaugural FloBowling ATX Invite for the top eight in Summer Tour points. The winner of that event at Dart Bowl in Austin, Texas, on Sept. 21 will win \$25,000 while the other eight also will receive cash prizes;
- Expenses-paid trips to China for the top eight in points, where they will compete in the first professional bowling tournament ever held in China – the PBA China Tiger Cup. That event (Nov. 29-31 in Suzhou) will pay the winner \$20,000. All eight PBA Tour qualifiers will cash, and a five-player team of PBA stars will bowl a match against China's top players with the winners sharing another \$15,000 bonus;
- Competition points earned during the Summer Tour will count toward eligibility for the 2020 DHC PBA Japan Invitational and 2020 Go Bowling! PBA Tour eligibility. While non-members are invited to enter PBA Summer Tour events (if entry slots are available), they will not earn PBA points and will not be eligible for any of the special incentives or bonuses.
- Titles, earnings and points all will play a role in the selection of 2019 PBA Player and Rookie of the Year winners. Rookie of the Year will receive a \$2,500 cash bonus from Chuck Gardner's Bowl4Life Foundation and a \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded to a youth bowler by the Foundation in the ROY's name.

The Lubbock Sports Shootout begins with a practice session and pro-am on Friday, June 28. Competition begins Saturday with half of the field bowling an eight-game qualifying squad at 8:30 a.m. and the other half of the bowling its qualifying round at 3:30 p.m. The top one-third of the qualifiers will advance to a six-game cashers round Sunday at 8:30 a.m. The top 16 after 14 games will bowl an eight-game match play round at 12:15 p.m. with the top four players advancing to the stepladder finals at 4:15 p.m. All times are Central.

All of Saturday's and Sunday's action will be streamed live by PBA's official online bowling partner, FloBowling. To sign up, visit FloBowling.com.

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 Saturday at 2 and 5:30 p.m. For pro-am information, call South Plains Lanes at (806) 794-4844.

## **PBA LUBBOCK SPORTS SHOOTOUT**

**presented by Ebonite**

**South Plains Lanes, Lubbock, Texas, June 28-30 (all times CDT)**

### **Friday, June 28**

4 p.m. – Official Practice Session

7 p.m. – Pro-Am squad.

### **Saturday, June 29**

8:30 a.m. - A Squad, eight qualifying games.  
3:30 p.m. – B Squad, eight qualifying games.  
Top one-third of qualifiers advance.

### **Sunday, June 30**

8:30 a.m. - Cashers Round, six games.  
Top 16 after 14 games advance.  
12:16 p.m. – Modified Round Robin Match Play, eight games.  
Top four after 22 games advance.  
4:15 p.m. – Stepladder finals.

*Editor's Note: for a current roster of players entered in the Lubbock Sports Shootout, click here: <https://www.pba.com/Rosters/Details/2992>.*

### **2019 GO BOWLING! PBA SUMMER TOUR SCHEDULE**

**June 28-30** – Lubbock Sports Shootout presented by Ebonite, South Plains Lanes, Lubbock, Texas.

**July 26-29** - Storm PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, Copperfield Lanes, Houston, Texas

**Aug. 9-11** - PBA Harry O'Neale Chesapeake Open, AMF Western Branch Lanes, Chesapeake, Va.

**Aug. 12-14** - PBA Wilmington Open, Ten Pin Alley Family Fun Center, Wilmington, N.C.

**Aug. 16-18**- PBA Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic, Mid-County Lanes, Middletown, Del.

**Aug. 21-23** - PBA [Bowlerstore.com](https://www.bowlerstore.com) Classic presented by Moxy Xtra Pair, Pla-Mor Lanes, Coldwater, Ohio.

**Aug. 24-31** - FloBowling PBA Summer Swing (Wolf Open, Bear Open, Aurora Open) presented by the Brands of Ebonite International, Parkside Lanes, Aurora, Ill.

### **BONUS EVENTS**

**Sept. 21** - FloBowling Shootout, Austin, Texas.

**Nov. 19-21** - PBA China Tiger Cup, Shanghai.

## **PBA World Series of Bowling XI Returns to Las Vegas in 2020**

*Fan-friendly South Point Bowling Plaza to host world's best bowlers for multi-event series March 6-18*

**LAS VEGAS (June 24, 2019)** – The Professional Bowlers Association's World Series of Bowling XI will return to the South Point Bowling Plaza in 2020 for its traditional multi-event championship series, capped by the PBA World Championship.

The 11th anniversary World Series of Bowling, featuring the world's best bowlers, will include the PBA Cheetah, Chameleon and Scorpion Championships as well as the PBA World Championship and the USA vs. The World team event to conclude five consecutive days of television coverage by FOX Sports.

All of the competition will be contested in the South Point Hotel Casino & Spa's state-of-the-art 60-lane Bowling Plaza where FOX Sports will again televise the finals of each animal pattern championship and the PBA World Championship live on consecutive days, followed by the annual team event. PBA's livestreaming partner, FloBowling, will provide live coverage of all preliminary rounds.

The 10th anniversary World Series was highlighted by Jason Belmonte's second straight PBA World Championship victory and record 11th PBA major title. WSOB X, which returned to Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Michigan – the home of the inaugural World Series in 2009 – was watched by a cumulative audience of more than three million viewers on FOX Sports' network of television and media outlets,. South Point previously hosted the WSOB from 2010 through 2014. The WSOB VI finals were the first official competitions conducted in South Point's new \$30 million Bowling Plaza, a facility that is specifically designed for world-class tournaments in a fan-friendly environment.

WSOB XI will get underway on Saturday, March 6, with a Pre-Tournament Qualifier (PTQ) open to PBA members who have not earned exemptions into the tournament. Competition begins in earnest with qualifying rounds for the Cheetah, Chameleon and Scorpion Championships on March 8, 9 and 10, respectively. The Cheetah finals will air live on Sunday, March 15; the Chameleon finals live on Monday, March 16; the Scorpion finals live on Tuesday, March 17, and the PBA World Championship finals live on Wednesday.

FOX Sports' coverage of the World Series program will conclude with the USA Vs. The World team match on Thursday, March 19, as the fifth consecutive day of coverage.

Additional tournament scheduling information for WSOB XI and the 2020 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season will be announced soon.

## **Sammy Ventura Wins PBA50 Ned Micelli Memorial for Ninth Career Title**

**NEW HYDE PARK, N.Y. (June 22, 2019)** – Sammy Ventura of Norwich, N.Y., a two-time East Region PBA50 Player of the Year, compiled a 5-3 match play record and a 15-game total of 3,598 pins to win the PBA50 Ned Micelli Memorial at Herrill Lanes Saturday by a mere six pins over reigning PBA50 East Region Player of the Year Rick Graham of Lancaster, Pa.

Ventura qualified second, 11 pins behind Graham, but quickly assumed the lead, which he held throughout the first seven games of the round robin match play finals. Ventura held a 69-pin lead over Graham going into the final match, but Graham started with four strikes and found himself in position to win before he suffered an open frame in the seventh frame. After Graham failed to strike in the ninth, Ventura had the title clinched despite an open in the final frame.

Ventura won \$1,500 along with his ninth overall PBA Regional title while Graham earned \$800.

The new PBA East Region event was organized by PBA member Glenn Smith to honor the late Ned Micelli, a long-time fellow competitor. Micelli, who died in July 2017, competed well into his 80s throughout the Long Island area.

The PBA East Region next travels to Deptford, N.J., for the PBA50 Cecil Raymond Memorial at Brunswick Zone Deptford July 12-14.

### **PBA50 NED MICELLI MEMORIAL Herrill Lanes, New Hyde Park, N.Y., Saturday**

#### **Final Match Play Standings (after 15 games, including match play bonus pins)**

- 1, Sammy Ventura, Norwich, N.Y., 5-3, 3,598, \$1,500.
- 2, Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., 7-1, 3,592, \$800.
- 3, Robert Greene, Oxford, Conn., 7-1, 3,493, \$750.
- 4, n-Jeff Morin, Hopatcong, N.J., 5-3, 3,411, \$700.
- 5, Ray Edwards, Middle Island, N.Y., 5-3, 3,410, \$675.
- 6, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 6-2, 3,369, \$650.
- 7, Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 2-6, 3,325, \$640.
- 8, John Zawalick, Westminster, Mass., 5-3, 3,249, \$630.
- 9, Sam Maccarone, Williamstown, N.J., 1-7, 3,238, \$620.
- 10, Ken Yokobosky, Fredon, N.J., 3-5, 3,200, \$610.
- 11, George Tignor, Winchendon, Mass., 2-6, 3,137, \$595.  
Michael Klosin, Windham, N.H., 3-4-1, 3,137, \$595.
- 13, n-Michael Perrone, Deer Park, N.Y., 4-4, 3,135, \$580.
- 14, Gene Speenburgh, Catskill, N.Y., 3-5, 3,114, \$570.
- 15, Al Spano, Massapequa Park, N.Y., 4-4, 3,079, \$560.
- 16, Eddie Wu, New York 1-6-1, 2,886, \$550.

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**Zeke Bayt Leads After First Round in PBA Lubbock Sports Shootout**

**Five players among top 10 vying for first Go Bowling! PBA tour title**

LUBBOCK, Texas (June 29, 2019) – Zeke Bayt, a 27-year-old right-hander from Westerville, Ohio, averaged 244.38 Saturday to lead the opening qualifying round in the PBA Lubbock Sports Shootout presented by Ebonite at South Plains Lanes.

Bayt, a semi-regular PBA touring player for the past four years, was one of five players among the top 10 after eight games who are trying for their first PBA Tour titles. Bayt's best previous finish was third with partner Dick Allen in the 2017 Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship. He overtook Brad Miller of Lee's Summit, Missouri, in the final game to take the lead.

The Lubbock Sports Shootout is the opening event of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Summer Tour and the USBC Cup points competition. All 10 events in the summer series will be livestreamed exclusively by PBA's online streaming partner, FloBowling.

Bayt rolled games of 226, 203, 258, 300, 212, 192, 278 and 286 for a first-round total of 1,955 pins, 43 ahead of Miller. Miller also is trying for his first PBA Tour title. Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Florida, was in third place with 1,872 pins followed by non-titlist AJ Chapman of Manchester, Iowa, at 1,870 and Dom Barrett of England with a 1,861 total.

Anthony Lavery-Spahr of Pasadena, Texas, and AJ Johnson of Oswego, Illinois, in seventh and ninth places, respectively are the other non-title winners among the top 10.

Competition continues Sunday when the top 39 qualifiers will advance to a six-game cashers round at 8:30 a.m. The top 16 after 14 games will bowl an eight-game match play round at 12:15 p.m. with the top four players advancing to the stepladder finals at 4:15 p.m. All times are Central.

Fans can catch all the live streaming action on FloBowling.com. Visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com) for subscription and schedule information.

**PBA LUBBOCK SPORTS SHOOTOUT**

presented by Ebonite

South Plains Lanes, Lubbock Texas, Saturday

## FIRST ROUND STANDINGS (after 8 games)

- 1, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 1,955.
- 2, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 1,912.
- 3, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 1,872.
- 4, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 1,870.
- 5, Dom Barrett, England, 1,861.
- 6, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 1,836.
- 7, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,806.
- 8, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,805.
- 9, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,804.
- 10, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,779.
- 11, Josh Montgomery, Flower Mound, Texas, 1,778.
- 12, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,769.
- 13, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 1,758.
- 14, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,757.
- 15, Richie Teece, England, 1,753.
- 16, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 1,751.
- 17, Jeremy McElliott, Phoenix, 1,745.
- 18, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 1,741.
- 19, Stuart Williams, England, 1,735.
- 20, Dylan Burns, Garden City, Kan., 1,734.

- 21, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 1,728.
- 22, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 1,719.
- 23, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 1,717.
- 24, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 1,716.
- 25, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,713.
- 26, n-Joseph Grondin, San Pedro, Calif., 1,710.
- 27, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,707.
- 28, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 1,705.
- 28, James Watson, Austin, Texas, 1,705.
- 30, Nick Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 1,704.
- 31, n-Cody Meiers, Lubbock, Texas, 1,698.
- 32, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,697.
- 33, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,691.
- 34, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 1,689.
- 35, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 1,686.
- 36, n-Rick Benard, Clovis, N.M., 1,681.
- 37, David Maycock, Bermuda, 1,678.
- 38, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 1,667.
- 39, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 1,659.

Failed to advance:

- 40 (tie), n-Dylan Macon, Ennis, Texas, and Michael Austin, Conroe, Texas, 1,658.
- 42, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,654.

- 43, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 1,647.
- 44, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,642.
- 45, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 1,633.
- 46, Juan Garza, Lubbock, Texas, 1,630.
- 47, Kris Koeltzow, Wheat Ridge, Colo., 1,621.
- 48 (tie), n-Rameses Chambers, Kansas City, Mo., and n-David McKay, Artesia, New Mexico, 1,618.
- 50, Thomas Rash, Spencer, Okla., 1,616.
- 51, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 1,611.
- 52, s-Harley Deckert, Odessa, Texas, 1,605.
- 53, Mitch Hupe, Canada, 1,592.
- 54, Tristan Butler, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1,589.
- 55, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 1,588.
- 56, n-Stefan Wood, Lubbock, Texas, 1,587.
- 57, Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 1,578.
- 58 (tie), Andrew Cain, Phoenix, and Tim Cagle II, Hercules, Calif., 1,575.
- 60 (tie), Martin Bedford, Gasport, N.Y., and Kenneth Bland Jr., San Antonio, Texas, 1,574.
- 62, Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1,573.
- 63, David Wilson, Amarillo, Texas, 1,568.
- 64, n-Blayne Hurst, Amarillo, Texas, 1,560.
- 65, n-Zach Wojciechowski, Lubbock, Texas, 1,557.
- 66, Scott McCleery, Lubbock, Texas, 1,556.
- 67, Donald Davis Jr., W. Tawakoni, Texas, 1,554.

68, Terry Ward, San Angelo, Texas, 1,550.

69, Lee White, Odessa, Texas, 1,548.

69, Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,548.

71, Gabriel Yanes, Shertz, Texas, 1,547.

72, n-David Landbeck, Lubbock, Texas, 1,542.

73, n-Ramsey Basurto, Lancaster, Calif., 1,538.

74, Cody Copeland, Abilene, Texas, 1,532.

75, Toby Sambueno, Henderson, Nev., 1,528.

76, Athol Packer, Jr., Little Elm, Texas, 1,526.

77 (tie), Tyler Albracht, Amarillo, Texas, and Levi Fintel, Lubbock, Texas, 1,521.

79 (tie), Scotty Pope Jr., Midland, Texas, and Paul Brewbaker, Midwest City, Okla., 1,517.

81 (tie), n-Clinton Watkins, Andrews, Texas, and n-Myron Fleming, Grand Prairie, Texas, 1,511.

83, Mark Waters, Plainview, Texas, 1,501.

84 (tie), Mike Bailey, Irving, Texas, and n-Jason Tidwell, Odessa, Texas, 1,497.

86, n-Deo Benard, Rio Rancho, N.M., 1,495.

87, Todd Sigeti, Lititz, Pa., 1,487.

88, n-Kyle Gilbert, Phelan, Calif., 1,486.

89, n- Will Davis, Aretesia, N.M., 1,484.

90, Travis Tribolet, San Angelo, Texas, 1,482.

91, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo.,, 1,479.

92, n-Frank Rose Jr, Bellaire, Texas, 1,478.

93, Randy Hawks, Balch Springs, Texas, 1,476.

94 (tie), Andy Patterson, Tyler, Texas, and Mason Edmondson, Amarillo, Texas, 1,474.

96, Michael Steele, Abilene, Texas, 1,472.

97, Joshua Garrard, Mustang, Okla., 1,462.

98, n-Bradley Harvey, Albuquerque, NM, 1,455.

99, n-Zachary Harvey, Albuquerque, N.M., 1,453.

100, Allan Smith, Killeen, Texas, 1,449.

101, n-Tyler Bryant, Colorado Spr., Colo., 1,447.

102, Jeremy Fowler, Odessa, Texas, 1,445.

103, n-Alan Berger, Lubbock, Texas, 1,439.

104, Charles Ramay, Lubbock, Texas, 1,436.

105, George Duke, Vidor, Texas, 1,431.

106, n-Jeromy Tidwell, Midland, Texas, 1,430.

107, David Scardaville, Houston, Texas, 1,429.

108, Billy Crider, Austin, Texas, 1,424.

109, Randy Turner, Shallowater, Texas, 1,419.

110, n-John Luke Green, Amarillo, Texas, 1,418.

111, James Grago, Hampstead, N.C., 1,414.

112, Mark Payne Sr., Amarillo, Texas, 1,396.

113, n-Joshua Mabry, Tucson, Ariz., 1,391.

114, James Cantere, Norman, Okla., 1,372.

115, n-Dustan Mahan, Washington, Okla., 1,364.

116, Francis Russo, Richmond, Texas, 1,342.

117, Jonathan Lawson, Canyon, Texas, 1,320.

118, Gerry Smith, Rio Rancho, N.M., 1,277.

300 games: DJ Archer, AJ Chapman, Zeke Bayt

## **Jakob Butturff Defeats Stuart Williams to Win PBA Lubbock Sports Shootout**

*Arizona left-hander earns seventh PBA tour title in first event of Go Bowling! Summer Tour series*

**LUBBOCK, Texas (June 30, 2019)** – Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona, returned to the site of his first PBA Tour victory Sunday and defeated top qualifier Stuart Williams of England, 194-188, to win his seventh career title in the PBA Lubbock Sports Shootout presented by Ebonite at South Plains Lanes Sunday.

In winning the kickoff event in the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Summer Tour series, Butturff automatically became the early leader in the USBC Cup points race that is part of the summer series.

Butturff, who won his first PBA Tour title in Lubbock in 2016 and had a second-place finish in 2018, said the secret to his success was his comfort in bowling at South Plains Lanes.

"I think it's the fact that when you win your first PBA title here, it makes you more comfortable," the 25-year-old left-hander said.

Williams, who made a key ball change after a sluggish start in the title match, threw three strikes to take a four-pin lead into the 10th frame, but left the 2-4-6-10 split when a strike could have closed the door on Butturff. Butturff failed to throw consecutive strikes, but filled every frame and needed only a mark in his final frame. He left the 6 pin on a high hit, converted the spare and knocked down seven pins on his fill ball to lock up the title.

"The hope was to not throw a split," Butturff said with a grin, "and fortunately I didn't."

The win was Butturff's third in 2019. He previously won the PBA Oklahoma Open and his first major in the USBC Masters. He also has three second-place finishes.

In Sunday's first four-player stepladder finals match, Tackett started with seven strikes in denying Anthony Lavery-Spahr of Pasadena, Texas, his chance for a first PBA Tour title, 279-204. In the semifinal match, Butturff turned the tables on Tackett, starting with six strikes while Tackett lost his strike carry. Despite leaving a 4-7-10 split in the seventh frame and failing to convert, Butturff cruised to a 235-185 win, ending Tackett's hopes for his first title of 2019.

After a break in the schedule for three days of PBA League Elias Cup competition at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, July 16-18, and the Barbasol PBA Tour Finals presented by Red Rock Casino Resort & Spa July 20-21 in Las Vegas, the PBA Summer Tour and USBC Cup points competition resumes July 25-28

in Houston, Texas when Copperfield Bowl will host the Storm PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles. Tackett and Liz Johnson of Palatine, Illinois, are defending champions.

The PBA League will be covered in its entirety over three nights on FOX Sports' FS1 network. The Barbasol PBA Tour Finals will air live on CBS Sports Network in five separate shows over two days. All PBA Summer Tour events will be livestreamed exclusively, from start to finish, on FloBowling.com. Visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com) for subscription and schedule information.

**PBA LUBBOCK SPORTS SHOOTOUT**  
**presented by Ebonite**  
**South Plains Lanes, Lubbock Texas, Sunday**

**Final Standings:**

- 1, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., \$13,500.
- 2, Stuart Williams, England, \$7,000.
- 3, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., \$4,000.
- 4, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, \$2,500.

**Stepladder Results:**

Match One: Tackett def. Lavery-Spahr, 279-204.  
Semifinal Match: Butturff def. Tackett, 235-185.  
Championship: Butturff def. Williams, 194-188.

**Final Match Play Standings (after 22 games, including match play bonus pins):**

- 1, Williams, 5-3, 5,157.
- 2, Butturff, 5-3, 5,151.
- 3, Tackett, 6-2, 5,131.
- 4, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, 7-1, 5,099.
- 5, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 5-3, 5,047, \$2,000.
- 6, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 5-3, 4,994, \$1,800.
- 7, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 4-4, 4,991, \$1,600.
- 8, Dylan Burns, Garden City, Kan., 5-3, 4,968, \$1,450.
- 9, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 3-5, 4,942, \$1,350.
- 10, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 5-3, 4,932, \$1,300.
- 11, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 4-4, 4,893, \$1,250.
- 12, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 2-6, 4,892, \$1,200.
- 13, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 0-8, 4,879, \$1,150.
- 14, Dom Barrett, England, 3-5, 4,837, \$1,100.
- 15, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 4-4, 4,780, \$1,050.
- 16, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 1-7, 4,729, \$1,000.

**Other Cashers (after 14 games):**

- 17, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 3,028, \$750.
- 18, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 3,020, \$785.
- 19, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,005, \$740.
- 20, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 3,001, \$740.
- 21, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,987, \$735.
- 22, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 2,986, \$730.
- 23, n-Joseph Grondin, San Pedro, Calif., 2,976, \$730.
- 24, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 2,971, \$725.
- 25, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 2,970, \$720.
- 26, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,969, \$720.
- 27, Nick Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 2,957, \$715.

- 28, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 2,946, \$715.
- 29, Cody Meiers, Lubbock, Texas, 2,941, \$715.
- 30, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 2,930, \$710.
- 31, David Maycock, Bermuda, 2,927, \$710.
- 32, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 2,917, \$710.
- 33, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 2,912, \$705.
- 34, James Watson, Austin, Texas, 2,872, \$705.
- 35, Josh Montgomery, Flower Mound, Texas, 2,870, \$705.
- 36, Jeremy McElliott, Phoenix, 2,869, \$700.
- 37, n-Rick Benard, Clovis, N.M., 2,819, \$700.
- 38, Richie Teece, England, 2,816, \$700.
- 39, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 2,801, \$700.

n-denotes non-PBA member.

**300 games:** Brad Miller

### **USBC CUP POINTS LEADERS**

**(After one of nine tournaments)**

- 1, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 2,500.
- 2, Stuart Williams, England, 1,500.
- 3, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 1,150.
- 4, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 950.
- 5, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 850.
- 6, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 775.
- 7, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 745.
- 8, Dylan Burns, Garden City, Kan., 715.
- 9, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 685.
- 10, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 655.
- 11, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 625.
- 12, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 595.
- 13, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 565.
- 14, Dom Barrett, England, 535.
- 15, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 505.
- 16, AJ Chapman, Wichita, Kan., 475.
- 17, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 445.
- 18, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 425.
- 19, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 405.
- 20, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 385.

## **Brandon Curtis Wins PBA Title in Century Lanes Hampton South Open**

HAMPTON, Va. (Sunday, June 30) – Brandon Curtis wins his second Professional Bowlers Association title of the year Sunday, defeating the defending Champion Steven Arehart of Chesapeake, Va., to win the third annual PBA Century Lanes Hampton South Open.

Arehart, from nearby Chesapeake, Va., qualified in the number one position for the stepladder finals. After leading the event virtually wire-to-wire, he then lost the championship match to Curtis, 242-235, when Curtis finished with a string of four strikes. Needing a strike or spare for the win, Arehart left a 4-7-10 split that he was unable to convert.

In first stepladder match, Curtis defeated Ryan Ciminelli of Lancaster, S.C., 268-206. He then eliminated Jason Sterner of Rochester, N.Y., 269-248, to advance to the title match. Curtis earned \$2,300 while Arehart pocketed \$1,200 for second, Sterner earned \$1,000 for third and Ciminelli took home \$900 for his fourth place finish.

The PBA South region's next event will be the PBA Crystal Automotive Spring Hill South Open August 2-4 at Spring Hill Lanes in Spring Hill, Fla.

### **PBA CENTURY LANES HAMPTON SOUTH OPEN Century Lanes, Hampton, Va., Sunday**

#### **Final Standings:**

- 1, Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., \$2,300.
- 2, Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., \$1,200.
- 3, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., \$1,000.
- 4, Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., \$900.

#### **Stepladder Results:**

Match One – Curtis def. Ciminelli, 269-206.  
Semifinal – Curtis def. Sterner, 269-249.  
Championship – Curtis def. Arehart, 242-235.

#### **Final Qualifying Standings (after 15 games, top 4 advanced to stepladder finals):**

- 1, Arehart, 3,722.
- 2, Sterner, 3,691.
- 3, Ciminelli, 3,552.
- 4, Curtis, 3,551.
- 5, Adam VanFleet, Haw River, N.C., 3,492, \$700.

- 6, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 3,452, \$625.
- 7, Kip Roberts, Glen Allen, Va., 3,442, \$550.
- 8, David Powers, Newport News, Va., 3,383, \$500.

**Other Cashers (after 12 games):**

- 9, Tyler Rinehart, Virginia Beach, Va., 2,681, \$490.
- 10, Jeff Keller, Chesapeake, Va., 2,664, \$480.
- 11, n-Josh Garner, Hampton, Va., 2,663, \$470.
- 12, Joe Grago, Hampstead, N.C., 2,650, \$460.
- 13, Jeff Beasley, Angier, N.C., 2,646, \$450.
- 14, Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 2,635, \$440.
- 15, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 2,587, \$430.
- 16, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 2,549, \$420.

**300 Games:** Steven Arehart, Ryan Ciminelli, Jason Sterner.

n-denotes non-PBA member.

**Williams, Mohr Take Commanding PBA50/60 Points Leads Into Season's  
Homestretch  
Beginning with River City Extreme Open July 9-12**

**MONTICELLO, Minn. (July 3, 2019)** -- As the 2019 PBA50 Tour season travels back to the Midwest, Walter Ray Williams Jr. takes his more than 9,000-point lead in the PBA50 Player of the Year points race into the PBA50 River City Extreme Open presented by Hammer July 9-12 in Monticello, Minnesota.

After a rollercoaster ride in qualifying, and a big surge in match play, the two-time PBA50 Player of the Year salvaged a sixth-place finish in the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open to lead with 24,800 points, 9,400 points more than USBC Senior Masters winner Amleto Monacelli who sits in second with 15,405 points and Norm Duke in third place with 13,950.

In pursuit of his fourth win of the season and a 15th career PBA50 Tour title that will give him sole possession of the titles record on the tour for players 50 and over, Williams started the season with three consecutive wins – including the PBA50 National Championship – followed by a seventh-, eighth- and a ninth-place finish in the USBC Senior Masters leading up to the Senior U.S. Open.

Reigning PBA50 Player of the Year and River City Extreme Open defending champion Michael Haugen Jr. became last season's only multiple winner when he defeated Bob Learn Jr., 247-246, in the title match of the 2018 event for his second PBA50 Tour title of the year and third of his career. Haugen is currently fifth with 10,735 points 615 behind Parker Bohn III in fourth with 11,350.

Leading the 2019 PBA50 Rookie of the Year points race is Hall of Famer Danny Wiseman in 13th place overall with 5,975 points. Wiseman has a best finish of second this season which came in the PBA50 Mooresville Open. Following Wiseman in the ROY race is Eugene McCune in 28th with 3,750 points. McCune will have a good chance to gain substantial ground as Wiseman's schedule is expected to be limited for the rest of the season. While a distant 52nd overall with 2,020 points, PBA Hall of Famer Steve Hoskins also has time to make a run for the Rookie of the Year title.

PBA Hall of Famer Ron Mohr continues his bid for a fourth consecutive PBA60 Player of the Year crown leading players 60 and over with 9,925 points (sixth overall), 3,345 points ahead of Mike Dias who won the USBC Super Senior Classic in June. The 63-year-old Mohr, who also owns two PBA50 Player of the Year crowns, has a best finish of second this season which came in the PBA50 Hamilton Lanes & Entertainment Center Open.

The River City Extreme Open begins with qualifying on Wednesday, July 10 with squads at 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. CT, followed by second-round qualifying Thursday, July 11 also at 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Match play begins Friday, July 12 with squads at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. which will determine the top five players for the stepladder finals scheduled for 5 p.m. A practice session will be conducted from 10-1 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9 with a pro-am squad scheduled for 6 p.m.

After the River City Extreme Open, the PBA50 Tour stretch run continues with the PBA50 South Shore Open presented by Ebonite at Olympia Lanes in Hammond, Indiana, July 15-18; the PBA50 David Small's Championship Lanes Classic presented by Roto Grip in Anderson, Indiana, July, 20-23, and the PBA50 Spectrum Lanes Open presented by DV8 in Wyoming, Michigan, July 25-28. The PBA50 season concludes with the PBA50 David Small's Jax 60 Lanes Classic presented by Track in Jackson, Michigan, July 30-Aug. 2.

Two PBA60 events will close the year: the PBA60 David Small's Jax 60 National Championship in Memory of Mel Wolfe, Aug. 3-5 in Jackson and the PBA60 Dick Weber Championship presented by DeHayes Insurance Group & 900 Global at Pro Bowl West in Fort Wayne, Indiana, Aug. 7-9.

All of the remaining events on the PBA50 schedule will be covered live from start to finish on FloBowling. Visit FloBowling.com for subscription and schedule information.

**PBA50 RIVER CITY EXTREME OPEN**  
**Presented by Hammer Schedule (all times central)**  
**River City Extreme, Monticello, Minn.**

**Tuesday, July 9**

10 a.m.-1 p.m. - Practice Session  
6 p.m. - Pro-am

**Wednesday, July 10**

10 a.m. - A Squad qualifying (8 games)  
3:30 p.m. - B Squad qualifying (8 games)

**Thursday, July 11**

10 a.m. - B Squad qualifying (8 games)  
3:30 p.m. - A Squad qualifying (8 games)

**Friday, July 12**

9 a.m. - Match Play Round 1 (6 games)  
1 p.m. - Match Play Round 2 (6 games)  
*Top 5 bowlers advance to stepladder finals*  
5 p.m. - Stepladder finals

## PBA Spare Shots

### MARK ROTH TO ATTEND PBA LEAGUE ELIAS CUP FINALS, PRESENT MVP AWARD

PBA superstar **Mark Roth**, who is continuing his rehabilitation after a recent cardiac setback, has announced he is planning to attend the PBA League Elias Cup finals at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, July 15-18, to present the Mark Roth Most Valuable Player Award to the PBAL's most outstanding competitor.

PBA League quarterfinal, semifinal and final round matches, will be televised live on FS1 over three nights. Veteran PBA announcer **Dave LaMont** will team up with color analyst **Randy Pedersen** and sideline reporter **Kimberly Pressler** to call the action in four two-hour telecasts on Tuesday, July 16 at 7 and 9 p.m. EDT; 9 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, and 9 p.m. Thursday, July 18.

Teams will be seeded for Tuesday's quarterfinal round matches based upon an eight-game Baker format team event at 10 a.m. EDT on Monday that will be covered by Facebook LIVE, free to fans on PBA's Facebook page.

A limited number of tickets to attend the PBA League sessions are available at: <https://www.baysidebowl.com/products/pba-elias-cup-tournament-tickets-1-ep9j2-7qtmx>.

### PBA SOUTHWEST REGION PLAYERS COMPETE FOR INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT BERTHS

PBA Southwest Region players have one more tournament to earn points toward berths in the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Southwest Region Invitational that will take place over the Sept. 6-8 weekend at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla. The [Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Southwest Doubles Open, presented by DV8, this weekend at FireLake will be the last chance to earn points toward berths in the Invitational.](#)

The Southwest Region's invitational event will be open to 32 players including:

- The top 28 PBA members from the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort points list who have bowled in at least three Southwest Region Open tournaments between July 15, 2018 and July 14, 2019;
- The top two PBA members who have bowled at least half of the Southwest Region Open events during that time span, but are below the top 28 on the points list;
- Two PBA members who have bowled at least three Southwest Region Open events who will be invited by the tournament sponsor;
- Regional Challenge tournaments (for non-titlists) and FloBowling PBA Tour events don't count as "open" regional events.

All 32 players in the special event will cash, with \$4,000 going to the winner. To view the current points list, visit this link: <https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/PointsList/133?list=4>. The top five as of June 30 were: **Anthony Lavery-Spaher** (7,820 points); **Shawn**

**Maldonado** (7,200); **Mike Bailey** (6,847); **Sean Lavery-Spahr** (6,373) and **Francois Lavoie** (6,061).

#### **PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: WALTER RAY WINS TITLE NO. 113 IN OHIO**

PBA Hall of Famer **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** of Oxford, Fla., did it again, defeating **John Marsala** of St. Louis by 65 pins to win the PBA50 Fairborn Central Classic presented by Roto Grip at Bowl 10 Fairborn (Ohio) Wednesday, and improve his all-time PBA titles total to 113.

Williams, who won only three of 10 head-to-head matches leading into the unique two-game final match play round, averaged 227.4 for the tournament and claimed his 19th PBA50 Regional title along with the \$1,500 first prize. Williams also has won 47 PBA Tour, 14 PBA50 Tour and 33 PBA Regional titles.

In the unique format, the top 12 players after qualifying bowled 10 games of round robin match play where the winner of each match received 10 bonus pins. After the 10th match, the top four advanced to a four-man, two-game final match where bonus pins were given based on two-game totals. The top scorer each game received 30 bonus pins, second received 20 bonus pins, third 10 bonus pins and fourth received no bonus pins.

In the two-game finale, Williams rolled games of 269 and 237 for a 506 total, earning 60 bonus pins and finishing with a 4,548 pinfall total to top Marsala's 4,483 total. Marsala, who led Williams by five pins going into the final two games, earned \$1,000 for second place.

• **Eugene McCune** of Munster, Ind. and partner **Matt Staninger** of Centerville, Ohio, defeated **Jeff Richgels** of Oregon, Wis. and **Tom Hess** of Urbandale, Iowa, 2-0, in a best-of-three-game title match to win the PBA/PBA50 John Kontos Memorial Midwest/Central Doubles title at Town & Country Lanes in Joliet, Ill., Sunday.

Teams included one bowler age 50 or older paired with a partner under the age of 50. The title was McCune's 24th overall PBA Regional title and Staninger's second. They also split a \$4,000 first prize.

McCune and Staninger blanked **Brian Menini** of Brookfield, Mo., and non-PBA member **Marc Heninger** of Lee's Summit, Mo., 2-0, in their best-of-three semifinal round match while Richgels and Hess swept **Brian Kretzer** of Dayton, Ohio and **Ronnie Russell** of Marion, Ind., 2-0, in the other semifinal round match.

• **Brandon Curtis** won his second PBA Regional title of the year Sunday, defeating the defending champion **Steven Arehart** of Chesapeake, Va., to win the third annual PBA Century Lanes Hampton South Open in Hampton, Va.

Arehart qualified in the number one position for the stepladder finals after leading the event virtually wire-to-wire, but he lost the championship match to Curtis, 242-235. Curtis finished with a string of four strikes, but needing a strike or spare in his 10th frame for the win, Arehart left a 4-7-10 split that he was unable to convert.

In the first stepladder match, Curtis defeated PBA Tour titlist **Ryan Ciminelli**, newly-relocated to Lancaster, S.C., 268-206. He then eliminated another PBA Tour titlist, **Jason Sterner**, a new resident of Rochester, N.Y., 269-248, to advance to the title match. Curtis earned \$2,300.

- Heading into the 4th of July weekend, Bowl 10 Fairborn will host the PBA50 Fairborn Central Classic presented by Roto Grip Monday-Wednesday, July 1-3, in Fairborn, Ohio. Closing the extended holiday weekend July 5-7 will be the PBA50 Greater Freeport Midwest/Central Open at 4 Seasons Bowl in Freeport, Ill.; the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Southwest Doubles presented by DV8 at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla., and the PBA/PBA50 Vanessa Brown Homes West Open doubleheader presented by Track at Yosemite Lanes in Modesto, Calif.

- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit [pba.com](http://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](http://pba.com) (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

## QUICK NOTES

- Three-time PBA Tour titlist **Ed Bourdase** died on June 26 in Fresno, Calif. He was 90. Bourdase was infamously known for his disdain of 10 pins, especially when he failed to convert them for spares, and is credited with making the phrase “Spares are for sissies” famous...

- **Last Call:** You can vote for your favorite 2019 ESPY “best bowler” award candidate online at [ESPN.com/ESPYS](http://ESPN.com/ESPYS) and social media platforms until the start of the ESPYs telecast on Wednesday, July 10, at 8 p.m. EDT. Vote at: [https://www.espn.com/espys/story/\\_/page/voting48/best-athlete-sport](https://www.espn.com/espys/story/_/page/voting48/best-athlete-sport). Candidates are **Jason Belmonte**, **Norm Duke**, **Jakob Butturff** and **Anthony Simonsen**. The winner will be announced during the telecast on ABC-TV.

- **Reminder:** Tickets to watch the Barbasol PBA Tour Finals presented by Red Rock Casino, Resort & Spa are still available. Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/barbasol-pba-tour-finals-presented-by-red-rock-casino-resort-spa-tickets-57610119418>. **Jason Belmonte**, **Jakob Butturff**, **Anthony Simonsen**, **EJ Tackett**, **Marshall Kent**, **Bill O'Neill**, **Andrew Anderson** and **Kris Prather** will compete in the Finals live by CBS Sports Network over a span five shows (two on Saturday, July 20 and three on Sunday, July 21).

## **PBA League Set for Three Nights of Live Prime Time Coverage on FS1**

*Silver Lake Atom Splitters begin bid for fourth Elias Cup Tuesday at Bayside Bowl*

**PORTLAND, Maine (July 10, 2019)** – The three-time PBA League champion Go Bowling! Silver Lake Atom Splitters will look to defend the Elias Cup when the annual five-player team tournament airs live in prime time for the first time Tuesday through Thursday, July 16-18, on FOX Sports FS1 from Bayside Bowl.

The Atom Splitters are led by last year's Mark Roth MVP Chris Barnes and return three other star bowlers from last year's triumphant team: Jesper Svensson, Tom Daugherty and A.J. Johnson. PBA Tour veteran DJ Archer rejoins the squad after competing for Silver Lake in 2017.

"The core of our group has been together for a while now and everyone on our team has been a part of this squad before," said manager Mark Baker, who has guided Silver Lake to Elias Cup titles in 2014, '15 and '18. "Although individually we are all fairly unique, our team chemistry and our love for the incredible atmosphere that is Bayside Bowl is the bonding force."

Baker says his team thrives in the electric atmosphere in Portland, Maine. Bayside Bowl has hosted the PBA League Elias Cup tournament every year since 2015.

"Bayside Bowl is the perfect atmosphere for this event. The crowd fires up the players, the players fire up the crowd. The energy that goes back and forth is amazing," Baker said. "Can't wait to be in that arena again."

The week kicks off Monday when the seven other PBA League teams (Dallas Strikers, NYC KingPins, Brooklyn Styles, Philadelphia Hitmen, Motown Muscle, L.A. X and hometown Portland Lumberjacks) will join the Atom Splitters for a critical eight-game round robin seeding tournament at 10:30 am ET, which will place the teams into an elimination bracket. The seeding tournament will be covered live, free on the PBA's official Facebook page.

Then an unprecedented three consecutive nights of prime time national TV coverage on FS1 begins on Tuesday with four hours of quarterfinal round coverage beginning at 7 pm ET. Tuesday's winners will advance to the semifinal round on Wednesday at 9 p.m., with the two finalists bowling for the Elias Cup Thursday at 9 p.m.

Barnes, a PBA Hall of Famer and member of the Atom Splitters since the League's inception in 2013, was also the PBA League's Mark Roth MVP in 2014.

"I'm really looking forward to this year once again," Barnes said. "The Elias Cup is an event our core looks forward to every year. Jesper looks to be back in form after leading a tournament in San Marino last week and the 'Rebel' Tom Daugherty is always rock solid for us. When you add in two guys in DJ and AJ Johnson who thrive in the rock star arena that is Bayside Bowl, we have a combination of youth, power and experience that leaves us very excited to coming back to the home of the Elias Cup."

A limited number of tickets are still available for the three nights of FS1-televised competition at: <https://www.baysidebowl.com/products/pba-elias-cup-tournament-tickets-1-ep9j2-7gtmx>.

### **2019 PBA LEAGUE TEAM ROSTERS**

- Portland Lumberjacks (manager Tim Mack): Ryan Ciminelli, Wes Malott, Kyle Troup, Kris Prather, Mitch Hupe'.
- L.A. X (manager Andrew Cain): Jason Belmonte, Stuart Williams, Jakob Butturff, Dick Allen, Anthony Lavery-Spahr.

- Brooklyn Styles (manager Johnny Petraglia): Walter Ray Williams Jr., Sean Rash, Rhino Page, Andres Gomez, Brad Angelo.
- New York City KingPins (manager Carolyn Dorin-Ballard): Pete Weber, Marshall Kent, BJ Moore, Kyle Sherman, Darren Tang.
- Motown Muscle (manager Del Ballard Jr.): EJ Tackett, Anthony Simonsen, Josh Blanchard, AJ Chapman, Mykel Holliman.
- Dallas Strikers: Player-manager Norm Duke, Tommy Jones, Bill O'Neill, Andrew Anderson, Brad Miller.
- Philadelphia Hitmen (manager Jason Couch): Dom Barrett, Tom Smallwood, Matt Sanders, Shawn Maldonado, Patrick Girard.
- Go Bowling! Silver Lake Atom Splitters (manager Mark Baker): Chris Barnes, Jesper Svensson, Tom Daugherty, DJ Archer, AJ Johnson.

### **HISTORY OF PBA LEAGUE ELIAS CUP CHAMPIONS**

**2013** NYC KingPins (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** Silver Lake Atom Splitters (Mika Koivuniemi, Chris Barnes, Craig Nidiffer, Tom Daugherty, Dick Allen)

**2016** Go Bowling! Dallas Strikers (Norm Duke, Bill O'Neill, Shawn Maldonado, BJ Moore, Tommy Jones)

**2017** Dallas Strikers (Bill O'Neill, Norm Duke, Rhino Page, BJ Moore, Tommy Jones)

**2018** Go Bowling! Silver Lake Atom Splitters (Jesper Svensson, Dick Allen, AJ Johnson, Tom Daugherty, Chris Barnes)

### **2019 PBA LEAGUE ELIAS CUP FINALS SCHEDULE**

**Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine, July 15-18 (all times EDT)**

#### **Monday, July 15 (livestream on PBA's Facebook page)**

10:30 a.m. – Baker team format seeding tournament, eight games round robin match play

#### **Tuesday, July 16 (live on FS1)**

7 p.m. – Quarterfinal Match One: Team #1 vs. Team #8

8 p.m. – Quarterfinal Match Two: Team #5 vs. Team #4

9 p.m. – Quarterfinal Match Three: Team #2 vs. Team #7

10 p.m. – Quarterfinal Match Four: Team #6 vs. Team #3

#### **Wednesday, July 17 (live on FS1)**

9 p.m. – Semifinal Match One: Winner Match One vs. Winner Match Two

10 p.m. – Semifinal Match Two: Winner Match Three vs. Winner Match Four

**Thursday, July 18 (live on FS1)**

9 p.m. – Elias Cup Championship: Winner Semifinal One vs. Winner Semifinal Two

**Norm Duke Wins Fifth ESPY Best Bowler Award**

LOS ANGELES (July 10, 2019) – PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke, after winning two 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour titles in back-to-back tournaments at age 54, has been selected by PBA fans as the winner of the 2019 ESPY Best Bowler Award. The announcement was made as part of the annual ESPYs telecast Wednesday from the Microsoft Theatre.

Duke, who became the third bowler ever to win 40 PBA Tour titles, won the ESPY fan vote for the fifth time, out-polling Australian two-handed star Jason Belmonte, 25-year-old Jakob Butturff and 22-year-old Anthony Simonsen. Duke won his 39th and 40th titles in the Go Bowling! Indianapolis Open and the Go Bowling! Greater Jonesboro Open.

“Just to be acknowledged alongside all of the other athletes for superior performance is quite enough for me,” Duke said. “To win is over-the-top special.”

With his fifth ESPY win, Duke moved into sole possession of second place on the all-time ESPY Best Bowler Award list, breaking a tie with Belmonte and Pete Weber who have both won the honor four times. Walter Ray Williams Jr. is the all-time ESPY award winner with seven.

The ESPYS and related events benefit the V Foundation for Cancer Research in memory of the late Jim Valvano. You can help raise awareness of Jimmy V's dream by sharing/retweeting his powerful speech, which will be shared by @ESPN (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter) as well as @ESPYS (Twitter) on July 10.

## HISTORY OF BEST BOWLER ESPY AWARD WINNERS

2019 – Norm Duke

2018 – Rhino Page

2017 – Jason Belmonte

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

2003 – Walter Ray Williams Jr.

2002 – Pete Weber

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

### **PBA Spare Shots**

#### **RANDY PEDERSEN TO ANCHOR FACEBOOK LIVE COVERAGE OF PBAL SEEDING ROUND**

PBA Hall of Famer **Randy Pedersen** will anchor the Facebook LIVE coverage of the PBA League's eight-game seeding round Monday from Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, before joining his FOX Sports teammates Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings for the live FS1 coverage of the PBA League Elias Cup competition.

Pedersen will be joined during Monday's eight-game Baker team qualifying round, beginning at 10:30 a.m. EDT, by PBAL team managers. The qualifying round will determine the pairings for the "race to two points" quarterfinal round matches that will air Tuesday beginning at 7 p.m. EDT on FS1. To watch the qualifying round, visit PBA's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ProfessionalBowlersAssociation/>.

For the FS1 telecasts, Pedersen will serve as color analyst alongside announcer **Dave LaMont** and sideline reporter **Kimberly Pressler**. FS1 coverage will include four hours of live quarterfinal round coverage Tuesday, two hours of semifinal round coverage Wednesday and two hours of Elias Cup championship round coverage Thursday. Tuesday's telecast begins at 7 p.m. EDT; the Wednesday and Thursday telecasts start at 9 p.m. EDT.

### **PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: EX-WICHITA STATE TEAMMATES WIN GRAND CASINO DOUBLES**

Former Wichita State teammates **A.J. Chapman** of Manchester, Iowa, and Canadian **Mitch Hupe**, both currently living in Wichita, Kan., teamed up to win the PBA FireLake Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Southwest Doubles, presented byDV8, at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla., Sunday, defeating Texans **Joe Findling** from Mesquite and **Shawn Maldonado** of Houston, 473-414, in the title match.

For Chapman, the win was his second in PBA Regional competition, while Hupe, the 2018 PBA Southwest Region Rookie of the Year, earned his first PBA title. Each collected \$2,000 for the win.

The winning team qualified second after the eight-game qualifying round, earning byes directly into the best-of-three-game semifinal round where they defeated Englishman **Stuart Williams**, now living in Pflugerville, Texas, and his PBA Hall of Fame partner, **Chris Barnes** of Double Oak, Texas, 2-0.

Findling and Maldonado, qualified fourth, earning a first-round bye before defeating twin brothers **Anthony and Sean Lavery-Spahr** from Pasadena, Texas, 2-0, followed by a 2-1 win over qualifying leaders **Paul Henderson** from Watauga, Texas, and non-PBA member **Marc Heninger** of Tonganoxie, Kan., 2-1, in their semifinal round match.

- **Will Garber** of Modesto, Calif., defeated **Jake Peters** of Henderson, Nev., 254-225, to win the Vanessa Brown Homes West Open, presented by Track, at Yosemite Lanes in Modesto, Calif., on Sunday.

In the companion PBA50 Vanessa Brown Homes West Open, **Ty Dawson** of Sunnyvale, Calif., defeated **Rick Memeley** of Santa Maria, Calif., 225-215, for his fifth PBA50 Regional in addition to a \$1,500 first prize.

In addition to the \$2,000 first prize, the title was Garber's second in PBA Regional competition. Garber defeated **Taylor Jacobs** of Auburn, Calif., 214-184, in the semifinal

round while Peters advanced to the title match by defeating **Warren Crawford** of McKinleyville, Calif., 228-216.

In the PBA50 semifinal round, Dawson eliminated **Chris Preble** of Clovis, Calif., 191-190, and Memeley defeated **Mark Mazzulla** of Brentwood, Calif., 215-196.

- **Brian Kretzer** of Dayton, Ohio defeated **Dave Axon** of Bellevue, Neb., 200-190, to win the PBA50 Greater Freeport Midwest/Central Open at 4 Seasons Bowling Center in Freeport, Ill., Sunday for his 14th PBA50 Regional title and a \$1,400 first prize.

Kretzer blanked tournament host **Jeff Johnson**, 2-0, while Axon downed **Chris Gibbons** of Madison, Wis., 2-1, in a best-of-three-game semifinal round to set up the championship match.

- PBA Regional activity continues over the July 12-14 weekend with the PBA50 Cecil Raymond Memorial presented by Track at Brunswick Zone Deptford in Deptford, N.J., and the PBA50 Beverly Lanes Midwest/Central Open presented by MOTIV in Arlington Heights, Ill.

- The July 19-21 PBA Regional calendar includes the Angola Central/Midwest Open presented by Storm at Angola Bowl in Angola, Ind., the Fort Sill Southwest Open presented by MOTIV at Twin Oaks Bowling Center in Fort Sill, Okla., and the Husted Member/Non-Member Doubles at Husted's Hazel Dell Lanes in Vancouver, Wash.

- The July schedule of PBA Regionals concludes over the July 26-28 weekend with the PBA50 Tower Lanes Summer Classic in Tacoma, Wash.

- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit [pba.com](http://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](http://pba.com) (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

## QUICK NOTES

- **Pete McCordic** of Katy, Texas, forfeited his eligibility to compete in PBA competition almost 20 years ago when he became PBA Southwest Region manager, but as a proven PBA competitor with two PBA Tour and seven PBA Regional titles to his credit (plus a memorable nationally-televised 300 game in Torrance, Calif., in 1987) prior to accepting his new job, he has pursued his competitive challenges elsewhere. Proving he can still roll the ball with authority, the 65-year-old McCordic won the Super Senior Singles title in the recently-completed Bowlers Journal Championships held in conjunction with the USBC Open Championships in Las Vegas. McCordic won the 60-and-older event with a 717 series, two years after winning the BJ Senior Singles title with an 812 series. For more information about how PBA members fared in the Bowlers Journal Championships as well as the USBC Open Championships, visit [BOWL.com/OpenChamp](http://BOWL.com/OpenChamp).

• **Julian Michael Salinas** of Richmond, Texas, posted a 42-game total of 9,197 pins, including match play bonus pins, to defeat **Bryce Oliver** of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, by 28 pins and **Hannah Diem** of Seminole, Fla., had a total of 8,653 pins to top **Caroline Thesier** of Mooresville, N.C., by 27 pins to win the boys' and girls' Teen Masters varsity titles Saturday at Sawgrass Lanes in Tamarac, Fla.

• **Reminder:** Tickets to attend the Barbasol PBA Tour Finals presented by Red Rock Casino, Resort & Spa in Las Vegas are still available.

Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/barbasol-pba-tour-finals-presented-by-red-rock-casino-resort-spa-tickets-57610119418>. **Jason Belmonte, Jakob Butturff, Anthony Simonsen, EJ Tackett, Marshall Kent, Bill O'Neill, Andrew Anderson and Kris Prather** will compete in the Finals live by CBS Sports Network over a span five shows (two two-hour shows on Saturday, July 20 and two two-hour shows plus the one-hour finale on Sunday, July 21).

## **Monacelli Tops PBA50 River City Extreme Open Qualifying After Strong Finish in Second Round**

*Hall of Famer leads 24 players who advance to Friday's match play rounds*

**MONTICELLO, Minn. (July 11, 2019)** – PBA Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli finished with games of 290, 234 and 247 in Thursday's second round to top qualifying and lead 24 players who advanced to match play in the PBA50 River City Extreme Open presented by Hammer.

The 2019 USBC Senior Masters winner finished qualifying in the eighth stop of the season with a 3,666 16-game pinfall total (229 average). His strong finish in the second round came after strong start with 246 before falling into a slump with games of 197, 201, 195, and 204.

"It seems like I have had a lot of tournaments recently where I'm having trouble reading the lanes in the middle of the round," said the 57-year-old Monacelli who his trying for his 10th career PBA50 Tour title and second of the season. "I was probably getting a little frustrated by what I expected the lanes should be doing rather than adjusting to what was actually happening.

"When I got to the sixth game I just looked at it like I was starting a new round, moved left and went to a ball that would skid farther down the lane," the 20-time Go Bowling! PBA Tour winner added. "I'm just a little disappointed I didn't refocus sooner."

Monacelli holds a 14-pin lead over James Campbell of Clearwater, Florida, who finished qualifying in second with a 3,652 pinfall and Hall of Famer Pete Weber in third with 3,630.

Weber, an 11-time PBA50 Tour winner, is trying for his first PBA50 Tour win since winning the DeHayes Insurance Group Championship in August of 2017. He has a best finish of 10th this season which came in the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open.

Rounding out the top five were Hall of Famers Steve Hoskins in fourth with 3,580 and Ron Mohr in fifth with 3,539. Best bowler ESPY winner Norm Duke finished qualifying in sixth with 3,497.

First-round leader Don Herrington of Ballston Lake, New York, dropped to 12th finishing with a 3,539 pinfall. Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr., who was in second after the first round, dropped to eighth finishing with 3,483. Williams is trying for his fourth win of the season and 15th of his career which would top the all-time list on the tour for players 50 and over.

Friday's match play rounds get underway at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. CT. The top five players will advance to the stepladder finals at 5 p.m.

Fans can catch all the River City Extreme Open final day action via PBA's live-streaming partner FloBowling. Subscription and schedule information is available by visiting [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com).

## **PBA50 RIVER CITY EXTREME OPEN**

**Presented by Hammer**

**River City Extreme, Monticello, Minn., Thursday**

### **SECOND ROUND (after 16 games. Top 24 players advance to Friday's match play rounds)**

- 1, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,666.
- 2, James Campbell, Clearwater, Fla., 3,652.
- 3, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,630.
- 4, Steve Hoskins, New Port Richey, Fla., 3,580.
- 5, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,539.
- 6, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,497.
- 7, Warren Eales, Chandler, Ariz., 3,491.
- 8, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,483.
- 9, Paul Fleming, Fort Worth, Texas, 3,478.
- 10, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 3,469.
- 11, Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 3,456.
- 12, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 3,450.
- 13, Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 3,408.
- 14, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3,407.
- 15, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,388.
- 16, Don Breeden, Clive, Iowa, 3,387.
- 17, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 3,379.
- 18, Brian Menini, Brookfield, Mo., 3,373.
- 19, n-Lyle Kuhlmann, Woodruff, Wis., 3,330.
- 20, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3,328.
- 21, John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 3,299.
- 22, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3,283.
- 23, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 3,281.
- 24, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 3,255.

### **Did not advance:**

- 25, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 3,253, \$1,000.
- 26, Greg McDaniel, Kimball, Neb., 3,251.
- 27, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 3,249.
- 28, (tie) Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., and ss-Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 3,245, \$1,000.
- 30, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 3,240.
- 31, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3,238.
- 32, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3,234.
- 33, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 3,219, \$1,000.

- 34, Bill Vannoy, Lexington, S.C., 3,218.
- 35, ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3,216, \$1,000.
- 36, (tie) ss-Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., \$1,000, and Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,204.
- 38, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3,200.
- 39, Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., 3,189.
- 40, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 3,184.
- 41, Michael Smith, Centennial, Colo., 3,176.
- 42, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 3,174, \$1,000.
- 43, n-John Hommes, Crystal, Minn., 3,170.
- 44, ss, n-Gary Green, Houlton, Wis., 3,156, \$1,000.
- 45, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 3,148, \$1,000.
- 46, Tommy Martin, Millington, Tenn., 3,138.
- 47, ss, n-Clark Poelzer, Arden Hills, Minn., 3,133, \$1,000.
- 48, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 3,110.
- 49, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 3,092.
- 50, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 3,072.
- 51, n-Curtis Matlock, Cloquet, Minn., 3,071.
- 52, (tie) n-Tom Corbett, Brooklyn Park, Minn., and n-Thomas Jones, Blaine, Minn., 3,061.
- 54, n-William Faerber, St. Cloud, Minn., 3,053.
- 54, Brad Snell, Mount Prospect, Ill., 3,053.
- 56, James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 3,034.
- 57, Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 3,033.
- 58, Gary Reh, Fort Mohave, Ariz., 3,019.
- 59, n-Dana Wright, St. Paul, Minn., 3,016.
- 60, n-Fred Schossow, Zimmerman, Minn., 3,000.
- 61, Richard Hunt, Valparaiso, Ind., 2,992.
- 62, n-Todd Nouis, St. Cloud, Minn., 2,975.
- 63, n-Daniel Frion, Anoka, Minn., 2,947.
- 64, n-Wayne Jensen, Rogers, Minn., 2,940.
- 65, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 2,933.
- 66, Dale Reh, Appleton, Wis., 2,930.
- 67, Mike Schmid, St. Paul, Minn., 2,909.
- 68, Thomas Sliwinski, Reynoldsville, Pa., 2,904.
- 69, Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 2,889.
- 70, Lucien Casagrande, Canada, 2,841.
- 71, n-Tim Petersen, Brooklyn Center, Minn., 2,750.
- 72, Brian Phillips, Quinnesec, Mich., 2,745.
- 73, Jim Horan, Mountain View, Calif., 2,722.
- 74, Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 2,702.
- 75, n-Edward Peterson, Taylor, Mich., 1,526.

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**Go Bowling! PBA Tour's Top Performers Over Two Years Take Center Stage  
in Barbasol PBA Tour Finals presented by Red Rock Casino Resort & Spa**  
*Jason Belmonte leads eight-player field in showcase event that will feature  
9 hours of live coverage by the CBS Sports Network*

**LAS VEGAS (July 12, 2019)** – Eight of the Go Bowling! PBA Tour's top performers based on competition points earned over a two-year span – including defending

champion Jason Belmonte – will take center stage July 20 and 21 for the Barbasol PBA Tour Finals presented by Red Rock Casino Resort & Spa which will be televised in its entirety live by the CBS Sports Network.

Belmonte, a four-time PBA Player of the Year award winner who won the PBA World Championship for a record 11th career PBA Tour major this season, led qualifying for the 2019 event after he accumulated 46,770 points in PBA Tour competition over the 24-month span ending with the USBC Masters on April 1.

Belmonte won the 2018 PBA Tour Finals by defeating 2017 winner EJ Tackett 2-1 in the Race to Two Points title match at Thunderbowl Lanes in suburban Detroit. After splitting the first two games, Belmonte won the 9th and 10th frame roll-off 40-26 for the title.

Also qualifying for the 2019 Tour Finals are 2019 USBC Masters champion Jakob Butturff (40,267 points); 2019 PBA Players Championship winner Anthony Simonsen (38,919); Tackett (37,692); 2019 PBA Playoffs winner Kris Prather (31,266); reigning PBA Player of the Year Andrew Anderson (30,983); Marshall Kent (29,447), and 2019 PBA Hall of Fame Classic champion Bill O'Neill (28,937).

In another PBA landmark televised event, CBS Sports Network will air four live two-hour shows and the one-hour finale from the Red Rock Casino Resort & Spa (two shows on Saturday, July 20 and three on Sunday, July 21).

The Barbasol PBA Tour Finals will incorporate the same format as 2018 with the eight-player field divided into two four-player groups. The field will bowl four games of qualifying in their respective groups. The four-game pinfall totals for each player will be used to determine the seeding for a separate stepladder finals in each group. The final match of each group's stepladder will be a Race to Two Points match with each game worth one point and, if the two games are split, the final point is awarded via a 9th and 10th frame roll off. The two group winners will then meet in another "Race to Two Points" championship match that will also use a 9th and 10th frame roll-off should there be a tie after two games.

Barbasol PBA Tour Finals tickets are still available and may be purchased by visiting <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/barbasol-pba-tour-finals-presented-by-red-rock-casino-resort-spa-tickets-57610119418>

The four total pinfall matches will air July 20 at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. ET and will determine the order for the Group 1 stepladder matches at 3 p.m. on July 21 and the Group 2 stepladder at 5 p.m. The winners of each group stepladder will the face off in the championship match at 7 p.m.

Here's a look at some of the highlights for the eight finalists:

**Jason Belmonte, Australia:** The two-handed PBA Tour Finals defending champion won the 2019 PBA Tournament of Champions and PBA World Championship earlier

this year for his 10th and 11th PBA Tour major victories to top the all-time majors list. He also won the Chameleon Championship and Japan Cup. In 2018 he won the PBA Tour Finals and Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship with Bill O'Neill. He also concluded the 2017 season by winning the PBA World Championship.

**Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Arizona:** The left-hander won the PBA Oklahoma Open, PBA Lubbock Sports Shootout and the USBC Masters this season for his first major title. He was runner-up in the 2019 PBA Hall of Fame Classic, the DHC PBA Japan Invitational and PBA World Championship. In 2018 he won two PBA Tour titles.

**Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas:** The 22-year-old two-hander won the 2019 PBA Players Championship to become the youngest player to win two majors. He had a runner-up finish in the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Jonesboro Open and won two titles in 2018.

**EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Indiana:** Was the 2018 season's only three-time winner. Finished second in the 2019 PBA Tournament of Champions, third in the Go Bowling! PBA Jonesboro Open and fifth in the PBA Players Championship. He won the inaugural PBA Tour Finals in 2017 and finished second to Belmonte in 2018.

**Kris Prather, Plainfield, Illinois:** Won the PBA Scorpion Championship in 2019 for his first Go Bowling! PBA Tour title, ending a streak of seven top-five and four third-place finishes over the past two seasons. Won the inaugural PBA Playoffs earlier in 2019.

**Andrew Anderson, Holly, Michigan:** Earned PBA Player of the Year honors in 2018 with the help of two wins including the USBC Masters. Finished third in the 2018 PBA Tournament of Champions.

**Marshall Kent, Yakima, Washington:** Finished third in the 2019 PBA Tournament of Champions. In 2018 had five championship round appearances including third in the PBA Players Championship and fifth in the U.S. Open. Also had two wins in the second half of the 2017 season.

**Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pennsylvania:** PBA Playoffs runner-up won the 2019 season-opening PBA Hall of Fame Classic for his 10th career tour win. Finished third in the PBA Scorpion Championship and fourth in the PBA World Championship. In 2018 he won the Roth-Holman Doubles Classic with Jason Belmonte and finished second in the Xtra Frame Parkside Lanes Open.

## **BARBASOL PBA TOUR FINALS**

**Presented by Red Rock Casino Resort & Spa**

**CBS Sports Network television schedule (all times Eastern)**

### **Saturday, July 20**

3 p.m. – Group 1 total pinfall round (four games)

5 p.m. – Group 2 total pinfall round (four games)

## **Sunday, July 21**

3 p.m. – Group 1 Stepladder Finals

5 p.m. – Group 2 Stepladder Finals

7 p.m. – Championship Match

LeClair Defeats Weber to Win PBA50 River City Extreme Open

or Fourth Career PBA50 Tour Title

LeClair overcomes slow start in title match to beat Weber 225-200 for his first win of the season

MONTICELLO, Minn. (July 12, 2019) – Wearing a brace to shore up his ailing left knee, Brian LeClair of Albany, New York recovered from a slow start to beat PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber 225-200 in the title match to win the PBA50 River City Extreme Open presented by Hammer Friday for his first win of the season and fourth of his career.

Leading by five pins in the ninth frame and finishing the title match first, LeClair threw two strikes and eight in the 10th frame which was enough to eliminate any chance for Weber to come back for the win. It was LeClair's first PBA50 Tour win since winning the PBA50 Johnny Petraglia Open in May of 2017 and it was later that season that he began wearing the brace.

"I never thought I'd be in this position again," said the 2017 PBA50 Player of the Year. "It's been a long road and a constant work in progress for the last year and a half to get to a point where I can trust my leg and be confident that I can be competitive again."

LeClair, who only needs to wear his brace when he bowls, started the title match with an open and a spare before striking on the next five of seven frames heading into the 10th frame.

"I was too amped up and just threw it too hard in the first frame and didn't get settled down until the third frame," the 54-year-old LeClair said. "I told myself to just slow down and throw it better like I had been doing the last two days."

LeClair earned the top qualifier position for the stepladder finals thanks to a 11-1 match play record earlier in the day at River City Extreme.

“I was fortunate in match play,” said an emotional LeClair who dedicated the win to Eric Race, an employee at his pro shop who has cancer. “I won a few matches with 180s and 190s but then in the second match play round I was able to put the hammer down and I don’t think I bowled anything less than 230.”

Despite finishing second, it was also somewhat of a comeback result for Weber who hadn’t made a PBA50 championship round appearance for more than a year. His best finish this season was 10th in the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open and his last PBA50 Tour win came in the DeHayes Insurance Group Classic in August of 2017.

Weber, who qualified second for the finals, was able to survive the semifinal match against newcomer No. 3 qualifier James Campbell of Clearwater, Florida, winning 215-214. After striking on the first ball in the 10th frame Campbell could have won the match with a double – or tie with a spare – but threw the ball slightly wide leaving the 2-10 split which he failed to convert.

Campbell, a seven-time PBA regional winner bowling in his sixth PBA50 Tour event, defeated No. 5 qualifier Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli 247-199 in the second match to advance to the semifinal.

In the opening match, Monacelli beat No. 4 qualifier fellow Hall of Famer Ron Mohr 233-200 to open the finals. Monacelli, who won the 2019 USBC Senior Masters for his fifth PBA50 major title, was trying for his second win of the season and Mohr was trying for his first.

The PBA50 Tour heads to Olympia Lanes in Hammond, Indiana for the PBA50 South Shore Open presented by Ebonite July 15-18. Fans can catch all the action from start to finish via PBA’s online streaming partner FloBowling. For subscription and schedule information visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com).

## PBA50 RIVER CITY EXTREME OPEN

Presented by Hammer

River City Extreme, Monticello, Minn., Friday

Final Standings:

1, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., \$8,000.

- 2, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., \$4,300.
- 3, James Campbell, Clearwater, Fla., \$2,800.
- 4, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, \$2,200.
- 5, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, \$1,750.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Monacelli def. Mohr, 233-200.

Match Two – Campbell def. Monacelli, 247-199.

Semifinal Match – Weber def. Campbell, 215-214.

Championship Match – LeClair def. Weber, 225-200.

Match Play Round 2 (28-game pinfall totals including match play bonus pins. Top five advance to stepladder finals)

- 1, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 11-1, 6,522.
- 2, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 9-3, 6,461.
- 3, James Campbell, Clearwater, Fla., 6-6, 6,451.
- 4, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 6-6, 6,360.
- 5, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 8-4, 6,332.
- 6, Steve Hoskins, New Port Richey, Fla., 8-4, 6,306, \$1,500.
- 7, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 7-5, 6,250, \$1,400.
- 8, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 6-6, 6,183, \$1,350.
- 9, Warren Eales, Chandler, Ariz., 5-7, 6,077, \$1,300.
- 10, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 6-6, 6,044, \$1,275.
- 11, Paul Fleming, Ft. Worth, Texas, 5-7, 6,043, \$1,250.

- 12, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 5-7, 6,004, \$1,225.
- 13, Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 6-6, 5,998, \$1,200.
- 14, John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 7-5, 5,967, \$1,190.
- 15, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 6-6, 5,960, \$1,180.
- 16, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 4-8, 5,922, \$1,170.
- 17, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 6-6, 5,910, \$1,160.
- 18, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 7-5, 5,891, \$1,150.
- 19, Don Breeden, Clive, Iowa, 3-8-1, 5,867, \$1,140.
- 20, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 4-8, 5,837, \$1,130.
- 21, n-Lyle Kuhlmann, Woodruff, Wis., 4-7-1, 5,836, \$1,120.
- 22, Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 6-6, 5,818, \$1,110.
- 23, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 5-7, 5,658, \$1,105.
- 24, Brian Menini, Brookfield, Mo., 3-9, 5,587, \$1,100.

Match Play Round 1 (22-game pinfall totals including match play bonus pins. All players advance to second match play round)

- 1, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 6-0 5,196.
- 2, James Campbell, Clearwater, Fla., 4-2, 5,156.
- 3, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 5-1, 5,003.
- 4, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 4-2, 4,979.
- 5, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 6-0, 4,971.

- 6, Steve Hoskins, New Port Richey, Fla., 5-1, 4,956.
- 7, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 4-2, 4,850.
- 8, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 4-2, 4,837.
- 9, Paul Fleming, Fort Worth, Texas, 2-4, 4,794.
- 10, Warren Eales, Chandler, Ariz., 2-4, 4,765.
- 11, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3-3, 4,758.
- 12, Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 2-4, 4,663.
- 13, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 2-4, 4,656.
- 14, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 4-2, 4,655.
- 14, Don Breeden, Clive, Iowa, 2-4, 4,655.
- 16, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 2-4, 4,638.
- 17, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 1-5, 4,623.
- 18, n-Lyle Kuhlmann, Woodruff, Wis., 3-3, 4,610.
- 19, John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 3-3, 4,598.
- 20, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1-5, 4,576.
- 21, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 2-4, 4,568.
- 22, Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 2-4, 4,542.
- 23, Brian Menini, Brookfield, Mo., 2-4, 4,521.
- 24, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 1-5, 4,399.

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## **Motown Muscle Earns No. 1 Seed as PBA League Play Begins Tuesday on FS1**

*Silver Lake Atom Splitters begin bid for fourth Elias Cup as No. 5 seeded team*

**PORTLAND, Maine (July 15, 2019)** – The Motown Muscle averaged 241.63 during Monday's eight-game Baker format seeding tournament at Bayside Bowl to earn the No. 1 seed for the quarterfinal elimination round of the seventh annual PBA League Elias Cup competition that begins Tuesday at 7 p.m. ET live on FS1.

The Motown team, managed by PBA Hall of Famer Del Ballard Jr., outscored the No. 2 Brooklyn Styles by 85 pins to open its bid for its first PBA League title. Monday's seeding round also gave Ballard an opportunity to move players around in his lineup for the Baker format competition, which requires each of the five players to bowl two frames in each game, and he decided his lineup for the opening match against No. 8 New York City KingPins will include PBA Tour veteran Josh Blanchard bowling leadoff followed by AJ Chapman, rookie Mykel Holliman, two-hander Anthony Simonsen and former PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett.

The three-time Elias Cup winning Go Bowling! Silver Lake Atom Splitters will open their bid to defend their title from the No. 5 seeding position against the No. 4 L.A. X when the annual five-player team tournament gets underway Tuesday.

The Atom Splitters, led by two-time Mark Roth MVP Chris Barnes, will try to become the first four-time Elias Cup champions. Barnes' teammates will include Sweden's Jesper Svensson, Tom Daugherty, AJ Johnson and DJ Archer.

In the first six years of PBA League competition, the Atom Splitters (three titles), Dallas Strikers (two titles) and New York City KingPins are the only teams to hoist the Elias Cup. That means the hometown favorite Portland Lumberjacks along with L.A. X, the Philadelphia Hitmen, Brooklyn Styles and Motown Muscle all will be trying to win the event for the first time.

In an unfortunate first for the PBA League, the Philadelphia Hitmen's Shawn Maldonado was forced to withdraw due to injury. The team bowled the seeding round with four players, taking "nine-spare" in Maldonado's slot in the lineup, while PBA Tour titlist Jake Peters of Henderson, Nevada, was flying to Portland to replace Maldonado for the start of competition Tuesday.

The PBA League, for the first time, will air live for three consecutive nights in prime time on FS1 as part of the PBA's inaugural season of FOX Sports coverage. PBAL coverage begins on Tuesday with coverage of all four quarterfinal round matches, beginning at 7 p.m. ET. Tuesday's winners will advance to the semifinal round on Wednesday at 9 p.m., with the two finalists bowling for the Elias Cup Thursday at 9 p.m.

### **2019 PBA LEAGUE ELIAS CUP FINALS**

**Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine, July 15-18 (all times EDT)**

### **Seeding Tournament Final Standings (after 8 games, including match play bonus pins)**

- 1, Motown Muscle, 4-4, 2,053.
- 2, BROOKLYN STYLES, 5-3, 1,968.

- 3, Dallas Strikers, 5-3, 1,945.
- 4, L.A. X, 4-4, 1,923.
- 5, Silver Lake Atom Splitters, 5-3, 1,907.
- 6, Philadelphia Hitmen, 2-6, 1,877.
- 7, Portland Lumberjacks, 2-5-1, 1,826.
- 8, NYC KingPins, 4-3-1, 1,821.

### **Tuesday, July 16 (Quarterfinal Round pairings, live on FS1)**

- 7 p.m. – Quarterfinal Match One: No. 1 Motown Muscle vs. No. 8 NYC KingPins.
- 8 p.m. – Quarterfinal Match Two: No. 5 Silver Lake Atom Splitters vs. Team 4 L.A. X.
- 9 p.m. – Quarterfinal Match Three: No. 2 Brooklyn Styles vs. No. 7 Portland Lumberjacks.
- 10 p.m. – Quarterfinal Match Four: No. 6 Philadelphia Hitmen vs. No. 3 Dallas Strikers.

### **Wednesday, July 17 (live on FS1)**

- 9 p.m. – Semifinal Match One: Winner Match One vs. Winner Match Two
- 10 p.m. – Semifinal Match Two: Winner Match Three vs. Winner Match Four

### **Thursday, July 18 (live on FS1)**

- 9 p.m. – Elias Cup Championship: Winner Semifinal One vs. Winner Semifinal Two

### **2019 PBA LEAGUE TEAM ROSTERS**

- Portland Lumberjacks (manager Tim Mack): Ryan Ciminelli, Wes Malott, Kyle Troup, Kris Prather, Mitch Hupe’.
- L.A. X (manager Andrew Cain): Jason Belmonte, Stuart Williams, Jakob Butturff, Dick Allen, Anthony Lavery-Spahr.
- Brooklyn Styles (manager Johnny Petraglia): Walter Ray Williams Jr., Sean Rash, Rhino Page, Andres Gomez, Brad Angelo.
- New York City KingPins (manager Carolyn Dorin-Ballard): Pete Weber, Marshall Kent, BJ Moore, Kyle Sherman, Darren Tang.
- Motown Muscle (manager Del Ballard Jr.): EJ Tackett, Anthony Simonsen, Josh Blanchard, AJ Chapman, Mykel Holliman.
- Dallas Strikers: Player-manager Norm Duke, Tommy Jones, Bill O’Neill, Andrew Anderson, Brad Miller.
- Philadelphia Hitmen (manager Jason Couch): Dom Barrett, Tom Smallwood, Matt Sanders, x-Shawn Maldonado, Patrick Girard, x-Jake Peters.
- Go Bowling! Silver Lake Atom Splitters (manager Mark Baker): Chris Barnes, Jesper Svensson, Tom Daugherty, DJ Archer, AJ Johnson.  
x-Peters replaced Maldonado who withdrew due to injury.

### **HISTORY OF PBA LEAGUE ELIAS CUP CHAMPIONS**

**2013** NYC KingPins (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** Silver Lake Atom Splitters (Mika Koivuniemi, Chris Barnes, Craig Nidiffer, Tom Daugherty, Dick Allen)  
**2016** Go Bowling! Dallas Strikers (Norm Duke, Bill O'Neill, Shawn Maldonado, BJ Moore, Tommy Jones)  
**2017** Dallas Strikers (Bill O'Neill, Norm Duke, Rhino Page, BJ Moore, Tommy Jones)  
**2018** Go Bowling! Silver Lake Atom Splitters (Jesper Svensson, Dick Allen, AJ Johnson, Tom Daugherty, Chris Barnes)

### **Brian LeClair Closes with 296 to Take PBA50 South Shore Open Lead After First Round**

**HAMMOND, Ind. (July 16, 2019)** – Last week's PBA50 River City Extreme Open winner Brian LeClair of Albany, New York, closed with a 296 to surge into the first-round lead in the PBA50 South Shore Open presented by Ebonite Tuesday at Olympia Lanes.

The 2017 PBA50 Player of the Year bowled an 1,882 eight-game pinfall with games of 191, 255, 227, 240, 234, 214 and 225 before his big finish. On the final shot in the 10th of the 296 game his ball went high leaving the 3-6-9-10.

"Ride it while it's hot and hopefully keep the momentum going," said LeClair whose win in the River City Extreme Open was his first of the season and fourth of his career on the tour for players 50 and over. "I started the round with two opens and spent the rest of the first game making adjustments. My first adjustment was moving right on the lane but that wasn't working so moving left and eventually going to a ball that had a more smooth track to the pocket was the answer.

"The round was actually kind of ugly for me," LeClair added. "I think I only had three clean games and there was a stretch of three games in a row when I opened in the 10th frame. Overall, I'm satisfied with how I bowled, but obviously I'm going to have to work on fixing those mistakes."

LeClair edged Paul Fleming of Fort Worth, Texas, who finished four pins behind in second with 1,878. Rounding out the top eight were Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,857; Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, New York, 1,856; Dean Billings, Rootstown, Ohio, 1,825; Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pennsylvania, 1,808; PBA Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,788, and Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Michigan, 1,783.

Three-time Go Bowling! PBA Tour winner and last season's South Shore Open winner Eugene McCune of Munster, Indiana, got off to a slow start finishing the round in 31st with 1,671.

The field returns for another eight-game qualifying round Wednesday which begins at 10 a.m. CT. After a cashers round Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m., match play rounds are scheduled for noon and 3 p.m. which will determine the top five players for the stepladder finals at 7 p.m.

FloBowling is providing live start-to-finish coverage of the South Shore Open as well as the remaining events during the 2019 PBA50 Tour season. Subscription and schedule information is available by visiting [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com).

#### **PBA50 SOUTH SHORE OPEN**

**Presented by Ebonite**  
**Olympia Lanes, Hammond, Ind., Tuesday**

**FIRST ROUND (after eight games)**

- 1, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 1,882.
- 2, Paul Fleming, Fort Worth, Texas, 1,878.
- 3, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,857.
- 4, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,856.
- 5, Dean Billings, Rootstown, Ohio, 1,825.
- 6, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,808.
- 7, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,788.
- 8, ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,783.
- 9, Jeff Richgels, Oregon, Wis., 1,782.
- 10, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 1,777.
- 11, ss-Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 1,740.
- 12, (tie) ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., and Steve Hoskins, New Port Richey, Fla., 1,738.
- 15, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 1,737.
- 16, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 1,734.
- 17, (tie) ss-Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., and Chris Gibbons, Madison, Wis., 1,728.
- 19, ss-Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 1,724.
- 20, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 1,715.
- 21, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1,707.
- 22, Rick Woloszyn, Griffith, Ind., 1,704.
- 23, ss-Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 1,688.
- 24, (tie) ss-Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., n, ss-Leroy Johnson, Chicago, and ss-Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 1,685.
- 27, Michael Smith, Centennial, Colo., 1,681.
- 28, Doug Becker, Clermont, Fla., 1,679.
- 29, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 1,677.
- 30, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 1,672.
- 31, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 1,671.
- 32, Rolando Sebelen, Dominican Republic, 1,664.
- 33, ss-Charlie Tapp, Kalamazoo, Mich., 1,663.
- 34, (tie) ss-Dick Gran, Hartville, Ohio, and ss-Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 1,662.
- 36, Gary Schluchter, Femont, Ohio, 1,660.
- 37, Steve Kenyon, Grosse Ile., Mich., 1,659.
- 38, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 1,657.
- 39, Tracy Teeters, Eugene, Ore., 1,655.
- 40, ss-Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 1,654.
- 41, Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 1,653.
- 42, Brad Snell, Mount Prospect, Ill., 1,650.
- 43, ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 1,647.
- 44, ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 1,642.
- 45, James Campbell, Clearwater, Fla., 1,641.
- 46, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 1,639.
- 47, Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 1,637.
- 48, Brian Menini, Brookfield, Mo., 1,636.
- 49, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 1,627.
- 50, (tie) ss-Robert Kicmal, LaGrange, Ill., and ss-Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,623.
- 52, John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 1,620.
- 53, ss-Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,617.
- 54, Tommy Martin, Millington, Tenn., 1,612.

- 55, ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 1,604.
- 56, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,597.
- 57, ss-Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 1,595.
- 58, Ed Carter, Austintown, Ohio, 1,594.
- 59, ss-Gary Reh, Fort Mohave, Ariz., 1,589.
- 60, Doug Henry, Columbus, Ind., 1,575.
- 61, Carl West, San Jose, Calif., 1,574.
- 62, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,571.
- 63, ss-Marc Lineberry, Camanche, Iowa, 1,562.
- 64, Al Hardesty, Orland Hills, Ill., 1,558.
- 65, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 1,555.
- 66, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 1,554.
- 67, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1,552.
- 68, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 1,551.
- 69, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 1,549.
- 70, ss-Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 1,548.
- 71, ss-n-Rick Thomas, Willowbrook, Ill., 1,532.
- 72, Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio, 1,531.
- 73, Bill Vannoy, Lexington, S.C., 1,514.
- 74, ss-Dale Reh, Appleton, Wis., 1,510.
- 75, ss-Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 1,509.
- 76, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 1,506.
- 77, ss-Chris Fedden, Albany, N.Y., 1,489.
- 78, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,485.
- 79, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,479.
- 80, ss-Ken Waters, Kingsport, Tenn., 1,474.
- 81, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1,461.
- 82, ss-Emilio Mora Sr., Defiance, Ohio, 1,454.
- 83, ss-Allen Meskan, Addison, Ill., 1,442.
- 84, n-Robert Drew, O'Fallon, Mo., 1,434.
- 85, ss-Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 1,420.
- 86, ss-Larry Helton, Bolingbrook, Ill., 1,412.
- 87, Greg Wilson, Warrenton, Va., 1,402.
- 88, ss-Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 1,385.
- 89, n-Jeff Zidek, Greensburg, Pa., 1,365.
- 90, ss-Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 1,326.
- 91, Randy Robertson, Evansville, Ind., 1,266.

ss – PBA60 players ages 60 and over

n – non-member

## **L.A. X, Hometown Lumberjacks Advance to PBA League Semifinal Round**

*New York City KingPins, Dallas Strikers complete field for Wednesday's semifinal matches*

**PORTLAND, Maine (July 16, 2019)** – L.A. X, one of five teams that has never won a PBA League Elias Cup title, needed an overtime frame to eliminate the three-time Elias Cup winning Silver Lake Atom Splitters to headline Tuesday's quarterfinal elimination round of the seventh annual PBA League Elias Cup competition at Bayside Bowl.

The defending champion Atom Splitters rolled past L.A. X in the first game of Tuesday's second quarterfinal round match, 228-186, helped by four strikes by anchor bowler Chris Barnes, including all three in the 10th frame, and helped by a pair of open frames by L.A. X. But L.A. X, the No. 4 seeded team based on Monday's eight-game seeding round, exploded for a 287-187 rout in game two to force the first one-ball sudden death roll-off of the 2019 championships.

L.A. X's two-handed star, Australian Jason Belmonte, crumpled his rack of pins for a strike. Barnes then left a 2-10 split, ending the Atom Splitters' hopes for a fourth Elias Cup.

In Tuesday's first quarterfinal round match, the No. 8 seeded New York City KingPins knocked out the No. 1 qualifying team, Motown Muscle, 245-235 and 238-205 in the "race to 2 points" format. KingPins anchor Kyle Sherman struck out in the 10th frame to give New York City the 245-235 victory over the Motown Muscle in the first game, four strikes in four attempts across the two games by BJ Moore and Marshall Kent were key shots in completing the sweep.

Sherman, a non-PBA Tour title winner, was KingPins manager Carolyn Dorin-Ballard's surprise choice to anchor her team over 56-year-old PBA Hall of Famer and 37-time champion Pete Weber.

"(Kyle) had the best look (on the lane oiling pattern), he's younger and it doesn't take him long to get loose," Dorin-Ballard said.

The KingPins, who won the inaugural Elias Cup in 2013, will meet L.A. X in Wednesday's first semifinal round match.

In the third quarterfinal match, between two teams that have yet to win the Elias Cup, the No. 7 seeded Portland Lumberjacks jumped into the lead with a 233-219 win over the No. 2 Brooklyn Styles on the strength of a mid-game string of four strikes. The hometown favorites then cruised to a 257-195 victory in game two to clinch their berth in the semifinals.

The more experienced Dallas Strikers polished off the Philadelphia Hitmen in two games to claim the fourth berth in the semifinals. The No. 3 seeded Strikers, winners of two Elias Cups, started game one with three strikes and ended with five in a row in rolling to an easy 258-224 win over the No. 6 Hitmen. The Strikers then started game two with seven consecutive strikes in cruising to a 246-161 win and complete the sweep.

In the first six years of PBA League competition, the Atom Splitters (three titles), Dallas Strikers (two titles) and NYC KingPins are the only teams to hoist the Elias Cup. L.A. X and the hometown-favorite Portland Lumberjacks are the only teams remaining alive who have a chance to win the Elias Cup for the first time.

The PBA League's live coverage on FS1 continues Wednesday at 9 p.m. ET when Tuesday's winners advance to the semifinal round. The two finalists will bowl for the Elias Cup Thursday at 9 p.m.

**PBA LEAGUE ELIAS CUP QUARTERFINAL ROUND RESULTS**  
**Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine, July 16 (all times are Eastern)**  
**(Race to 2 Points Baker Team Format; losing teams each earned \$25,000)**

Quarterfinal Match One: No. 8 NYC KingPins (Darren Tang, Pete Weber, Marshall Kent, BJ Moore, Kyle Sherman) def. No. 1 Motown Muscle (Josh Blanchard, AJ Chapman, Mykel Holliman, Anthony Simonsen, EJ Tackett), 2-0 (245-235, 238-205).

Quarterfinal Match Two: No. 4 L.A. X (Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Jakob Butturff, Stuart Williams, Jason Belmonte, Dick Allen) def. No. 5 Silver Lake Atom Splitters (Jesper Svensson, AJ Johnson, DJ Archer, Tom Daugherty, Chris Barnes), 2-1 (186-228, 287-187, 10-8 in one-ball roll-off).

Quarterfinal Match Three: No. 7 Portland Lumberjacks (Kyle Troup, Mitch Hupé, Ryan Ciminelli, Kris Prather, Wes Malott) def. No. 2 Brooklyn Styles (Walter Ray Williams Jr., Andres Gomez, Brad Angelo, Sean Rash, Rhino Page), 2-0 (233-219, 257-195).

Quarterfinal Match Four: No. 3 Dallas Strikers (Andrew Anderson, Norm Duke, Brad Miller, Bill O'Neill, Tommy Jones) def. No. 6 Philadelphia Hitmen (Patrick Girard, Jake Peters, Matt Sanders, Dom Barrett, Tom Smallwood), 2-0 (258-224, 246-161).

### **Semifinal Round Schedule (Wednesday, July 17, live on FS1)**

9 p.m. – Semifinal Match One: New York City KingPins vs. L.A. X.

10 p.m. – Semifinal Match Two: Portland Lumberjacks vs. Dallas Strikers.

### **Elias Cup Championship Schedule (Thursday, July 18, live on FS1)**

9 p.m. – Elias Cup Championship: Winner Semifinal One vs. Winner Semifinal Two

## **Ryan Shafer Tops PBA50 South Shore Open Qualifying Heading Into Match Play**

**HAMMOND, Indiana (July 17, 2019)** – In pursuit of his first PBA50 Tour title, five-time Go Bowling! PBA Tour winner Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, New York, averaged 232 for 16 games to top qualifying for the PBA50 South Shore Open presented by Ebonite at Olympia Lanes.

Finishing fourth after Tuesday's first round with an 1,856 eight-game pinfall total, Shafer returned Wednesday to post a nearly identical 1,858 in the second round to top qualifying with a 3,714 16-game pinfall, 32 pins ahead of Paul Fleming of Fort Worth, Texas in second with 3,682.

In his third season bowling on the PBA50 Tour, the 52-year-old Shafer bowled games of 279, 236, 235, 238, 212, 245, 232 and 181 in the second round.

"Both rounds were almost identical," said Shafer. "I was bowling really well for seven games and then finished with 180 games.

"Today I had the right ball right out of the gate and was able to play outside where I could make small adjustments from there," Shafer added. "Playing outside enabled me to roll the ball the way I wanted and I never had to force anything.

In 2018 Shafer had five top-10 finishes with a career best of second in the PBA50 Security Federal Savings Bank Championship.

"The hard part is that there can be a lot of expectations and you have to remember this isn't a tour of old people," said Shafer. "Some of PBA's all-time greats are out here and still bowling at a very high level. It's hard to win but I feel that if I continue to execute, good things will happen."

As a result of finishing in the top eight, Shafer and Fleming advanced directly into Thursday's second match play round.

The other six players who earned a bye into the second match play round were Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Michigan, 3,655; Dean Billings, Rootstown, Ohio, 3,640; Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pennsylvania, 3,633;

Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3,626; 2017 PBA50 Player of the Year Brian LeClair, Albany, New York, 3,620, and PBA Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,584.

Last season's South Shore Open winner Eugene McCune of Munster, Indiana, surged from 31st after the first round to qualify 10th with a 3,536 pinfall to earn a spot in Thursday's first match play round.

Thursday's competition begins with a cashers' round at 8:30 a.m. CT with match play rounds at noon and 3 p.m. After match play is completed the top five players will advance to the stepladder finals at 7 p.m. CT.

South Shore Open final day coverage will be streamed live by PBA's online bowling channel FloBowling beginning at 8:30 a.m. For subscription and schedule information visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com).

**PBA50 SOUTH SHORE OPEN PRESENTED BY EBONITE**  
**Olympia Lanes, Hammond, Ind., Wednesday**

**SECOND ROUND RESULTS (after 16 games. Top 16 advance to match play. Positions 17-30 plus eight PBA60 players advance to cashers' round to determine eight additional match play spots)**

- 1, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,714.
- 2, Paul Fleming, Fort Worth, Texas, 3,682.
- 3, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3,655.
- 4, Dean Billings, Rootstown, Ohio, 3,640.
- 5, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,633.
- 6, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3,626.
- 7, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 3,620.
- 8, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,584.
- 9, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3,549.
- 10, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 3,536.
- 11, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3,502.
- 12, Jeff Richgels, Oregon, Wis., 3,498.
- 13, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 3,487.
- 14, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 3,476.
- 15, Doug Becker, Clermont, Fla., 3,470.
- 16, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 3,456.
- 17, James Campbell, Clearwater, Fla., 3,449.
- 18, Chris Gibbons, Madison, Wis., 3,443.
- 19, John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 3,433.
- 20, Brad Snell, Mount Prospect, Ill., 3,426.
- 21, Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 3,424.
- 22, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 3,419.
- 23, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3,418.
- 24, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 3,410.
- 25, Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 3,389.
- 26, (tie) Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., and Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3,375.
- 28, n-Leroy Johnson, Chicago, 3,374.
- 29, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 3,363.
- 30, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 3,358.
- 31, Steve Hoskins, New Port Richey, Fla., 3,352.
- 32, Michael Smith, Centennial, Colo., 3,351.
- 33, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 3,334.
- 34, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3,333.
- 35, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 3,327.

36, (tie) Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., and ss-Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 3,326.  
38, ss-Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 3,317.  
39, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,311.  
40, Brian Menini, Brookfield, Mo., 3,305.  
41, ss-Dick Gran, Hartville, Ohio, 3,302.  
42, ss-Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 3,301.  
43, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 3,291.  
44, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 3,270.  
45, Steve Kenyon, Grosse Ile., Mich., 3,265.  
46, ss-Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., 3,264.  
47, Rolando Sebelen, Dominican Republican, 3,259.  
48, ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 3,251.  
49, ss-Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 3,247.  
50, Gary Reh, Fort Mohave, Ariz., 3,238.  
51, Rick Woloszyn, Griffith, Ind., 3,218.  
52, (tie) Robert Kicmal, LaGrange, Ill., and Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 3,217.  
54, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 3,203.  
55, Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 3,196.  
56, Al Hardesty, Orland Hills, Ill., 3,190.  
56, Charlie Tapp, Kalamazoo, Mich., 3,190.  
58, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 3,177.  
59, (tie) Tom Baker, King, N.C., and Tracy Teeters, Eugene, Ore., 3,166.  
61, Tommy Martin, Millington, Tenn., 3,159.  
62, n-Rick Thomas, Willowbrook, Ill., 3,157.  
63, Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 3,152.  
64, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3,150.  
65, (tie) Greg Wilson, Warrenton, Va., and Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 3,137.  
67, Emilio Mora Sr., Defiance, Ohio, 3,132.  
68, Doug Henry, Columbus, Ind., 3,130.  
69, Bill Vannoy, Lexington, S.C., 3,127.  
70, James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 3,111.  
71, Gary Schluchter, Femont, Ohio, 3,105.  
72, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 3,104.  
73, Carl West, San Jose, Calif., 3,096.  
74, Marc Lineberry, Camanche, Iowa, 3,095.  
75, Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 3,081.  
76, Chris Fedden, Albany, N.Y., 3,076.  
77, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 3,072.  
78, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 3,069.  
79, Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio, 3,052.  
80, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 3,051.  
81, Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 3,034.  
82, n-Robert Drew, O'Fallon, Mo., 3,002.  
83, Ed Carter, Austintown, Ohio, 2,998.  
84, Dale Reh, Appleton, Wis., 2,939.  
85, Ken Waters, Kingsport, Tenn., 2,846.  
86, Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 2,842.  
87, Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 2,763.  
88, n-Jeff Zidek, Greensburg, Pa., 2,737.  
89, Randy Robertson, Evansville, Ind., 2,731.  
90, Allen Meskan, Addison, Ill., 2,711.  
91, Larry Helton, Bolingbrook, Ill., 2,702.

n-non-member  
ss-PBA60 player ages 60 and over advancing to cashers' round

PORTLAND, Maine (July 17, 2019) -- The PBA League will have a new Elias Cup champion Thursday night when L.A. X and the hometown-favorite Portland Lumberjacks will face off in the seventh annual team championship round at Bayside Bowl.

No. 4 seeded L.A. X, led by Australian two-handed star Jason Belmonte, eliminated the No. 8 New York City KingPins in a two-game sweep in Wednesday's semifinal round while the No. 7 Lumberjacks, anchored by former PBA Player of the Year Wes Malott, needed three extra frames to oust the 2016 and '17 Elias Cup champion and No. 3 seeded Dallas Strikers in the second match.

The semifinal round got off to fingernail-biting start when L.A. X seemingly had game one of the "race to 2 points" Baker team match locked up. Working on a string of four strikes heading into the 10th frame, L.A. X anchor bowler Dick Allen left a 10 pin and missed the spare, giving New York City KingPins' anchor Kyle Sherman a chance to roll three strikes for a tie and force a one-ball roll-off. After getting the first strike, however, Sherman left the 3-6 on his next attempt, giving L.A. X a 225-213 win and the first point in the match.

Jason Belmonte and friends then sewed up L.A. X's first trip to the Elias Cup championship game with a 224-221 win over the inaugural Elias Cup champions to complete the two-game sweep. England's Stuart Williams, bowling third in the L.A. X lineup, struck on all four of his chances across the two games and in each case, his strike resulted in at least a double to keep L.A. X's momentum going.

Williams, a 38-year-old two-time PBA Tour title winner, also was four-for-four in his strike opportunities in Tuesday's quarterfinal round win over the defending champion Silver Lake Atom Splitters.

Belmonte, Allen, Williams and teammates Anthony Lavery-Spahr and Jakob Butturff will try to give L.A. X its first Elias Cup Thursday night against the Lumberjacks. The Elias Cup will be decided in two "race to 2 point matches" with one-ball sudden death roll-offs deciding any ties.

Portland also took the upper hand with a 226-213 win in game one of their semifinal match against the two-time Elias Cup champion Dallas Strikers. A string of three strikes in the middle of the game kept the Lumberjacks close and two strikes in the 10th frame by anchor Wes Malott, following Ryan Ciminelli's strike in the ninth frame, clinched the first point.

The experience-heavy Strikers answered the challenge, winning the second game, 249-201, to force a one-ball roll-off to decide the second point. Bill O'Neill struck for Dallas and Malott answered. On the second roll-off attempt, Strikers player-manager Norm Duke struck, and Portland's Ryan Ciminelli forced a third roll-off attempt. Dallas' Tommy Jones sent his shot wide, leaving a 2-10 split and two-hander Kyle Troup then left a 10 pin for the win.

The PBA League's live coverage of the Elias Cup finals airs Wednesday on FS1 at 9 p.m. ET.

## PBA LEAGUE ELIAS CUP SEMIFINAL ROUND RESULTS

Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine, July 17

(Race to 2 Points Baker Team Format; losing teams each earned \$35,000)

Semifinal Match One: No. 4 L.A. X (Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Jakob Butturff, Stuart Williams, Jason Belmonte, Dick Allen) def. No. 8 NYC KingPins (Darren Tang, Pete Weber, Marshall Kent, BJ Moore, Kyle Sherman), 2-0 (225-213, 224-221).

Semifinal Match Two: No. 7 Portland Lumberjacks (Kyle Troup, Mitch Hupé, Ryan Ciminelli, Kris Prather, Wes Malott) def. No. 3 Dallas Strikers (Andrew Anderson, Norm Duke, Brad Miller, Bill O'Neill, Tommy Jones) 2-1 (226-213, 201-249, 10-10, 10-10, 9-8).

### **Brian LeClair Wins PBA50 South Shore Open For Second Consecutive PBA50 Tour Title**

*LeClair beats fellow New Yorker Sammy Ventura 214-203 in title match for fifth career PBA50 Tour title*

**HAMMOND, Ind. (July 18, 2019)** – Brian LeClair joined Walter Ray Williams Jr. as the only multiple winners on the PBA50 Tour this season by capturing the PBA50 South Shore Open presented by Ebonite title Thursday at Olympia Lanes for his second consecutive title of the season.

LeClair, also the top seed for the stepladder finals for the second consecutive week, defeated fellow New Yorker Sammy Ventura of Syracuse in the title match 214-203 for his fifth career PBA50 Tour title. LeClair also won last week's PBA50 River City Extreme Open as top seed.

"I'm in a place now where I have confidence that I'm making all the right decisions," said the 54-year-old LeClair. "When you have that confidence and don't have to second guess yourself, you can really build some momentum."

The title match was a good example of how the 2017 PBA50 Player of the Year had to make the right adjustments on each lane of the championship pair.

Ventura, trying for his first PBA50 Tour title, got off to an early lead in the title match leading by seven pins in the fifth frame but the momentum shifted when LeClair struck in the seventh, eighth and ninth frames and Ventura left a 2-10 split in the ninth frame which he failed to convert ending his bid for the win.

"Making the right adjustments was really crucial in the title match," said LeClair, who went undefeated in match play earlier in the day which helped vault him to the top seed for the finals "I was throwing two totally different shots, playing the left lane throwing the ball faster and more direct to the pocket and the right lane having to throw the ball slower and hook it more. It can be a disaster if you don't have the confidence to play two totally different shots on each lane and expect to win."

Williams, who didn't bowl in Hammond because he was competing in PBA League competition in Portland, Maine, started the season with wins in the first three tournaments.

Ventura, trying for his first PBA50 Tour win, notched his second runner-up finish of the season, also finishing second in the Johnny Petraglia BVL Open.

Ventura, the No. 4 seed started the stepladder with a 227-198 win over No. 5 seed five-time Go Bowling! PBA Tour winner Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, New York, who was also trying for his first PBA50 Tour win.

Ventura then defeated PBA Hall of Famer and 10-time PBA50 Tour winner Ron Mohr of Las Vegas, 223-177, in the second match to advance to the semifinal match against three-time PBA50 Tour titlist Harry

Sullins of Chesterfield Twp., Michigan. In a high-scoring match, Ventura started with the first eight strikes which was enough to hold off Sullins to win 268-245.

Mohr survived a long road to the finals advancing through the cashers' round and two match play rounds to make it to the championship round. Sullins was trying to end an eight-year title drought with his last win coming in the 2011 Senior Lake County Open at Olympia Lanes.

The PBA50 Tour travels to Anderson, Ind. for the PBA50 David Small's Championship Lanes Classic presented by Roto Grip July 20-23. Fans can follow all the action via PBA's online streaming partner FloBowling. For subscription and schedule information visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com).

## **PBA50 SOUTH SHORE OPEN**

**presented by Ebonite**

**Olympia Lanes, Hammond, Ind., Thursday**

### **Final Standings:**

- 1, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., \$7,500.
- 2, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., \$4,000.
- 3, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich. \$2,500.
- 4, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, \$2,000.
- 5, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., \$1,750.

### **Stepladder Results:**

Match One – Ventura def. Shafer, 227-198.

Match Two – Ventura def. Mohr, 223-177.

Semifinal Match – Ventura def. Sullins, 268-245

Championship Match – LeClair def. Ventura, 214-203.

### **Modified Match Play Round 2 (after six games, including match play bonus pins. Top five advance to stepladder finals):**

- 1, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 6-0, 1,670.
- 2, ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 5-1, 1,603.
- 3, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 5-1, 1,533.
- 4, ss-Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 4-1-1, 1,515.
- 5, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 4-1-1, 1,453.
- 6, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3-3 1,440, \$1,500.
- 7, Paul Fleming, Fort Worth, Texas, 5-1, 1,438, \$1,500.
- 8, ss-Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 2-4, 1,384, \$1,400.
- 8, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 2-4, 1,384, \$1,400.
- 10, n-ss-Leroy Johnson, Chicago, 2-4, 1,382, \$1,300.
- 11, Doug Becker, Clermont, Fla., 2-4, 1,374, \$1,300.
- 12, ss-Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 2-4, 1,352, \$1,300.
- 13, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 2-4, 1,325, \$1,300.
- 14, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 2-4, 1,225, \$1,300.
- 15, Dean Billings, Rootstown, Ohio, 0-6, 1,182, \$1,300.
- 16, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 1-5, 1,150, \$1,300.

### **Modified Match Play Round 1 (other cashers after five games, including match play bonus pins, \$1,100 each)**

- 17, Jeff Richgels, Oregon, Wis., 2-3, 1,158
- 18, Chris Gibbons, Madison, Wis., 1-4, 1,149
- 19, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 1-4, 1,128
- 20, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 2-3, 1,127

- 21, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 2-3, 1,125
- 22, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 2-3, 1,088.
- 23, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 0-5, 1,057.
- 24, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 2-3, 1,021.

**Other Cashers (after five-game cashers' round, \$1,000 each)**

- 25, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 1,086
- 26, ss-Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., 1,084
- 27, John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 1,070
- 28, Brad Snell, Mount Prospect, Ill., 1,028
- 29, ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 1,017
- 30, Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 992
- 30, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 992
- 32, ss-Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 987
- 33, ss-Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 985
- 34, ss-Dick Gran, Hartville, Ohio, 982
- 35, ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 981
- 36, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 965
- 37, James Campbell, Clearwater, Fla., 927
- 38, ss-Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 851

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## Portland Lumberjacks Dominate L.A. X to Win PBA League Elias Cup

Wes Malott throws 20 strikes in anchor role to earn Mark Roth Most Valuable Player Award

PORTLAND, Maine (July 18, 2019) -- The Portland Lumberjacks overwhelmed L.A. X in four consecutive games Wednesday night at Bayside Bowl to win its first PBA League Elias Cup in the event's seven-year history.

Led by anchor bowler and Mark Roth PBA League Most Valuable Player Wes Malott, the hometown favorites trailed only once – in the first two frames of the second game – in dominating the PBA's team competition. Malott's supporting cast included PBA League newcomer Kris Prather, who won the inaugural PBA Playoffs at Bayside Bowl in early June; two-hander Kyle Troup, left-hander Ryan Ciminelli and Canadian Mitch Hupé.

That was awesome," Malott, a 42-year-old 10-time PBA Tour titlist and former PBA Player of the Year, said. He threw 20 strikes in 22 meaningful attempts to pace all 40 bowlers in the PBA League competition.

"Wow; 20 strikes? I knew I threw a few," he said.

“For whatever reason in the past, I felt so much pressure because I wanted to give Portland a championship,” Malott continued. “I haven’t been able to practice a lot lately, but I felt good this week and my ball just did what it needed to do. And I had five guys behind me, so it gave me all the confidence in the world.”

The PBA League’s championship was decided by two “race to 2 points” Baker team matches. The Baker format requires each of the teams’ players to bowl two frames to complete each game. Ties in games or matches were broken by a one-ball sudden death roll-off.

“That was fun. That’s what it’s all about,” said Lumberjacks manager Tim Mack, who earlier this year was inducted into the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame. “I felt comfortable with the guys. We had a really good practice session beforehand, but do you ever think you’re going to sweep a team with the kind of firepower L.A. X had? No way. We made some key ball changes, made some key moves and, man, did my guys bowl good.”

Regarding Malott’s performance, Mack said, “It might have been the greatest performance by an anchor bowler I’ve ever seen. I call him ‘The Franchise’ for a reason.”

Portland, behind a string of four strikes in the middle of any otherwise error-free game, won the first point with a 228-206 decision over L.A. The Lumberjacks quickly surrendered their advantage with two splits and open frames to start game two, but rebounded behind five consecutive strikes and L.A. X’s inability to throw back-to-back strikes to win the game, 214-188, and sweep the first “race to 2 points” match.

The Lumberjacks carried their momentum into the second match, putting together two strings of four strikes – including three in the 10th frame by Malott – to win their third point, 221-197, and completed the four-point rout of L.A. X with a 247-208 win in game four, starting the decisive final game with five strikes while L.A. couldn’t overcome a barrage of single-pin spares.

The PBA Tour’s next event is the Barbasol PBA Tour Finals presented by Red Rock Resort, Casino and Spa in Las Vegas. The tour’s eight points leaders over the past two seasons will compete in a series of qualifying and stepladder matches Saturday and Sunday at Red Rock Bowling Center in Las Vegas. The entire competition will be televised live by CBS Sports beginning at 3 p.m. ET both days.

## BA LEAGUE ELIAS CUP FINALS

Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine, July 18

(Two Matches, Race to 2 Points Baker Team Format)

Final Standings: L.A. X (Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Jakob Butturff, Stuart Williams, Jason Belmonte, Dick Allen) (\$60,000) def. Portland Lumberjacks (Kyle Troup, Mitch Hupé, Kris Prather, Ryan Ciminelli, Wes Malott) (\$50,000), 2-0, 2-0.

Match One, Game One: Portland def. L.A., 228-206.

Match One, Game Two: Portland def. L.A., 214-188.

Match Two, Game One: Portland def. L.A., 221-197.

Match Two, Game Two: Portland def. L.A., 247-208.

## PBA News: O'Neill and Butturff top Barbasol PBA Tour Finals qualifying to earn top seeds for Sunday's stepladder rounds

### **O'Neill and Butturff Top Barbasol PBA Tour Finals Qualifying to Earn Top Seeds for Sunday's Stepladder Rounds**

*Sunday's stepladder and championship rounds to air live on CBS Sports Network beginning at 3 p.m. ET*

**LAS VEGAS (July 20, 2019)** – Ten-time Go Bowling! PBA Tour winner Bill O'Neill and seven-time tour winner Jakob Butturff led their respective groups after the qualifying rounds of the Barbasol PBA Tour Finals presented by Red Rock Casino Resort & Spa Saturday to earn the top seeds for Sunday's stepladder rounds at Red Rock Lanes. Both qualifying rounds aired live on the CBS Sports Network.

In the two two-game total pinfall rounds that used a round-robin format conducted over four lanes on the PBA 42-foot Mark Roth lane condition pattern, O'Neill, the 2019 PBA Playoffs runner-up, led the Group 1 round with a 983 four-game pinfall total to earn the top seed for Sunday's Group 1 stepladder. He bowled games of 280, 233 in the first round and 234 and 236 in the second round to earn the top seed.

O'Neill will be joined in the Group 1 stepladder by No. 2 seed 2017 PBA Tour Finals winner EJ Tackett, 981; defending PBA Tour Finals champion No. 3 seed Jason Belmonte, 950, and 2019 PBA Playoffs winner No. 4 seed Kris Prather, 850.

"Each pair of lanes played totally different for me but I was able to make smart adjustments and if I had a good shot on a particular pair I was able to take advantage of those opportunities," said O'Neill, who won the season-opening PBA Hall of Fame Classic for his 10th tour title. "My philosophy heading into

match play is just as it was for today and that is to keep an open mind so I can get a good read on how the lanes are playing and continue to make good adjustments.

Butturff, a three-time tour winner this season, led Group 2 with a 998 pinfall on games of 237 and 266 in the first round and 268 and 227 in the second round. He will be joined in the Group 2 stepladder by No. 2 seed Anthony Simonsen, 862; Marshall Kent, 823, and 2018 PBA Player of the Year Andrew Anderson, 813.

"You just take what is given you," said the 25-year-old Butturff. "I was fortunate that I was able to stay focused and really able to bowl my game today. There wasn't anything really tricky or surprising for me and that allowed me to keep the momentum I had from the first two games going into the second round."

Sunday's Group 1 stepladder on the CBS Sports Network will get underway at 3 p.m. ET and the Group 2 stepladder will get underway at 5 p.m. The winners of each stepladder round will then meet in the championship round at 7 p.m. for the title.

The final match of each group's stepladder will be a "race to 2 points" match with each game worth one point and, if the two games are split, the final point is awarded by a 9th and 10th frame roll-off. The two group winners will then meet in another "race to 2 points" championship match that will also use a 9th and 10th frame roll-off should there be a tie after two games.

The eight players earned their berths in the PBA Tour finals by finishing in the top eight in GoBowling! PBA Tour points over the past two seasons ending with the 2019 USBC Masters in April.

### **BARBASOL PBA TOUR FINALS**

**Presented by Red Rock Casino Resort & Spa  
Red Rock Lanes, Las Vegas, Saturday**

### **QUALIFYING RESULTS**

**(four-game pinfall totals determine seedings for Sunday's Group 1 and Group 2 stepladder rounds that will determine the two finalists for the championship round)**

#### **Group 1 Standings**

- 1, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 983
- 2, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 981
- 3, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 950
- 4, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 850

#### **Group 2 Standings**

- 1, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 998
- 2, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 862
- 3, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 823
- 4, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 813

## **Harry Sullins Leads PBA50 David Small's Championship Lanes Classic**

*Brian LeClair sits in third place after first round in bid for third consecutive title*

**ANDERSON, Ind. (July 21, 2019)** – Harry Sullins of Chesterfield Township, Michigan, trying for his first PBA50 Tour title since 2011, vaulted into the first round lead in the PBA50 David Small's Championship Lanes Classic presented by Roto Grip Sunday thanks to a 237 final game.

Sullins, who averaged 220.88 for his first eight qualifying games, finished with a 1,767 total for a three-pin lead over Stoney Baker of Canton, Ga., and a four-pin edge of Brian LeClair of Albany, N.Y., who is trying for a third consecutive PBA50 Tour title.

Sullins, a three-time PBA50 Tour winner, rolled a steady round of games including 239, 203, 174, 244, 235, 202 and his closing 237 to overtake LeClair and PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., who were tied for the lead going into the last game. LeClair closed with a 201 while Bohn finished his round with a 168 to drop into a tie for seventh place.

Rounding out the top five heading into Monday's final eight-game qualifying round were Doug Kent of Newark, New York, with a 1,738 total and Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, New York, and Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio, who were tied for fifth with 1,733 pins.

The David Small's Championship Lanes Classic continues with a second qualifying round Monday, followed by the cashers round, modified match play and stepladder finals on Tuesday. Fans can follow all the action via PBA's online streaming partner FloBowling. For subscription and schedule information visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com).

### **PBA50 DAVID SMALL'S CHAMPIONSHIP LANES CLASSIC**

**presented by Roto Grip**

**David Small's Championship Lanes, Anderson, Ind., Sunday**

#### **First Round Standings (after 8 games):**

- 1, ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,767.
- 2, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 1,764.
- 3, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 1,763.
- 4, Doug Kent, Newark, NY, 1,738.
- 5 (tie), Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., and Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,733.
- 7 (tie), Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., and Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 1,730.
- 9, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,729.
- 10, Steve Hoskins, New Port Richey, Fla., 1,723.
- 11, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,721.
- 12, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,712.
- 13, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,710.
- 14, Doug Becker, Clermont, Fla., 1,699.
- 15, Bill Watson, Monroe, Ohio, 1,691.
- 16, Donald Hogue, Akron, Ohio, 1,684.
- 17, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 1,677.
- 18, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,675.
- 19 (tie), Don Breeden, Clive, Iowa, and ss-Charlie Tapp, Kalamazoo, Mich., 1,674.
- 21, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 1,673.
- 22, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 1,663.
- 23, Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio, 1,651.
- 24, Doug Henry, Columbus, Ind., 1,649.
- 25 (tie), Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., and John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 1,638.
- 27, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 1,632.

28, James Campbell, Clearwater, Fla., 1,620.  
29, n-ss-Steven Lewis, Scipio, Ind., 1,618.  
30, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 1,605.  
31, Jerry Hicks, Vandalia, Ohio, 1,601.  
32, Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., 1,600.  
33, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,597.  
34, Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., 1,596.  
35, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1,595.  
36, Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 1,590.  
37 (tie), ss-Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., and Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 1,587.  
39 (tie), ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, and ss-Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 1,585.  
41, Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 1,584.  
42, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 1,581.  
43, Gary Schluchter, Femont, Ohio, 1,580.  
44, Tracy Teeters, Eugene, Ore., 1,579.  
45, ss-Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 1,575.  
46, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 1,572.  
47 (tie), Paul Fleming, Ft. Worth, Texas; n-ss-Bill Nichols, Bella Vista, Ark.; Dave Han, Birmingham, Ala., and ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,566.  
51, ss-Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 1,563.  
52, ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 1,557.  
53, ss-Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 1,555.  
54, ss-Chris Fedden, Albany, N.Y., 1,552.  
55, ss-Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,547.  
56, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 1,545.  
57, Greg Wilson, Warrenton, Va., 1,540.  
58, Al Hardesty, Orland Hills, Ill., 1,539.  
59, Brian Menini, Brookfield, Mo., 1,535.  
60, ss-Gary Reh, Fort Mohave, Ariz., 1,532.  
61, Todd Haney, Boiling Springs, S.C., 1,524.  
62, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 1,521.  
63, n-Lyle Kuhlmann, Woodruff, Wis., 1,519.  
64, ss-Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 1,510.  
65, ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 1,507.  
66, ss-Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 1,503.  
67, ss-Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 1,502.  
68, ss-Gregory Scheetz, Scottsdale, Ariz., 1,491.  
69, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 1,485.  
70, Bill Vannoy, Lexington, S.C., 1,478.  
71, Charlie Toney, Oak Hill, W.Va., 1,467.  
72, ss-Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 1,460.  
73, ss-Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 1,458.  
74, Ed Carter, Austintown, Ohio, 1,457.  
75, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1,452.  
76 (tie), ss-Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., and Kevin Anderson, Mt. Juliet, Tenn., 1,451.  
78, Jim Horan, Mountain View, Calif., 1,445.  
79, ss-Emilio Mora Sr., Defiance, Ohio, 1,443.  
80, Dan Schmerbach, St. Joseph, Mo., 1,440.  
81, Tommy Martin, Millington, Tenn., 1,430.  
82, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1,426.  
83 (tie), Jon DeLaney, McKinney, Texas, and n-ss-David Dohmann, Midlothian, Va., 1,415.  
85, ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 1,406.  
86, ss-Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 1,398.

87 (tie), ss-Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., and ss-Dale Reh, Appleton, Wis., 1,390.  
89, ss-Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 1,389.  
90, Carl West, San Jose, Calif., 1,388.  
91, Dean Fuemmeler, Fayette, Mo., 1,373.  
92, ss-Ken Waters, Kingsport, Tenn., 1,367.  
93, Michael Smith, Centennial, Colo., 1,348.  
94, n-Bill Huepenbecker, Huron, Ohio, 1,340.  
95, Steve Easterday, Strasburg, Ohio, 1,335.  
96, ss-Allen Meskan, Addison, Ill., 1,225.  
97, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,070.

n-denotes non-PBA member; ss-denotes PBA60 players age 60 and over

## **EJ Tackett Wins His Second Barbasol PBA Tour Finals for 13th Career Go Bowling! PBA Tour Title**

*Tackett defeats Jakob Butturff 2-1 in "race-to-2-points" format  
title match aired on CBS Sports Network for first win of the season*

**LAS VEGAS (July 21, 2019)** – EJ Tackett defeated Jakob Butturff 2-1 in the "race-to-2 points" format title match to win his second Barbasol PBA Tour Finals presented by Red Rock Casino Resort & Spa title in three years for his 13th career Go Bowling! PBA Tour title Sunday. The title match wrapped up nine hours of CBS Sports Network live coverage of the tournament at Red Rock Lanes over two days.

The 25-year-old Butturff, who was trying for his fourth win of the season, got off to the early lead with a 247-225 win in the first game of the title match but Tackett, the 2016 PBA Player of the Year, rebounded in game two winning 238-220 to force a 9th and 10th frame roll-off for the deciding point.

In the roll-off, Butturff started with a spare after leaving a 7 pin and Tackett with a strike in the ninth frame but on his first ball in the 10th frame, Butturff left the 4-6-10 split which opened the door for Tackett. Tackett took advantage of the opportunity by striking on his first ball in the 10th to clinch the win.

"As well as Jakob has been bowling you certainly don't expect him to throw a bad shot in that situation," said the 26-year-old Tackett, who also won his first title of the 2019 season. "At that point it was up to me not to do anything stupid in the 10th frame and stay behind the (foul) line.

"Winning big tournaments in the 10th frame like this against the all-time greats is something I've dreamed of since I was a kid," Tackett added. "I've built up a lot of confidence because of my experience in these situations over the years and today it paid off."

Tackett, making his third consecutive PBA50 Tour Finals title match appearance, won the inaugural PBA Tour Finals in 2017 against PBA Tour Finals defending champion Jason Belmonte of Australia but Belmonte came back to beat Tackett in 2018.

The PBA Tour Finals featured the top eight Go Bowling! PBA Tour players in points during the past two seasons ending with the 2019 USBC Masters in April. The eight finalists were split into two four-player groups with competition consisting of two rounds of total pinfall positioning rounds Saturday followed by Sunday's semifinal stepladder round for each group. The winner of each semifinal stepladder advanced to the title match. The final match of each stepladder also used the race-to-2-points format.

"It's almost like winning a major which makes it very rewarding to win," said Tackett, who also owns two major titles. "You're bowling against eight of the top players on tour not just over a regular season but for nearly two seasons. If you're bowling well and you're making the right decisions, in a way it doesn't necessarily have to be especially difficult to win because you're only bowling against seven other players, but on the other hand it can be very hard to win because of the talent that makes it here."

In the Group 1 semifinal stepladder round, Tackett advanced to the championship match by beating 10-time tour winner Bill O'Neill 2-0 in the race-to-2 points final match, winning the first game 265-237 and the second game 210-198.

Butturff advanced to the title match by beating two-hander six-time tour winner Anthony Simonsen in the Group 2 stepladder final 2-1. Butturff won the first game 249-157 but Simonsen came back in game 2, winning 259-234 to force the 9th and 10th frame roll-off which was won by Butturff, 39-38.

In the Group 1 semifinal opening stepladder match Kris Prather, trying for his second tour title, defeated Belmonte, trying for his 23rd tour title, 254-248, to meet Tackett in the second match. Tackett then beat Prather, who won the 2019 Scorpion Championship for his first tour win, 237-224, in the second match to face O'Neill in the Group 1 final.

In the Group 2 opening stepladder match four-time tour winner Marshall Kent beat 2018 PBA Player of the Andrew Anderson 224-189 to advance to the second match against six-time tour winner Anthony Simonsen. Simonsen beat Kent in the second match 246-214 to advance to the Group 2 final against Butturff.

The eight players earned their positions in the stepladder semifinal rounds in four-game qualifying rounds bowled on Saturday.

## **BARBASOL PBA TOUR FINALS**

**Presented by Red Rock Casino Resort & Spa**  
**Red Rock Lanes, Las Vegas, Sunday**

### **Group 1 Stepladder Results**

Match One – Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill. def. Jason, Belmonte, Australia (\$3,000), 254-248.

Match Two – EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind. def. Prather (\$3,000), 237-224.

Final Match (race-to-2-points format) – Tackett def. Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., (\$7,500), 2-0

Game 1 – Tackett def. O'Neill, 265-237

Game 2 – Tackett def. O'Neill, 210-198

Tackett advanced to championship match against Jakob Butturff.

### **Group 2 Stepladder Results**

Match One – Marshall Kent, Yakima Wash. def. Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich. (\$3,000), 224-189.

Match Two – Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas def. Kent (\$3,000), 246-214.

Final Match (race-to-2 points format) – Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz. def. Simonsen (\$7,500), 2-1

Game 1 – Butturff def. Simonsen, 249-157

Game 2 – Simonsen def. Butturff, 259-234

Butturff won 9th and 10th frame roll-off 39-38 to advance to championship match against EJ Tackett

### **Championship Match (race-to-2 points format)**

EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind. (\$30,000) def. Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz. (\$18,000), 2-1

Game 1 – Butturff def. Tackett, 247-225

Game 2 – Tackett def. Butturff, 238-220

Tackett won 9th and 10th frame roll-off 45-26.

## **Bohn Leads PBA50 David Small's Championship Lanes Classic into Cashers Round**

*Brian LeClair advances in ninth place in bid for third consecutive title*

**ANDERSON, Ind. (July 22, 2019)** – PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III of Jackson, New Jersey, will lead the qualifiers advancing to Tuesday's cashers round in the PBA50 David Small's Championship Lanes Classic presented by Roto Grip after averaging 223.25 for the tournament's first 16 qualifying games.

Bohn, who turned 56 nine days earlier, rolled games of 223, 190, 266, 258, 208, 226, 223 and 248 during Monday's eight-game qualifying round to advance from a tie for seventh place after the first eight-game qualifying round into a 24-pin lead over Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, New York, after round two. Bohn, a 35-time winner on the PBA Tour, is a four-time PBA50 Tour titlist. He won his fourth PBA50 title in the David Small's Championship Lanes Classic in 2017.

Shafer was in second place with a 16-game total of 3,548 pins, followed by Bill Watson of Monroe, Ohio, with 3,535 pins and Doug Becker of Clermont, Florida, with a 3,525 total. All three are looking for their first PBA50 Tour titles. Lennie Boresch Jr. of Kenosha, Wisconsin, a four-time PBA50 Tour winner, was in fifth place with 3,477 pins.

Also in contention heading into Tuesday's five-game cashers round are Brian LeClair of Albany, New York, who is trying to become the fourth player to win three consecutive PBA50 Tour titles. PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Florida, won three consecutive titles to start the 2019 PBA50 Tour season. Hall of Famer Tom Baker completed the trifecta in 2006. Pete Weber, also a PBA Hall of Famer, holds the record with four consecutive PBA50 Tour titles in 2016.

The David Small's Championship Lanes Classic continues Tuesday with a cashers round at 8:30 a.m., modified match play rounds at noon and 3:15 p.m. and the five-man stepladder finals at 7 p.m. Fans can follow all the action via PBA's online streaming partner FloBowling. For subscription and schedule information visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com).

### **PBA50 DAVID SMALL'S CHAMPIONSHIP LANES CLASSIC**

**presented by Roto Grip**

**David Small's Championship Lanes, Anderson, Ind., Monday**

#### **Second Round Standings (after 16 games; top 32 plus top eight PBA60 players below 32nd place advance to cashers round):**

- 1, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,572.
- 2, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,548.
- 3, Bill Watson, Monroe, Ohio, 3,535.
- 4, Doug Becker, Clermont, Fla., 3,525.
- 5, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3,477.
- 6, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3,466.
- 7, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,462.
- 8, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,454.
- 9, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 3,420.
- 10, Steve Hoskins, New Port Richey, Fla., 3,419.
- 11, Don Breeden, Clive, Iowa, 3,418.
- 12 (tie), Paul Fleming, Ft. Worth, Texas, and Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 3,407.
- 14 (tie), Doug Kent, Newark, NY, and ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3,397.
- 16, Brian Menini, Brookfield, Mo., 3,391.

17, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3,383.  
18 (tie), Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., and Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 3,374.  
20, Dave Han, Birmingham, Ala., 3,368.  
21, Doug Henry, Columbus, Ind., 3,331.  
22, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 3,330.  
23, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,324.  
24, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 3,315.  
25, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3,311.  
26, Jerry Hicks, Vandalia, Ohio, 3,310.  
27 (tie), Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., and Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 3,300.  
29, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 3,299.  
30, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 3,288.  
31, Donald Hogue, Akron, Ohio, 3,284.  
32, Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., 3,281.  
33, Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C., 3,262.  
34, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,252.  
35, Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 3,251.  
36, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 3,246.  
37, James Campbell, Clearwater, Fla., 3,243.  
38, ss-Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 3,234.  
39, John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 3,230.  
40, Gary Schluchter, Fremont, Ohio, 3,224.  
41, ss-Charlie Tapp, Kalamazoo, Mich., 3,213.  
42, Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio, 3,208.  
43, ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 3,199.  
44, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 3,187.  
45, ss-Gregory Scheetz, Scottsdale, Ariz., 3,181.  
46, ss-Gary Reh, Fort Mohave, Ariz., 3,174.  
47, Tracy Teeters, Eugene, Ore., 3,153.  
48, ss-Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 3,150.  
49, ss-Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wisc., 3,128.  
50, Greg Wilson, Warrenton, Va., 3,111.  
51, ss-Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3,110.  
52, Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., 3,104.  
53, ss-Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 3,094.  
54, Ed Carter, Austintown, Ohio, 3,089.  
55, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 3,084.  
56, ss-Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 3,073.  
57, Al Hardesty, Orland Hills, Ill., 3,069.  
58, Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 3,066.  
59, ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 3,057.  
60, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 3,043.  
61, ss-Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 3,042.  
62, Tommy Martin, Millington, Tenn., 3,025.  
63, n-ss-Bill Nichols, Bella Vista, Ark., 3,021.  
64, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 3,016.  
65, Charlie Toney, Oak Hill, W.Va., 3,001.  
66, ss-Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 2,998.  
67, ss-Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 2,997.  
68, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 2,995.  
69, Bill Vannoy, Lexington, S.C., 2,985.  
70, Kevin Anderson, Mt. Juliet, Tenn., 2,979.  
71, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 2,949.

72, Todd Haney, Boiling Springs, S.C., 2,947.  
 73, Michael Smith, Centennial, Colo., 2,940.  
 74, ss-Emilio Mora Sr., Defiance, Ohio, 2,930.  
 75, ss-Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 2,923.  
 76, ss-Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 2,915.  
 77, Steve Easterday, Strasburg, Ohio, 2,914.  
 78, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 2,907.  
 79, ss-Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 2,893.  
 80, Jon DeLaney, McKinney, Texas, 2,890.  
 81, Dan Schmerbach, St. Joseph, Mo., 2,884.  
 82, ss-Chris Fedden, Albany, N.Y., 2,882.  
 83, ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 2,864.  
 84, Jim Horan, Mountain View, Calif., 2,859.  
 85, ss-Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 2,848.  
 86, ss-Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 2,838.  
 87, ss-Ken Waters, Kingsport, Tenn., 2,799.  
 88, Carl West, San Jose, Calif., 2,775.  
 89, n-ss-David Dohmann, Midlothian, Virg., 2,755.  
 90, n-Bill Huepenbecker, Huron, Ohio, 2,750.  
 91, Dean Fuemmeler, Fayette, Mo., 2,726.  
 92, ss-Allen Meskan, Addison, Ill., 2,386.  
 93, n-ss-Steven Lewis, Scipio, Ind., 2,799.  
 94, n-Lyle Kuhlmann, Woodruff, Wis., 1,519.  
 95, ss-Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 1,458.  
 96, ss-Dale Reh, Appleton, Wis., 1,390.  
 97, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, withdrew, injury.  
 n-denotes non-PBA member; ss-denotes PBA60 players age 60 and over

## **Ray Edwards Wins Cecil Raymond Memorial for 23rd PBA Regional Title**

**Deptford, N.J. (July 14, 2019)** – Ray Edwards of Middle Island, N.Y. defeated Bob Leonard of Lockwood, N.Y., 259-192, to win the PBA50 Cecil Raymond Memorial presented by Ebonite at Brunswick Zone Deptford on Sunday.

Edwards, who qualified second, held a comfortable lead throughout the title match on his way to his 23rd career PBA Regional title and his second of the year. He also won the 2017 Cecil Raymond Memorial. Edwards earned \$1,500 for the win while Leonard earned \$850 as the runner-up.

The tournament, which began in 2004, was renamed in 2014 to honor its sponsor, Cecil Raymond, who passed away in January 2014. Raymond was the 2013 recipient of the East Region's Pat Patterson Award for outstanding contributions to the regional program.

Edwards, a five-time PBA East Region Player of the Year, advanced to the championship round by defeating Mike Healy of Yonkers, N.Y., 183-169, while Leonard defeated John Zawalick of Westminster, Mass., 197-148, in the semifinal round. Healy and Zawalick each earned \$700 as semifinal round losers.

The next event on the PBA East Region schedule is the PBA Bowlers Supply Storm Eastern Open hosted at Colony Park Lanes North in York, Pa., August 2-4.

**PBA50 CECIL RAYMOND MEMORIAL**  
**presented by Track**  
**Brunswick Zone Deptford, Deptford, N.J., Sunday**

**Championship:** Ray Edwards, Middle Island, N.Y. (\$1,500) def. Bob Leonard, Lockwood, N.Y., (\$850), 259-192.

**Semifinal Round (losers earned \$700):**  
Edwards def. Mike Healy, Yonkers, N.Y., 183-169.  
Leonard def. John Zawalick, Westminster, Mass., 197-148.

**Round of 8 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$600 each):**  
Edwards def. John DiSantis, Wilmington, Del., 2-1.  
Leonard def. Sam Maccarone, Williamstown, N.J., 2-1.  
Healy def. Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., 2-1.  
Zawalick def. David Kneas, Annapolis, Md., 2-1.

**Round of 12 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$550 each):**  
Leonard def. n-John Katsaros, Bartonsville, Pa., 2-0.  
Zawalick def. Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 2-0.  
DiSantis def. Steve DiMartino, Upper Saddle River, N.J., 2-0.  
Healy def. n-Kevin Quinn, Bordentown, N.J., 2-1.

n-designates non-member entry

## **PBA Spare Shots**

### **“BEAUTIES VS. BEASTS” TO KICK OFF 20<sup>TH</sup> STORM PBA/PWBA STRIKING AGAINST BREAST CANCER DOUBLES**

A special “Beauties vs. Beasts” team competition featuring the leading men’s and women’s qualifiers from the 2018 tournament will kick off the 20th anniversary Storm PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Doubles event at Copperfield Bowl in Houston, Texas, on Thursday, July 25, at 4 p.m. CDT.

The five-game Baker format team event will be livestreamed by the PBA’s online partner, FloBowling. The winning team will share in a \$5,000 prize pool. The losers will split \$1,000.

Bowling with the “Beauties” will be PWBA competitors **Erin McCarthy** of Omaha; **Missy Parkin** of Laguna Hills, Calif.; **Shannon Pluhowsky** of Dayton, Ohio; **Verity Crawley** of England, and **Diandra Asbaty** of Chicago. The “Beasts” will be composed of PBA

players **EJ Tackett** of Bluffton, Ind.; **Tommy Jones** of Simpsonville, S.C.; **Darren Tang** of San Francisco; **AJ Johnson** of Oswego, Ill., and **Brad Miller** of Lee's Summit, Mo. Miller will replace Jakob Butturff who will be bowling as a member of Team USA in the Pan American Games.

The tournament, commonly known as "The Luci," began as a fundraiser to combat breast cancer in honor of the late **Luci Bonneau** by her best friend, **Donna Conners**, and has evolved into the most prestigious mixed doubles championship event in the sport.

The 2019 event will feature a sold-out field of 160 teams, divided into four squads for seven-game qualifying rounds on Friday and Saturday at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. CDT each day. The top 40 teams will bowl another five-game qualifying round Sunday at 8:30 a.m., after which the top eight teams will advance to an eight-game round-robin match play final round starting at 12:30. Final standings will be based on total pinfall, including match play bonus pins, for 20 combined doubles games.

The tournament is part of the FloBowling PBA Summer Tour and will be livestreamed from start to finish by FloBowling. Visit FloBowling.com for subscription information. For a complete roster of teams entered, click here: <https://www.pba.com/content/files/rosters/LuciRoster2019.pdf>.

### **WALTER RAY WILLIAMS JR. ADDS ANOTHER UNIQUE FEAT TO HIS RESUMÉ**

PBA Hall of Famer and multi-record holder **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** added another unique feat to his lengthy resumé during the PBA50 River City Extreme Open in Monticello, Minn., when he bowled a 300 game using the increasingly popular two-handed technique. Unofficially (because the PBA has never tracked such a feat) Williams is the first player ever to bowl 300 games in PBA national competition using the traditional one-handed technique as well as two-handed.

In addition to his two-handed perfect game, the 59-year-old Williams also has bowled 108 "traditional" 300 games in PBA competition.

PBA West/Northwest Regional Manager **Gary Mage** has noted that regional competitor **Dean Richards** of Tacoma, Wash., also has accomplished the one-handed/two-handed 300 feat in PBA Northwest Region competition.

### **PBA BOWLING CHALLENGE TAKES ON PBA LEAGUE ELIAS CUP CHAMPS**

Concrete Software's PBA Bowling Challenge for mobile device users is challenging players to try to beat the 247 game the Portland Lumberjacks bowled at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, in its sweep of the Elias Cup championship round over L.A. X.

It's free and easy to enter for mobile device users who have downloaded the popular bowling game. To enter, download PBA Bowling Challenge <http://bit.ly/Download-PBA> and start bowling. If you bowl a game of 248 or higher, you will be entered into the sweepstakes. One entry will be randomly selected as the winner and receive a

bowling pin signed by the winning Portland Lumberjacks (Kyle Troup, Mitch Hupé, Kris Prather, Ryan Ciminelli and Mark Roth MVP Wes Malott) and 5,000 Gold Pins.

To review the official rules, click here: <http://bit.ly/OfficialRules7>. The contest ends on Thursday, July 25.

## **PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: GEORGE GOES FROM FIFTH TO FIRST FOR FIRST PBA TITLE**

**Alex George** from Wichita, Kan., stunned the fans, fellow competitors and even himself by moving from fifth place to first place in the final position round match to win his first PBA Regional title in the 10th annual PBA Fort Sill Southwest Open, presented by MOTIV, Sunday at Twin Oaks Bowling Center in Fort Sill, Okla.

George trailed tournament leader **DeeRon Booker** of Albuquerque, N.M., by 104 pins going into position round. As Booker struggled in a 190-147 loss to **Anthony Lavery-Spahr** of Pasadena, Texas, George defeated **Austin Boulds** of Creal Springs, Ill., 246-174. **Joe Findling** from Mesquite, Texas, and **Nathan Bohr** of Austin, Texas, were matched in the third- and fourth-place match, won by Bohr, 212-202. That left both players short of George's winning total. George finished with 4,489 total pinfall for his 21 games, including bonus pins, edging Lavery-Spahr's 4,485 for the \$2,500 first prize. Bohr claimed third place with a 4,467 total, and Booker settled for fourth with 4,460 pins.

- **Ronnie Russell** of Marion, Ind. defeated **Matt Staninger** of Centerville, Ohio by 81 pins to win the PBA Angola Central/Midwest Open presented by Storm at Angola Bowl in Angola, Ind., Sunday.

Russell, a four-time PBA Tour titlist, finished with a 4-4 match play record and a total of 4,498 pins for 21 games, including match play bonus pins, to win his 10th PBA Regional title. He also earned \$2,600.

- **Josh Blanchard** of Mesa, Ariz., and non-PBA member partner **Eryk Jensen** of Gresham, Ore., teamed up to win Sunday's PBA member/non-member doubles title at Husted's Hazel Dell Lanes in Vancouver, Wash.

In Sunday's title match, Blanchard and Jensen defeated non-members **Jason Lower** and **Rob Edwards**, both of Vancouver, 471-437, to claim the \$3,000 first prize. Blanchard earned his 11th PBA Regional title but Jensen doesn't earn a title because he is not a PBA member.

In semifinal round, Blanchard and Jensen advanced by eliminating non-member **Thomas Ault Jr.** of Vancouver and **Craig Tuholski** of Gresham, Wash., 425-382, while Lower and Edwards ousted **Austin Hunt** of Pasco, Wash. and non-member **Nick Borgaro** of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, 448-417.

- **Ray Edwards** of Middle Island, N.Y. defeated **Bob Leonard** of Lockwood, N.Y., 259-192, to win the PBA50 Cecil Raymond Memorial presented by Ebonite at Brunswick Zone Deptford in Deptford, N.J., on Sunday, July 14.

Edwards, who qualified second, held a comfortable lead throughout the title match on his way to his 23rd overall PBA Regional title and his second of the year. He also won the 2017 Cecil Raymond Memorial. Edwards earned \$1,500 for the win.

The tournament, which began in 2004, was renamed in 2014 to honor its sponsor, Cecil Raymond, who passed away in January 2014. Raymond was the 2013 recipient of the East Region's Pat Patterson Award for outstanding contributions to the regional program.

Edwards, a five-time PBA East Region Player of the Year, advanced to the championship round by defeating **Mike Healy** of Yonkers, N.Y., 183-169, while Leonard defeated **John Zawalick** of Westminster, Mass., 197-148, in the semifinal round.

- **Ricky Schissler** of Brighton, Colo. defeated **Bryan Goebel** of Shawnee, Kan., 210-197, to win the PBA50 Beverly Lanes Midwest/Central Open presented by MOTIV at Beverly Lanes in Arlington Heights, Ill., on Sunday, July 14.

Schissler earned the \$1,400 first prize and his third PBA50 regional title.

Goebel defeated **Ryan Shafer** of Horseheads, N.Y., 256-197, to advance to the championship match after downing **Stoney Baker** of Canton, Ga., 213-160, in the first stepladder match.

- The July schedule of PBA Regionals concludes over the July 26-28 weekend with the PBA50 Tower Lanes Summer Classic in Tacoma, Wash.

- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit [pba.com](http://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](http://pba.com) (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

## QUICK NOTES

- PBA fans can follow the FloBowling PBA Summer Tour points standings as they are updated following each Summer Tour event at this link: <https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/PointsList/132?list=10>. The FloBowling PBA Summer Tour points will also be used to determine the USBC Cup points standings, and the eight qualifiers for both the FloBowling PBA ATX Invite and the PBA China Tiger Cup Invitational.

- Apologies for a cut-and-paste error that listed the 2019 PBA League Elias Cup final standings in the wrong order. The correct summary was as follows:

## PBA LEAGUE ELIAS CUP FINALS

**Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine, July 18**  
**(Two Matches, Race to 2 Points Baker Team Format)**

**Final Standings:** Portland Lumberjacks (Kyle Troup, Mitch Hupé, Kris Prather, Ryan Ciminelli, Wes Malott) (\$60,000) def. L.A. X (Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Jakob Butturff, Stuart Williams, Jason Belmonte, Dick Allen) (\$50,000), 2-0, 2-0.

Match One, Game One: Portland def. L.A., 228-206.

Match One, Game Two: Portland def. L.A., 214-188.

Match Two, Game One: Portland def. L.A., 221-197.

Match Two, Game Two: Portland def. L.A., 247-208.

**Mohr Defeats Walter Ray to Win**  
**David Small's Championship Lanes Classic for 11th PBA50 Tour Title**

*Mohr denies Williams his 15th PBA50 Tour win with 279-215 title match victory*

**ANDERSON, Ind. (July 23, 2019)** – Making his third consecutive championship round appearance of the season, Ron Mohr defeated Walter Ray Williams Jr. 279-215 in a battle of PBA Hall of Famers in the title match to win the PBA50 David Small's Championship Lanes Classic presented by Roto Grip Tuesday for his first win of the season and 11th of his career.

Mohr, who was top qualifier for the stepladder finals, threw 11 strikes in the title match starting with the first five before leaving a 10 pin in the sixth frame. He then struck the rest of the way to handily win the match.

Williams, the Go Bowling! PBA Tour all-time titles leader with 47 wins, was trying for his fourth win of the season and the 15th of his career to take sole possession of the all-time titles lead on PBA's tour for players 50 and over. He left six 10 pins in the title match including a missed 10 pin in the fifth frame.

"The way Walter Ray was bowling in the previous match I thought I might be the answer to a trivia question, but things went my way today, said the 63-year-old Mohr, whose last PBA50 win came in the 2018 Northern California Classic. "I got off to a slow start in the tournament qualifying 23rd so I really didn't expect to win. There have been a lot of amazing things happen out here (on tour) so I should probably know better than to count myself out."

Mohr, a native of Fort Wayne, finished fourth in last week's PBA50 South Shore Open and fifth in the PBA50 River City Extreme Open two weeks ago.

"The important thing for me was to slow everything down," said Mohr, crediting his wife Lita who noticed he was rushing his shots in the previous championship rounds. "I really had to focus on not making a shot until I'm ready and that was especially true when Walter Ray missed his 10 pin because I didn't want to do the same thing to possibly let him back in the match."

Williams qualified second for the stepladder after coming all the way from sixth in the final position round of the second match play round.

In the semifinal match, Williams, whose runner-up finish all but wraps up his third PBA50 Player of the Year honor, beat hall of famer Doug Kent 247-209 in the semifinal to advance to the title match.

In pain from a back injury suffered in the first game of match play earlier in the day, Kent soldiered on to qualify fifth for the stepladder. Trying for his first PBA50 Tour win, he beat fellow New Yorker Ryan Shafer 228-211 in the first stepladder match before defeating four-time PBA50 Tour winner Lennie Boresch Jr. 278-185 in the second match. It was Shafer's second consecutive fifth-place finish after finishing fifth in last week's South Shore Open.

The PBA50 Tour travels to Wyoming, Mich., for the PBA50 Spectrum Lanes Open presented by DV8 July 25-28 before wrapping up with the PBA50 David Small's Jax60 Classic presented by Track in Jackson, Mich., July 30-Aug. 2. Two PBA60 events -- for players 60 and over -- will conclude the "senior" season. The PBA60 Jax 60 National Championship in memory of Mel Wolfe will be conducted Aug. 3-5 and the PBA60 Dick Weber Championship presented by the DeHayes Insurance Group and 900 Global at Pro Bowl West in Fort Wayne is scheduled for Aug. 7-9. Fans can follow all the action via PBA's online streaming partner FloBowling. For subscription and schedule information visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com).

### **PBA50 DAVID SMALL'S CHAMPIONSHIP LANES CLASSIC**

**presented by Roto Grip**

**David Small's Championship Lanes, Anderson, Ind., Tuesday**

#### **Final Standings:**

- 1, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, \$7,500.
- 2, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., \$4,000.
- 3, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., \$2,500.
- 4, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., \$2,000
- 5, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., \$1,750

#### **Stepladder Results:**

Match One – Kent def. Shafer, 228-211.

Match Two – Kent def. Boresch, 278-185

Semifinal Match – Williams def. Kent, 247-209.

Championship Match – Mohr def. Williams, 279-215

#### **Modified Match Play Round 2 (after six games, including match play bonus pins. Top five advance to stepladder finals)**

- 1, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 5-1, 1,488.
- 2, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 5-1, 1,473.
- 3, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 4-2, 1,458.
- 4, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3-3, 1,443.
- 5, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 3-3, 1,442.
- 6, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 4-2, 1,414, \$1,500.
- 7, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3-3, 1,402, \$1,500.
- 8, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3-3, 1,390, \$1,500.
- 9, ss-Charlie Tapp, Kalamazoo, Mich., 4-2, 1,375, \$1,300.
- 10, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 4-2, 1,349, \$1,300.
- 11, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3-3, 1,328, \$1,300.
- 12, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 1-5, 1,305, \$1,300.
- 13, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 2-4, 1,298, \$1,300.
- 14, Bill Watson, Monroe, Ohio, 2-4, 1,259, \$1,300.
- 15, Doug Becker, Clermont, Fla., 1-5, 1,244, \$1,300.
- 16, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1-5, 1,214, \$1,300.

#### **Modified Match Play Round 1 (other cashers after five games, including match play bonus pins.)**

- 17, Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., 2-3, 1,131, \$1,100.
- 18, Doug Henry, Columbus, Ind., 3-2, 1,122, \$1,100.
- 19, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 2-3, 1,107, \$1,100.
- 20, Paul Fleming, Ft. Worth, Texas, 4-1, 1,094, \$1,100.
- 21, Steve Hoskins, New Port Richey, Fla., 2-3, 1,083, \$1,100.
- 22, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 2-3, 1,081, \$1,100.
- 23, ss-Gary Reh, Fort Mohave, Ariz., 2-2-1, 1,075, \$1,100.
- 24, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 2-3, 1,071, \$1,100.
- 25, Don Breeden, Clive, Iowa, 3-2, 1,065, \$1,050.
- 26, Jerry Hicks, Vandalia, Ohio, 1-4, 1,059, \$1,050.
- 27, ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 2-3, 1,024, \$1,050.
- 28, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 1-4, 1,017, \$1,050.
- 29, Brian Menini, Brookfield, Mo., 2-3, 966, \$1,050.
- 30, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 0-5, 939, \$1,050.
- 31, Dave Han, Birmingham, Ala., 1-4, 915, \$1,050.
- 32, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 0-5, 884, \$1,150.

**Other Cashers (after five-game cashers' round, \$1,000 each)**

- 33, ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 1,024.
- 34, ss-Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 998.
- 36, Donald Hogue, Akron, Ohio, 997.
- 37, ss-Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 993.
- 38, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 981.
- 39, ss-Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 963.
- 40, ss-Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 943.
- 41, ss-Gregory Scheetz, Scottsdale, Ariz., 898.

n-non-PBA member.

ss-PBA60 player ages 60 and over.

Zaffino Regains Consistency After Erratic Start to Take PBA50 Spectrum Lanes Open Lead After First Round

WYOMING, Mich. (July 26, 2019) – After starting with games of 296 and 185, Jeff Zaffino of Warren, Pennsylvania managed to regain some consistency for the rest of his first round Friday to lead the PBA50 Spectrum Lanes Open presented by DV8.

The 59-year-old Zaffino, a two-time Go Bowling! PBA Tour runner-up, followed his erratic start with games of 233, 257, 212, 205, 226 and 245 to lead the first round with a 1,859 pinfall total good for a 232 average.

"Everything was great in the first game – I had the right ball, right speed and was playing the right part of the lane – but that all went away in the second game," said Zaffino, whose best PBA50 Tour finish was fourth in the 2017 PBA50 David Small's Championship Lanes Classic. I just couldn't adjust in the second game because I was getting a ball reaction I didn't expect, but fortunately I was able to get back on track in the third game."

Zaffino holds a nine-pin lead over three-time PBA50 Tour titlist Bob Learn Jr. of Erie, Pennsylvania, who finished the first round in second with 1,850.

PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr., who is looking to sew up this third PBA50 Player of the Year honor in the Spectrum Lanes Open, finished the first round in third with 1,847.

Williams, who finished second in the PBA50 David Small's Championship Lanes Classic Tuesday, continues his quest for his fourth win of the season and a 15th career PBA50 Tour title that would give him sole possession of the titles record on the tour for players 50 and over. The seven-time PBA Player of the Year, is the all-time PBA Tour titles leader with 47 wins.

Rounding out the top five after the first round were Bo Goergen of Sanford, Michigan and 2017 PBA50 Player of the Year Brian LeClair of Albany, New York tied with 1,843. LeClair, a two-time winner this season, won the recent PBA50 River City Extreme and South Shore Opens back-to-back to bring his career PBA50 Tour titles count to five.

The entire field returns for another eight-game qualifying round Saturday which begins at 11 a.m. ET. Match play rounds are scheduled for 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Sunday which will determine the top five players for the stepladder finals at 7 p.m.

FloBowling is providing live start-to-finish coverage of the Spectrum Lanes Open. Subscription and schedule information is available by visiting [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com).

## PBA50 SPECTRUM LANES OPEN

Presented by DV8

Spectrum Lanes, Wyoming, Mich., Friday

### FIRST ROUND RESULTS (after eight games)

- 1, Jeff Zaffino, Warren, Pa., 1,859.
- 2, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,850.
- 3, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,847.
- 4, (tie) Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., and Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 1,843.
- 6, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,836.
- 7, Dave Han, Birmingham, Ala., 1,829.

8, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1,828.  
9, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,815.  
10, Kevin Anderson, Mt. Juliet, Tenn., 1,800.  
11, Steve Hoskins, New Port Richey, Fla., 1,791.  
12, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,774.  
13, ss-Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 1,771.  
14, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 1,768.  
15, ss-Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 1,766.  
16, ss-Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,762.  
17, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 1,758.  
18, Paul Fleming, Ft. Worth, Texas, 1,751.  
19, Brian Menini, Brookfield, Mo., 1,744.  
20, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,732.  
21, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,730.  
22, Larry Verble, Mason, Mich., 1,728.  
23, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,727.  
24, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1,718.  
25, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,717.  
26, John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 1,714.  
27, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,712.  
28, Warren Eales, Chandler, Ariz., 1,700.  
29, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1,699.  
30, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 1,698.  
31, Paul LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 1,697.  
32, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 1,696.  
33, (tie) Steven DiMartino, Upper Saddle River, N.J. and Carlos Denot, Mexico, 1,684.  
35, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 1,677.  
36, (tie) ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., and ss-Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 1,671.  
38, Tracy Teeters, Eugene, Ore., 1,668.  
39, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 1,663.  
40, Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 1,656.  
41, (tie) Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., and ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 1,645.  
44, Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., 1,642.  
45, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 1,641.  
46, ss-Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 1,638.  
47, Michael Healy, Yonkers, N.Y., 1,636.  
48, (tie) ss-Pete DiChiara, Ardsley, N.Y., and ss-Dick Gran, Hartville, Ohio, 1,634.  
50, ss-Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 1,633.  
51, Don Breeden, Clive, Iowa, 1,632.  
52, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 1,631.  
53, ss-Mike Mineman, St Louis, 1,628.  
54, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 1,622.  
55, ss-Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 1,621.  
56, ss-Charlie Tapp, Kalamazoo, Mich., 1,617.  
57, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1,614.  
58, ss-William Peters, Dayton, Ohio, 1,613.  
59, ss-Marc Lineberry, Camanche, Iowa, 1,612.  
60, (tie) ss-James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., and Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 1,609.  
62, Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio, 1,608.  
63, ss-Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 1,604.  
64, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 1,601.  
65, Charlie Toney, Oak Hill, W.Va., 1,600.

- 66, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,598.
- 67, ss-Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,593.
- 68, Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 1,590.
- 69, ss-Emilio Mora Sr., Defiance, Ohio, 1,588.
- 70, ss-Chuck Richardson, The Villages, Fla., 1,577.
- 71, James Campbell, Clearwater, Fla., 1,570.
- 72, Michael Craig, Westerville, Ohio, 1,546.
- 73, Glenn Smith, New York, 1,537.
- 74, Jay Davis Jr., Silver Spring, Md., 1,535.
- 75, ss-Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., 1,528.
- 76, ss-Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 1,526.
- 77, Dennis Briggs, New Galilee, Pa., 1,520.
- 78, ss-Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 1,519.
- 79, ss-Bill Hewlett, Las Vegas, 1,518.
- 80, Greg Wilson, Warrenton, Va., 1,509.
- 81, Randy Robertson, Evansville, Ind., 1,502.
- 82, ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 1,496.
- 83, Tommy Martin, Millington, Tenn., 1,494.
- 84, Doug Becker, Clermont, Fla., 1,483.
- 85, ss-Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 1,475.
- 86, ss-Michael Chrzanowski, Shepherd, Mich., 1,458.
- 87, ss-Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 1,453.
- 88, Jon DeLaney, McKinney, Texas, 1,445.
- 89, ss-Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 1,442.
- 90, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 1,441.
- 91, ss-Chris Fedden, Albany, N.Y., 1,436.
- 92, ss-Ronald Reitzel, Perrysburg, Ohio, 1,430.
- 93, ss-Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 1,423.
- 94, ss-Gary Reh, Fort Mohave, Ariz., 1,407.
- 95, ss-Gregory Scheetz, Scottsdale, Ariz., 1,400.
- 96, Carl West, San Jose, Calif., 1,393.
- 97, ss-John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 1,386.
- 98, ss-Ken Waters, Kingsport, Tenn., 1,368.
- 99, Mark Abraham, Lansing, Mich., 1,335.
- 100, Bill Vannoy, Lexington, S.C., 1,375.

ss – PBA60 players ages 60 and over

300 games – Bob Learn Jr.

## Prather and Brummett Lead Storm PBA-PWBA

### Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles After Two Squads

HOUSTON, Texas (July 26, 2019) – With two of four qualifying squads complete, 2019 PBA Playoffs winner Kris Prather of Plainfield, Illinois and partner Sydney Brummett of Fort Wayne, Indiana, are the early leaders in the 2019 Storm PBA-PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles with a combined 3,222 pinfall total for seven games.

Brummett, looking for her first PWBA title, bowled a 1,499 pinfall for her seven games and Prather 1,723 Friday at Copperfield Bowl. Brummett had games of 187, 201, 199, 247, 233, 214 and 218. Prather bowled games of 239, 234, 278, 269, 216, 257 and 230.

Finishing second after two squads were defending champions 2019 PBA Tour Finals winner EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Indiana and three-time PWBA Player of the Year Liz Johnson with a 3,138 combined seven-game pinfall. Johnson bowled 1,453 for seven games and Tackett contributed 1,685.

At this point 80 doubles teams have completed their qualifying with 80 more teams to qualify Saturday with squads at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. CDT. After qualifying is completed, the field will be cut to the top 40 teams which will advance to the five-game semifinal round Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m.

Rounding out the top five teams after qualifying were Jodi Woessner, Oregon, Ohio/Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Little Elm, Texas, 3,067; Jasmine Coleman, Manteca, California/Vernon Peterson, Winter Haven, Florida, 3,056, and Anita Arnett, Houston/Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 3,023.

After Sunday's semifinal, the top eight teams will advance to an eight-game round-robin match play final round starting at 12:30 p.m. Final standings will be based on total pinfall, including match play bonus pins, for 20 combined doubles games.

The tournament, commonly known as "The Luci," began as a fundraiser to combat breast cancer in honor of the late Luci Bonneau by her best friend, Donna Connors, and has evolved into the most prestigious mixed doubles championship event in the sport.

The tournament is part of the FloBowling PBA Summer Tour and is streamed live in its entirety by the FloBowling streaming service. For subscription information visit FloBowling.com.

## STORM PBA-PWBA STRIKING AGAINST BREAST CANCER MIXED DOUBLES

Copperfield Bowl, Houston Texas, Friday

STANDINGS AFTER A AND B SQUADS (Top 80 after 7 games, Squads A and B only; Squads C and D bowl Saturday at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. CT)

1, Sydney Brummett, Fort Wayne, Ind. / Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 3,222.

2, Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill. / EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 3,138.

- 3, Jodi Woessner, Oregon, Ohio / Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Little Elm, Texas, 3,067.
- 4, Jasmine Coleman, Manteca, Calif. / Vernon Peterson, Winter Haven, Fla., 3,056.
- 5, Anita Arnett, Houston / Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 3,023.
- 6, Amanda Greene, Romney, W.Va. / Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 3,020.
- 7, Brenda Padilla, Mansfield, Texas / DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 2,997.
- 8, Nicole Trudell, Bridgeport, Conn. / Matt Dzikiewicz, Rocky Hill, Conn., 2,947.
- 9, Liz Kuhlkin, Schenectady, N.Y. / Richie Teece, England, 2,945.
- 10, Amanda Fry, Antelope, Calif. / Sam Cantrell, Roseville, Calif., 2,931.
- 11, Birgit Poppler, Germany / Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 2,918.
- 12, Amanda Vermilyea, Apple Valley, Minn. / Thomas Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2,909.
- 13, Lauren Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn. / Steve Kloempken, Pleasant View, Utah, 2,904.
- 14, Julia Bond, Aurora, Ill. / Andres Gomez, Colombia, 2,899.
- 15, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y. / Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 2,895.
- 16, Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif. / Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,887.
- 17, Stephanie Zavala, Downey, Calif. / Michael Villarreal, Norwalk, Calif., 2,884.
- 18, Kerry Smith, Lititz, Pa. / John Furey, East Windsor, N.J., 2,884.
- 19, Haley Richard, Tipton, Mich. / Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 2,871.
- 20, Cassandra Leuthold, Lincoln, Neb. / Sam Cooley, Australia, 2,869.
- 21, Amanda Falk, Tucson, Ariz. / Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 2,864.
- 22, Amy Dillon-Bruce, Wichita, Kan. / Mike Wolfe, Floyds Knobs, Ind., 2,862.
- 23, Shynia O'Neal, Maumelle, Ark. / Mykel Holliman, Memphis, Tenn., 2,855.
- 24, Cathy Nelson, Lakeside, Texas / David Scardaville, Houston, 2,853.
- 25, Anna Groce, Morrisville, N.C. / Zack Brown, Raleigh, N.C., 2,841.
- 26, Karsyn Lukosius, Brick Township, N.J. / Steve Pavlinko Jr., Deptford, N.J., 2,837.
- 27, Kayla Bandy, Salisbury, Md. / Alex Cavagnaro, Fort Worth, Texas, 2,815.
- 28, Daria Pajak, Poland / Giorgio Clinaz, Venezuela, 2,815.
- 29, Genie Franklin, Frisco, Texas / Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,812.

- 30, Sabrena Divis, Gillette, Wyo. / Ted Pritts, Little Elm, Texas, 2,805.
- 31, Natalie Goodman, O'Fallon, Ill. / Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2,800.
- 32, Tannya Lopez, Mexico / Matt Cabanski, Cibolo, Texas, 2,789.
- 33, Carol Norman, Houston / Pete McCordic, Katy, Texas, 2,787.
- 34, Rocio Restrepo, Colombia / Joe Hostetler, Louisville, Ohio, 2,783.
- 35, Heather D'Errico, Rochester, N.Y. / Matt McNiel, Minneapolis, Minn., 2,725.
- 36, Isabella Correa, Colombia / Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 2,723.
- 37, Caroline Lagrange, Canada / Raymond Lussier, Canada, 2,712.
- 38, Debbie Ayers, La Mesa, Calif. / Nathan Van Putten, Conroe, Texas, 2,698.
- 39, Anne Marie Duggan, Edmond, Okla. / Austin Boulds, Creal Spring, Ill., 2,696.
- 40, Brandy Silva, Fort Worth, Texas / Timmy Crites, Dallas, 2,690.
- 41, Jeanne Naccarato, Tacoma, Wash. / Ryan Zagar, Racine, Wis., 2,689.
- 42, Christina Kinney, Las Vegas / Robert Lawrence, Austin, Texas, 2,688.
- 43, Kayla Pashina, Minnetonka, Minn. / Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 2,681.
- 44, Kayla Crawford, Silvis, Ill. / Brent Boho, Colgate, Wis., 2,677.
- 45, Kerry Moreland, Tomball Texas / Eric Manthei, Lumberton, Texas, 2,677.
- 46, Erica McPhail, Copperas Cove, Texas / Allan Smith, Killeen, Texas, 2,676.
- 47, Katelyn Zwiefelhofer, Racine, Wis. / David Eggert, New Lenox, Ill., 2,667.
- 48, Amanda Flood, Bradenton, Fla. / Bryan Viator, Seabrook, Texas, 2,666.
- 49, Rachel Perez, Maumelle, Ark. / Alan Chetister, Benbrook, Texas, 2,661.
- 50, Stephanie Schwartz, Racine, Wis. / Steve Lemke, Nacogdoches, Texas, 2,657.
- 51, Rita Heger, Spring, Texas / Jacob Heger, Spring, Texas, 2,656.
- 52, Brittany Himmelreich, Schuylkill Haven, Pa. / Jeffrey Smith, Lititz, Pa., 2,650.
- 53, Jennifer Schwartzkopf, Brighton, Colo. / Keith Guerrero, Parker, Colo., 2,647.
- 54, Brandi Branka, Belleville, Ill. / Mike Dole, Loves Park, Ill., 2,630.
- 55, Wanda Parker, Garland, Texas / Danny Inocencio, College Station, Texas, 2,615.

- 56, Sandi Charles, Nolanville, Texas / Billy Rogers, Mesquite, Texas, 2,610.
- 57, Catie Jensen, Fort Worth, Texas / Lee Lorts, Katy, Texas, 2,601.
- 58, Mads McDuff, Katy, Texas / Jay Nephew, Houston, 2,600.
- 59, Brandi Macon, Lubbock, Texas / Dylan Macon, Lubbock, Texas, 2,595.
- 60, Sarah Wille, Hoffman Estates, Ill. / Gregory Young Jr., Viera, Fla., 2,593.
- 61, Tawni Vollmer, Tecumseh, Mich. / Shane Holt, Lake Wales, Fla., 2,565.
- 62, Ashley Blakley, Houston / Marvin Biagas, Houston, 2,555.
- 63, Madysen Keller, Indian Trails, N.C. / Matthew Stephens, Houston, 2,552.
- 64, Sonya Taylor, San Antonio / Xeno Garcia, Fort Worth, Texas, 2,535.
- 65, Stacie Hartsfield, San Antonio / Jeff Hartsfield, San Antonio, 2,529.
- 66, Olivia Sandham, Saint Joseph, Mo. / Daniel Pickerel, Saint Joseph, Mo., 2,524.
- 67, Aline Reed, Spring, Texas / William Titus, Houston, 2,517.
- 68, Jeanette Van Gundy, San Antonio / Ryan Whitney, Hurst, Texas, 2,514.
- 69, Kiyoko McDonald, Allen, Texas / Clint Johnson, Fort Worth, Texas, 2,514.
- 70, Wendy Arnold, Magnolia, Texas / Shawn Stark, Tomball, Texas, 2,480.
- 71, Beate Jager, Germany / Ralf Jager, Germany, 2,467.
- 72, Cearstyn McGhee, Seabrook, Texas / Boyce Lejeune, Pearland, Texas, 2,450.
- 73, Britney Russell, Houston / Kevin Foerster, Katy, Texas, 2,439.
- 74, Halie Summers, Houston / Joe Rasmussen, Tomball, Texas, 2,402.
- 75, Mel McAllister, Colorado Springs, Colo. / Keith Cipielewski, Bradenton, Fla., 2,395.
- 76, Barbara Bias, Houston / David Banks, Houston, 2,374.
- 77, Brittany Torres, Houston / Frank Rose, Houston, 2,373.
- 78, Tiffany Jefferson, Houston / Cecil Scarboro, Panama City, Fla., 2,339.
- 79, Susan Saccomen, Katy, Texas / Tom Russo, Richmond, Texas, 2,311.
- 80, Shelly Slagle, Pearland, Texas / Chris Schramek, Pasadena, Texas, 2,257.

## **Consistent Second Round Enables LeClair to Top Qualifying for PBA50 Spectrum Lanes Open**

*LeClair leads 32 players into match play as he tries for third win of the season*

**WYOMING, Mich. (July 27, 2019)** – With recent back-to-back wins in the PBA50 River City Extreme and South Shore Opens, Brian LeClair continues his late-season surge after averaging 238 to take top qualifier honors for the PBA50 Spectrum Lanes Open presented by DV8 Saturday.

LeClair, who finished tied for fourth after the first round with an 1,843 pinfall total for eight games, bowled 1,964 in the second round Saturday to finish with a 3,807 16-game overall pinfall to lead 32 players into match play. He bowled games of 278, 257, 235, 227, 263, 222, 224 and 258 in the second round.

"I think the key so far is that I'm able to play my "A" game here," said the 2017 PBA50 Player of the Year, who finished 22nd in last week's PBA50 David Small's Championship Lanes Classic. "Last week it was kind of frustrating because I couldn't get the ball to do what I wanted and I didn't have the ability to fix the problem. This week I'm able to stand left and throw the ball out to the right and it comes back strong which is where I'm most effective."

Walter Ray Williams Jr. closed his second round with a 268 game to finish qualifying in second with a 3,751 pinfall for 16 games.

With three consecutive PBA50 Tour wins to start the season and no finishes worse than ninth including a runner-up finish in last week's David Small's Championship Lanes Classic, the PBA Hall of Famer has put together a dominant season. His work isn't done however, as he still needs to finish 15th to clinch his third PBA50 Player of the Year honor. Williams also will be trying for a PBA50 Tour record 15th career win.

Sunday's six-game match play rounds are scheduled for 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. ET after which the top five players will be determined for the stepladder finals at 7 p.m.

Trying for his second consecutive win of the season, PBA Hall of Famer and David Small's Championship Lanes Classic winner Ron Mohr was able to continue his momentum finishing qualifying in third with 3,688.

Rounding out the top five were Bo Goergen of Sanford, Michigan with 3,664, and Warren Eales of Chandler, Arizona with 3,653.

Spectrum Lanes Open final-day coverage will be streamed live by PBA's online bowling channel FloBowling. For subscription and schedule information visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com).

### **PBA50 SPECTRUM LANES OPEN**

**Presented by DV8**

**Spectrum Lanes, Wyoming, Mich., Saturday**

### **SECOND ROUND RESULTS (after 16 games. Top 32 advance to Sunday's match play.)**

- 1, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 3,807.
- 2, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,751.
- 3, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,668.
- 4, Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 3,664.
- 5, Warren Eales, Chandler, Ariz., 3,653.
- 6, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,646.
- 7, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,643.

8, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,628.  
9, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 3,592.  
10, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3,575.  
11, Jeff Zaffino, Warren, Pa., 3,563.  
12, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 3,519.  
13, Larry Verble, Mason, Mich., 3,503.  
14, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3,500.  
15, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 3,493.  
16, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 3,492.  
17, Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 3,489.  
18, Paul Fleming, Ft. Worth, Texas, 3,484.  
19, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 3,476.  
20, Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 3,470.  
21, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 3,437.  
22, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 3,420.  
23, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3,416.  
24, Michael Healy, Yonkers, N.Y., 3,404.  
25, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,398.  
26, Brian Menini, Brookfield, Mo., 3,397.  
27, Dave Han, Birmingham, Ala., 3,392.  
28, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 3,387.  
29, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3,385.  
30, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3,380.  
31, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 3,378.  
32, Kevin Anderson, Mt. Juliet, Tenn., 3,378.

**Did not advance:**

33, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3,378, \$1,000.  
34, ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 3,373, \$1,000  
35, Tracy Teeters, Eugene, Ore., 3,348.  
36, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 3,343.  
37, Paul LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 3,336.  
38, ss-Mike Mineman, St Louis, 3,329, \$1,000.  
39, Charlie Toney, Oak Hill, W.Va., 3,325.  
40, ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 3,321, \$1,000.  
41, ss-James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 3,318, \$1,000.  
42, Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., 3,315.  
43, Steven DiMartino, Upper Saddle River, N.J., 3,310.  
44, Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., 3,309.  
45, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 3,306.  
46, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 3,292, \$1,000.  
47, Carlos Denot, Mexico, 3,287.  
48, ss-Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 3,285, \$1,000.  
49, John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 3,283.  
50, Steve Hoskins, New Port Richey, Fla., 3,280.  
51, ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 3,279, \$1,000.  
52, (tie) Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, and Don Breeden, Clive, Iowa, 3,274.  
54, James Campbell, Clearwater, Fla., 3,272.  
55, ss-Charlie Tapp, Kalamazoo, Mich., 3,269, \$1,000.  
56, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 3,266.  
57, Pete DiChiara, Ardsley, N.Y., 3,265.  
58, Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio, 3,259.  
59, Bill Hewlett, Las Vegas, 3,254.

- 60, Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 3,242.
- 61, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3,230.
- 62, Tommy Martin, Millington, Tenn., 3,223.
- 63, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 3,220.
- 64, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 3,216.
- 65, Dick Gran, Hartville, Ohio, 3,208.
- 66, Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 3,190.
- 67, Michael Craig, Westerville, Ohio, 3,189.
- 68, Marc Lineberry, Camanche, Iowa, 3,188.
- 69, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 3,182.
- 70, Chuck Richardson, The Villages, Fla., 3,175.
- 71, Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 3,167.
- 72, Greg Wilson, Warrenton, Va., 3,158.
- 73, William Peters, Dayton, Ohio, 3,147.
- 74, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 3,110.
- 75, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 3,103.
- 76, Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 3,102.
- 77, Greg Scheetz, Scottsdale, Ariz., 3,092.
- 78, Jay Davis Jr., Silver Spring, Md., 3,079.
- 79, Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 3,041.
- 80, Glenn Smith, New York, 3,025.
- 81, Ronald Reitzel, Perrysburg, Ohio, 3,012.
- 82, Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., 3,004.
- 83, Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 2,978.
- 84, Doug Becker, Clermont, Fla., 2,975.
- 85, Randy Robertson, Evansville, Ind., 2,959.
- 86, (tie) Michael Chrzanowski, Shepherd, Mich., and Emilio Mora Sr., Defiance, Ohio, 2,928.
- 88, Jon DeLaney, McKinney, Texas, 2,918.
- 89, Dennis Briggs, New Galilee, Pa., 2,913.
- 90, Chris Fedden, Albany, N.Y., 2,908.
- 91, Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 2,906.
- 92, Carl West, San Jose, Calif., 2,903.
- 93, Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 2,816.
- 94, Ken Waters, Kingsport, Tenn., 2,770.
- 95, Mark Abraham, Lansing, Mich., 2,763.
- 96, Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 2,762.
- 97, Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 2,748.
- 98, Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 2,296.
- 99, Gary Reh, Fort Mohave, Ariz., 1,407.
- 100, Bill Vannoy, Lexington, S.C., 1,375.

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**Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles Qualifying**  
*Field cut to top 40 doubles teams advancing to Sunday's semifinal round*

**HOUSTON (July 27, 2019)** — Kris Prather of Plainfield, Illinois, and partner Sydney Brummett of Fort Wayne, Indiana, set the pace after Friday's first qualifying squad and withstood challenges after three more squads, including two Saturday, to earn top qualifier honors for the 2019 Storm PBA-PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles with a combined 3,222 seven-game pinfall total.

Brummett, looking for her first PWBA title, bowled a 1,499 pinfall for her seven games and Prather, the 2019 PBA Playoffs champion, bowled 1,723 on Friday's A squad at Copperfield Bowl. Brummett had games of 187, 201, 199, 247, 233, 214 and 218 and Prather bowled games of 239, 234, 278, 269, 216, 257 and 230.

Brummett and Prather will lead 40 doubles teams into Sunday morning's semifinal round at 8:30 a.m. CT. After the semifinal, the top eight teams will advance to an eight-game round-robin match play final round starting at 12:30 p.m. Final standings will be based on total pinfall, including match play bonus pins, for 20 combined doubles games.

Moving into second after Saturday's final D squad were Erin McCarthy of Omaha, Nebraska and AJ Johnson of Oswego, Illinois, combining for a 3,185 pinfall. McCarthy, trying for her second PWBA Tour title, bowled a 1,505 pinfall and Johnson, trying for his first PBA Tour title, bowled 1,680.

Rounding out the top five were defending champions three-time PWBA Player of the Year Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill. and 2019 PBA Tour Finals winner EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Indiana, 3,138; Taylor Bulthuis, Coral Springs, Florida and three-time PBA Tour winner Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Arizona, 3,116, and six-time PWBA Tour winner — including five majors — Kelly Kulick, Union, New Jersey and PJ Haggerty, Roseville, California, 3,106.

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## **STORM PBA-PWBA STRIKING AGAINST BREAST CANCER MIXED DOUBLES Copperfield Bowl, Houston, Texas, Saturday**

### **Final Qualifying Standings (after 7 games, top 40 advance to Sunday's semifinal cashers' round)**

- 1, Sydney Brummett, Fort Wayne, Ind. / Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 3,222.
- 2, Erin McCarthy, Omaha, Neb. / AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 3,185.
- 3, Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill. / EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 3,138.
- 4, Taylor Bulthuis, Coral Springs, Fla. / Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 3,116.
- 5, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J. / PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 3,106.
- 6, Jodi Woessner, Oregon, Ohio / Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Little Elm, Texas, 3,067.
- 7, Jasmine Coleman, Manteca, Calif. / Vernon Peterson, Winter Haven, Fla., 3,056.
- 8, Jordan Richard, Tipton, Mich. / Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 3,034.
- 9, Anita Arnett, Houston / Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 3,023.
- 10, Amanda Greene, Romney, W.Va. / Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 3,020.
- 11, Ashly Galante, Palm Harbor, Fla. / Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 3,016.
- 12, Tannya Roumimper, Indonesia / Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 2,998.
- 13, Brenda Padilla, Mansfield, Texas / DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 2,997.
- 14, Katie Garcia, Wichita, Kan. / Geoffrey Young, Keller, Texas, 2,989.
- 15, Giselle Poss, Nashville, Tenn. / Matt Gasn, Clarksville, Tenn., 2,977.
- 16, Emily Eckhoff, Wheat Ridge, Colo. / Fero Williams, Norman, Okla., 2,956.

- 17, Lindsay Boomershine, Perry, Utah / Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 2,951.
- 18, Nicole Trudell, Bridgeport, Conn. / Matt Dzikiewicz, Rocky Hill, Conn., 2,947.
- 19, Liz Kuhlkin, Schenectady, N.Y. / Richie Teece, England, 2,945.
- 20, Alexis Tatrow, Wichita, Kan. / Kevin Tatrow, Wichita, Kan., 2,940.
- 21, Lauren Hoffman, Monroe Township, N.J. / Tanner Spacey, Burien, Wash., 2,938.
- 22, Amanda Fry, Antelope, Calif. / Sam Cantrell, Roseville, Calif., 2,931.
- 23, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia / Adam Pogge, Austin, Texas, 2,929.
- 24, Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio / Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,923.
- 25, Birgit Poppler, Germany / Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 2,918.
- 26, Amanda Vermilyea, Apple Valley, Minn. / Thomas Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2,909.
- 27, Lauren Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn. / Steve Kloempken, Pleasant View, Utah, 2,904.
- 28, Julia Bond, Aurora, Ill. / Andres Gomez, Colombia, 2,899.
- 29, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y. / Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 2,895.
- 30, Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif. / Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,887.
- 31, Bryanna Cote, Red Rock, Ariz. / Stuart Williams, England, 2,886.
- 32, Stephanie Zavala, Downey, Calif. / Michael Villarreal, Norwalk, Calif., 2,884.
- 33, B Squad, Kerry Smith, Lititz, Pa. / John Furey, East Windsor, N.J., 2,884.
- 34, Diandra Asbaty, Chicago / Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,879.
- 35, Haley Richard, Tipton, Mich. / Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 2,871.
- 36, Cassandra Leuthold, Lincoln, Neb. / Sam Cooley, Australia, 2,869.
- 37, Natalie Cortese, Hoffman Estates, Ill. / Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 2,867.
- 38, Anggie Ramirez, Colombia / Matt Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 2,866.
- 39, KT Simpson, Emmett, Idaho / Matt Russo, Millstone Township, N.J., 2,866.
- 40, Amanda Falk, Tucson, Ariz. / Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 2,864.

**Did not advance:**

- 41, Elysia Current, Ephrata, Pa. / Brad Kemp, Ephrata, Pa., 2,863.
- 42, Amy Dillon-Bruce, Wichita, Kan. / Mike Wolfe, Floyds Knobs, Ind., 2,862.
- 43, Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Keller, Texas / Michael Tang, San Francisco, 2,858.
- 44, Verity Crawley, England / Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 2,856.
- 45, Shynia O'Neal, Maumelle, Ark. / Mykel Holliman, Memphis, Tenn., 2,855.
- 46, Cathy Nelson, Lakeside, Texas / David Scardaville, Houston, 2,853.
- 47, Tina Williams, Pflugerville, Texas / Eric Traylor, Houston, 2,851.
- 48, Gazmine Mason, Cranston, R.I. / Randy Miles Jr., New Braunfels, Texas, 2,846.
- 49, Katie Thornton, Savannah, Ga. / Benjamin Martinez, Mexico, 2,846.
- 50, Anna Groce, Morrisville, N.C. / Zack Brown, Raleigh, N.C., 2,841.
- 51, Sierra Kanemoto, Dayton, Ohio / Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 2,841.
- 52, Karsyn Lukosius, Brick Township, N.J. / Steve Pavlinko Jr., Deptford, N.J., 2,837.
- 53, Sarah Klassen, Canada / Tyson Branagan, Fort Worth, Texas, 2,837.
- 54, Leanne Hulsenberg, Pleasant View, Utah / Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 2,833.
- 55, Angela Chirpich, Urbandale, Iowa / Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 2,825.
- 56, Jovan Ebalaroza-Flores, San Antonio / Vaughn Cruz, San Antonio, 2,817.
- 57, Jackie Evans, Acton, Mass. / Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 2,816.
- 58, Kayla Bandy, Salisbury, Md. / Alex Cavagnaro, Fort Worth, Texas, 2,815.

- 59, Daria Pajak, Poland / Giorgio Clinaz, Venezuela, 2,815.
- 60, Genie Franklin, Frisco, Texas / Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,812.
- 61, Kristal Wilson, Wichita, Kan. / Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 2,810.
- 62, Sabrena Divis, Gillette, Wyo. / Ted Pritts, Little Elm, Texas, 2,805.
- 63, Natalie Goodman, O'Fallon, Ill. / Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2,800.
- 64, Pamela Alvarez, Mexico / Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 2,793.
- 65, Summer Jasmin, Beckley, W.Va. / Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas, 2,791.
- 66, Jessica Mellott, Lauderhill, Fla. / Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 2,791.
- 67, Elise Bolton, Merritt Island, Fla. / Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 2,791.
- 68, Tannya Lopez, Mexico / Matt Cabanski, Cibolo, Texas, 2,789.
- 69, Grace Hall, Lewisville, Texas / AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 2,789.
- 70, Carol Norman, Houston / Pete McCordic, Katy, Texas, 2,787.
- 71, Rocio Restrepo, Colombia / Joe Hostetler, Louisville, Ohio, 2,783.
- 72, Amanda Broege, Ronkonkoma, N.Y. / Jonathan Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 2,776.
- 73, Michelle Sterner, Buffalo, N.Y. / Mike Austin, Conroe, Texas, 2,758.
- 74, Jodi Gawlik, Schaumburg, Ill. / Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 2,756.
- 75, Amanda Cortese, Hoffman Estates, Ill. / Bryan Thompson, Chicago, 2,755.
- 76, Jes Lesagonicz, Atlanta / Robert Michalojko, Mars, Pa., 2,753.
- 77, Linda Walbaum, Brighton, Colo. / Kris Koeltzow, Wheat Ridge, Colo., 2,749.
- 78, Trista Kimmes, Eagan, Minn. / Briley Haugh, Faribault, Minn., 2,740.
- 79, Tish Johnson, Colorado Springs, Colo. / Chris Castro, Plano, Texas, 2,728.
- 80, Heather D'Errico, Rochester, N.Y. / Matt McNiel, Minneapolis, Minn., 2,725.
- 81, Isabella Correa, Colombia / Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 2,723.
- 82, Shannon Sellens, Copiague, N.Y. / Anthony Pepe, East Elmhurst, N.Y., 2,720.
- 83, Katie Maher, Ottumwa, Iowa / Billy Hibbard, Mukwonago, Wis., 2,713.
- 84, Caroline Lagrange, Canada / Raymond Lussier, Canada, 2,712.
- 85, Debbie Ayers, La Mesa, Calif. / Nathan Van Putten, Conroe, Texas, 2,698.
- 86, Tinickia Fleming, Columbia S.C. / Kendle Miles, Brigham City, Utah, 2,698.
- 87, Anne Marie Duggan, Edmond, Okla. / Austin Boulds, Creal Spring, Ill., 2,696.
- 88, Felicia Wong, Canada / Mitch Hupé, Canada, 2,694.
- 89, Brandy Silva, Fort Worth, Texas / Timmy Crites, Dallas, 2,690.
- 90, Jeanne Naccarato, Tacoma, Wash. / Ryan Zagar, Racine, Wis., 2,689.
- 91, Christina Kinney, Las Vegas / Robert Lawrence, Austin, Texas, 2,688.
- 92, Kayla Pashina, Minnetonka, Minn. / Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 2,681.
- 93, Kayla Crawford, Silvis, Ill. / Brent Boho, Colgate, Wis., 2,677.
- 94, Kerry Moreland, Tomball Texas / Eric Manthei, Lumberton, Texas, 2,677.
- 95, Erica McPhail, Copperas Cove, Texas / Allan Smith, Killeen, Texas, 2,676.
- 96, Kayla Ovesny, Norman, Okla. / Alex George, Wichita, Kan., 2,674.
- 97, Katelyn Zwiefelhofer, Racine, Wis. / David Eggert, New Lenox, Ill., 2,667.
- 98, Amanda Flood, Bradenton, Fla. / Bryan Viator, Seabrook, Texas, 2,666.
- 99, Jennifer Russo, Monmouth Junction, N.J. / Brett Cooper, Aurora, Colo., 2,663.
- 100, Rachel Perez, Maumelle, Ark. / Alan Chetister, Benbrook, Texas, 2,661.
- 101, Catherine Rawsthorne, Lewiston, Idaho / Rob Gotterbarn, Garden City S., N.Y., 2,659.
- 102, Stephanie Schwartz, Racine, Wis. / Steve Lemke, Nacogdoches, Texas, 2,657.

- 103, Rita Heger, Spring, Texas / Jacob Heger, Spring, Texas, 2,656.
- 104, Brittany Himmelreich, Schuylkill Haven, Pa. / Jeffrey Smith, Lititz, Pa., 2,650.
- 105, Jennifer Schwartzkopf, Brighton, Colo. / Keith Guerrero, Parker, Colo., 2,647.
- 106, Christine Gill, Lebanon, Ill. / Omar Arnett, Houston, 2,645.
- 107, Brandi Branka, Belleville, Ill. / Mike Dole, Loves Park, Ill., 2,630.
- 108, Diana Jessie, Dallas / Toney Nelson, Grapevine, Texas, 2,624.
- 109, Keli Callahan, Las Vegas / Jerod Hromek, Towanda, Kan., 2,624.
- 110, Ashley Lawley, Texas City, Texas / Troy Boyd, League City, Texas, 2,619.
- 111, Wanda Parker, Garland, Texas / Danny Inocencio, College Station, Texas, 2,615.
- 112, Caitlyn Johnson, Beaumont, Texas / Eric Martinez, San Antonio, 2,615.
- 113, Kim Wallace, Richmond, Texas / Brett Stephen, Houston, 2,611.
- 114, Sandi Charles, Nolanville, Texas / Billy Rogers, Mesquite, Texas, 2,610.
- 115, Jennifer Haggitt, Springfield, Ohio / Michael Haggitt, Springfield, Ohio, 2,609.
- 116, Gretchen Anderson, Pasadena, Texas / Charlie Mills, Pasadena, Texas, 2,605.
- 117, Karla Alsgood, Rio Linda, Calif. / Bubba Harrison, Citrus Heights, Calif., 2,602.
- 118, Catie Jensen, Fort Worth, Texas / Lee Lorts, Katy, Texas, 2,601.
- 119, Mads McDuff, Katy, Texas / Jay Nephew, Houston, 2,600.
- 120, Brandi Macon, Lubbock, Texas / Dylan Macon, Lubbock, Texas, 2,595.
- 121, Sarah Wille, Hoffman Estates, Ill. / Gregory Young Jr., Viera, Fla., 2,593.
- 122, Brette Joseph, Pflugerville, Texas / Johnathan Norman, Houston, 2,586.
- 123, Summer Salak, Killeen, Texas / Thomas Young, Houston, 2,580.
- 124, Cassandra Shivers-Williams, Norman, Okla. / Gid Rash, Longview, Texas, 2,576.
- 125, Tawni Vollmer, Tecumseh, Mich. / Shane Holt, Lake Wales, Fla., 2,565.
- 126, Ashley Blakley, Houston / Marvin Biagas, Houston, 2,555.
- 127, Madysen Keller, Indian Trails, N.C. / Matthew Stephens, Houston, 2,552.
- 128, Paola Limon, Mexico / Raindey Chavez, Venezuela, 2,546.
- 129, Sonya Taylor, San Antonio / Xeno Garcia, Fort Worth, Texas, 2,535.
- 130, Denisyha Waller, Markham, Ill. / Russell Elsner, Houston, 2,535.
- 131, Kylie Mogard, Las Vegas / Dallas Leong, Las Vegas, 2,530.
- 132, Stacie Hartsfield, San Antonio / Jeff Hartsfield, San Antonio, 2,529.
- 133, Pam Lawrence, Hutto, Texas / Ron Willard, Houston, 2,525.
- 134, Olivia Sandham, Saint Joseph, Mo. / Daniel Pickerel, Saint Joseph, Mo., 2,524.
- 135, Aline Reed, Spring, Texas / William Titus, Houston, 2,517.
- 136, Jeanette Van Gundy, San Antonio / Ryan Whitney, Hurst, Texas, 2,514.
- 137, Kiyoko McDonald, Allen, Texas / Clint Johnson, Fort Worth, Texas, 2,514.
- 138, Kelsi Anderson, San Antonio / Luis De Leon, San Antonio, 2,512.
- 139, Cindy Mattingly, Puyallup, Wash. / Darren Stanley, Vancouver, Wash., 2,493.
- 140, Wendy Arnold, Magnolia, Texas / Shawn Stark, Tomball, Texas, 2,480.
- 141, Alexis Burton, Dallas / Chris Bryant, Austin, Texas, 2,478.
- 142, Alexandra Mosquera-Jimenez, Colombia / David Tullos, Spring, Texas, 2,472.
- 143, Beate Jager, Germany / Ralf Jager, Germany, 2,467.
- 144, Ritzel Velarde, Skokie, Ill. / Alexander Jensen, Chicago, Ill., 2,465.
- 145, Cearstyn McGhee, Seabrook, Texas / Boyce Lejeune, Pearland, Texas, 2,450.
- 146, Britney Russell, Houston / Kevin Foerster, Katy, Texas, 2,439.
- 147, Amber Stoltz, Houston / Jason Roznovsky, Jersey Village, Texas, 2,403.
- 148, Halie Summers, Houston / Joe Rasmussen, Tomball, Texas, 2,402.

- 149, Jennifer Schultz, Beaumont, Texas / Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 2,400.
- 150, Diva Gwisch, Houston / T.J. Thompson, Houston, 2,399.
- 151, Gloria Wood, Corpus Christi, Texas / Darrell Wood, Corpus Christi, Texas, 2,399.
- 152, Mel McAllister, Colorado Springs, Colo. / Keith Cipielewski, Bradenton, Fla., 2,395.
- 153, Barbara Bias, Houston / David Banks, Houston, 2,374.
- 154, Brittany Torres, Houston / Frank Rose, Houston, 2,373.
- 155, Connie Esters, San Pedro, Calif. / Jack Bevelhymer, League City, Texas, 2,353.
- 156, Tiara Jenkins, Baltimore / Cam Blazek, Littleton, Colo., 2,341.
- 157, Tiffany Jefferson, Houston / Cecil Scarboro, Panama City, Fla., 2,339.
- 158, Whitney Harris, Converse, Texas / Scott Dodson, Waxahachie, Texas, 2,314.
- 159, Susan Saccomen, Katy, Texas / Tom Russo, Richmond, Texas, 2,311.
- 160, Shelly Slagle, Pearland, Texas / Chris Schramek, Pasadena, Texas, 2,257.

### **Kyle Sherman, Amanda Greene Win 20th PBA-PWBA Storm Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles Thriller**

**HOUSTON, Texas (July 28, 2019)** – Kyle Sherman of O’Fallon, Missouri and partner Amanda Green of Romney, West Virginia, advanced from third place to first in the final match to win the 20th anniversary PBA-PWBA Storm Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles title in a thrilling finish at Copperfield Bowl Sunday.

The win gave Sherman his first Professional Bowlers Association Tour title. Greene won her only PWBA title in the 2015 PWBA Lincoln Open, but has suspended her professional career to attend law school.

Battling what PBA competitor and FloBowling analyst Brad Miller called “an insane amount of hook,” the final game of match play involved a nerve-wracking contest of strikes and splits among the top four teams. In the end, it was a 248 game by Sherman and a 192 by Greene that overtook the first- and second-place teams with an 8,873 pinfall total for 20 games to claim the \$20,000 first prize.

AJ Johnson of Oswego, Illinois and Eric McCarthy of Omaha finished second with 8,862 pins; tournament leaders Kris Prather of Plainfield, Illinois and Sydney Brummett of Fort Wayne, Indiana, finished third with 8,848 pins and Michigan partners Andrew Anderson of Holly and Jordan Richard of Tipton finished fourth with 8,846 pins as a total of 27 pins separated the top four teams.

“We thought we had to win our match (against Anderson and Richard) to win the title,” Sherman said. “(When we lost - by 14 pins), we thought we were out of it. But you just have to keep fighting until the end.

“This is such a shock. It’s something you dream about.”

Greene echoed her partner. “We had no idea we were even in it. I had to keep moving left, but I missed making a couple of moves. Fortunately, I had a good partner who held me up.”

The tournament, known within the bowling industry as “The Luci,” is a fundraiser to combat breast cancer and assist those affected by the disease. It was founded by Donna Connors as a memorial to her friend, Luci Bonneau, who died of breast cancer.

The 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour's FloBowling Summer Tour series continues with the PBA Harry O'Neale Chesapeake Open at AMF Western Branch Lanes in Chesapeake, Virginia, Aug. 10-11, followed by the PBA Wilmington Open at Ten Pin Family Fun Center in Wilmington, North Carolina, Aug. 12-14. All FloBowling PBA Summer Tour events will be live stream exclusively on PBA's online channel, PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling. For subscription information, visit FloBowling.com.

**PBA/PWBA STORM STRIKING AGAINST BREAST CANCER MIXED DOUBLES  
(a part of the 2019 FloBowling! PBA Summer Tour schedule)  
Copperfield Bowl, Houston, Texas, Sunday**

**Final Standings (after 20 team games, including match play bonus pins)**

- 1, Amanda Greene, Romney, W.Va./Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 8,873, \$20,000.
- 2, Erin McCarthy, Omaha, Neb./AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 8,862, \$10,000.
- 3, Sydney Brummett, Fort Wayne, Ind./Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 8,848, \$5,500.
- 4, Jordan Richard, Tipton, Mich./Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 8,846, \$4,500.
- 5, Jodi Woessner, Oregon, Ohio/Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Little Elm, Texas, 8,793, \$3,500.
- 6, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J./PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 8,693, \$3,000.
- 7, Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill./EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 8,677, \$2,800.
- 8, Taylor Bulthuis, Coral Springs, Fla./Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 8,593, \$2,700.

**Other Cashers (after 12 team games):**

- 9, Ashly Galante, Palm Harbor, Fla./Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 5,180, \$2,500.
- 10, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y./Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 5,141, \$2,450.
- 11, Brenda Padilla, Mansfield, Texas/DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 5,110, \$2,400.
- 12, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia/Adam Pogge, Austin, Texas, 5,106, \$2,370.
- 13, Tannya Roumimper, Indonesia/Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 5,096, \$2,340.
- 14, Liz Kuhlkin, Schenectady, N.Y./Richard Teece, England, 5,060, \$2,310.
- 15, Jasmine Coleman, Manteca, Calif./Vernon Peterson, Winter Haven, Fla., 5,062, \$2,280.
- 16, Diandra Asbaty, Chicago/Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 5,079, \$2,250.
- 17, Anita Arnett, Houston/Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 5,056, \$2,220.
- 18, Emily Eckhoff, Wheat Ridge, Colo./Fero Williams, Norman, Okla., 5,031, \$2,170.
- 19, Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio/Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 5,027, \$2,120.
- 20, Giselle Poss, Nashville, Tenn./Matt Gasn, Clarksville, Tenn., 5,026, \$2,070.
- 21, Cassandra Leuthold, Lincoln, Neb./Sam Cooley, Australia, 5,023, \$2,020.
- 22, Lindsay Boomershine, Perry, Utah/Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 5,020, \$1,970.
- 23, Amanda Vermilyea, Apple Valley, Minn./Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 5,006, \$1,920.
- 24, Bryanna Cote, Red Rock, Ariz./Stuart Williams, England, 4,971, \$1,870.
- 25, Nicole Trudell, Bridgeport, Conn./Matt Dzikiewicz, Rocky Hill, Conn., 4,966, \$1,820.
- 26, Kerry Smith, Lititz, Pa./John Furey, East Windsor, N.J., 4,955, \$1,770.
- 27, Lauren Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn./Steve Kloempken, Pleasant View, Utah, 4,952, \$1,720.
- 28 (tie), Birgit Poppler, Germany/Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., and Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif./Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 4,922, \$1,640.
- 30, Stephanie Zavala, Downey, Calif./Michael Villarreal, Norwalk, Calif., 4,909, \$1,550.
- 31, Katie Garcia, Wichita, Kan./Geoff Young, Keller, Texas, 4,901, \$1,490.
- 32, Julia Bond, Aurora, Ill./Andres Gomez, Colombia, 4,892, \$1,430.
- 33, Natalie Cortese, Hoffman Estates, Ill./Brad Miller, Lee's Summit, Mo., 4,870, \$1,370.
- 34, Lauren Hoffman, Monroe Township, N.J./Tanner Spacey, Burien, Wash., 4,866, \$1,310.
- 35, Amanda Fry, Antelope, Calif./Sam Cantrell, Roseville, Calif., 4,833, \$1,250.
- 36, Alexis Tatrow, Wichita, Kan./Kevin Tatrow, Wichita, Kan., 4,825, \$1,200.
- 37, Amanda Falk, Tucson, Ariz./Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 4,820, \$1,150.
- 38, Anggie Ramirez, Colombia/Matt Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 4,810, \$1,100.
- 39, Haley Richard, Tipton, Mich./Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 4,788, \$1,050.
- 40, KT Simpson, Emmett, Idaho/Matt Russo, Millstone Township, N.J., 4,728, \$1,000.

## **Eugene McCune Wins PBA50 Spectrum Lanes Open; Walter Ray Williams Jr. Earns PBA50 Player of the Year**

*McCune beats Lennie Boresch Jr. 230-178 in title match;  
Williams finishes third to clinch third PBA50 Player of the Year honor*

**WYOMING, Mich. (July 28, 2019)** – Three-time Go Bowling! PBA Tour winner Eugene McCune of Munster, Indiana, beat Lennie Boresch Jr. of Kenosha, Wisconsin, 230-178 in the title match Sunday to win the PBA50 Spectrum Lanes Open presented by DV8 for his first PBA50 Tour title as a professional.

A third-place finish by PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Ocala, Florida, was enough for Williams to clinch his third Player of the Year honor on the tour for players 50 and over.

"I don't think I've ever bowled so bad in my life and won," McCune said. "I didn't have a lot of problems with the right lane but no matter where or how I threw it on the left lane I couldn't find a shot. I was fortunate to get some breaks and was able to take advantage of them."

In the semifinal match against Williams, McCune recovered from a gutter ball and open in the seventh frame by throwing strikes in the ninth frame and all three in the 10th to beat Williams 215-201 after Williams opened the door by missing a 3-10 split in the 10th. One of McCune's breaks was a crossover strike in the 10th frame.

In the title match, Boresch, who was trying for his first win of the season and the fifth of his career, got off to an early lead but opened in the sixth and eighth frames after leaving splits while McCune was able to string together five strikes in the middle of the match using his trademark hard-throwing delivery from the corner to clinch the win.

"I was using a 15-pound ball earlier in the tournament but I wasn't able to carry with it," the 51-year-old McCune said. "I went to a 16-pound ball in the second round which enabled me to throw a straighter line to the pocket. It's more work to throw 16, and I didn't throw it the best tonight, but it was the right choice to deal with the changing lane conditions."

With three consecutive PBA50 Tour wins to start the season and no finishes worse than ninth, Williams has put together a dominant season. He will have one more opportunity to win his 15th career PBA50 Tour title to take sole possession of the all-time titles lead on the PBA50 Tour when he competes in the PBA50 Jax60 Classic presented by Track July 30-Aug. 2 in Jackson, Mich. which will conclude the PBA50 season.

"Overall I've been very happy with the way I bowled this season," said Williams, who holds the all-time titles lead on the Go Bowling! PBA Tour with 47 wins. "I don't think I was always the best bowler in the field every week but you can't argue with three wins and a lot of other good finishes. Hopefully I can get that 15th win in Jackson."

In the opening stepladder match, last week's PBA50 David Small's Championship Lanes Classic winner, Ron Mohr of Las Vegas beat Brian LeClair of Albany, New York, a two-time winner this season, 268-213. Williams, who was seeded third for the finals, started the second stepladder match with eight strikes to beat Mohr 266-237 to advance to the semifinal match against McCune.

Mohr beat Williams in last week's David Small's Championship Lanes Classic title match 279-215 for his first win of the season and 11<sup>th</sup> of his career.

Two PBA60 events – for players 60 and over – will conclude the "senior" season. The PBA60 Jax 60 National Championship in memory of Mel Wolfe will be conducted Aug. 3-5 and the PBA60 Dick Weber

Championship presented by the DeHayes Insurance Group and 900 Global in Fort Wayne is scheduled for Aug. 7-9.

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**PBA50 SPECTRUM LANES OPEN**  
**presented by DV8**  
**Spectrum Lanes, Wyoming, Mich., Sunday**

**Final Standings:**

- 1, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., \$7,500.
- 2, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., \$4,000.
- 3, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., \$2,500.
- 4, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, \$2,000.
- 5, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., \$1,750.

**Stepladder Results:**

Match One – Mohr def. LeClair, 268-213.  
Match Two – Williams def. Mohr., 266-237.  
Semifinal Match – McCune def. Williams, 215-201.  
Championship Match – McCune def. Boresch, 230-178.

**Modified Match Play Round 2 (after six games, including match play bonus pins. Top five advance to stepladder finals)**

- 1, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 9-3, 6,767.
- 1, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 10-2- 6,767.
- 3, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 8-4, 6,738.
- 4, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 8-4, 6,727.
- 5, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 7-5, 6,614.
- 6, Warren Eales, Chandler, Ariz., 6-5-1, 6,588, \$1,600.
- 7, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 7-5, 6,563, \$1,500.
- 8, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 7-5, 6,535, \$1,425.
- 9, Larry Verble, Mason, Mich., 8-4, 6,452, \$1,375.
- 10, Jeff Zaffino, Warren, Pa., 6-6, 6,442, \$1,350.
- 11, Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 7-5, 6,407, \$1,325.
- 12, Michael Healy, Yonkers, N.Y., 7-3-2, 6,320, \$1,300.
- 13, (tie) ss-Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 8-3-1, 6,286, and Paul Fleming, Ft. Worth, Texas, 6-6, 6,286, \$1,270.
- 15, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 7-5, 6,267, \$1,240.
- 16, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 8-4, 6,265, \$1,220.
- 17, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 5-7, 6,197, \$1,200.
- 18, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 5-7, 6,186, \$1,190.
- 19, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 8-4, 6,148, \$1,180.
- 20, ss-Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 3-9, 6,107, \$1,170.
- 21, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 5-7, 6,101, \$1,160.
- 22, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 5-7, 6,072, \$1,150.
- 23, ss-Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 5-7, 6,051, \$1,145.
- 24, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 3-9, 6,040, \$1,140.
- 25, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 3-8-1, 6,027, \$1,135.
- 26, Brian Menini, Brookfield, Mo., 4-7-1, 6,009, \$1,130.
- 27, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3-9, 5,980, \$1,125.
- 28, ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 5-3, 5,938, \$1,120.

- 29, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 5-7, 5,927, \$1,115.
- 30, Dave Han, Birmingham, Ala., 4-8, 5,876, \$1,110.
- 31, ss-Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 4-8, 5,847, \$1,105.
- 32, Kevin Anderson, Mt. Juliet, Tenn., 2-10, 5,654, \$1,100.
- 33, ss-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1-3, 4,285, \$1,000.

**Modified Match Play Round 1 (after six games, including match play bonus pins. All players advance to Round 2)**

- 1, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 4-2, 5,258.
- 2, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 5-1, 5,236.
- 3, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 5-1, 5,235.
- 4, Warren Eales, Chandler, Ariz., 4-1-1, 5,233.
- 5, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 5-1, 5,191.
- 6, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 4-2, 5,116.
- 7, Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 4-2, 5,082.
- 8, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 4-2, 5,079.
- 9, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 4-2, 5,078.
- 10, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 4-2, 5,062.
- 11, Larry Verble, Mason, Mich., 5-1, 4,956.
- 12, Jeff Zaffino, Warren, Pa., 2-4, 4,947.
- 13, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 4-2, 4,934.
- 14, Paul Fleming, Ft. Worth, Texas, 4-2, 4,887.
- 15, Michael Healy, Yonkers, N.Y., 5-1, 4,863.
- 16, ss-Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 4-2, 4,836.
- 17, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3-3, 4,834.
- 18, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 2-4, 4,785.
- 19, ss-Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 2-4, 4,772.
- 20, (tie) Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 2-4, and ss-Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 2-4, 4,733.
- 22, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 1-5, 4,703.
- 23, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 2-4, 4,691.
- 24, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1-5, 4,670.
- 25, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 1-5, 4,655.
- 26, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3-3, 4,654.
- 27, Brian Menini, Brookfield, Mo., 1-4-1, 4,642.
- 28, Dave Han, Birmingham, Ala., 2-4, 4,631.
- 29, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2-4, 4,576.
- 30, ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 1-1, 4,573.
- 31, ss-Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 1-5, 4,567.
- 32, Kevin Anderson, Mt. Juliet, Tenn., 1-5, 4,540.

ss-PBA60 player ages 60 and over.

## **PBA Tour Heads East for Three FloBowling PBA Summer Tour Stops**

*World's best bowlers continue summer action with visits to Virginia, North Carolina, Delaware*

**CHICAGO** - The best bowlers in the world are on their way to the East Coast for a three-tournament series as part of the FloBowling PBA Summer Tour, a 10-event program that features lucrative side benefits for those bowlers who perform at a high level across a variety of scoring challenges in a variety of locations.

Those who excel will be rewarded with bonus prize money and incentives including bonus cash to the top five in the USBC Cup points standings, eight berths in the end-of-summer FloBowling ATX Invite and eight expenses-paid trips to China for the inaugural PBA China Tiger Cup in November. It's all part of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour.

The first stop on the eastern swing will be the PBA Harry O'Neale Chesapeake Open hosted by AMF Western Branch in Chesapeake, Virginia, Aug. 9-11, where seven-time PBA Tour titlist Dick Allen of Lexington, South Carolina, will defend his 2017 title, won during the PBA Tour's last visit to Chesapeake. Allen also will be trying for his third title of the 2019 season.

The Chesapeake Open is named in honor of long-time PBA South Region tournament manager Harry O'Neale, who was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame for his service to the organization in 2016.

Ten Pin Alley Family Fun Center in Wilmington, North Carolina, will host the second stop, Aug. 12-14, where 22-year-old two-hander Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, won his third career title in Wilmington's inaugural PBA Tour event in 2017. Puerto Rico's Cristian Azcona is the defending champion.

The stars of the PBA will complete their eastern swing Aug. 16-18 at Mid-County Bowling & Entertainment Center in Middletown, Delaware, where Simonsen won the 2018 Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic in historic fashion, using his two-handed technique as a left-hander to defeat Matt Sanders of Evansville, Indiana, 216-194, in the title match.

After the first two events of the FloBowling PBA Summer Tour, Lubbock Sports Shootout winner Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., and "Luci" Mixed Doubles title-winner Kyle Sherman of O'Fallon, Missouri, shared the points lead with 2,500 points. They are followed by AJ Johnson of Oswego, Illinois, with 2,245 points; EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Indiana, with 1,895, and England's Stuart Williams with 1,805.

Fans can follow the summer points races (USBC Cup, FloBowling ATX Invite and PBA China Tiger Cup) by clicking on this link: <https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/PointsList/132?list=10>. Points also play a key role in selection of PBA's 2019 Player and Rookie of the Year, and for entry priority consideration for selected 2020 PBA Tour events.

At the completion of the 11th annual Delaware tournament, the PBA Tour heads to the Midwest for the PBA Bowlerstore.com Classic presented by Moxy's Xtra Pair at Pla-Mor Lanes in Clearwater, Ohio, followed by the FloBowling PBA Summer Swing presented by the Brands of Ebonite International at Parkside Lanes in Aurora, Illinois, where the PBA Wolf, PBA Bear and Aurora Open titles will be at stake. The Summer Tour will conclude with the FloBowling ATX Invite at Dart Bowl in Austin, Texas, on Sept. 21.

The entire FloBowling PBA Summer Tour will be livestreamed exclusively on FloBowling. For start-to-finish coverage of all events, visit FloBowling.com and sign up for a subscription.

**PBA HARRY O'NEALE CHESAPEAKE OPEN**  
**(A 2019 FloBowling PBA Summer Tour event)**  
**AMF Western Branch Lanes, Chesapeake, Va. (all times are Eastern)**

**Friday, Aug. 9**

Noon - Practice Session

1 p.m. – New player orientation meeting

3, 6 & 8:30 p.m. - Pro-am squads

**Saturday, Aug. 10**

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. 11**

9 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 WILMINGTON OPEN**  
**(A 2019 FloBowling PBA Summer Tour event)**  
**Ten Pin Alley Family Fun Center, Wilmington, N.C. (All times Eastern)**

**Monday, Aug. 12**

4 p.m. - Practice Session

5 p.m. – New player orientation meeting

6:30 p.m. - Pro-am

**Tuesday, Aug. 13**

9 a.m. - A Squad, eight qualifying games

3 p.m. - B Squad, eight qualifying games

Top 1/3 of field advances to cashers round

**Wednesday, Aug. 14**

9 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)

3 p.m. – Top 4 stepladder finals

**PBA GENE CARTER'S PRO SHOP CLASSIC**  
**(A 2019 FloBowling PBA Summer Tour event)**  
**Mid-County Bowling and Entertainment, Middletown, Del., Aug. 16-18 (all times Eastern)**

**Friday, Aug. 16**

11 a.m. - Practice session

2:30 p.m. – AB Sports Youth Scholarship Pro-am

5:15 and 8 p.m. – Anchor Buick-GMC/Williams Chevrolet adult pro-am squads

**Saturday, Aug. 17**

8 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 cashers round

**Sunday, Aug. 18**

9 a.m. – Cashers round, 4 games (top 16 after 11 games advance to match play)

12:30 p.m. – Top 16, 12 games modified round robin match play (top four after 23 games advance to stepladder finals)

5 p.m. - Top 4 stepladder finals

## **2019 FLOBOWLING PBA SUMMER TOUR POINTS STANDINGS (After two of nine events)**

- 1 (tie), Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 2,500  
Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 2,500
- 3, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 2,245
- 4, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 1,895
- 5, Stuart Williams, England, 1,805
- 6, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,800
- 7, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,195
- 8, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 1,150
- 9, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 1,130
- 10, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 1,095
- 11, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 1,070
- 12, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 1,060
- 13, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 880
- 14, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 810
- 15 (tie), PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 775  
Francois Lavoie, Canada, 775
- 17, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 770
- 18, Dylan Burns, Garden City, Kan., 715
- 19 (tie), Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 695  
Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 695

### **Minor Adjustments Help Steve Jaros Take PBA50 David Small's JAX 60 Classic Lead After First Round**

**JACKSON, MICH. (July 31, 2019)** – Steve Jaros, a seven-time Go Bowling! PBA Tour titlist trying for his first PBA50 Tour title, bowled a 1,915 pinfall total for eight games to take the first-round lead Wednesday in the PBA50 David Small's JAX 60 Classic presented by Track.

Bowling in his first PBA50 Tour event of the season, the 53-year-old Jaros bowled games of 226, 237, 224, 268, 257, 204, 243 and 256 at JAX 60 Lanes to hold a 31-pin lead over PBA Hall of Famer Mark Williams in second with 1,884.

"I want to bowl more but haven't had time because of my work commitments," said Jaros, who is only able to bowl an occasional PBA50 Tour event. "I'm fortunate that I'm able to make the most of the tournaments I do bowl for the most part and getting off to a good start is always encouraging.

"Today was one of those rounds where I could play the same part of the lane, keep the ball in play and didn't have to make any drastic changes," Jaros added. "The transition caught me off guard in the 204 game, but I was able to grind it out and didn't have any opens."

Jaros, of Yorkville, Illinois, had a career-best PBA50 Tour finish of fourth in the 2018 PBA50 David Small's Championship Lanes Classic.

The field returns for another eight-game qualifying round Thursday which begins at 11 a.m. ET. After a cashers round Friday morning at 8:30 a.m., match play rounds are scheduled for noon and 3 p.m. which will determine the top five players for the stepladder finals at 7 p.m.

Rounding out the top five were Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 1,881; 2019 PBA50 Hamilton Lanes Open winner Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 1,875, and three-time PBA50 Tour winner Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,873.

PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr., who recently locked up PBA50 Player of the Year honors and is trying for a record 15th career PBA50 Tour title, finished the first round in 15th with 1,804.

FloBowling is providing live start-to-finish coverage of the final PBA50 Tour event of the season. Subscription and schedule information is available by visiting [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com).

**PBA50 DAVID SMALL'S JAX 60 CLASSIC**  
**Presented by Track**  
**JAX 60 Lanes, Jackson, Mich., Wednesday**

**FIRST ROUND (after eight games)**

- 1, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 1,915.
- 2, ss-Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 1,884.
- 3, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 1,881.
- 4, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 1,875.
- 5, ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,873.
- 6, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,870.
- 7, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 1,863.
- 8, ss-Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 1,854.
- 9, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,840.
- 10, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 1,838.
- 11, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,827.
- 12, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 1,824.
- 13, Steve Hoskins, New Port Richey, Fla., 1,814.
- 14, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1,811.
- 15, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,804.
- 16, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 1,801.
- 17, (tie) Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., and Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,795.
- 19, ss-Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 1,785.
- 20, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 1,784.
- 21, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 1,775.
- 22, ss-Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 1,760.
- 23, Brian Menini, Brookfield, Mo., 1,752.
- 24, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,737.
- 25, ss-Dick Gran, Hartville, Ohio, 1,736.
- 26, Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 1,735.
- 27, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 1,731.
- 28, ss-Jim Pitts, Elmira, N.Y., 1,728.
- 29, Mike Keough, Stockton, Calif., 1,726.
- 30, Larry Verble, Mason, Mich., 1,725.
- 31, ss-Chuck Richardson, The Villages, Fla., 1,723.
- 32, ss-Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 1,722.
- 33, ss-Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 1,717.
- 34, ss-Paul Mielens, Menomonee, Wis., 1,712.
- 35, ss-Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 1,711.
- 36, (tie) ss-Dale Csuhata, Wadsworth, Ohio, and ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,706.
- 38, Greg Wilson, Warrenton, Va., 1,705.
- 39, Dave Han, Birmingham, Ala., 1,704.
- 40, ss-Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,702.
- 41, (tie) ss-Michael Tweed Sr., Camp Hill, Pa., and ss-Michael Lucente, Warren, Mich., 1,700.
- 43, ss-Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 1,699.
- 44, n-Michael Snow, Canada, 1,698.
- 45, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 1,696.

46, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,695.  
47, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1,692.  
48, (tie) Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., and n-Joe Ciach, Mississauga, Ont., Canada, 1,691.  
50, ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 1,690.  
51, (tie) Jon DeLaney, McKinney, Texas, and Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,683.  
53, n-Lyle Kuhlmann, Woodruff, Wis., 1,676.  
54, ss-Charlie Tapp, Kalamazoo, Mich., 1,675.  
55, (tie) ss-Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., and ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,673.  
57, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1,670.  
58, ss-Bill Hewlett, Las Vegas, 1,667.  
59, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 1,665.  
60, Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio, 1,659.  
61, Bill Vannoy, Lexington, S.C., 1,655.  
62, Tracy Teeters, Eugene, Ore., 1,653.  
63, (tie) Carl West, San Jose, Calif., and Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., 1,652.  
65, Gregory McCreddie, Midland, Mich., 1,646.  
66, Mark Abraham, Lansing, Mich., 1,642.  
67, ss-Lee Rautenberg, Boynton Beach, Fla., 1,639.  
68, Michael Healy, Yonkers, N.Y., 1,638.  
69, ss-James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 1,634.  
70, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 1,622.  
71, (tie) ss-Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., and Warren Eales, Chandler, Ariz., 1,621.  
73, Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 1,620.  
74, ss-Rick Minier, Houston, 1,612.  
75, ss-Greg Scheetz, Scottsdale, Ariz., 1,610.  
76, (tie) Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., and Rick Woloszyn, Griffith, Ind., 1,609.  
78, Gene Bruihl, Petaluma, Calif., 1,607.  
79, ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 1,603.  
80, ss-Gary Reh, Fort Mohave, Ariz., 1,596.  
81, ss-Mike Moore, Marietta, Ohio, 1,595.  
82, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,592.  
83, (tie) ss-William Keenan Jr., Orlando, Fla., and ss-William Peters, Dayton, Ohio, 1,591.  
85, ss-Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 1,587.  
86, Jay Davis Jr., Silver Spring, Md., 1,586.  
87, Gary Schluchter, Femont, Ohio, 1,585.  
88, John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 1,584.  
89, ss-John DiSantis, Wilmington, Del., 1,582.  
90, ss-Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 1,581.  
91, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1,578.  
92, n,ss-George Phillips, Centreville, Mich., 1,577.  
93, ss-Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 1,573.  
94, ss-Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 1,562.  
95, Steve Easterday, Strasburg, Ohio, 1,558.  
96, Michael Craig, Westerville, Ohio, 1,540.  
97, n,ss-Douglas David, McComb, Mich., 1,537.  
98, n-Larry Salvati, Canada, 1,528.  
99, ss-Jim Dilyard, Burbank, Ohio, 1,519.  
100, James Campbell, Clearwater, Fla., 1,507.  
101, ss-Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 1,487.  
102, Scott Merritt, Iowa City, Iowa, 1,484.  
103, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 1,474.  
104, ss-Lucien Casagrande, Canada, 1,463.  
105, Doug Henry, Columbus, Ind., 1,453.

106, ss-John Chapman, Canada, 1,452.  
107, ss-Dennis Lane, Kingsport, Tenn., 1,433.  
108, ss-James Souder, Greeneville, Tenn., 1,408.  
109, Carlos Denot, Mexico, 1,388.  
110, n-Mark Rose, Jackson, Mich., 1,332.

### **Parker Bohn III Rides Clean Second Round To PBA50 David Small's JAX 60 Classic Qualifying Lead**

**JACKSON, Mich. (Aug. 1, 2019)** – Hoping to end a two-year drought without a win on the PBA50 Tour, PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III of Jackson, New Jersey averaged 237 for 16 games to emerge as the qualifying leader for the PBA50 David Small's JAX 60 Classic presented by Track.

The four-time PBA50 Tour titlist started Thursday's second eight-game round at JAX 60 Lanes with a 205 game and then caught fire bowling games of 258, 258, 278, 245, 248, 246 and 235 bringing his two-round qualifying pinfall total to 3,803. He had no open frames in his second round.

"The good shots resulted in strikes and the bad shots resulted in nothing worse than a makeable spare," said Bohn, who also has won 35 times on the Go Bowling! PBA Tour. "After the first game I just needed to tighten up my line to the pocket a little bit and more often than not I knocked them all down. I didn't have to shoot at anything worse than a three-pin spare."

Bohn, who notched his second top-qualifier honor in the last three tournaments, last won on the tour for players 50 and over in August of 2017 when he won the David Small's Championship Lanes Classic. This season he has three top-five finishes with a best of second in the PBA50 Northern California Classic.

"I don't mind telling you I'm tired of making shows and not winning," said the 56-year-old left-hander. "There's something to be learned from every tournament so hopefully I can put all that experience to use and win this one."

As a result of finishing in the top eight, Bohn earned a bye into Friday's second match play round. The other seven players earning a bye were: Joel Carlson, Omaha, Nebraska, 3,730; Brian Menini, Brookfield, Missouri, 3,700; Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Illinois, 3,686; Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Michigan, 3,682, followed by three Hall of Famers – Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 3,671; 2019 David Small's Championship Lanes Classic winner Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,667, and Brian Voss, Centennial, Colorado, 3,644.

If PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Florida is going to win his fourth tournament of the season and 15th of his career to take sole possession of the all-time PBA50 Tour titles lead, he'll have to advance through Friday's cashers round to earn a spot in the first match play round which is something he's done in two of his wins that came early in the season.

Williams narrowly advanced to the cashers round finishing tied for 31st with 2017 PBA50 Player of the Year Brian LeClair, of Albany, New York. LeClair, who also advanced to the cashers round will be trying for his third win of the season.

Friday's competition begins with the cashers round at 8:30 a.m. ET with match play rounds at noon and 3 p.m. After match play is completed the top five players will advance to the stepladder finals at 7 p.m. ET.

Final day coverage of the JAX 60 Classic will be streamed live by PBA's online bowling channel FloBowling beginning at 8:30 a.m. For subscription and schedule information visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com).

**PBA50 DAVID SMALL'S JAX 60 CLASSIC**  
**Presented by Track**  
**JAX 60 Lanes, Jackson, Mich., Thursday**

**SECOND ROUND RESULTS (after 16 games. Top 16 advance to match play. Positions 17-36 plus eight PBA60 players advance to cashers round to determine eight additional match play spots)**

- 1, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,803.
- 2, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 3,730.
- 3, Brian Menini, Brookfield, Mo., 3,700.
- 4, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 3,686.
- 5, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3,682.
- 6, Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 3,671.
- 7, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,667.
- 8, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 3,644.
- 9, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3,620.
- 10, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 3,604.
- 11, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,600.
- 12, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,589.
- 13, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 3,587.
- 14, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3,581.
- 15, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 3,578.
- 16, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 3,575.
- 17, Steve Hoskins, New Port Richey, Fla., 3,574.
- 18, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3,568.
- 19, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 3,551.
- 20, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,546.
- 21, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3,543.
- 22, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 3,537.
- 23, Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 3,525.
- 24, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 3,523.
- 25, Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 3,520.
- 26, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 3,518.
- 27, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 3,513.
- 28, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 3,505.
- 29, Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 3,502.
- 30, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3,500.
- 31, (tie) Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., and Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,496.
- 33, Warren Eales, Chandler, Ariz., 3,479.
- 34, n-Michael Snow, Canada, 3,467.
- 35, Charlie Tapp, Kalamazoo, Mich., 3,465.
- 36, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 3,464.
- 37, ss-Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, 3,455.
- 38, (tie) ss-Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., and Mike Keough, Stockton, Calif., 3,452.
- 40, ss-Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 3,444.

41, n-Joe Ciach, Mississauga, Ont., Canada, 3,435.  
42, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3,418.  
43, Greg Wilson, Warrenton, Va., 3,409.  
44, ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 3,405.  
45, John Marsala, St. Louis, Mo., 3,402.  
46, ss-Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3,393.  
47, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,392.  
48, Larry Verble, Mason, Mich., 3,382, \$100.  
49, ss-Michael Lucente, Warren, Mich., 3,353.  
50, (tie) Rick Woloszyn, Griffith, Ind., and Gary Alstott, Washington, Ill., 3,352.  
52, Carl West, San Jose, Calif., 3,335.  
53, ss-Chuck Richardson, The Villages, Fla., 3,334.  
54, ss-Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 3,330.  
55, (tie) James Storts, Westfield, Ind., and Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 3,317.  
57, n-Lyle Kuhlmann, Woodruff, Wis., 3,310.  
58, Michael Healy, Yonkers, N.Y., 3,307.  
59, Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 3,290.  
59, Danny Clark, New Palestine, Ind., 3,290.  
61, Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., 3,288.  
62, Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 3,281.  
63, Jay Davis Jr., Silver Spring, Md., 3,279.  
64, Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 3,278.  
65, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 3,275.  
66, Gene Bruihl, Petaluma, Calif., 3,274.  
67, Tracy Teeters, Eugene, Ore., 3,271.  
68, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 3,270.  
69, Dick Gran, Hartville, Ohio, 3,267.  
70, Steve Easterday, Strasburg, Ohio, 3,263.  
71, Bill Hewlett, Las Vegas, 3,261.  
72, Jim Pitts, Elmira, N.Y., 3,260.  
73, William Peters, Dayton, Ohio, 3,254.  
74, (tie) Jon DeLaney, McKinney, Texas, and Michael Tweed Sr., Camp Hill, Pa., 3,252.  
76, Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., 3,242.  
77, Dave Han, Birmingham, Ala., 3,230.  
78, n-George Phillips, Centreville, Mich., 3,228.  
78, Gregory McCreadie, Midland, Mich., 3,228.  
80, Rick Minier, Houston, 3,225.  
81, Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 3,207.  
82, n-Larry Salvati, Canada, 3,206.  
82, Greg Scheetz, Scottsdale, Ariz., 3,206.  
84, James Campbell, Clearwater, Fla., 3,195.  
85, John DiSantis, Wilmington, Del., 3,187.  
86, Bill Vannoy, Lexington, S.C., 3,186.  
87, Michael Craig, Westerville, Ohio, 3,184.  
88, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 3,171.  
89, Gary Schluchter, Femont, Ohio, 3,155.  
90, ss-Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 3,143.  
91, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 3,136.  
91, Lee Rautenberg, Boynton Beach, Fla., 3,136.  
93, Carlos Denot, Mexico, 3,134.  
94, Mark Abraham, Lansing, Mich., 3,132.  
95, William Keenan Jr., Orlando, Fla., 3,123.  
96, Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio, 3,113.

97, Gary Reh, Fort Mohave, Ariz., 3,112.  
98, Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 3,110.  
99, Doug Henry, Columbus, Ind., 3,099.  
100, Jim Dilyard, Burbank, Ohio, 3,093.  
101, Mike Moore, Marietta, Ohio, 3,090.  
102, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 3,088.  
103, n-Douglas David, McComb, Mich., 3,044.  
104, Lucien Casagrande, Canada, 3,016.  
105, Dennis Lane, Kingsport, Tenn., 2,867.  
106, James Souder, Greeneville, Tenn., 2,859.  
107, Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 2,830.  
108, n-Mark Rose, Jackson, Mich., 2,799.  
109, Scott Merritt, Iowa City, Iowa, 1,484.  
110, John Chapman, Canada, 1,452.

n-non-member

ss-PBA60 player ages 60 and over advancing to cashers round

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## **PBA Spare Shots**

### **BUTTURFF SHINES IN PAN AM GAMES; PATE, PUERTO RICAN PARTNERS WIN GOLD**

**Jakob Butturff**, who is in the midst of a career year in Go Bowling! PBA Tour competition, kept his momentum rolling as a member of Team USA in the Pan American Games that concluded Tuesday in Lima, Peru.

The 25-year-old lefthander from Tempe, Ariz., broke the Pan Am Games six-game scoring record in his first round of doubles qualifying, and then broke his own record by 22 pins the next day for a 12-game total of 3,054 pins (a 254.5 average). The effort got Butturff and fellow PBA-member **Nick Pate** of Inver Grove Heights, Minn., into the medal round, but they had to settle for silver when they lost to a team of Puerto Rican PBA members, **Cristian Azcona** and **Jean Perez**, who broke the 12-game doubles team record with a 5,816 total, more than 200 pins better than the record total by Canada's **Dan MacLelland** and **Francois Lavoie** in 2015 in Argentina. Butturff and Pate finished with a 5,545 total for second place.

Butturff, who has won three PBA Tour titles in 2019 including his first major in the USBC Masters, continued his torrid pace in men's singles, out-distancing the field by more than 400 pins after 12 games of qualifying and eight games of match play, but in the end, he fell short of gold in the medal round, losing to Pate, 279-268, in the semifinal

round. Pate then captured the gold for Team USA, defeating defending Pan Am singles champion **Marcelo Suartz** of Brazil, 190-189, in the title match.

### **“BEAUTIES” DEFEAT “BEASTS” IN “LUCI MIXED DOUBLES” SPECIAL EVENT**

The “Beauties vs. Beasts” special-event team competition to kick off the 20th anniversary Storm PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles (commonly called “The Luci” in memory of the late Luci Bonneau) at Copperfield Bowl in Houston belonged to the women.

The teams, featuring the leading men’s and women’s qualifiers from the 2018 tournament, bowled a five-game total pinfall Baker format team duel in which **Erin McCarthy, Missy Parkin, Shannon Pluhowsky, Verity Crawley** and **Diandra Asbaty** out-scored the men’s team of **EJ Tackett, Tommy Jones, Darren Tang, AJ Johnson** and **Brad Miller** by 19 pins. The winning team split a \$5,000 prize pool; the losers earned shares of \$1,000.

The Beauties topped the men in three of the first four games – 204-181, 192-201, 215-203 and 231-168 – before the “Beasts” shaved 71 pins off the women’s lead by taking game five, 216-145.

### **PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: CHRIS WARREN WINS PBA50 TOWER LANES REGIONAL TITLE**

**Chris Warren** of Grants Pass, Ore., won seven of his 10 matches to post a winning 18-game total of 3,901 pins Sunday in the PBA50 Tower Lanes Summer Classic at Tower Lanes in Tacoma, Wash., picking up his seventh PBA50 Regional title and a record 54th overall PBA Regional title.

Warren, who earned \$1,500, defeated **Barry Tate** of Wenatchee, Wash., who had a 7-3 match play record and 3,835 pins to earn \$1,000 for second prize.

- PBA’s August Regional calendar gets underway this weekend with the Bowlers Supply Storm Products Eastern Open at Colony Park Lanes North in York, Pa., and the Crystal Automotive South Open presented by Track at Spring Hills Lanes in Spring Hill, Fla.

- Topping the PBA’s Aug. 9-11 weekend schedule of Regional tournaments will be the PBA50 Progressive/Gerdeman Insurance Agency/Al Smith Chrysler/Dodge/Jeep Central/Midwest Classic at Al-Mar Colonial Lanes in Bowling Green, Ohio; the Lakewood Storm Southwest Open presented by New American Funding at Holiday Lanes in Lakewood, Colo., and the Tony Reyes Memorial West/Northwest Member/Non-Member Doubles presented by Ebonite at Fourth Street Bowl in San Jose, Calif.

- The Aug. 16-18 PBA Regional calendar includes the PBA50 Greater Jasper Central/Midwest Open at Eastown Recreation in Jasper, Ind.; the Emerald Bowl Southwest Challenge for non-champions Houston, Texas, and the Dave Husted

Northwest/West Open presented by Hammer at Husted's Milwaukie Bowl in Milwaukie, Ore.

- The PBA's schedule of Regional tournaments over the Aug. 23-25 weekend will be the PBA50 Sky Lanes Asheville South Open in Asheville, N.C., and the PBA50 Coldwater/Roto Grip Central/Midwest Open at Pla-Mor Lanes in Coldwater, Ohio.

- The PBA closes its August schedule of Regional activity with the PBA60 Kingsport Super Senior South Open presented by Storm at Warpath Lanes in Kingsport, Tenn., Aug. 26-28, followed by the PBA60 Wilson & Sons Pest Control Super Senior Open at Victory Lanes Family Entertainment Center in Mooresville, Tenn., Aug. 29-31. The end-of-month weekend also includes the PBA50 Strike Zone Alleys Eastern Open presented by Hammer in Pottsville, Pa.; the PBA Illinois Valley Midwest Open at I.V. Super Bowl in Peru, Ill., and the PBA50 Mooresville South Open presented By Columbia 300 at Victory Lanes Family Entertainment Center in Mooresville, N.C.

- 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 and Android device users using the PBA app).

## **QUICK NOTES**

- PBA fans can follow the FloBowling PBA Summer Tour points standings as they are updated following each Summer Tour event at this link: <https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/PointsList/132?list=10>. The FloBowling PBA Summer Tour points will also be used to determine the USBC Cup points leaders, and the eight qualifiers for both the FloBowling PBA ATX Invite and the PBA China Tiger Cup Invitational.

- Storm Products has announced that **Tim Mack**, manager of the 2019 PBA League Elias Cup champion Portland Lumberjacks and long-time PBA Tour players representative, has been named Storm Products' European Sales Manager.

## **Race to 2020 PBA Playoffs Begins in January in Arlington, Texas**

*Four-city tour for PBA Playoffs among major changes for second season of FOX Sports telecasts*

**CHICAGO (Aug. 2, 2019)** – The Professional Bowlers Association today announced its 2020 schedule of PBA Tour on FOX Sports events leading toward an expanded PBA Playoffs featuring more venues.

Five major championships, including the U.S. Open for the first time on FOX, highlight the series of 13 tournaments taking place in nine different cities from January-March in which players will earn points toward qualifying for the PBA Playoffs.

The 2020 PBA Playoffs will again feature the top 24 from the points list in an elimination bracket with all matches televised, expanding to multiple locations as the tournament progresses. As part of a PBA partnership with Bowlero bowling centers, the first round will begin April 6 in Norco, California; the Round of 16 in Westminster, Colorado, April 20-21, and the Round of 8 May 10-11, in Euless, Texas. The Playoffs will conclude with the Final Four and Championship matches on May 16-17 in North Brunswick, New Jersey, live on FOX.

Breakout star Kris Prather of Plainfield, Illinois, won this year's inaugural PBA Playoffs in Portland, Maine, defeating Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania, and earning \$100,000 in the process.

"Launching our partnership with FOX made 2019 a special year for the PBA, and it could not have delivered more drama and history to our fans," said PBA Tour Commissioner Tom Clark. "Sellout crowds in special venues across the country watched the greatest bowlers in the world put on tremendous shows week-after-week, and in 2020 we are excited to bring the action to even more locations."

The inaugural 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season netted more than 22 million viewers including re-airs across FOX, FS1 and FS2, a 100% viewership increase over 2018.

The 2020 schedule and PBA Playoffs points race begins Jan. 14-19 in Arlington, Texas, at the International Bowling Campus for the PBA Hall of Fame Classic, followed by stops in Shawnee, Oklahoma, and Jonesboro, Arkansas, before a string of majors in February (PBA Tournament of Champions at historic AMF Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio, Feb. 4-9; the PBA Players Championship at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl in Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 11-15; and the U.S. Open at Sun Valley Lanes in Lincoln, Nebraska, Feb. 18-23). Big February concludes with two events in Indianapolis at iconic Woodland Bowl, including the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship.

The Tour will then shift to the west for two of the most anticipated events of the year, beginning with the PBA World Series of Bowling XI at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas, March 6-19. WSOB XI will feature four title events including the PBA World Championship, where Australia's Jason Belmonte will defend after winning his record 11th major championship in that event in 2019. The WSOB will again feature five consecutive days of TV on FS1, including live telecasts of all four title events.

Following WSOB XI will be the fifth major of the year, the USBC Masters in Reno, Nevada, March 23-29. The Masters, airing live on FOX, will be the final event for players to earn points toward the 24 berths in the 2020 PBA Playoffs.

Also part of the to-be-announced 2020 PBA schedule on FOX Sports' family of networks will be three special events with no PBA Playoffs implications in three different locations, including Chris Paul's annual CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational.

The PBA League team event series will return to Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, July 20-23, live on FS1. PBAL details will be released soon.

All early rounds of all events on the national schedule, and international coverage of the finals, will again be livestreamed on FloBowling.com.

Full television schedule and times are also to be announced.

## **2020 RACE TO THE PBA PLAYOFFS SCHEDULE**

***(Tier designation refers to level of points awarded for each event: Tier 1 indicates a PBA major championship; Tier 2 is a standard PBA Tour event; Tier 3 is a limited-entry or PBA Tour special event. For details, visit <https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/PointsLists/132>)***

Jan. 14-19 – PBA Hall of Fame Classic (Tier 3), International Training and Research Center, Arlington, Texas

Jan. 21-26 – PBA Oklahoma Open (Tier 2), FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla.

Jan. 27-Feb. 1 – PBA Greater Jonesboro Open (Tier 2), HiJinx, Jonesboro, Ark.

Feb. 4-9 – PBA Tournament of Champions (Tier 1), AMF Riviera Lanes, Fairlawn, Ohio

Feb. 11-15 – PBA Players Championship (Tier 1), Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl, Columbus, Ohio

Feb. 18-23 – U.S. Open (Tier 1), Sun Valley Lanes, Lincoln, Neb.

Feb. 25-29 – PBA Indianapolis Open (Tier 2), Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis

Feb. 25-29 – Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship (Tier 3), Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis

March 6-19 – PBA World Series of Bowling XI, South Point Bowling Plaza, Las Vegas including PBA Cheetah (Tier 3), PBA Chameleon (Tier 3), PBA Scorpion (Tier 3) and PBA World Championship (Tier 1)

March 23-29 – USBC Masters (Tier 1), Grand Sierra Bowling Center, Reno, Nev.

April 5-May 17 – PBA Playoffs

April 6 – PBA Playoffs Round of 24, Bowlero Norco, Norco, Calif.

April 20-21 – PBA Playoffs Round of 16, Bowlero Westminster, Westminster, Colo.

May 10-11 – PBA Playoffs Quarterfinals, Bowlero Euless, Euless, Texas

May 16-17 – PBA Playoffs Semifinals and Finals, Bowlero North Brunswick, North Brunswick, N.J.

Joel Carlson Throws Three Strikes in 10th Frame

to Win PBA50 David Small's JAX 60 Classic

Missed spare in 10th by Brian Kretzer leaves door open for Carlson

to take home second PBA50 Tour title in final PBA50 event of the season

JACKSON, Mich. (Aug. 2, 2019) – Joel Carlson of Omaha, Nebraska threw three pressure-filled strikes in the 10th frame of the title match to beat top seed Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio, 259-255, to win the PBA50 David Small's JAX 60 Classic presented by Track Friday for his second PBA50 Tour title of the season.

Carlson, who won the PBA50 Hamilton Lanes & Entertainment Center Open earlier in the season for his first career PBA50 Tour title, also took advantage of a missed 3-6-10 spare by Kretzer in the 10th who had started the match by converting the 3-6-10 spare in the first frame and then threw eight strikes in a row before missing the spare in the 10th.

“That’s one thing I’ve learned and that is never give up,” said Carlson, who watched as Kretzer finished the match first by missing the spare and leaving him the opportunity to win with a double and seven count. “Once he got the strike in the ninth, I thought it was over and even in the 10th I fully expected him to make that spare. But when something happens and you get the opportunity you have to take it and prove you can win.”

Carlson, who was seeded fourth for the finals, won the three previous stepladder matches to advance to the title match against Kretzer who was also trying for his second career PBA50 Tour title.

Carlson opened with a 236-213 win over 11-time PBA50 Tour winner Ron Mohr of Las Vegas who was making his fifth consecutive championship round appearance and was trying for his second win of the season.

Carlson then advanced to meet Hall of Famer Doug Kent of Newark, New York, in the second stepladder match also winning 236-213.

In the semifinal, Carlson beat No. 2 seed 68-year-old Charlie Tapp of Kalamazoo, Michigan, 216-175, to advance to the title match. Tapp a three-time PBA Tour winner was trying for his third PBA50 Tour title and first since 2006.

It was another eventful title match for Carlson as he won the Hamilton Lanes Open in a roll-off with Mohr after tying in the title match 279-279.

“It was unbelievable to win the first one and just as remarkable to win the second one,” said the 57-year-old Carlson. “I’ve always felt I could win out here and I have the confidence. I don’t know if there’s anything like a normal way to win a match but it seems like every match I’ve bowled (in a stepladder) has had more than its share of excitement.”

After winning the recent PBA50 Spectrum Lanes Open, Eugene McCune of Munster, Indiana finished ninth in the JAX 60 Classic which was good enough to lock up 2019 PBA50 Rookie of the Year honors.

PBA Hall of Fame Walter Ray Williams Jr. had already clinched his third PBA50 Player of the Year honor but his quest for a record 15th career PBA50 Tour title will have to wait until the 2020 season after he just missed advancing out of the first match play round finishing the tournament in 17th. Williams started the season with three consecutive wins, including the PBA50 National Championship, and never finished out of the top 10 in any other event until his 17th-place finish in Jackson.

Two PBA60 events (for players 60 and over) will conclude the “senior” season. The PBA60 Jax 60 National Championship in memory of Mel Wolf will be conducted Aug. 3-5 at JAX 60 Lanes and the PBA60 Dick Weber Championship presented by The DeHayes Insurance Group and 900 Global in Fort Wayne is scheduled for Aug. 7-9. Fans can follow all the action via PBA’s online streaming partner FloBowling. For subscription and schedule information visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com).

## PBA50 DAVID SMALL’S JAX 60 CLASSIC

presented by Track  
JAX 60 Lanes, Jackson, Mich., Friday

### Final Standings:

- 1, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Nebraska, \$7,500.
- 2, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, \$4,000.
- 3, Charlie Tapp, Kalamazoo, Mich., \$2,500.
- 4, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., \$2,000.
- 5, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, \$1,750.

### Stepladder Results:

Match One – Carlson def. Mohr, 236-213.

Match Two – Carlson def. Kent, 236-213.

Semifinal Match – Carlson def. Tapp, 216-175.

Championship Match – Carlson def. Kretzer, 259-255.

Modified Match Play Round 2 (after six games, including match play bonus pins. Top five advance to stepladder finals)

- 1, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 6-0, 1,573.

- 2, ss-Charlie Tapp, Kalamazoo, Mich., 5-1, 1,542.
- 3, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 4-2, 1,488.
- 3, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 4-2, 1,488.
- 5, ss-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 4-2, 1,486.
- 6, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 4-2, 1,437, \$1,500.
- 7, ss-Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, 4-2, 1,415, \$1,500.
- 8, ss-Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 3-3, 1,406, \$1,500.
- 9, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 3-2-1, 1,367, \$1,300.
- 10, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1-4-1, 1,339, \$1,300.
- 11, ss-Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 2-4, 1,329, \$1,300.
- 12, ss-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1-5, 1,291, \$1,300.
- 13, ss-Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 1-5, 1,254, \$1,300.
- 14, Brian Menini, Brookfield, Mo., 2-4, 1,220, \$1,300.
- 15, ss-Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 2-4, 1,209, \$1,300.
  
- 16, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1-5, 1,150, \$1,300.

Modified Match Play Round 1 (other cashers after five games, including match play bonus pins.)

- 17, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3-2-0, 1,225, \$1,100.
- 18, Scott Greiner, Sunrise Beach, Mo., 3-2-0, 1,209, \$1,100.
- 19, Warren Eales, Chandler, Ariz., 2-3-0, 1,204, \$1,100.
- 20, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 2-3-0, 1,191, \$1,100.
- 21, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 2-3-0, 1,175, \$1,100.
- 22, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 3-2-0, 1,165, \$1,100.
- 23, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 2-3-0, 1,155, \$1,100.
- 24, ss-Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 2-3-0, 1,125, \$1,100.
- 25, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1-4-0, 1,113, \$1,050.
- 26, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 2-3-0, 1,111, \$1,050.
- 27, Steve Hoskins, New Port Richey, Fla., 3-2-0, 1,111, \$1,050.
- 28, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 1-4-0, 1,092, \$1,050.
- 29, ss-Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 2-3-0, 1,084, \$1,050.
- 30, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 2-3-0, 1,018, \$1,050.
- 31, ss-Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 1-4-0, 1,013, \$1,050.
- 32, ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 1-4-0, 989, \$1,050.

Other Cashers (after five-game cashers round, \$1,000 each)

- 33, Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 1,112.
- 34, Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 1,107.
- 35, ss-Michael Lucente, Warren, Mich., 1,087.

- 36, n-Michael Snow, Canada, 1,084.
- 37, ss-Chuck Richardson, The Villages, Fla., 1,076.
- 38, ss-Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 1,063.
- 39, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 1,043.
- 40, ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 1,034.
- 41, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 1,023.
- 42, ss-Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 965.
- 43, Jeff Johnson, Freeport, Ill., 940.
- 44, ss-Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 925.

n-non-PBA member.

ss-PBA60 player ages 60 and over.

### **Hall of Famer Johnny Petraglia Leads PBA60 David Small's JAX 60 National Championship After First Round**

**JACKSON, Mich. (Aug. 3, 2019)** – PBA Hall of Famer Johnny Petraglia averaged 247 for seven games Saturday to lead the first round of the PBA60 David Small's JAX 60 National Championship in memory of Mel Wolf at JAX 60 Lanes.

The 72-year-old left-hander, who owns 14 Go Bowling! PBA Tour and eight PBA50 Tour titles, bowled a 1,734 seven-game pinfall total with games of 214, 258, 278, 237, 246, 279 and 222 to lead the field of 105 players ages 60 and older.

"With the longer (lane conditioning) pattern I'm able to throw the ball slower and that's to my advantage," Petraglia said. "It's when I have to throw hard is when I get into trouble.

"I started practice with two balls that were pretty similar, but I went with the one that was a little stronger because it allowed me to move inside if I needed to and gave me some more room for error," Petraglia added.

Petraglia's first senior title came at JAX 60 Lanes (then Airport Lanes) when he won the 1998 PBA Senior National Championship and then won there a second time when he captured the 2008 Senior Jackson Open title.

"This has been a good center for me and I have a lot of good memories of bowling here as you can imagine," Petraglia said. "So, I'm hoping for good things to happen as the tournament continues."

Petraglia's last "senior" tour event win came in the 2012 PBA50 Senior Dayton Classic. He has yet to win a PBA60 event but has two runner-up finishes to his credit.

Petraglia leads fellow left-hander, three-time PBA50 Tour titlist and 2018 USBC Super Senior Classic winner Mike Dias of Lafayette, Colorado and Gary Reh of Fort Mohave, Arizona, tied for second with 1,653. Rounding out the top five are Mike Mineman, St. Louis, Missouri, 1,643 and Kevin Foley, Reno, Nevada, 1,633.

The entire field returns for another seven-game qualifying round Sunday at 11 a.m. ET after which the top 24 players will advance to the first match play round at 4 p.m. Match play continues with rounds Monday at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to determine the top five for the stepladder finals at 6 p.m.

The tournament is named in honor of longtime PBA50 competitor Mel Wolf who passed away in 2011. The one-time PBA50 Tour titlist was the driving force in bringing the senior tour to Jackson in 1992.

## **PBA60 DAVID SMALL'S JAX 60 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

### **In Memory of Mel Wolf**

**David Small's JAX 60 Lanes, Jackson, Mich., Saturday**

#### **FIRST ROUND RESULTS (after seven games)**

- 1, John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 1,734.
- 2, (tie) Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., and Gary Reh, Fort Mohave, Ariz., 1,653.
- 4, Mike Mineman, St Louis, 1,643.
- 5, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 1,633.
- 6, (tie) Jerry Sikora, Huron, S.D. and n-William Essman, Angola, Ind., 1,625.
- 8, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,615.
- 9, n-Barry Gilitiuk, Mesa, Ariz., 1,611.
- 10, Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 1,607.
- 11, (tie) Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, and Toby Contreras, Lee's Summit, Mo., 1,593.
- 13, Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 1,585.
- 14, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,581.
- 15, (tie) Bill Neumann, Rensselaer, N.Y., and Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,578.
- 17, n-Kirt Gundry, Lansing, Mich., 1,577.
- 18, Rick Minier, Houston, 1,563.
- 19, (tie) Dale Csuhata, Wadsworth, Ohio, and Phillip Moros, Lombard, Ill., 1,562.
- 21, Emilio Mora Sr., Defiance, Ohio, 1,555.
- 22, n-Roland Wright, Christianburg, Vir., 1,551.
- 23, Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 1,548.
- 24, (tie) n-Jerome Woodfork, Rockford, Ill., and Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 1,547.
- 26, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 1,543.
- 27, Michael Tweed Sr., Camp Hill, Pa., 1,542.
- 28, Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 1,537.
- 29, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 1,534.
- 30, (tie) Tom Baker, King, N.C., James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., and William Peters, Dayton, Ohio, 1,533.
- 33, (tie) Marc Lineberry, Camanche, Iowa, and Charlie Tapp, Kalamazoo, Mich., 1,526.
- 35, n-George Phillips, Centreville, Mich., 1,524.
- 36, (tie) James Storts, Westfield, Ind., and Gene Bruihl, Petaluma, Calif., 1,521.
- 38, Michael Lucente, Warren, Mich., 1,519.
- 39, Mark Everette, Aliquippa, Pa., 1,518.
- 40, David Axon, Bellevue, Neb., 1,516.
- 41, (tie) Jim Heintz, St. Charles, Mo., and Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,509.
- 43, n-Robert Worrall II, Colorado Springs, Colo., 1,508.
- 44, Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,503.
- 45, (tie) Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., and Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1,497.
- 47, Kurt Gengelbach, Lewisville, Texas, 1,492.
- 48, n-Fred McClain, Allen Park, Mich., 1,481.
- 49, Chuck Richardson, The Villages, Fla., 1,480.
- 50, John DiSantis, Wilmington, Del., 1,478.
- 51, n-Ted Hannahs, Zanesville, Ohio, 1,476.

52, Lance Lorfeld, University Place, Wash., 1,474.  
 53, (tie) Jim Pitts, Elmira, N.Y., and n-Jay Young, 1,471.  
 55, Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C., 1,470.  
 56, n-Darwin Wimer, Mesquite, Nev., 1,468.  
 57, Douglas Weese, Lansing, Mich., 1,465.  
 58, Jim Dilyard, Burbank, Ohio, 1,448.  
 59, n-Rick Goergen, Midland, Mich., 1,445.  
 60, n-Peter Minaudo, Chesterfield, Mich., 1,440.  
 61, (tie) Bob Chamberlain, The Villages, Fla., and Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 1,439.  
 63, Bill Sell, Menasha, Wis., 1,438.  
 64, Michael Truitt, New Port Richey, Fla., 1,436.  
 65, (tie) n-Mitchell Jabczynski, Novi, Mich., and Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 1,429.  
 67, Robert Kicmal, LaGrange, Ill., 1,428.  
 68, Bob Kelly, Dayton, Ohio, 1,427.  
 69, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1,426.  
 70, Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., 1,423.  
 71, Joe Salvemini, Colorado Springs, Colo., 1,421.  
 72, Dave Dunphy, Canada, 1,419.  
 73, William Keenan Jr., Orlando, Fla., 1,416.  
 74, Dave Flemming, Fairborn, Ohio, 1,414.  
 75, Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 1,413.  
 76, n-Edward Mintz, Canton, Mich., 1,412.  
 77, (tie) n-Gary Kresse, Chandler, Ariz. and Ray Johnson, Battle Creek, Mich., 1,407.  
 79, Conn Casey, Canada, 1,393.  
 80, Lee Rautenberg, Boynton Beach, Fla., 1,382.  
 81, (tie) Richard Hunt, Valparaiso, Ind., Larry Zacharias, Plainfield, Ill., and Larry Graybeal, Elizabethton, Tenn., 1,381.  
 84, n-Victor Portalatin, Jackson, Mich., 1,378.  
 85, (tie) Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, and n-Mike Haggerty, Montrose, Mich., 1,374.  
 87, n-Ron Barker, Delavan, Wis., 1,373.  
 88, (tie) Don Lane, San Francisco, and Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 1,366.  
 90, (tie) Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., and Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 1,360.  
 92, Greg Scheetz, Scottsdale, Ariz., 1,359.  
 93, Mike Moore, Marietta, Ohio, 1,351.  
 94, Brian Phillips, Quinnesec, Mich., 1,350.  
 95, Dale Holgate, Peninsula, Ohio, 1,347.  
 96, Bill Hewlett, Las Vegas, 1,333.  
 97, n-Ronald Libs, Tinley Park, Ill., 1,332.  
 98, Lucien Casagrande, Canada, 1,326.  
 99, James Souder, Greeneville, Tenn., 1,309.  
 100, Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 1,305.  
 101, Pete Bryan, Laurel, Del., 1,291.  
 102, Ken Waters, Kingsport, Tenn., 1,278.  
 103, Jean-Marc Gagnon, Punta Corda, Fla., 1,267.  
 104, Mitchell Vernon, Olympia, Wash., 1,254.  
 105, Allen Meskan, Addison, Ill., 1,205.

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## Petraglia Posts 4-1 Record in First Match Play Round to Retain Lead in PBA60 David Small's JAX 60 National Championship

JACKSON, Mich. (Aug. 4, 2019) – After advancing as the top qualifier from the second round, PBA Hall of Famer Johnny Petraglia compiled a 4-1 record in the first match play round Sunday to retain his lead in the PBA60 David Small's JAX 60 National Championship in memory of Mel Wolf at JAX 60 Lanes.

The 72-year-old left-hander, who owns 14 Go Bowling! PBA Tour and eight PBA50 Tour titles, finished the day with a 4,662 19-game pinfall total, including match play bonus pins, to lead the match play field of 24 players ages 60 and older. He bowled games of 202, 234, 246, 249 and 245 in Sunday's match play round. His only loss came in a second match defeat at the hands of Dave Axon of Bellevue, Nebraska, 235-234.

"At this stage of the tournament the one thing I have to worry about is running out of gas and if you start to get tired that's when you start to lose focus," said Petraglia, who is trying for his first win in a PBA60 event. "I just keep reminding myself that I'm 72 and not 32. Everything is great at this point with my ball choices and my adjustments – I just need to concentrate on keeping my game together."

There is still a lot of work for Petraglia and the other 23 players in the match play field to do with a five-game match play round at 11 a.m. ET and a six-game round at 2:30 p.m. Monday that will determine the top five players for the stepladder finals at 6 p.m. Each match play win awards 30 bonus pins.

Petraglia's first senior title came at JAX 60 Lanes (then Airport Lanes) when he won the 1998 PBA Senior National Championship and then won there a second time when he captured the 2008 Senior Jackson Open. He is trying for his first win in PBA60 competition (established in 2014) but has two runner-up finishes to his credit.

Petraglia leads Jerry Sikora of Huron, South Dakota in second finishing the day with a 3-2 record and 4,601 pinfall. Hall of Famer Ron Mohr of Las Vegas, who has already

locked up his fourth consecutive PBA60 Player of the Year honor, finished the day in third with a 3-2 record and 4,577 pinfall.

Rounding out the top five were two-time PBA50 Tour winner Hall of Famer Brian Voss, Centennial, Colorado (4-1), 4,558, and Toby Contreras, Lees Summit, Missouri (3-2), 4,526.

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## PBA60 DAVID SMALL'S JAX 60 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

In Memory of Mel Wolf

David Small's JAX 60 Lanes, Jackson, Mich., Sunday

THIRD ROUND RESULTS (after 19 games. Includes match play record and total pinfall including bonus pins. All 24 players advance to Monday's match play rounds)

- 1, Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 4-1, 4,662.
- 2, Jerry Sikora, Huron, S.D., 3-2, 4,601.
- 3, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3-2, 4,577.
- 4, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 4-1, 4,558.
- 5, Toby Contreras, Lee's Summit, Mo., 3-2, 4,526.
- 6, Mike Mineman, St Louis, Mo. 2-3, 4,519.
- 7, n-Jerome Woodfork, Rockford, Ill., 3-2, 4,491.
- 8, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3-2, 4,486.
- 9, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3-2, 4,482.
- 10, Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 2-3, 4,479.
- 11, Gary Reh, Fort Mohave, Ariz., 3-2, 4,455.
- 12, Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 3-2, 4,435.
- 13, David Axon, Bellevue, Neb., 4-1, 4,428.
- 14, William Peters, Dayton, Ohio, 2-3, 4,390.
- 15, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1-4, 4,352.
- 16, (tie) Bill Neumann, Rensselaer, N.Y., 2-3, and Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 4-1, 4,344.
- 18, Emilio Mora Sr., Defiance, Ohio, 1-4, 4,300.
- 19, n-William Essman, Angola, Ind., 2-3, 4,294.

- 20, Michael Lucente, Warren, Mich., 1-4, 4,286.
- 21, Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 2-3, 4,267.
- 22, Rick Minier, Houston, 2-3, 4,259.
- 23, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 1-4, 4,224.
- 24, Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 2-3, 4,212.

SECOND ROUND RESULTS (after 14 games. Top 24 advance to first match play round)

- 1, Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 3,366.
- 2, Mike Mineman, St Louis, 3,341.
- 3, Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 3,328.
- 4, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,274.
- 5, Jerry Sikora, Huron, S.D., 3,263.
- 6, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3,255.
- 7, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3,247.
- 8, Gary Reh, Fort Mohave, Ariz., 3,243.
- 9, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3,242.
- 10, n-William Essman, Angola, Ind., 3,234.
- 11, Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 3,222.
- 12, Toby Contreras, Lee's Summit, Mo., 3,216.
- 13, Michael Lucente, Warren, Mich., 3,208.
- 14, n-Jerome Woodfork, Rockford, Ill., 3,200.
- 15, (tie) William Peters, Dayton, Ohio, and Emilio Mora Sr., Defiance, Ohio, 3,192.
- 17, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 3,166.
- 18, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 3,154.
- 19, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 3,150.
- 20, Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 3,145.
- 21, Rick Minier, Houston, 3,143.
- 22, Bill Neumann, Rensselaer, N.Y., 3,140.
- 23, David Axon, Bellevue, Neb., 3,134.
- 24, Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 3,129.

Did not advance:

- 25, n-Kirt Gundry, Lansing, Mich., 3,123, \$1,000.
- 26, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3,114, \$1,000.
- 27, Dale Csuhata, Wadsworth, Ohio, 3,102, \$1,000.
- 28, Chuck Richardson, The Villages, Fla., 3,091, \$1,000.
- 29, n-Darwin Wimer, Mesquite, Nev., 3,086, \$1,000.
- 30, Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 3,077, \$1,000.
- 31, n-Barry Gilitiuk, Mesa, Ariz., 3,074, \$1,000.
- 32, Charlie Tapp, Kalamazoo, Mich., 3,061, \$1,000.

33 n-Edward Mintz, Canton, Mich., 3,053, \$1,000.  
34, (tie) Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C., and Gene Bruhl, Petaluma, Calif., 3,048, \$1,000.  
36, n-George Phillips, Centreville, Mich., 3,044.  
37, (tie) Jim Pitts, Elmira, N.Y., and n-Roland Wright, Christianburg, Va., 3,036.  
39, Douglas Weese, Lansing, Mich., 3,035.  
40, James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 3,030.  
41, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 3,028.  
42, n-Peter Minaudo, Chesterfield, Mich., 3,027.  
43, n-Jay Young, Pemberville, Ohio, 3,020.  
44, Mark Everette, Aliquippa, Pa., 3,017.  
45, James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 3,014.  
46, Kurt Gengelbach, Lewisville, Texas, 3,009.  
47, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 3,004.  
48, n-Mitchell Jabczynski, Novi, Mich., 3,003.  
49, n-Rick Goergen, Midland, Mich., 3,001.  
50, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 2,999.  
51, Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 2,998.  
52, n-Robert Worrall II, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2,989.  
53, n-Fred McClain, Allen Park, Mich., 2,971.  
54, Marc Lineberry, Camanche, Iowa, 2,969.  
55, Lance Lorfeld, University Place, Wash., 2,962.  
56, (tie) Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., Jim Dilyard, Burbank, Ohio, and n-Ted Hannahs, Zanesville, Ohio, 2,959.  
59, John DiSantis, Wilmington, Del., 2,957.  
60, Dave Flemming, Fairborn, Ohio, 2,955.  
61, Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 2,950.  
62, Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 2,944.  
63, Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 2,941.  
64, Richard Hunt, Valparaiso, Ind., 2,937.  
65, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 2,936.  
66, Bob Chamberlain, The Villages, Fla., 2,932.  
67, Jim Heintz, St. Charles, Mo., 2,929.  
68, Robert Kicmal, LaGrange, Ill., 2,921.  
69, Phillip Moros, Lombard, Ill., 2,916.  
70, Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 2,915.  
71, Conn Casey, Canada, 2,914.  
72, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 2,912.  
73, Bill Sell, Menasha, Wis., 2,908.  
74, Larry Zacharias, Plainfield, Ill., 2,901.  
75, n-Ron Barker, Delavan, Wis., 2,896.  
76, Mike Moore, Marietta, Ohio, 2,893.  
77, Michael Truitt, New Port Richey, Fla., 2,886.  
78, n-Gary Kresse, Chandler, Ariz., 2,881.  
79, Michael Tweed Sr., Camp Hill, Pa., 2,871.  
80, Larry Graybeal, Elizabethton, Tenn., 2,862.

- 81, Ray Johnson, Battle Creek, Mich., 2,858.
- 82, Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 2,850.
- 83, Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 2,826.
- 84, Bob Kelly, Dayton, Ohio, 2,821.
- 85, Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., 2,816.
- 86, Lee Rautenberg, Boynton Beach, Fla., 2,795.
- 87, Dave Dunphy, Canada, 2,790.
- 88, Greg Scheetz, Scottsdale, Ariz., 2,782.
- 89, n-Victor Portalatin, Jackson, Mich., 2,771.
- 90, Pete Bryan, Laurel, Del., 2,740.
- 91, William Keenan Jr., Orlando, Fla., 2,728.
- 92, n-Ronald Libs, Tinley Park, Ill., 2,727.
- 93, Mitchell Vernon, Olympia, Wash., 2,726.
- 94, Brian Phillips, Quinnesec, Mich., 2,719.
- 95, Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 2,712.
- 96, Dale Holgate, Peninsula, Ohio, 2,675.
- 97, Lucien Casagrande, Canada, 2,650.
- 98, James Souder, Greeneville, Tenn., 2,645.
- 99, Don Lane, San Francisco, 2,641.
- 100, Ken Waters, Kingsport, Tenn., 2,631.
- 101, n-Mike Haggerty, Montrose, Mich., 2,630.
- 102, Jean-Marc Gagnon, Punta Corda, Fla., 2,561.
- 103, Allen Meskan, Addison, Ill., 2,449.
- 104, Joe Salvemini, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2,208.

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### **Voss Beats Sullins in Title Match Thriller to Win PBA60 David Small's JAX 60 National Championship**

*Voss defeats Sullins 264-256 in title match decided in 10th frame for first PBA60 title*

**JACKSON, Mich. (Aug. 5, 2019)** – PBA Hall of Famer Brian Voss, a 25-time Go Bowling! PBA Tour and two-time PBA50 Tour titlist, defeated Harry Sullins 264-256 in the title match to capture the PBA60 David Small's JAX 60 National Championship in memory of Mel Wolf title Monday at JAX 60 Lanes for his first PBA60 win.

Competing in the tournament exclusively for players 60 years of age and older, Voss started the match with eight strikes before he opened in the ninth frame after leaving the 4-6-7 split. Sullins, who also was trying for his first PBA60 title, was able to stay in the match with a string of eight strikes of his own after a 7-10 split in the second frame. The USBC Hall of Famer, who is a five-time PBA Tour and three-time PBA50 Tour winner, had a chance to win the match with a strike on the second ball of the 10th frame but left a solid 10 pin which gave the win to Voss.

"That's why I bowl right there," the 61-year-old Voss said of his victory. "I wanted the 300 game but it probably turned out more exiting the way it ended. It doesn't matter how old you are or how many times you've done it, winning never gets old.

"I was really into it and Harry was too," Voss added. "We were really pushing each other. I got a little slow with that shot in the ninth frame but fortunately I learned from it."

Voss had a 13-3 overall match play record including a 6-0 run in the final round which contributed to his surge to earn the top seed for the stepladder finals.

"I didn't feel I was bowling that great early in the tournament but when I got to match play I figured out I was just arcing the ball too much," Voss said. "As it turned out I could just move a little further to the right and not put so much arc on the ball."

Sullins, the no. 2 seed, won the semifinal match thriller 235-234 over No. 3 seed former Team USA member Jerry Sikora who left the 3-9 on his final shot of the 10th frame to give Sullins the win and a berth in the title match.

In the first stepladder match, three-time PBA50 Tour and one-time PBA60 titlist Mike Dias beat No. 5 seed and newly-crowned PBA60 Player of the Year Ron Mohr 211-200. In the second match Sikora beat Dias 227-190 to meet Sullins in the semifinal.

PBA Hall of Famer Johnny Petraglia, 72, led the first four rounds of the tournament but eventually finished sixth, losing to Mohr in the position round match in the final match play round to miss the finals.

The tournament was named in honor of longtime PBA50 competitor Mel Wolf who passed away in 2011. The one-time PBA50 Tour titlist was the driving force in bringing the senior tour to Jackson in 1992.

The PBA60 Dick Weber Championship presented by The DeHayes Insurance Group and 900 Global at Pro Bowl West in Fort Wayne, Indiana concludes the 2019 PBA50/60 season Aug. 7-9. Mohr, an 11-time PBA50 Tour and two-time PBA60 titlist, is the defending champion.

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## **PBA60 DAVID SMALL'S JAX 60 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**In memory of Mel Wolf**

**JAX 60 Lanes, Jackson, Mich., Monday**

### **Final Standings:**

- 1, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., \$10,000.
- 2, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield, Twp., Mich., \$5,000.
- 3, Jerry Sikora, Lake Havasu, Ariz., \$3,000.
- 4, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., \$2,000.
- 5, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, \$1,750.

### **Stepladder Results:**

Match One – Dias def. Mohr, 211-200.  
Match Two – Sikora def. Dias, 227-190.  
Semifinal Match – Sullins def. Sikora, 235-234.  
Championship Match – Voss def. Sullins, 264-256.

**Modified Match Play Round 3 (includes match play record, 30-game pinfall totals, including match play bonus pins. Top five advance to stepladder finals)**

- 1, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 13-3, 7,501.
- 2, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 10-6, 7,367.
- 3, Jerry Sikora, Lake Havasu, Ariz., 9-6-1, 7,359.
- 4, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 10-6, 7,352.
- 5, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 11-5, 7,336.
- 6, Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 7-9, 7,287, \$1,700.
- 7, Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 8-8, 7,272, \$1,600.
- 8, William Peters, Dayton, Ohio, 9-7, 7,210, \$1,500.
- 9, Toby Contreras, Lee's Summit, Mo., 8-8, 7,197, \$1,450.
- 10, Mike Mineman, St Louis, 8-8, 7,190, \$1,400.
- 11, David Axon, Bellevue, Neb., 9-7, 7,156, \$1,375.
- 12, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 12-4, 7,107, \$1,350.
- 13, Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 7-8-1, 7,065, \$1,325.
- 14, Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 9-6-1, 7,011, \$1,300.
- 15, Michael Lucente, Warren, Mich., 8-8, 6,976, \$1,285.
- 15, Emilio Mora Sr., Defiance, Ohio, 7-9, 6,976, \$1,285.
- 17, n-Jerome Woodfork, Rockford, Ill., 7-8-1, 6,900, \$1,270.
- 18, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 6-10, 6,853, \$1,260.
- 19, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 7-9, 6,851, \$1,250.
- 20, n-William Essman, Angola, Ind., 6-10, 6,806, \$1,240.
- 21, Bill Neumann, Rensselaer, N.Y., 5-11, 6,715, \$1,230.
- 22, Rick Minier, Houston, 5-11, 6,678, \$1,220.
- 23, Gary Reh, Fort Mohave, Ariz., 4-12, 6,655, \$1,210.
- 24, Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 5-11, 6,464, \$1,200.

**Modified Match Play Round 2 (after 24 games, includes match play record and total pinfall including match play bonus pins. All 24 players advance to match play Round 3)**

- 1, Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 7-3, 5,995.
- 2, Jerry Sikora, Lake Havasu, Ariz., 6-4, 5,876.
- 3, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 7-3, 5,856.
- 4, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 6-4, 5,814.
- 5, Mike Mineman, St Louis, 6-4, 5,797.
- 6, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 5-5, 5,762.
- 7, Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 4-6, 5,758.
- 8, William Peters, Dayton, Ohio, 6-4, 5,747.
- 9, Toby Contreras, Lee's Summit, Mo., 4-6, 5,700.
- 10, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 6-4, 5,694.
- 11, Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 5-5, 5,688.
- 12, David Axon, Bellevue, Neb., 6-4, 5,667.
- 13, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 8-2, 5,649.
- 14, Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 6-4, 5,582.
- 15, (tie) Emilio Mora Sr., Defiance, Ohio, 4-6, and n-Jerome Woodfork, Rockford, Ill., 5-5, 5,552.
- 17, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 4-6, 5,505.
- 18, Michael Lucente, Warren, Mich., 4-6, 5,492.
- 19, Gary Reh, Fort Mohave, Ariz., 4-6, 5,468.
- 20, n-William Essman, Angola, Ind., 4-6, 5,448.
- 21, Bill Neumann, Rensselaer, N.Y., 3-7, 5,391.
- 22, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 3-7, 5,381.
- 23, Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 5-5, 5,304.
- 24, Rick Minier, Houston, 2-8, 5,270.

**300 game** – Brian Voss

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## **Anthony Neuer Wins PBA Bowlers Supply/Storm Eastern Open**

**York, Pa. (August 4, 2019)** – Anthony Neuer of Lewisburg, Pa., the 17-year-old son of PBA Tour titlist Andy Neuer, rolled two clutch strikes in the 10th frame to defeat Anthony Pepe of Long Island City, N.Y., 256-247, in the championship round of the PBA Bowlers Supply/Storm Open at Colony Park Lanes North Sunday.

Neuer, an accomplished bowler with two USBC Junior Gold Titles, advanced to the semifinal round in this same event in 2019. The future McKendree University student earned \$2,500 in scholarship money as he became the second youngest amateur to win a PBA Regional event at the age of 17 years, 100 days. The youngest bowler to win a PBA Regional was Wesley Low Jr. at 15 years, 336 days, who won a PBA West Region tournament in Las Vegas in 2013.

Neuer qualified ninth and defeated Mark Scuderi Jr. of E. Rochester, N.Y., 2-0; Tommy Gollick of Oberlin, Pa., 2-0, and qualifying leader Kenneth Ryan of Farmingdale, N.J., 2-0, in best-of-three-game elimination matches before defeating Ryan Shafer, 279-187, in the semifinal match.

Pepe, a two-time Bowlers Supply Open champion, qualified third and defeated Tim Foy Jr. of Seaford, Del., 2-0, and Paul Bajorski of Islip, N.Y., 223-216, in the semifinal round to advance to the final match. Pepe earned \$1,300 as the runner-up. Bajorski and Shafer earned \$1,000 apiece as semifinal round losers.

The next event in the PBA East Region is a FloBowling PBA Summer Tour event, the PBA Gene Carter's Pro Chop Classic hosted by Mid-County Lanes in Middletown, Del., Aug. 16-18. The event will be covered live from start to finish, exclusively on PBA's online bowling channel, FloBowling. For subscription information, visit FloBowling.com.

### **PBA BOWLERS SUPPLY/STORM PRODUCTS EASTERN OPEN Colony Park Lanes North, York, Pa., Sunday**

#### **Championship:**

n-y-Anthony Neuer, Lewisburg, Pa. (\$2,500 scholarship) def. Anthony Pepe, Long Island City, N.Y., (\$1,300), 256-247.

#### **Semifinal Round (losers earned \$1,000):**

Neuer def. Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 279-187.

Pepe def. Paul Bajorski, Islip, N.Y., 223-216.

#### **Round of 8 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$800 each):**

Neuer def. Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, N.Y., 2-0.

Pepe def. Tim Foy Jr, Seaford, Del., 2-0.

Bajorski def. Michael Martell, Brooklyn, N.Y., 2-1.  
Shafer def. Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2-0.

**Round of 12 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$700 each):**

Neuer def. Tommy Gollick, Oberlin, Pa., 2-0.  
Shafer def. Zach Dudley, Baltimore, 2-0.  
Bajorski def. Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 2-0.  
Foy def. Michael Ruben, Selden, N.Y., 2-0.

**Round of 16 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$600 each):**

Neuer def. n-Mark Scuderi Jr., E. Rochester, N.Y., 2-0.  
Dudley def. John Neral, Vienna, Va., 2-0.  
Rollins def. Adam Baer, York Springs, Pa., 2-1.  
Ruben def. Josh Schmehl, Seaford, Del., 2-0.

300 Game: Michael Martell

n-denotes non-PBA member; y-denotes youth scholarship participant

## **Sam Houston State's Bea Hernandez Named 2019 PBA Billy Welu Scholarship Award Winner**

**CHICAGO (Aug. 7, 2019)**— Sam Houston State University sophomore and 2019 NCAA Women's Bowling Division I Rookie of the Year Bea Hernandez, has been named the winner of the 2019 PBA Billy Welu Scholarship Award which recognizes scholastic excellence and achievements in bowling.

A native of the Philippines, the 19-year-old international business major is entering her second year as a member of Sam Houston State's Bearkat women's bowling team. She holds a 3.9 grade point average, was named to the Dean's list in 2018 and most recently was named to the President's list in the spring of 2019.

In addition to her Rookie of the Year honor, she was named NCAA second team All-American, Southland Bowling Conference Championship Most Valuable Player and Newcomer of the Year.

"As a foreign student from a developing economy who is studying here in the U.S., the scholarship means so much to me and my family," said Hernandez. "It will definitely help me fulfill my dream of being able to finish my studies here (at Sam Houston State) and at the same time being able to continue to bowl at a high level of competition.

"I also would like to extend my gratitude to the PBA for this honor and to Sam Houston State bowling coach Brad Hagen, for making me a better person both on and off the lanes, and to my Bearkat teammates and the SHSU Athletics Department for making me feel at home."

In addition to her bowling accomplishments at Sam Houston State, Hernandez is a member of both the Philippines national adult and youth teams. She earned a doubles bronze medal in the 2017 Asian Youth Bowling Championships.

The \$1,000 scholarship award was established to annually recognize a college student who combines outstanding bowling talents with academic excellence. Welu, who passed away in 1974, was best known for his expert analysis alongside legendary ABC broadcaster and PBA Hall of Famer Chris Schenkel on the

"Pro Bowlers Tour" series. Welu was a two-time PBA Tour champion and a member of the PBA Hall of Fame's inaugural induction class in 1975.

#### **BILLY WELU SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS**

2019 – Bea Hernandez (Sam Houston State)  
2018 – Wesley Low Jr. (Wichita State)  
2017 – Kristie Lopez (Wichita State)  
2016 – Sydney Brummett (Wichita State)  
2015 – Ramon Hilferink (Webber International)  
2014 – Melanie Hannon (Fairleigh Dickinson)  
2013 – Katie Thornton (Webber International)  
2012 – Danielle McEwan (Fairleigh Dickinson)  
2011 – Kristina Frahm (Maryland Eastern Shore)  
2010 – Kim Yioulos (Pikeville)  
2009 – Elizabeth Seibel (Penn State)  
2008 – Heather D'Errico (Robert Morris-Illinois)  
2007 – Ricki Williams (Wichita State)  
2006 – Jerrod Reece (Creighton University)  
2005 – Mandy Pezzano (U of Penn)  
2004 – Holly Pusok (University of Houston)  
2003 – Robby Spigner (Indiana University)  
2002 – N/A  
2001 – Jennie Snoddy (Notre Dame College of Ohio)  
2000 – Jackie Edwards (Cal State-Fresno)  
1999 – Steven Svetlik (University of Illinois-Chicago)  
1998 – Nicholas Hoagland (Indiana University)  
1997 – Preston Brunswig (Wichita State)  
1996 – Brenda Doshier (University of Southern Indiana)  
1995 – Michael Lamont (University of Florida)  
1994 – Joe Ciccone (Erie Community College)  
1993 – N/A  
1992 – Stephen Dale Jr. (Northeastern University)  
1991 – Kari Murph (Morehead State)  
1990 – Kimberly Berke (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)  
1989 – Ronni Shehorn (San Jose State)  
1988 – Julie Powell (University of Michigan)  
1987 – N/A  
1986 – Paul Kaib (University of Florida)  
1985 – Curt Pezzano (University of Miami (Fla.))  
1984 – Michelle Mullen (University of Illinois)  
1983 – Jeri Edwards (Penn State)  
1982 – Patricia Bowie (Arizona State)

Dick Allen Wins Another PBA Crystal Automotive Spring Hill South Open Title

SPRING HILL, Fla. (Sunday, Aug. 4) – PBA Tour titlist Dick Allen of Lexington, S.C., won the 31st PBA Crystal Automotive Spring Hill South Open presented By Track Sunday at Spring Hill Lanes, defeating amateur Colin Champion of Spring Hill, Fla., 247-234, in the title match.

Allen, a 40-year-old seven-time PBA Tour title-winner, previously won the Spring Hill tournament 15 years ago at the age of 25. In addition to winning his 25th PBA Regional title, Allen also took home the \$2,500 first prize.

Allen, who qualified no. 1 for the stepladder finals, waited while Champion eliminated fellow amateur Sean Riccardi of St. Petersburg, Fla., in the opening stepladder match, 254-213, and Cristian Azcona of Puerto Rico, 224-217, in the semifinal match. Champion pocketed \$1,300 for second, Azcona \$1,100 for third and Riccardi \$1,000 for fourth place in the PBA South Region's longest-running tournament.

The PBA South Region's next event will be the PBA50 Sky Lanes South Open in Asheville, N.C., Aug. 23-25.

PBA CRYSTAL AUTOMOTIVE SPRING HILL SOUTH OPEN

Spring Hill Lanes, Spring Hill, Fla., Sunday

Final Standings:

1, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., \$2,500.

2, n-Colin Champion, Spring Hill, Fla., \$1,300.

3, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, \$1,100.

4, n-Sean Riccardi, St. Petersburg, Fla., \$1000.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – n-Champion def. n-Riccardi, 254-213.

Semifinal – n-Champion def. Azcona, 224-217.

Championship – Allen def. n-Champion, 247-234.

Final Qualifying Standings (after 17 games, top 4 advanced to stepladder finals):

1, Allen, 4,031.

2, Azcona, 4,010.

3, n-Champion, 3,959.

4, n-Riccardi, 3,941.

5, Jeff Piroozshad, Coral Springs, Fla., 3,339, \$900.

6, Chris Polizzi, Spring Hill, Fla., 3,915, \$750.

7, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 3,903, \$650.

8, Matt Gasn, Clarksville, Tenn., 3,894, \$600.

Round of 16 Cashers (after 15 games):

9, Trevor Roberts, Crystal River, Fla., 3,428, \$550.

10, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 3,333, \$535.

11, n-Giorgio Clinaz, Orlando, Fla., 3,326, \$525.

12, Christian Miller, Homosassa, Fla., 3,322, \$520.

13, n-Keith Sharp, Orlando, Fla., 3,307, \$515.

14, Kristian Rogers, Salisbury, N.C., 3,304, \$510.

15, n-Larry Brande, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., 3,280, \$505.

16, Zachary Dwyer, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., 3,254, \$500.

Other Cashers Round Cashers (after 12 games):

17, n-Chris Felker, Pompano Beach, Fla., 2,582, \$435.

18, Jerry Marcus, Deland, Fla., 2,573, \$430.

19, Anthony Caso, Merritt Island, Fla., 2,563, \$425.

20, n-Chris Kruschke, Gainesville, Fla., 2,561, \$420.

21, n-CJ Petrin, Chattanooga, Tenn., 2,560, \$415.

22, Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 2,489, \$410.

23, Kevin Fischer, Winter Park, Fla., 2,463, \$405.

24, n-Mike Vitalone, Lake Worth, Fla., 1,934, \$400.

300 Games: Mike Coffey, Trevor Roberts

Defending Champion Ron Mohr Takes

PBA60 Dick Weber Championship Lead After First Round

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (Aug. 7, 2019) – Defending champion Ron Mohr bowled a 1,628 pinfall total for seven games to take the first-round lead Wednesday in the PBA60 Dick Weber Championship presented by DeHayes Insurance Group and 900 Global at Pro Bowl West.

The Fort Wayne native, who now lives in Las Vegas, bowled games of 246, 249, 204, 268, 245, 194 and 222 averaging 232 for the round.

"I missed the (lane condition) transition in in the 204 and 190 game," said the PBA Hall of Famer who has already clinched his fourth consecutive PBA60 Player of the Year Award. "I wasn't too worried about it because if you can grind out a 190 or 200 when you're not able to make the right adjustment that's not too bad."

The 63-year-old Mohr, who also owns two PBA50 Player of the Year honors, is currently on a string of six top-five finishes in PBA50/60 competition. Most recently he finished fifth in the PBA60 David Small's JAX 60 National Championship which ended Monday in Jackson, Michigan.

"It's been an unbelievable run and hopefully I can keep it going for a good finish to the season in my hometown," said Mohr, a two-time PBA60 titlist. "I don't recall ever being on a stretch where I've bowled this consistently well."

In July Mohr won the PBA50 David Small's Championship Lanes Classic for his 11th career PBA50 Tour title.

Mohr holds a nine-pin lead over 2017 Dick Weber Championship runner-up Dave Axon of Bellevue, Nebraska finishing the round with 1,619. In third is 2017 winner Darryl Bower of Middletown, Pennsylvania with 1,599.

Rounding out the top five were JAX 60 National Championship and 2018 Dick Weber Championship runner-up Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Michigan in fourth with 1,583 and PBA Hall of Famer Mark Williams of Beaumont, Texas in fifth with 1,556.

JAX 60 National Championship winner PBA Hall of Famer Brian Voss got off to a slow start finishing the round in 51st with 1,421.

The field returns for another seven-game qualifying round Thursday morning at 11 a.m. ET after which the top 32 players will advance to the first match play round at 5 p.m. After the second match play round at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, the top five players will be determined for the stepladder finals scheduled for noon.

FloBowling is providing live start-to-finish coverage of the PBA60 Dick Weber Championship, the final event of the 2019 PBA50/60 season. Subscription and schedule information visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com).

## PBA60 DICK WEBER CHAMPIONSHIP

Presented by DeHayes Insurance Group and 900 Global

Pro Bowl West, Fort Wayne, Ind., Wednesday

### FIRST ROUND RESULTS (after seven games)

- 1, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1,628.
- 2, Dave Axon, Bellevue, Neb., 1,619.
- 3, Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,599.
- 4, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,583.
- 5, Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 1,556.
- 6, Toby Contreras, Lee's Summit, Mo., 1,555.
- 7, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1,540.

- 8, Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 1,539.
- 9, n-Leroy Johnson, Chicago, 1,533.
- 10, (tie) Rick Minier, Houston, and Emilio Mora Sr., Defiance, Ohio, 1,528.
- 12, Charlie Tapp, Kalamazoo, Mich., 1,527.
- 13, Tommy Kress, Rochester, N.Y., 1,523.
- 14, John DiSantis, Wilmington, Del., 1,521.
- 15, Jerry Sikora, Lake Havasu, AZ, 1,520.
- 16, Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 1,500.
- 17, Mitchell Vernon, Olympia, Wash., 1,495.
- 18, n-Gary Kresse, Chandler, Ariz., 1,493.
- 19, Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 1,489.
- 20, n-George Phillips, Centreville, Mich., 1,487.
- 21, (tie) Mike Moore, Marietta, Ohio, and Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,485.
- 23, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,481.
- 24, Julius Mickel, Omaha, Neb., 1,475.
- 25, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1,473.
- 26, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,472.
- 27, n-Timothy Kauble, Marion, Ohio, 1,471.
- 28, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 1,469.
- 29, Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 1,467.
- 30, n-Jerome Woodfork, Rockford, Ill., 1,464.
- 31, (tie) n-William Essman, Angola, Ind., and Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 1,463.
- 33, Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., 1,462.

- 34, Bill Neumann, Rensselaer, N.Y., 1,458.
- 35, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,457.
- 36, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1,451.
- 37, Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., 1,450.
- 38, (tie) Mike Mineman, St Louis, Mo. and Bob Caruso, Dayton, N.J., 1,446.
- 40, Michael Tweed Sr., Camp Hill, Pa., 1,445.
- 41, Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C., 1,443.
- 42, Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, 1,442.
- 43, Gene Bruhl, Petaluma, Calif., 1,441.
- 44, Joe Salvemini, Colorado Springs, Colo., 1,440.
- 45, Jim Price, Harrisburg, N.C., 1,433.
- 46, James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 1,432.
- 47, William Peters, Dayton, Ohio, 1,427.
- 48, Conn Casey, Canada, 1,426.
- 49, (tie) Richard Hunt, Valparaiso, Ind., and Mark Everette, Aliquippa, Pa., 1,423.
- 51, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 1,421.
- 52, Lance Lorfeld, University Place, Wash., 1,420.
- 53, n-Earl Bell, Troy, Tenn., 1,419.
- 54, Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 1,418.
- 55, n-Peter Minaudo, Chesterfield, Mich., 1,410.
- 56, Gary Reh, Fort Mohave, Ariz., 1,409.
- 57, Lyle Zikes, Arlington Heights, Ill., 1,405.
- 58, n-Andrew Bizub, Huber Heights, Ohio, 1,395.

- 59, Marc Lineberry, Camanche, Iowa, 1,394.
- 60, Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 1,392.
- 61, (tie) Bill Sell, Menasha, Wis., and Dave Flemming, Fairborn, Ohio, 1,381.
- 63, Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 1,380.
- 64, Jim Heintz, St. Charles, Mo., 1,377.
- 65, Tom Howison, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,369.
- 66, (tie) Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, and Bob Chamberlain, The Villages, Fla., 1,367.
- 68, Chuck Richardson, The Villages, Fla., 1,366.
- 69, Greg Scheetz, Scottsdale, Ariz., 1,363.
- 70, Ron Boroff, Mansfield, Texas, 1,361.
- 71, Jim Dilyard, Burbank, Ohio, 1,360.
- 72, Steve Bova, Massapequa, N.Y., 1,359.
- 73, (tie) Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., and Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 1,356.
- 75, John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 1,355.
- 76, Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 1,350.
- 77, Michael Lucente, Warren, Mich., 1,340.
- 78, n-Dick Selgo, Archbold, Ohio, 1,338.
- 79, Charlie Tomey, Spartanburg, S.C., 1,337.
- 80, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 1,335.
- 81, Kurt Gengelbach, Lewisville, Texas, 1,334.
- 82, Dale Holgate, Peninsula, Ohio, 1,333.
- 83, Pete Bryan, Laurel, Del., 1,332.
- 84, n-Mike Haggerty, Montrose, Mich., 1,330.

- 85, n-Barry Gilitiuk, Mesa, Ariz., 1,321.
- 86, Dave Dunphy, Canada, 1,299.
- 87, n-Jay Young, Pemberville, Ohio, 1,291.
- 88, n-Roland Wright, Christianburg, Va., 1,282.
- 89, James Souder, Greeneville, Tenn., 1,266.
- 90, n-Mostafa Nejatbakhsh, Canada, 1,263.
- 91, Don Lane, San Francisco, 1,258.
- 92, Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 1,250.
- 93, Ken Waters, Kingsport, Tenn., 1,249.
- 94, Michael Chrzanowski, Shepherd, Mich., 1,241.
- 95, Dennis Lane, Kingsport, Tenn., 1,224.
- 96, Ron Glick, Morganville, N.J., 1,213.
- 97, Lucien Casagrande, Canada, 1,212.
- 98, Larry Graybeal, Elizabethton, Tenn., 1,210.

n – non-PBA member

Mark Williams Goes 5-1 in First Match Play Round to

Take PBA60 Dick Weber Championship Lead

32 players return for Friday morning's second match play round

to determine top five for stepladder finals

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (Aug. 8, 2019) – Seven-time Go Bowling! PBA Tour and three-time PBA50 Tour titlist Mark Williams of Beaumont, Texas, compiled a 5-1 match play record and averaged 230 for two rounds to take the lead in the PBA60 Dick Weber Championship presented by DeHayes Insurance Group and 900 Global Thursday at Pro Bowl West.

Williams, fifth after Wednesday's first round and eventually taking top qualifier honors after the second round earlier Thursday, finished the day with a 4,698 20-game pinfall total including 30 bonus pins for each win in match play.

"I got off to a great start in the first round but then had three 190 games to the end the round which was pretty discouraging," said the PBA Hall of Famer who owns two PBA Tournament of Champions titles. "The majority of the guys have been playing the outside even when the lane (condition) breaks down but I wasn't able to do that. I started outside but it became evident that as soon as the lanes broke down, I had to have a ball with a strong surface and had to moved inside to about fourth arrow."

After leading the first round, defending champion Ron Mohr found the going much tougher Thursday dropping to as low as 11th but then recovered to finish the day in seventh with a 2-4 record and 4,444 pinfall. The four-time and reigning PBA60 Player of the Year, who is a native of Fort Wayne, is on a string of six consecutive top-five PBA50/60 finishes including a win in the recent PBA50 David Small's Championship Lanes Classic.

The next three players in the standings also benefited from 5-1 records in match play. Rick Minier of Houston finished the day in second with 4,605, followed by Emilio Mora, Defiance, Ohio, 4,513, and two-time PBA50 Dick Weber Sportsmanship Award winner Chris Keane, Cape Coral, Florida, 4,487. Rounding out the top five was Sammy Ventura of Syracuse, New York (3-3), 4,479.

PBA60 David Small's JAX 60 National Championship winner Brian Voss made a big surge coming all the way from 51st after the first round to ninth with a 4,436 pinfall heading into Friday morning's second match play round. The Hall of Famer had a 4-2 record in the first match play round.

The 32-player match play field returns for the second match play round Friday at 8:30 a.m. ET which will determine the top five for the stepladder finals at noon.

Fans can catch all the final day action of the last tournament of the PBA50/60 Tour season via PBA's online streaming partner FloBowling. For subscription information visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com).

## PBA60 DICK WEBER CHAMPIONSHIP

Presented by DeHayes Insurance Group and 900 Global

Pro Bowl West, Fort Wayne, Ind., Thursday

THIRD ROUND RESULTS (after 20 games. Includes match play record and total pinfall including match play bonus pins. All 32 players advance to Friday morning's second match play round)

- 1, Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 5-1, 4,698.
- 2, Rick Minier, Houston, 5-1, 4,605.
- 3, Emilio Mora, Defiance, Ohio, 5-1, 4,513.
- 4, Chris Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 5-1, 4,487.
- 5, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3-3, 4,479.
- 6, Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 5-1, 4,462.
- 7, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 2-4, 4,444.
- 8, David Axon, Bellevue, Neb., 2-4, 4,440.
- 9, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 4-2, 4,436.
- 10, Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 4-2, 4,415.
- 11, Bob Caruso, Dayton, N.J., 5-1, 4,413.
- 12, Jerry Sikora, Lake Havasu, Ariz., 3-3, 4,402.
- 13, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 4-2, 4,401.
- 14, Toby Contreras, Lee's Summit, Mo., 3-3, 4,400.
- 15, n-William Essman, Angola, Ind., 3-3, 4,352.
- 16, Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C., 3-3, 4,319.
- 17, Mike Mineman, St Louis, 4-2, 4,309.
- 18, n-Leroy Johnson, Chicago, 4-2, 4,301.
- 19, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1-5, 4,293.
- 20, Gene Bruihl, Petaluma, Calif., 3-3, 4,282.
- 21, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 2-4, 4,268.
- 22, Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 3-3, 4,265.
- 23, James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 4-2, 4,229.
- 24, Mitchell Vernon, Olympia, Wash., 1-5, 4,226.
- 25, Tommy Kress, Rochester, N.Y., 3-3, 4,219.
- 26, Charlie Tapp, Kalamazoo, Mich., 2-4, 4,214.

- 27, Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, 1-5, 4,211.
- 28, Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 2-4, 4,186.
- 29, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1-5, 4,180.
- 30, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1-5, 4,161.
- 31, Conn Casey, Canada, 1-5, 4,143.
- 32, n-Jerome Woodfork, Rockford, Ill., 2-4, 4,067.

SECOND ROUND RESULTS (after 14 games. Top 32 advance to first match play round)

- 1, Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 3,188.
- 2, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,176.
- 3, Rick Minier, Houston, 3,164.
- 4, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3,154.
- 5, David Axon, Bellevue, Neb., 3,113.
- 6, Toby Contreras, Lee's Summit, Mo., 3,079.
- 7, Emilio Mora Sr., Defiance, Ohio, 3,070.
- 8, Mitchell Vernon, Olympia, Wash., 3,068.
- 9, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 3,067.
- 10, Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 3,064.
- 11, Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 3,024.
- 12, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3,017.
- 13, n-William Essman, Angola, Ind., 3,013.
- 14, (tie) Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., and Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3,005.
- 17, Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 2,996.
- 18, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 2,995.
- 19, Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C., 2,980.
- 20, Charlie Tapp, Kalamazoo, Mich., 2,972.
- 21, Mike Mineman, St Louis, 2,964.
- 22, Jerry Sikora, Lake Havasu, Ariz., 2,961.
- 23, Bob Caruso, Dayton, N.J., 2,956.
- 24, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 2,953.
- 25, Gene Bruihl, Petaluma, Calif., 2,945.
- 26, (tie) Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, and n-Leroy Johnson, Chicago, 2,935.
- 28, Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 2,931.
- 29, Tommy Kress, Rochester, N.Y., 2,929.
- 30, n-Jerome Woodfork, Rockford, Ill., 2,923.
- 31, James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 2,914.
- 32, Conn Casey, Canada, 2,899.

Did not advance:

- 33, n-Timothy Kauble, Marion, Ohio, 2,897.

- 34, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 2,892.
- 35, n-George Phillips, Centreville, Mich., 2,887.
- 36, William Peters, Dayton, Ohio, 2,882.
- 37, Bill Neumann, Rensselaer, N.Y., 2,881.
- 38, n-Gary Kresse, Chandler, Ariz., 2,878.
- 39, Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 2,876.
- 40, n-Earl Bell, Troy, Tenn., 2,865.
- 41, (tie) Jim Heintz, St. Charles, Mo., and Lance Lorfeld, University Place, Wash., 2,863.
- 43, John DiSantis, Wilmington, Del., 2,860.
- 44, Michael Tweed Sr., Camp Hill, Pa., 2,854.
- 45, Marc Lineberry, Camanche, Iowa, 2,852.
- 46, Mark Everette, Aliquippa, Pa., 2,851.
- 47, Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., 2,849.
- 48, Henry Dawson, Elma, Wash., 2,842.
- 49, Richard Hunt, Valparaiso, Ind., 2,838.
- 50, Mike Moore, Marietta, Ohio, 2,833.
- 51, Joe Salvemini, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2,831.
- 52, Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., 2,827.
- 53, Lyle Zikes, Arlington Heights, Ill., 2,826.
- 54, Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 2,820.
- 55, Julius Mickel, Omaha, Neb., 2,815.
- 56, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 2,813.
- 57, Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 2,810.
- 58, Gary Reh, Fort Mohave, Ariz., 2,809.
- 59, Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 2,800.
- 60, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 2,796.
- 61, Jim Dilyard, Burbank, Ohio, 2,783.
- 62, Bill Sell, Menasha, Wis., 2,782.
- 63, (tie) Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., and Dave Flemming, Fairborn, Ohio, 2,778.
- 65, Kurt Gengelbach, Lewisville, Texas, 2,766.
- 66, Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 2,757.
- 67, n-Dick Selgo, Archbold, Ohio, 2,754.
- 68, n-Peter Minaudo, Chesterfield, Mich., 2,749.
- 69, Michael Lucente, Warren, Mich., 2,745.
- 70, Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 2,743.
- 71, Chuck Richardson, The Villages, Fla., 2,741.
- 72, Jim Price, Harrisburg, N.C., 2,732.
- 73, Greg Scheetz, Scottsdale, Ariz., 2,727.
- 74, Steve Bova, Massapequa, N.Y., 2,712.
- 75, n-Andrew Bizub, Huber Heights, Ohio, 2,711.
- 76, Tom Howison, Chillicothe, Ohio, 2,695.
- 77, Ron Boroff, Mansfield, Texas, 2,693.
- 78, Charlie Tomey, Spartanburg, S.C., 2,687.
- 79, n-Barry Gilitiuk, Mesa, Ariz., 2,668.
- 80, Don Lane, San Francisco, 2,667.
- 81, Pete Bryan, Laurel, Del., 2,656.

- 82, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 2,638.
- 83, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 2,627.
- 84, n-Mike Haggerty, Montrose, Mich., 2,605.
- 85, Dave Dunphy, Canada, 2,582.
- 86, Larry Graybeal, Elizabethton, Tenn., 2,581.
- 87, Dale Holgate, Peninsula, Ohio, 2,579.
- 88, n-Jay Young, Pemberville, Ohio, 2,578.
- 89, Ken Waters, Kingsport, Tenn., 2,577.
- 90, Michael Chrzanowski, Shepherd, Mich., 2,566.
- 91, Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 2,547.
- 92, n-Roland Wright, Christianburg, Va., 2,520.
- 93, Dennis Lane, Kingsport, Tenn., 2,517.
- 94, Ron Glick, Morganville, N.J., 2,454.
- 95, Lucien Casagrande, Canada, 2,449.
- 96, James Souder, Greeneville, Tenn., 2,366.
- 97, Bob Chamberlain, The Villages, Fla., 1,367.
- 98, n-Mostafa Nejatbakhsh, Canada, 1,263.

300 game – Tom Carter

n – indicates non-PBA member

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## PBA Spare Shots

### **PBA50 STARS TO BOWL FOR U.S. IN WORLD SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Four PBA50 superstars – **Walter Ray Williams Jr., Parker Bohn III, Lennie Boresch Jr. and Ron Mohr** – will represent the United States in the 2019 World Bowling Senior Championships Sept. 3-9 at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas along with four equally talented 50-and-older women stars.

Nearly 260 senior bowlers representing 41 countries are expected to compete for medals in singles, doubles, four-player team, all-events and masters competitions.

Williams has just completed a three-title PBA50 Tour season in which he earned Player of the Year honors for the third time after tying the record for career PBA50 Tour titles with 14. Bohn is a 35-time PBA Tour winner and a four-time PBA50 Tour titlist. Mohr has just earned PBA60 Player of the Year honors for the fourth consecutive year. All three are PBA Hall of Famers while Boresch, a four-time PBA50 Tour winner, is a member of the USBC Hall of Fame.

On the women's side, **Leanne Hulsenberg**, **Tish Johnson** and **Luci Sandelin** are USBC Hall of Famers (Hulsenberg and Johnson also are members of the PWBA Hall of Fame). **Sharon Powers** will make her debut as a Team USA representative.

In the inaugural World Senior Championships in 2015, the U.S. swept gold medals in every event. In 2017, the team almost repeated, winning every event except women's doubles where it won silver and bronze medals.

### **LEN NICHOLSON'S BOOK TO BENEFIT IBMA SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

PBA Hall of Famer **Len Nicholson**'s latest book, "Stone 8," provides insights into the "60 greatest moments in PBA history" as celebrated during the organization's 60th anniversary season in 2018, and it'll also benefit the International Bowling Media Association's Chuck Pezzano Scholarship fund.

Nicholson's book, illustrated by **Sam Villareale**, is available for \$27.50 including shipping, handling, taxes and scholarship donation. To order, click here: <https://jackie-wyckoff.square.site/>.

About the book, Bowlers Journal International senior editor and PBA Hall of Famer **Bob Johnson** noted, "If a picture really does say a thousand words, then it would take 60,000 words to fully describe the artwork of Sam Villareale, whose drawings help bring the stories of legendary lane man Len Nicholson to life. Here's an opportunity to relive the top 60 moments in PBA history in both words and drawings - the words of a man who witnessed many of those moments and the drawings of a man whose talents span several art genres. No bowling library is complete without this book."

### **PBA HALL OF FAMER RANDY PEDERSEN TO JOIN "NATIONAL BOWLING DAY" CELEBRATION**

PBA Hall of Famer and veteran color analyst **Randy Pedersen** will participate along with Bowling Proprietors' Association of America President **Randy Thompson** and PWBA champion **Rocio Restrepo** in a National Bowling Day celebration on the set of FOX and Friends in New York City Saturday morning.

In addition to taking about the role of bowling in society, the bowling guests will offer bowling tips to the FOX and Friends hosts, and introduce the Go Bowling Pin Car that will be on display on the FOX Plaza in New York. The show will air Saturday from 6-10 a.m. Eastern.

## **PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: TEENAGE SON OF PBA TITLIST WINS IN PBA EAST REGION**

**Anthony Neuer** of Lewisburg, Pa., the 17-year-old son of PBA Tour titlist **Andy Neuer**, rolled two clutch strikes in the 10th frame to defeat **Anthony Pepe** of Long Island City, N.Y., 256-247, in the championship match of the PBA Bowlers Supply/Storm Open at Colony Park Lanes North Sunday.

Neuer, an accomplished bowler with two USBC Junior Gold Titles, advanced to the semifinal round in this same event in 2018. The future McKendree University student earned \$2,500 in scholarship money as he became the second youngest amateur to win a PBA Regional event at the age of 17 years, 100 days. The youngest bowler to win a PBA Regional was **Wesley Low Jr.** at 15 years, 336 days, who won a PBA West Region tournament in Las Vegas in 2013.

Neuer qualified ninth and defeated **Mark Scuderi Jr.** of E. Rochester, N.Y., 2-0; **Tommy Gollick** of Oberlin, Pa., 2-0, and qualifying leader **Kenneth Ryan** of Farmingdale, N.J., 2-0, in best-of-three-game elimination matches before defeating **Ryan Shafer**, 279-187, in the semifinal match.

Pepe, a two-time Bowlers Supply Open champion, qualified third and defeated **Tim Foy Jr.** of Seaford, Del., 2-0, and **Paul Bajorski** of Islip, N.Y., 223-216, in the semifinal round to advance to the final match. Pepe earned \$1,300 as the runner-up. Bajorski and Shafer earned \$1,000 apiece as semifinal round losers.

- Seven-time PBA Tour titlist **Dick Allen** of Lexington, S.C., won the 31st PBA Crystal Automotive Spring Hill South Open presented by Track Sunday at Spring Hill Lanes, defeating non-PBA member **Colin Champion** of Spring Hill, Fla., 247-234, in the title match.

Allen, a 40-year-old PBA Tour veteran, previously won the Spring Hill tournament 15 years ago at the age of 25. In addition to winning his 25th PBA Regional title, Allen also took home the \$2,500 first prize.

While Allen waited in the wings as the No. 1 qualifier, Champion eliminated fellow non-pro **Sean Riccardi** of St. Petersburg, Fla., in the opening stepladder match, 254-213, and **Cristian Azcona** of Puerto Rico, 224-217, in the semifinal match.

The Spring Hill event is the PBA South Region's longest-running tournament.

- Topping the PBA's Aug. 9-11 weekend schedule of Regional tournaments will be the PBA50 Progressive/Gerdeman Insurance Agency/Al Smith Chrysler/Dodge/Jeep Central/Midwest Classic at Al-Mar Colonial Lanes in Bowling Green, Ohio; the Lakewood Storm Southwest Open presented by New American Funding at Holiday Lanes in Lakewood, Colo., and the Tony Reyes Memorial West/Northwest Member/Non-Member Doubles presented by Ebonite at Fourth Street Bowl in San Jose, Calif.

- The Aug. 16-18 PBA Regional calendar includes the PBA50 Greater Jasper Central/Midwest Open at Eastown Recreation in Jasper, Ind.; the Emerald Bowl Southwest Challenge for non-champions Houston, Texas, and the Dave Husted Northwest/West Open presented by Hammer at Husted's Milwaukie Bowl in Milwaukie, Ore.
- The PBA's schedule of Regional tournaments over the Aug. 23-25 weekend will be the PBA50 Sky Lanes Asheville South Open in Asheville, N.C., and the PBA50 Coldwater/Roto Grip Central/Midwest Open at Pla-Mor Lanes in Coldwater, Ohio.
- The PBA closes its August schedule of Regional activity with the PBA60 Kingsport Super Senior South Open presented by Storm at Warpath Lanes in Kingsport, Tenn., Aug. 26-28, followed by the PBA60 Wilson & Sons Pest Control Super Senior Open at Victory Lanes Family Entertainment Center in Mooresville, Tenn., Aug. 29-31. The end-of-month weekend also includes the PBA50 Strike Zone Alleys Eastern Open presented by Hammer in Pottsville, Pa.; the PBA Illinois Valley Midwest Open at I.V. Super Bowl in Peru, Ill., and the PBA50 Mooresville South Open presented By Columbia 300 at Victory Lanes Family Entertainment Center in Mooresville, N.C.
- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit [pba.com](http://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](http://pba.com) (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

## QUICK NOTES

- Bowling fans who raise questions about the decorum of the unique fandom at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, are encouraged to read the insightful feature story by **Bryan Curtis** for TheRinger.com. You can find the intriguing perspective by a non-bowler in his feature, "Can Bowling Win Over the 'Lebowski' Generation?" at this link: "<https://www.theringer.com/sports/2019/7/25/20726901/bowling-pba-tv-kyle-troup-big-lebowski-rob-stone-fox-sports>."
- Action resumes Saturday and Sunday in the FloBowling PBA Summer Tour points competition when AMF Western Branch in Chesapeake, Va., hosts the PBA Harry O'Neale Chesapeake Open, followed immediately by the PBA Wilmington Open Aug. 13-14 at Ten Pin Alley Family Fun Center in Wilmington, N.C. Updated points standings will follow each Summer Tour event at this link: <https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/PointsList/132?list=10>. The FloBowling PBA Summer Tour points competitions also will determine the USBC Cup points leaders, and the eight qualifiers for both the FloBowling PBA ATX Invite and the PBA China Tiger Cup Invitational.

## **Mark Williams Wins PBA60 Dick Weber Championship for First PBA60 Title**

*PBA Hall of Famer outlasts Rick Minier with 177-175 title match win*

**FORT WAYNE, Ind. (Aug. 9, 2019)** – Seven-time Go Bowling! PBA Tour and three-time PBA50 Tour titlist Mark Williams defeated Rick Minier 177-175 in the title match to win the PBA60 Dick Weber Championship presented by DeHayes Insurance Group and 900 Global Friday at Pro Bowl West for his first PBA60 title.

In the final tournament of the 2019 PBA50/60 season and third event for players 60 and over, both Williams and Minier struggled in the title match with three open frames each. Minier's most costly open came in the ninth when he left a 7-10 split.

Williams, who was the top seed for the stepladder finals, was working on a double heading into the 10th frame but got a scare when he left the 2-10 split after a light hit on his first shot of the frame. The resulting eight-count turned out to be enough to win the match.

"I knew I needed eight to be safe but it turned out I was lucky to get it," the 61-year-old PBA Hall of Famer said. "I got the ball a little wide and it didn't hook back like I thought it would. Sometimes you need breaks to win and I guess that was the one I needed."

The low-scoring title match came as a surprise to Williams after a relatively high-scoring semifinal match in which Minier, the No. 2 seed for the finals, beat No. 5 seed Hall of Famer Brian Voss 279-228.

"I think the conditions really changed and caught both of us by surprise," Williams said of the title match. "The way those guys were bowling I thought it would take 220 or 230 at least to win. I would have never thought that the (title) match would have been below 200."

The stepladder finals started with Voss, trying for his second consecutive PBA60 title after winning the David Small's JAX 60 National Championship Monday, beating No. 4 seed Jerry Sikora, coming off a third-place finish in the JAX 60 National Championship, 246-226. Voss then went on to beat Emilio Mora 246-169 in the second stepladder match to advance to the semifinal.

Mora, trying for his first "senior" title, made a remarkable run to earn the No. 3 seed for the finals posting an 11-1 record in match play.

Defending champion and Fort Wayne native Ron Mohr, who was trying for his third PBA60 title, finished sixth ending his streak of six consecutive PBA50/60 tournament top-five finishes. The four-time and reigning PBA60 Player of the Year missed the stepladder final after losing his position round match to Mora 191-177.

**PBA60 DICK WEBER CHAMPIONSHIP  
Presented by DeHayes Insurance Group and 900 Global  
Pro Bowl West, Fort Wayne, Ind., Friday**

**Final Standings:**

- 1, Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, \$7,500.
- 2, Rick Minier, Houston, \$4,000.
- 3, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., \$2,500.
- 4, Emilio Mora Sr., Defiance, Ohio, \$2,000.
- 5, Jerry Sikora, Lake Havasu, Ariz., \$1,750.

**Stepladder Results:**

Match One – Voss def. Sikora, 246-226.

Match Two – Voss def. Mora, 246-169.

Semifinal Match – Minier def. Voss, 279-228

Championship Match – Williams def. Minier, 177-175.

**FOURTH ROUND RESULTS (includes match play record, 26-game pinfall totals, including match play bonus pins. Top five advance to stepladder finals)**

- 1, Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 8-4, 6,109.
- 2, Rick Minier, Houston, 8-4, 6,002.
- 3, Emilio Mora Sr., Defiance, Ohio, 11-1, 5,913
- 4, Jerry Sikora, Lake Havasu, Ariz., 7-5, 5,905
- 5, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 9-3, 5,896.
- 6, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 5-7, 5,849, \$1,500.
- 7, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 6-6, 5,829, \$1,450.
- 8, Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 8-4, 5,807, \$1,425.
- 9, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 7-5, 5,806, \$1,400.
- 10, David Axon, Bellevue, Neb., 4-8, 5,785, \$1,375.
- 11, Bob Caruso, Dayton, N.J., 9-3, 5,767, \$1,350.
- 12, Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C., 7-5, 5,731, \$1,325.
- 13, Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 7-5, 5,727, \$1,300.
- 14, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 7-5, 5,695, \$1,275.
- 15, Toby Contreras, Lee's Summit, Mo., 5-7, 5,681, \$1,250.
- 16, Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 7-5, 5,662, \$1,225.
- 17, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 4-8, 5,657, \$1,200.
- 18, Dale Csuhata, Wadsworth, Ohio, 4-8, 5,652, \$1,190.
- 19, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 4-8, 5,649, \$1,180.
- 20, Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 6-6, 5,635, \$1,170.
- 21, Tommy Kress, Rochester, N.Y., 7-5, 5,630, \$1,160.
- 22, n-Leroy Johnson, Chicago, 7-5, 5,629, \$1,150.
- 23, Mitchell Vernon, Olympia, Wash., 5-7, 5,628, \$1,145.
- 24, James Storts, Westfield, Ind., 7-5, 5,618, \$1,140.
- 25, Mike Mineman, St Louis, 6-6, 5,586, \$1,135.
- 26, (tie) Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 4-8, 5,574, and William Essman, Angola, Ind., 4-8, 5,574, \$1,128.
- 28, Charlie Tapp, Kalamazoo, Mich., 4-8, 5,495, \$1,120.
- 29, Gene Bruhl, Petaluma, Calif., 4-8, 5,488, \$1,115.
- 30, Conn Casey, Canada, 4-8, 5,430, \$1,110.
- 31, n-Jerome Woodfork, Rockford, Ill., 5-7, 5,368, \$1,105.
- 32, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 2-10, 5,340, \$1,100.

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## England's Barrett Leads PBA Harry O'Neale Chesapeake Open Qualifying

Hall of Famer Chris Barnes trails by two pins heading into Sunday's cashers round

CHESAPEAKE, Va. (Aug. 10, 2019) – England's Dom Barrett, in pursuit of his eighth Professional Bowlers Association Tour title, averaged 227 Saturday at AMF North Branch to take the qualifying lead in the PBA Harry O'Neale Chesapeake Open.

Barrett, who is looking for his first title of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season, rolled games of 225, 256, 227, 268, 231, 172, 224 and 214 for an eight-game total of 1,817 pins and a two-pin lead over PBA Hall of Famer Chris Barnes heading into Sunday's cashers round.

Rounding out the top five among the 48 qualifiers who advanced were Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania with 1,752 pins in third place followed by 2017 PBA Rookie of the Year Matt Sanders of Evansville, Indiana at 1,743 and hometown favorite Steven Arehart of Chesapeake with a 1,731 total. Dick Allen of Lexington, South Carolina, who won the last Chesapeake Open held in 2017, survived the cashers round cut in a tie for 47th place with 1,608 pins.

The Harry O'Neale Chesapeake Open is named in honor of the long-time PBA South Region manager who was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in 2016 for his service to

the organization. The tournament is the third of 10 events that are part of the FloBowling PBA Summer Tour.

Competition resumes Sunday with a four-game cashers round for the top 48 qualifiers at 9 a.m. The top 16 after 12 games will advance to the three-game Round of 16 at 11:30 a.m. Fifteen-game pinfall totals will reduce the field to 8 players who will bowl an additional two games at 1:30 p.m. to decide the four players for the stepladder finals at 3 p.m. All times are Eastern.

All of Sunday's competition will be livestreamed on FloBowling. For subscription information, visit [FloBowling.com](http://FloBowling.com).

## PBA HARRY O'NEALE CHESAPEAKE OPEN

AMF North Branch, Chesapeake, Va., Saturday

Final Qualifying Standings (after 8 games; top 48 advance to cashers round Sunday at 9 a.m.):

1, Dom Barrett, England, 1,817.

2, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,815.

- 3, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,752.
- 4, Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 1,743.
- 5, Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 1,731.
- 6, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 1,727.
- 7, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 1,714.
- 8, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,702.
- 9, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 1,695.
- 10, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 1,692.
- 11, n-Josh Garner, Hampton, Va., 1,687.
- 12, Michael Martell, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1,686.
- 13, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 1,681.
- 14, Trevor Roberts, Crystal River, Fla., 1,680.
- 15 (tie), Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C.; Russ Oviatt, Chandler, Ariz., and AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,668.
- 18, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,664.
- 19, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 1,663.
- 20, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 1,661.
- 21, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 1,655.
- 22, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 1,652.
- 23, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 1,646.
- 24 (tie), Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., and Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,645.
- 26, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 1,643.
- 27, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 1,641.
- 28, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 1,640.

29, Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., 1,639.

30 (tie), Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., and Victor Florie Jr, Richmond, Va., 1,630.

32, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,627.

33, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 1,625.

34, Tim Pfeifer, Oakdale, Pa., 1,624.

35, n-Ricky Boyters, Newport News, Va., 1,621.

35, Kip Roberts, Glen Allen, Va., 1,621.

37, Chris Polizzi, Spring Hill, Fla., 1,620.

38, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,619.

39, Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, NJ, 1,618.

40, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 1,616.

41 (tie), Jeff Keller, Chesapeake, Va., and Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,615.

43, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 1,613.

44 (tie), James Grago, Hampstead, N.C., and n-Allen Levet, Glen Allen, Va., 1,610.

46, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,609.

47 (tie), Osku Palermmaa, Finland, and Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 1,608.

Failed to advance:

49, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 1,607.

50, Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 1,604.

51, Tom Sorce, Blasdell, N.Y., 1,600.

52, Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., 1,593.

52, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 1,593.

54, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 1,590.

55, Mike Preston, Gainesville, Fla., 1,583.

56, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 1,582.

57, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 1,577.

58, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 1,572.

59, Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 1,564.

60, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 1,562.

61, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 1,561.

62, Francois Louw, South Africa, 1,560.

63, Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1,556.

63, Jeffrey Campbell, Newport News, Va, 1,556.

63, Chris Bolosan, Newport News, Va., 1,556.

66, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 1,552.

67, Zachary Tackett, Virginia Beach, Va., 1,550.

68, William Svensson, Sweden, 1,549.

68, Anthony Pepe, East Elmhurst, N.Y., 1,549.

68, Ronnie Horton, Christiansburg, Va., 1,549.

71, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,548.

71, Oskar Wirefeldt, Sweden, 1,548.

73, John Furey, Howell, N.J., 1,546.

74, Leon Platt, Summerville, S.C., 1,545.

75, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 1,541.

76, Zach Doty, Campbellsville, Ky., 1,540.

77, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 1,538.

78, Bryan Gallahan, Fredericksburg, Va, 1,536.

79, Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 1,531.

80, Cody Mullis, Crystal River, Fla., 1,524.

81, Scott Schnur, Jr., Chruchville, Md., 1,520.

82, n-Jeremy Merriner, Winchester, Va., 1,517.

83, n-Roscoe Pretlow, Chesapeake, Va., 1,516.

84, Troy McKinney, Yorktown, Va., 1,513.

85, Stuart Williams, England, 1,509.

86, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 1,505.

87, Robert Riggle, Virginia Beach, Va., 1,500.

88, Christopher Glaz, Huntersville, N.C., 1,493.

89, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 1,491.

90, Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 1,490.

91, Jeff Beasley, Angier, N.C., 1,487.

92, Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,484.

93, ss-David Martin, Chesapeake, Va., 1,483.

94, Adam Van Fleet, Haw River, N.C., 1,481.

94, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,481.

96, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 1,480.

97, n-Adam Meads, Harbinger, N.C., 1,476.

98, Mathew Woodall, Norfolk, Va., 1,469.

98, Kevin Fischer, Winter Park, Fla., 1,469.

100, Keith Laing, Oakdale, Conn., 1,468.

101, Anthony Petrello, Chesapeake, Va., 1,466.

102, Nicholas Vanderwende, Ephrata, Pa., 1,465.

102, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 1,465.

104, Joseph Grago, Hampstead, N.C., 1,464.

105, Wayne Bolin, Lumberton, N.C., 1,460.

106, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 1,455.

107, Sam Cooley, Australia, 1,445.

108, Gordon Hope III, Chesapeake, Va., 1,441.

109, Rebecca Glazier, Hampton, Va., 1,439.

110, n-David Schmidtman, Norfolk, Va., 1,438.

110, Roy Davis, Lumberton, N.C., 1,438.

112, n-Jacob Johnson Jr., Portsmouth, VA., 1,434.

113, Isaac Kim, Lebanon, Pa., 1,431.

114, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 1,425.

115, n-Tyler Michel, Chesapeake, Va., 1,423.

116, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, IL, 1,414.

117, Malcolm Ames, Manassas Park, Va., 1,402.

117, Russell Sawyers, Culpeper, Va., 1,402.

119, n-Ashley Scott, Chesapeake, Va., 1,401.

120, David Powers, Newport News, Va., 1,389.

121, Leland Nunez, Virginia Beach, Va., 1,380.

122, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,379.

123, n-Calvin Clark, Newport News, Va., 1,376.

124, Maurice Frazier, Suffolk, Va., 1,368.

125, Leonardo Apollonia, Raleigh, N.C., 1,364.

126, ss-Richard Thompson, Seaford, Va., 1,361.

127, Kelly Lake, East Palatka, Fla., 1,358.

128, Mark Tarkington, Elizabeth City, N.C., 1,352.

129, Mark Young II, Hampton, Va., 1,350.

130, n-Anna Laughlin, Newport News, Va., 1,347.

131, Tim Davidson Jr., Clifton, Va., 1,338.

132, Sean Matthews, Henrico, N.C., 1,337.

133, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 1,335.

133, Brian Levine, Knightdale, N.C., 1,335.

135, n-Anthony Petranek, Norwich, Ct., 1,319.

136, ss-Barry Sprouse, Hampton, Va., 1,318.

137, Tyler Rinehart, Virginia Beach, Va., 1,317.

138, Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., 1,313.

139, Nicholas Hardy, Glen Burnie, Md., 1,279.

140, Michael Maserang, Tucson, Ariz., 1,273.

141, Clifford Stanley II, Virginia Beach, Va., 1,269.

142, n-John Belt, Midlothian, Va., 1,257.

143, Jacobi Brinkley, Suffolk, Va., 1,211.

144, Joshua Tison, Cumming, Ga., 1,196.

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## **Bill O'Neill Wins PBA Harry O'Neale Chesapeake Open for 11th Career Title**

*Top qualifier closes with four strikes to turn back AJ Chapman's bid for his first PBA Tour title*

**CHESAPEAKE, Va. (Aug. 11, 2019)** – Top qualifier Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania, finished with four strikes to turn back a rally by AJ Chapman of Manchester, Iowa, and win the Go Bowling! Professional Bowlers Association Tour's Harry O'Neale Chesapeake Open Sunday at AMF Western Branch.

O'Neill, who earned his 11th career PBA Tour title and second of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season, jumped into an early lead with five strikes to start the title match while Chapman left a 3-6-7-10 split and failed to convert in his third frame. Chapman, the No. 2 qualifier, rallied behind a string of four strikes to close his deficit to three pins, but O'Neill struck out to end Chapman's bid for his first PBA Tour title.

"Everything this week, with the urethane equipment I was using, was about staying slow," O'Neill said. "Just to win an event when you're not playing your 'A' game means a lot.

"I've worked on my game a lot this year, mainly on ball speed," he continued. "I throw it too hard when I'm doing bad, but I'm bowling a lot smarter and I think the end of the game showed that."

In the midst of arguably his best season in his 14-year career, the 37-year-old O'Neill has had third, fourth and fifth place finishes in addition to winning the PBA Hall of Fame Classic to start the year and later finishing second in the inaugural PBA Playoffs.

Greg Young Jr. of Viera, Florida, a 23-year-old rookie who had not finished higher than 30th in any previous PBA Tour appearance, eliminated 10-time PBA Tour champion Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, 216-192, in the first match of the four-player stepladder finals. But Young ran into immediate trouble in the semifinal match against Chapman, leaving splits that resulted in three unconverted spares in the first five frames as Chapman coasted to a 233-160 victory.

The Harry O'Neale Chesapeake Open, named in honor of the long-time PBA South Region manager who was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in 2016, was the third of 10 events that are part of the FloBowling PBA Summer Tour. The FloBowling PBA Summer Tour resumes Tuesday at Ten Pin Alley Family Fun Center in Wilmington, North Carolina, with an eight-game qualifying round in the PBA Wilmington Open.

The Wilmington Open will be livestreamed in its entirety Tuesday and Wednesday on FloBowling, followed by the PBA Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic from Mid-County Bowling and Entertainment in Middletown, Delaware, Saturday and Sunday. For subscription information, visit FloBowling.com.

For current FloBowling PBA Summer Tour competition points standings that affect the USBC Cup, FloBowling PBA ATX Invite and PBA China Tiger Cup invitation lists, visit <https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/PointsLists/132>.

### **PBA HARRY O'NEALE CHESAPEAKE OPEN AMF Western Branch, Chesapeake, Va., Sunday**

#### **Final Standings:**

1, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., \$10,000,

- 2, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, \$5,000.
- 3, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., \$3,000.
- 4, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, \$2,500.

**Playoff Results:**

Match One – Young def. Malott, 216-192.

Semifinal Match – Chapman def. Young, 233-160.

Championship – O'Neill def. Chapman, 257-216.

**Final Round of 8 Standings (after 17 games; top 4 advanced):**

- 1, O'Neill, 3,719.
- 2, Chapman, 3,677.
- 3, Malott, 3,659.
- 4, Young, 3,647.
- 5, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 3,622, \$2,100.
- 6, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 3,606, \$1,800.
- 7, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 3,576, \$1,500.
- 8, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 3,531, \$1,300.

**Round of 16 Cashers (after 15 games, top 8 advanced):**

- 9, Dom Barrett, England, 3,155, \$1,200.
- 10, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 3,128, \$1,100.
- 11, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 3,126, \$1,000.
- 12, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 3,115, \$900.
- 13, Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 3,112, \$875.
- 14, Tim Pfeifer, Oakdale, Pa., 3,109, \$850.
- 15, n-Ricky Boyters, Newport News, Va., 3,074, \$825.
- 16, Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 3,051, \$800.

**Other Cashers Round (after 12 games; top 16 advanced):**

- 17 (tie), Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., and Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 2,502, \$763.
- 19, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 2,500, \$745.
- 20, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,499, \$740.
- 21, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 2,494, \$735.
- 22, Michael Martell, Brooklyn, N.Y., 2,490, \$730.
- 23, Russ Oviatt, Chandler, Ariz., 2,487, \$725.
- 24 (tie), Kip Roberts, Glen Allen, Va., and Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., 2,483, \$718.
- 26, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 2,475, \$710.
- 27, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2,473, \$705.
- 28, Jeff Keller, Chesapeake, Va., 2,466, \$700.
- 29, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 2,463, \$695.
- 30, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 2,452, \$690.
- 31, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,449, \$685.
- 32, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 2,447, \$680.
- 33 (tie), Chris Polizzi, Spring Hill, Fla., and Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 2,441, \$673.
- 35, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,437, \$665.
- 36, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,434, \$660.
- 37, n-Josh Garner, Hampton, Va., 2,422, \$655.
- 38, Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, NJ, 2,420, \$650.
- 39, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 2,410, \$645.
- 40, Victor Florie Jr, Richmond, Va., 2,404, \$640.
- 41, James Grago, Hampstead, N.C., 2,400, \$635.
- 42, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 2,397, \$630.

43, Trevor Roberts, Crystal River, Fla., 2,395, \$625.  
44, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 2,379, \$620.  
45, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 2,367, \$615.  
46, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 2,340, \$610.  
47, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 2,328, \$605.  
48, n-Allen Levet, Glen Allen, Va., 2,230, \$600.  
n-denotes non-PBA member.

### **PBA WILMINGTON OPEN**

**(A 2019 FloBowling PBA Summer Tour event)**

**Ten Pin Alley Family Fun Center, Wilmington, N.C. (All times Eastern)**

#### **Monday, Aug. 12**

4 p.m. - Practice Session  
5 p.m. – New player orientation meeting  
6:30 p.m. - Pro-am

#### **Tuesday, Aug. 13**

9 a.m. - A Squad, eight qualifying games  
3 p.m. - B Squad, eight qualifying games  
Top 1/3 of field advances to cashers round

#### **Wednesday, Aug. 14**

9 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)  
3 p.m. – Top 4 stepladder finals

### **PBA GENE CARTER'S PRO SHOP CLASSIC**

**(A 2019 FloBowling PBA Summer Tour event)**

**Mid-County Bowling and Entertainment, Middletown, Del., Aug. 16-18 (all times Eastern)**

#### **Friday, Aug. 16**

11 a.m. - Practice session  
2:30 p.m. – AB Sports Youth Scholarship Pro-am  
5:15 and 8 p.m. – Anchor Buick-GMC/Williams Chevrolet adult pro-am squads

#### **Saturday, Aug. 17**

8 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 cashers round

#### **Sunday, Aug. 18**

9 a.m. – Cashers round, 4 games (top 16 after 11 games advance to match play)  
12:30 p.m. – Top 16, 12 games modified round robin match play (top four after 23 games advance to stepladder finals)  
5 p.m. - Top 4 stepladder finals

## Sweden's Martin Larsen Struck by Car, Injured in Virginia Beach

*European PBA veteran "really fortunate that I'm alive"*

### Story by Lucas Wiseman for FloBowling

**CHESAPEAKE, Va.** — PBA Tour veteran Martin Larsen of Sweden was seriously injured when he was struck by a car last Thursday in Virginia Beach, Virginia, prior to the start of the PBA Harry O'Neale Chesapeake Open. The news was first reported by FloBowling senior editor Lucas Wiseman.

Larsen, 40, was walking with fellow bowler Fran Louw of South Africa when he was struck in the middle of an intersection while attempting to cross the street. Larsen said he was thrown 40 feet down the road as a result of the accident.

Larsen told FloBowling he was hospitalized for two nights with a broken left wrist, 59 stitches in his upper left arm, a broken rib and other various injuries. Fortunately, none of the injuries were life-threatening, but his 2019 season is over.

"I feel really fortunate looking back on it," Larsen told Wiseman. "I just can't understand how my legs are not broken, and how I don't have a real bad headache. It's really fortunate that I'm alive, and I'm not more hurt than I am."

Larsen said he and Louw drove to the tourist district along the beach to see the sights and enjoy dinner. When they returned to their rental car, they found it had been towed because it was illegally parked. The impound lot was just over a mile away, Larsen said, so they decided to walk to retrieve their vehicle. Along the way, Larsen said they reached an intersection where they waited "a long time" for a crossing signal.

"When the cars stopped, we thought it was our turn," Larsen said. "Stupid enough, we didn't pay attention to the lights. There was a car coming from the third lane. We didn't see it and they didn't see us."

Larsen said he was slowed down because he was carrying a case of bottled water on his shoulder, while Louw was in front of him, which is why Louw wasn't hit.

"It's a lifetime lesson learned," Larsen said. "You have to do what you say to the kids and wait until it's your turn to cross. Next time I'm going to be a little more careful."

Larsen, who flew home to Sweden, said he was thankful most of the injuries were to his left arm and not his bowling arm.

"My right arm is totally fine except for some bruises," Larsen said. "The left wrist is going to be in a cast for five weeks. I don't know how long it takes for the rest of the body to heal up."

Larsen, long considered one of Europe's premier players, has bowled in PBA Tour competition since 2009 with a second-place finish in the 2014 PBA Scorpion Championship his best among six top-five finishes. He was the recipient of the 2012 Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award, selected by his fellow competitors.

## Butturff, Sherman Retain Top Spots in FloBowling PBA Summer Tour Points

*Harry O'Neale Chesapeake Open winner Bill O'Neill jumps from 35th place to fourth*

**CHICAGO** — Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona, and Kyle Sherman of O'Fallon, Missouri retained the top two spots on the FloBowling PBA Summer Tour competition points list following the conclusion of the PBA Harry O'Neale Chesapeake Open Sunday, but Chesapeake winner Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania, and runner-up AJ Chapman of Manchester, Iowa, made big moves after the third event in the 10-event program.

Butturff and Sherman, who were tied for first place prior to Chesapeake, were separated into first and second places, respectively, based on their 12th and tied-for-17th finishes, respectively. Butturff won the Summer Tour opener in Lubbock, Texas; Sherman teamed with PWBA titlist Amanda Greene to win his first PBA Tour title in the Storm PBA-PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles in Houston.

AJ Johnson of Oswego, Illinois, was in third place going into Chesapeake and retained his position after an 11th place finish.

O'Neill, ranked 35th after the Summer Tour's first two events, moved into fourth place, picking up 2,500 points in the Tier 2 tournament. Chapman, in 31st place prior to Chesapeake, climbed into fifth place after earning 1,500 as runner-up.

The FloBowling PBA Summer Tour points race involves incentives including bonus cash to the top five in the USBC Cup points standings, eight berths in the end-of-summer FloBowling ATX Invite and eight expenses-paid trips to China for the inaugural PBA China Tiger Cup in November. All are part of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule.

The second stop on the eastern swing – the PBA Wilmington Open – is set for Tuesday and Wednesday at Ten Pin Alley Family Fun Center in Wilmington, North Carolina. Two-hander Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, won his third career title in Wilmington's inaugural PBA Tour event in 2017, and Puerto Rico's Cristian Azcona is the defending champion.

Following Wilmington, PBA players will complete their eastern swing Friday through Sunday at Mid-County Bowling & Entertainment Center in Middletown, Delaware, where Simonsen won the 2018 Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic.

Fans can follow the summer points races (USBC Cup, FloBowling ATX Invite and PBA China Tiger Cup) by clicking on this link: <https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/PointsList/132?list=10>. Points also play a key role in selection of PBA's 2019 Player and Rookie of the Year, and for entry priority consideration for selected 2020 PBA Tour events.

The FloBowling PBA Summer Tour heads to the Midwest after Delaware for the PBA Bowlerstore.com Classic presented by Moxy's Xtra Pair at Pla-Mor Lanes in Clearwater, Ohio, followed by the FloBowling PBA Summer Swing presented by the Brands of Ebonite International at Parkside Lanes in Aurora, Illinois, where the PBA Wolf, PBA Bear and Illinois Open titles will be at stake.

The Aurora tripleheader will be the final points event in the Summer Tour leading into the FloBowling ATX Invite at Dart Bowl in Austin, Texas, on Sept. 21. All PBA Summer Tour events except the Illinois Open are Tier 3 events (2,500 points for first place) while the Illinois Open is a Tier 2 event (double the Tier 3 points including 5,000 points for first).

The entire FloBowling PBA Summer Tour will be livestreamed exclusively on FloBowling. For start-to-finish coverage of all events, visit FloBowling.com and sign up for a subscription.

### **2019 FLOBOWLING PBA SUMMER TOUR POINTS STANDINGS (After three of nine events; previous ranking in parenthesis)**

- 1, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 3,095 (T1)
- 2, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 2,935 (T1)
- 3, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 2,870 (3)
- 4, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,865 (35)
- 5, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 2,020 (31)
- 6, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 1,925 (8)
- 7, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 1,915 (4)

- 8, Stuart Williams, England, 1,850 (5)
- 9, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,845 (6)
- 10, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 1,495 (12)
- 11, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 1,425 (45)
- 12, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,355 (7)
- 13, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 1,255 (9)
- 14, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,250 (41)
- 15, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 1,240 (10)
- 15, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 1,240 (30)
- 17, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,235 (34)
- 18, Dom Barrett, England, 1,220 (28)
- 19, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 1,140 (11)
- 20, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,000 (14)

## **Noah Gallegos Wins PBA Lakewood Holiday Lanes Storm Southwest Open**

**Lakewood, Colo., (August 12, 2019)** – Collegian Noah Gallegos of Golden, Colo., defeated fellow non-PBA member Brandon Knowles from Westminster, Colo., 239-235, to claim his first PBA win and the \$2,500 first prize in the seventh annual PBA Lakewood Storm Southwest Open, presented by New American Funding, at Holiday Lanes Sunday.

Gallegos, who has completed two years toward his pharmacy degree at McKendree University, finished the qualifying rounds in fourth place, earning a bye until the Round of Eight in the single-elimination match play finals. The son of two-time PBA Regional champion Steve Gallegos, Noah started the best-of-three-game match play with a 2-0 win over Professional Women's Bowling Association player Jennifer Russo of Monmouth Junction, N.J., to advance to the one-game semifinal round where he recorded a 241-235 victory over top seed Kris Koeltzow from Wheat Ridge, Colo., set up the final match. Knowles overcame former U.S. Open champion and previous Lakewood winner Francois Lavoie of Canada, 221-215, in the other semifinal match.

Knowles earned \$1,750 for second place. Lavoie and Koeltzow each earned \$1,150 as semifinal round losers.

The Southwest Region's next event is the PBA Houston Emerald Bowl Southwest Challenge, presented by Bowling Dynamix. The event for non-champions will be held August 16-18.

### **PBA LAKEWOOD STORM SOUTHWEST OPEN Holiday Lanes, Lakewood, Colo., Sunday**

#### **Championship:**

n-Noah Gallegos, Golden, Colo., (\$2,500) def. n-Brandon Knowles, Westminster, Colo., (\$1,750), 239-235.

#### **Semifinal Round (losers earned \$1,150):**

n-Gallegos def. Kris Koeltzow, Wheat Ridge, Colo., 241-235.

n-Knowles def. Francois Lavoie, Canada, 192-184.

#### **Round of 8 (best of three games, losers earned \$750 each):**

Koeltzow def. n-Jeff Delaney, Aurora, Colo., 2-0 .

n-Gallegos, def. n-Jennifer Russo, Monmouth Jct., N.J., 2-0.

Lavoie def. n-Billy Gensch, Greenwood Village, Colo., 2-0.  
Knowles, def. n-Morgan Moore, Aurora, Colo., 2-1.

**Round of 12 (best of three games, losers earned \$550):**

n-Delaney def. n-Steven Gallegos (\$550), Denver, 2-1.  
n-Russo, def. n-Alfred Wolfe III, Littleton, Colo., 2-0.  
n-Gensch def. Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 2-0.  
n-Moore def. n-Ryan Stubblefield, St. Charles, Mo., 2-0.

n-denotes non-PBA member

## **Andrew Anderson Tops PBA Wilmington Open Qualifying To Lead 32 Players into Wednesday's Cashers Round**

**WILMINGTON, N.C. - (Aug. 13, 2019)** — Trying for his first Go Bowling! PBA Tour title of the season, 2018 PBA Player of the Year Andrew Anderson of Holly, Michigan, averaged 254 for eight games Tuesday to top qualifying for the PBA Wilmington Open leading 32 players who advanced to Wednesday's cashers round.

Anderson, a two-time PBA Tour titlist, bowled a 2,034 eight-game pinfall total at Ten Pin Family Fun Center with games of 257, 275, 268, 256, 243, 259, 218 and 258 to lead BJ Moore of Greensburg, Pennsylvania who finished the day in second 40 pins behind with 1,994.

Brad Miller of Lees Summit, Missouri, bowled back-to-back 300 games on his way to finishing third in qualifying with 1,924. After bowling 223 in the first game of the round, Miller bowled 300s in the second and third games before finishing the round with games of 237, 213, 201, 235 and 215.

Finishing the day in fourth was 10-time PBA Tour titlist Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas with 1,900 and PBA Harry O'Neale Chesapeake Open winner Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania, rounded out the top five with 1,897.

After tying for 32nd with a 1,754 pinfall, England's Dom Barrett beat Connor Pickford of Charlotte, North Carolina, 196-179 in a one-game roll-off to advance to the cashers round.

Competition resumes Wednesday with the four-game cashers round at 9 a.m. The top 16 after 12 games will then advance to the three-game Round of 16 at 11:30 a.m. Eight players will then advance to the two-game Round of 8 which will determine the four players for the stepladder finals at 3 p.m. All times are Eastern.

All of Wednesday's competition will be livestreamed on FloBowling. For subscription information, visit FloBowling.com.

### **PBA WILMINGTON OPEN**

**Ten Pin Alley Family Fun Center, Wilmington, N.C., Tuesday**

**Final Qualifying Standings (after 8 games; top 32 advance to cashers round Wednesday at 9 a.m. ET)**

- 1, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 2,034.
  - 2, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 1,994.
  - 3, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 1,924.
  - 4, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,900.
  - 5, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,897.
  - 6, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,895.
  - 7, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,884.
  - 8, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 1,873.
  - 9, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,866.
  - 10, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 1,864.
  - 11, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 1,863.
  - 12, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,857.
  - 13, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 1,842.
  - 14, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 1,831.
  - 15, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 1,826.
  - 16, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 1,821.
  - 17, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,815.
  - 18, William Svensson, Sweden, 1,814.
  - 19, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 1,812.
  - 20, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 1,795.
  - 21, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 1,794.
  - 22, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 1,793.
  - 23, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 1,788.
  - 24, Stuart Williams, England, 1,785.
  - 25, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,779.
  - 26, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 1,776.
  - 27, Jeff Beasley, Angier, N.C., 1,774.
  - 28, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 1,773.
  - 29, Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., 1,772.
  - 30, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,767.
  - 31, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 1,755.
  - \*32, Dom Barrett, England, 1,754
- \*Barrett def. Connor Pickford 196-179 in one-game roll-off to advance to cashers round

**Failed to advance:**

- 33, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 1,754.
- 34, Michael Martell, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1,753.
- 35, Tim Pfeifer, Oakdale, Pa., 1,749.
- 36, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 1,748.
- 37, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 1,747.
- 38, (tie) Chris Polizzi, Spring Hill, Fla., and Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,744.
- 40, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,734.
- 41, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,730.
- 42, Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 1,728.
- 43, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 1,727.
- 44, Trevor Roberts, Crystal River, Fla., 1,726.
- 45, Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 1,719.
- 46, Francois Louw, South Africa, 1,716.
- 47, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 1,713.
- 48, Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., 1,704.
- 49, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 1,694.
- 50, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 1,689.
- 51, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,688.

- 52, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 1,681.
- 53, Cody Mullis, Crystal River, Fla., 1,680.
- 54, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,676.
- 55, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 1,672.
- 56, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 1,669.
- 57, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 1,663.
- 58, Kevin Fischer, Winter Park, Fla., 1,661.
- 59, Tyler Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,660.
- 60, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,651.
- 61, (tie) Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., and Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 1,647.
- 63, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 1,645.
- 64, Richard Teece, England, 1,641.
- 65, Roy Davis, Lumberton, N.C., 1,639.
- 66, Tom Sorce, Blasdell, N.Y., 1,636.
- 67, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 1,635.
- 68, Sam Cooley, Australia, 1,631.
- 69, Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,630.
- 70, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 1,626.
- 71, Russ Oviatt, Chandler, Ariz., 1,624.
- 72, Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1,623.
- 73, Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 1,604.
- 74, Oskar Wirefeldt, Sweden, 1,603.
- 75, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 1,585.
- 76, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 1,581.
- 77, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 1,579.
- 78, Anthony Pepe, East Elmhurst, N.Y., 1,574.
- 78, Mark Tarkington, Elizabeth City, N.C., 1,574.
- 80, Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 1,573.
- 81, Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, N.J., 1,571.
- 82, James Grago, Hampstead, N.C., 1,563.
- 83, Chris Arcaro, Wilmington, N.C., 1,550.
- 84, Leon Platt, Summerville, S.C., 1,546.
- 85, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 1,531.
- 86, Victor Florie Jr., Richmond, Va., 1,525.
- 87, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,521.
- 88, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 1,506.
- 89, Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., 1,490.
- 90, n-Thomas Wall II, Fayetteville, N.C., 1,480.
- 91, Sean Connolly, Apopka, Fla., 1,478.
- 92, Joseph Grago, Hampstead, N.C., 1,473.
- 93, Stephen Hahn, Sterling, Va., 1,448.
- 94, Leonardo Apollonia, Raleigh, N.C., 1,445.
- 95, Louis Carrai, Wilmington, N.C., 1,420.
- 96, n-John Horsley, Leland, N.C., 1,175.

**300 games** – Brad Miller (2), Kris Prather, Cristian Azcona,

n-denotes non-PBA member.

## **BJ Moore Wins First PBA Tour Title in Wilmington Open**

*Late string of four strikes locks up victory to end seven-year quest for a title*

**WILMINGTON, N.C. (Aug. 14, 2019)** – BJ Moore of Greensburg, Pennsylvania defeated 13-time Professional Bowlers Association titlist Sean Rash of Montgomery, Illinois, 243=215, to win his first PBA Tour title in the Go Bowling! Professional Bowlers Association Tour's Wilmington Open Wednesday at Ten Pin Alley Family Fun Center.

Moore, a 30-year-old right-hander, ended a seven-year quest for his first title in his 50th PBA Tour tournament. Moore's previous best finish was second place in both the 2016 and 2019 PBA Scorpion Championships.

"I don't know what to say; it's awesome," Moore said. "I'm a process guy and that's definitely what I was focused on this week. Sometimes you have to take your lumps before you can win, but it's all been worth it."

Rash praised Moore for his performance. "He threw it great when he needed to," Rash, the top qualifier, said. "It was a great effort."

Moore gained the upper hand in the final match, throwing strikes on his first four shots while Rash left a 7-10 split and opened in his fourth frame. Moore, however, failed to convert the 3-6-10 in his fifth frame to slow his momentum. Nursing a modest lead and taking advantage of Rash's inability to carry strikes on the right lane, Moore put together another string of four strikes to win going away.

In the first match of the four-man stepladder finals, Marshall Kent of Yakima, Washington flirted with the first perfect game in FloBowling's inaugural season of PBA Tour livestreaming coverage, rolling strikes in the first nine frames of a 274-179 victory over reigning PBA Player of the Year Andrew Anderson of Holly, Michigan. Kent lost his bid for a 300 game when he left the 3-6 on his first shot in the 10th frame.

In the semifinal match, Kent failed to convert a 2-5-7 split in the fourth frame, but Moore returned the favor, leaving the 4-6-10 split for an open in his sixth frame. Kent doubled to regain the lead, but made another mistake, leaving the 2-8-10 for another open frame. Moore responded with three strikes to lock up a 214-181 win to advance to the title match.

The Wilmington Open was the fourth of 10 events that are part of the FloBowling PBA Summer Tour. The FloBowling PBA Summer Tour resumes Saturday when the PBA Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic qualifying gets underway at Mid-County Bowling and Entertainment in Middletown, Delaware.

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For current FloBowling PBA Summer Tour competition points standings that affect the USBC Cup, FloBowling PBA ATX Invite and PBA China Tiger Cup invitation lists, visit <https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/PointsLists/132>.

### **PBA WILMINGTON OPEN**

**Ten Pin Family Fun Center, Wilmington, N.C., Wednesday**

#### **Final Standings:**

- 1, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., \$10,000,
- 2, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., \$5,000.
- 3, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., \$3,000.
- 4, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., \$2,400.

#### **Playoff Results:**

Match One – Kent def. Anderson, 274-179.  
Semifinal Match – Moore def. Kent. 214-181.  
Championship – Moore def. Rash, 243-215.

**Final Round of 8 Standings (after 17 games; top 4 advanced):**

- 1, Rash, 4,007.
- 2, Moore, 3,998.
- 3, Kent, 3,990.
- 4, Anderson, 3,989.
- 5, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 3,948, \$1,800.
- 6, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 3,937, \$1,500.
- 7, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 3,890, \$1,300.
- 8, Dom Barrett, England, 3,889, \$1,200.

**Round of 16 Cashers (after 15 games, top 8 advanced):**

- 9, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 3,468, \$1,100.
- 10, Stuart Williams, England, 3,464, \$1,000.
- 11, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3,460, \$950.
- 12, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 3,451, \$900.
- 13, x-William Svensson, Sweden, 3,412, \$875.
- 14, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,392, \$850.
- 15, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 3,374, \$825.
- 16, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 3,360, \$800.

**Other Cashers Round (after 12 games; top 16 advanced):**

- 17, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 2,726, \$675.
  - 18, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 2,726, \$670.
  - 19, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 2,720, \$665.
  - 20, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 2,718, \$660.
  - 21, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 2,712, \$655.
  - 22, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 2,705, \$650.
  - 23, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,688, \$645.
  - 24, Nick Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 2,683, \$640.
  - 25, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 2,676, \$635.
  - 26, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 2,660, \$630.
  - 27, Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., 2,654, \$625.
  - 28, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 2,652, \$620.
  - 29, Jeff Beasley, Angier, N.C., 2,597, \$615.
  - 30, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 2,561, \$610.
  - 31, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 2,552, \$605.
  - 32, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,900, \$600.
- x-Svensson (268) def. Kruml (239) and Azcona (232) in a one-game roll-off to break a tie for 16th place.  
n-denotes non-PBA member.

## **Walter Ray Williams Jr. Returns to Winning Form on Way to Third PBA50 Player of the Year Award**

*Eugene McCune wins 2019 PBA50 Rookie of the Year,  
Ron Mohr wins fourth consecutive PBA60 Player of the Year honor*

**CHICAGO (Aug. 15, 2019)** – After winning his third PBA50 Player of the Year Award in his 10th season competing on the tour for players 50 and over, 59-year-old PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. sent a message that he will be a major force for some time to come competing in the “senior” ranks.

Williams, who also earned the PBA50 Player of the Year crown in 2012 and 2013, opened the 2019 season with three consecutive wins including the PBA50 National Championship for his third career PBA50 Tour major, and never had a finish worse than ninth until a 17th-place finish in the PBA50 David Small’s JAX 60 Classic, the final PBA50 event of the season.

The all-time Go Bowling! PBA Tour titles leader with 47 wins brought his career PBA50 Tour titles count to 14 which tied him for the all-time PBA50 Tour titles lead with retired Hall of Famer John Handegard.

“Obviously, it was a really good, encouraging season,” said Williams, who owns seven Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year honors on the PBA Tour. “I wasn’t always the best bowler in the field (this season) but you can’t argue with three wins and the other top finishes I had.”

Williams is among a handful of players who continue to compete on both the PBA Tour and PBA50 Tour including fellow Hall of Famers and rivals for more than three decades, Norm Duke, Pete Weber, Parker Bohn III and Amleto Monacelli. Williams’ PBA50 Player of the Year award came at what could be a crossroads for his career on the PBA Tour.

“I wasn’t pleased with how I bowled on the regular tour this season so the PBA50 Tour gave me a lift,” he said. “Bowling on the regular tour has always been enjoyable for me but last season wasn’t enjoyable. I’m not ready to retire from bowling on the PBA Tour but that’s a tough tour with all those young guys.”

So tough, in fact, that Williams has added the two-handed delivery – made famous by tour stars Jason Belmonte, Anthony Simonsen and Jesper Svensson among a growing number of others – to his arsenal. He employs the technique to be more effective primarily when he has to play an “inside” shot.”

“Basically, if I have to move way inside and throw it right, that’s when I’ll use it,” Williams said. “It’s still a work in progress but it has become a useful tool for me when the (lane) conditions warrant it. I like the results I’ve had with it, so I’ll continue to develop it.”

One example of the effectiveness of his two-handed technique was his performance in the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open where he eventually finished sixth after starting the tournament in 53rd after the first round of qualifying. He used the two-handed delivery often in qualifying and match play to negotiate the challenging Senior U.S. Open lane condition eventually finishing sixth. The fruits of his labor with the two-handed delivery paid off again when he bowled a 300 game in qualifying for the PBA50 River Extreme Open to become the first player to bowl a 300 game using a traditional and two-handed delivery in national PBA competition.

Williams led the PBA50 season with 32,480 points, more than 10,000 ahead of 2017 PBA50 Player of the Year Brian LeClair, who finished second with 22,320. Williams also led in earnings with \$42,525 and was third in average with 227.48.

Three-time PBA Tour titlist Eugene McCune won the PBA50 Spectrum Lanes Open which served as a springboard to winning PBA50 Rookie of the Year honors. Bowling in just six tournaments, the 51-year-old hard-throwing right-hander, also had ninth-place finishes in the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open and the JAX 60 Classic and 13th in the USBC Senior Masters that contributed to his 11,070 point total leading rookie contenders.

PBA Hall of Famer Ron Mohr once again dominated competition among players 60 years of age and older to win his fourth consecutive PBA60 Player of the Year Award.

The 63-year-old right-hander won the PBA50 David Small's Championship Lanes Classic for his 11th career PBA50 Tour title and had a string of six top-five finishes in PBA50/60 tournaments plus a sixth-place finish in the PBA60 Dick Weber Championship to end the season.

"It's been an unbelievable year," said Mohr, a two-time PBA60 titlist who is the only player to win more than one PBA60 tournament since the category began in 2014. "I don't recall ever being on a stretch where I've bowled that consistently well.

"I believe I have some good years left but what does concern me – like every athlete – is the time when you're no longer competitive and you have a decision to make. But for now, I'm still seeing the lane (condition) well and throwing the ball with confidence. Hopefully if I continue to focus on good execution the outcome will take care of itself."

Mohr finished the PBA50 season third in points overall behind Williams and LeClair with 20,575, ranked fifth in average with 222.53 and second in earnings with \$33,440.

PBA50 Tour players will have the opportunity to vote on the PBA50 Dick Weber Sportsmanship award that will be announced later.

### **PBA Clash Returns to FOX Sports on Sunday, November 3**

*Go Bowling! PBA Tour's top eight money-winners in 2019 to do battle at Kegel Training Center*

**CHICAGO (Aug. 15, 2019)** – The Professional Bowlers Association today announced the PBA Clash, the special event that kicked off the PBA's historic television agreement with FOX Sports, will return to FOX on Sunday, Nov. 3 in a battle between the top eight money-winners from the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season.

The PBA Clash, the most-watched event of the PBA's first season of FOX Sports telecasts, will include an elite field competing in a unique single-elimination competition hosted by Kegel in Lake Wales, Florida. The Clash will be contested at the renowned Kegel Training Center on Monday, Oct. 21, at 7 p.m. Ticket information for the event will be announced in the near future.

Marshall Kent of Yakima, Washington, won the inaugural Clash, defeating seven-time PBA Tour winner Dom Barrett of England, 218-215, in a telecast that was watched by an average audience of more than 1.7 million viewers, the largest audience watch any bowling telecast on any network since 2005.

The 2019 field will be determined at the conclusion of the PBA FloBowling ATX Invite at Dart Bowl in Austin, Texas, on Sept. 21. Remaining events that provide earnings opportunities include this weekend's Gene Carter's Pro Shop Open at Mid-County Lanes in Middletown, Delaware; the [Bowlerstore.com](http://Bowlerstore.com) Classic presented by Moxy Xtra Pair, at Pla-Mor Lanes in Coldwater, Ohio, Aug. 21-23; the FloBowling

PBA Summer Swing including the Wolf Open, Bear Open and Illinois Open presented by the Brands of Ebonite International at Parkside Lanes in Aurora, Illinois, Aug. 24-31; the USBC Cup points competition covering the entire FloBowling PBA Summer Tour, and the FloBowling ATX Invite.

## **2019 GO BOWLING! PBA TOUR EARNINGS LEADERS**

### **(Top 10 as of Aug. 14)**

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$264,050.
- 2, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., \$181,680.
- 3, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., \$172,400.
- 4, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., \$146,448.
- 5, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., \$137,995.
- 6, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, \$127,790.
- 7, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., \$91,015.
- 8, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., \$76,630.
- 9, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., \$71,493.
- 10, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., \$68,830.

### **Kyle Sherman Claims Lead in FloBowling PBA Summer Tour Points Race**

*Harry O'Neale Chesapeake Open winner Bill O'Neill moves into second place*

**CHICAGO** – Kyle Sherman of O'Fallon, Missouri has established himself as the steadiest player on the FloBowling PBA Summer Tour, winning his first PBA Tour title in the PBA-PWBA Storm Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, finishing 17th in the Harry O'Neale Chesapeake Open and adding a fifth-place finish in last weekend's Wilmington Open to take sole possession of the FloBowling PBA Summer Tour competition points lead heading into this weekend's Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic in Middletown, Delaware.

Right on Sherman's heels is Chesapeake Open winner Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania, who followed his win in Virginia with an 11th-place finish in Wilmington.

For the third week in a row, AJ Johnson of Oswego, Illinois, was in third place. Last week's leader, Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona, slipped to fourth and Chesapeake runner-up AJ Chapman of Manchester, Iowa, moved up one spot to fifth.

The biggest moves made earlier this week in Wilmington were by first-time PBA Tour titlist BJ Moore of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, who jumped from 108th to seventh after picking up 2,500 points, and runner-up Sean Rash of Montgomery, Illinois, who climbed into ninth place after ranking 28th the previous week.

The FloBowling PBA Summer Tour points race involves incentives including bonus cash to the top five in the USBC Cup points standings, eight berths in the end-of-summer FloBowling ATX Invite and eight expenses-paid trips to China for the inaugural PBA China Tiger Cup in November. All are part of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule.

The third and final stop on the eastern swing – the Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic – will take place Saturday and Sunday at Mid-County Bowling & Entertainment Center in Middletown, Delaware. Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, is defending champion.

Fans can follow the summer points races (USBC Cup, FloBowling ATX Invite and PBA China Tiger Cup) by clicking on this link: <https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/PointsList/132?list=10>. Points also play a key role in selection of PBA's 2019 Player and Rookie of the Year, and for entry priority consideration for selected 2020 PBA Tour events.

After the Delaware stop, the FloBowling PBA Summer Tour heads to Coldwater, Ohio, for the PBA Bowlerstore.com Classic presented by Moxy's Xtra Pair at Pla-Mor Lanes. Coldwater will be followed by the FloBowling PBA Summer Swing presented by the Brands of Ebonite International at Parkside Lanes in Aurora, Illinois, where the PBA Wolf, PBA Bear and Illinois Open titles will be at stake.

The Aurora tripleheader will be the final points event in the Summer Tour leading into the FloBowling ATX Invite at Dart Bowl in Austin, Texas, on Sept. 21. All PBA Summer Tour events except the Illinois Open are Tier 3 events (2,500 points for first place) while the Illinois Open is a Tier 2 event (double the Tier 3 points including 5,000 points for first).

The entire FloBowling PBA Summer Tour will be livestreamed exclusively on FloBowling. For start-to-finish coverage of all events, visit FloBowling.com and sign up for a subscription.

## **FLOBOWLING PBA SUMMER TOUR POINT LEADERS**

**(Top 20 after four of nine events; previous ranking in parenthesis)**

- 1, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 3,785 (2).
- 2, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3,490 (4).
- 3, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 3,465 (3).
- 4, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 3,180 (1).

- 5, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 2,705 (5).
- 6, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 2,690 (7).
- 7, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 2,580 (108).
- 8, Stuart Williams, England, 2,505 (8).
- 9, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,255 (28).
- 10, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 2,190 (T-15).
- 11, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 2,110 (6).
- 12, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,040 (23).
- 13, Dom Barrett, England, 1,935 (18).
- 14, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,890 (9).
- 15, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 1,780 (10).
- 16, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 1,620 (13).
- 17, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 1,600 (24).
- 18, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,560 (17).
- 19, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,535 (20).
- 20, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,520 (12).

### **PBA Spare Shots**

#### **GO BOWLING! PBA TOUR ROOKIES CONTINUE TO CHASE MYKEL HOLLIMAN**

Thanks to his runner-up finishing in the USBC Masters, **Mykel Holliman** of Collierville, Tenn., took a comfortable lead in the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour's rookie competition points and retained his edge after the first four events of the FloBowling PBA Summer Tour.

Holliman, a 26-year-old left-hander, ranked 31st on the overall 2019 PBA Points list, 4,565 points ahead of **Kenneth Ryan** of Farmingdale, N.J., on the list of 2019 Bowl4Life PBA Rookie Watch candidates. Wichita's **Patrick Hanrahan** is third among rookies. Also in position to make a challenge are former Teen Masters winners **Mike Coffey** of Melbourne, Fla., and **Greg Young** of Viera, Fla., along with **Jake Rollins** of Glen Rock, N.J. With five title events in the Summer Tour and the U.S. Open remaining, a big finish or two by the leading rookies could re-shape the race.

Competition points won't decide who wins the Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year Award, but that's a key category for consideration in voting to be conducted at the end of the 2019 season. The Rookie of the Year will receive a \$2,500 bonus from **Chuck Gardner's** Bowl4Life Foundation and the foundation will donate an additional \$2,500 to a youth bowler scholarship in the ROY's name.

#### **WILL THE REAL ZAC/ZACH TACKETT PLEASE STAND UP?**

Professional bowling has had a few players over the years who are sometimes mistaken for one another because they share the same name: Walter Ray (and Walter) Williams; Gary Jr. (and Gary) Faulkner; Don (and Don) Johnson among others.

The latest additions to the list arose during the PBA Harry O'Neale Chesapeake Open when Zac and Zach Tackett competed in the same event for the first time. They are not related to each other, but are similar in stature if not in other ways:

- **Zac Tackett** without an "h" is formally Zachery Tackett, brother of 13-time PBA Tour champion and former Player of the Year EJ Tackett. This Zac turns 23 on Aug. 27. He's 5-foot-10, weighs 165 pounds and is a right-hander player who lives in Huntington, Ind. He is a fourth-year PBA member who won his only title in a PBA Central Region "Challenge" Tournament in Monroe, Mich., in 2019. Zac's bowling hero, he noted, is "probably (Norm) Duke."

- **Zach Tackett** is formally Zachary Tackett who will turn 22 in December. He's 5-foot-9, weighs 165 pounds and is a left-handed two-hander who lives in Virginia Beach, Va. This Zach is a PBA rookie who bowled in the PBA Harry O'Neale Chesapeake Open, his first tournament as a member. His bowling hero is Jason Belmonte.

## **BUTTURFF, PATE WIN PAN AM DOUBLES GOLD MEDAL AFTER DISQUALIFICATION**

The United States duo of **Jakob Butturff** and **Nick Pate**, both PBA members, were awarded Pan American Games gold medals for men's doubles in the wake of the disqualification of Puerto Rico's **Jean Francisco Perez** after he tested positive for chlorthalidone, a drug on the World Anti-Doping Agency's list of banned substances.

The drug in question is a diuretic frequently used to treat high blood pressure, but one that also can serve as a masking agent, according to WADA. It has no performance-enhancing benefits. Puerto Rico's national bowling team has filed a protest, seeking to overturn the ruling. Perez and partner **Cristian Azcona** had posted a combined 12-game total of 5,816 pins to top Butturff and Pate's 5,545 total.

In the wake of the disqualification, in addition to awarding the gold medals to the Team USA players, Colombia's **Manuel Otalora** and **Alfredo Quintana** moved into second place and Mexico (**Jose Llergo** and **Arturo Quintero**) was awarded the bronze.

## **PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: MARSALA WINS PBA50 EVENT IN BOWLING GREEN**

**John Marsala** of St. Louis defeated **Ron Profitt** of Brookfield, Ohio, 256-191, to win the 22nd PBA50 Progressive/Gerdeman Insurance-Al Smith Chrysler/Dodge/Jeep Central/Midwest Classic at Al-Mar Lanes in Bowling Green, Ohio, Sunday.

The title was Marsala's first of the year in the PBA Central Region and his second career PBA Regional title. He earned \$3,500 along with his title.

Profitt defeated **Brian LeClair** of Albany, N.Y., 213-202, to advance to the championship match after eliminating **Brad Snell** of Mount Prospect, Ill., 218-203, in the first stepladder match.

- **Mark Myers** of Phoenix and his non-member partner **Greg Thompson Jr.** of Tempe, Ariz. posted a 9-3 match play record and a combined 20-game total of 9,543 pins Sunday to win the PBA Tony Reyes Memorial Member/Non-Member Doubles at 4th Street Bowl in San Jose, Calif.

Myers won his first PBA Regional while Thompson, a four-time PBA Regional winner, doesn't get credit for a fifth title because he is no longer a member. The winning team shared the \$4,000 first prize.

Myers and Thompson defeated **Robbie Porter** of Rancho Cordova, Calif. and non-member **Gary Lenox** of Hillsboro, Ore., who had a 4-8 match play record and 9,455 pins.

The Tony Reyes Memorial is named in honor of the late PBA Tour champion who died in 2012.

- College student **Noah Gallegos** of Golden, Colo., defeated fellow non-PBA member **Brandon Knowles** from Westminster, Colo., 239-235, to claim his first PBA win and the \$2,500 first prize in the seventh annual PBA Lakewood Storm Southwest Open, presented by New American Funding, at Holiday Lanes in Lakewood, Colo., Sunday.

Gallegos, who has completed two years of study toward a pharmacy degree at McKendree University, finished the qualifying rounds in fourth place, earning a bye until the Round of Eight in the single-elimination match play finals. The son of two-time PBA Regional champion **Steve Gallegos**, Noah started the best-of-three-game match play with a 2-0 win over PWBA player **Jennifer Russo** of Monmouth Junction, N.J., to advance to the semifinal round where he recorded a 241-235 victory over top seed **Kris Koeltzow** from Wheat Ridge, Colo., set up the final match. Knowles overcame former Lakewood winner **Francois Lavoie** of Canada, 221-215, in the other semifinal match.

- This weekend's PBA Regional calendar includes the PBA50 Greater Jasper Central/Midwest Open at Eastown Recreation in Jasper, Ind.; the Emerald Bowl Southwest Challenge for non-champions in Houston, Texas, and the Dave Husted Northwest/West Open presented by Hammer at Husted's Milwaukie Bowl in Milwaukie, Ore.

- The PBA's schedule of Regional tournaments over the Aug. 23-25 weekend will be the PBA50 Sky Lanes Asheville South Open in Asheville, N.C., and the PBA50 Coldwater/Roto Grip Central/Midwest Open at Pla-Mor Lanes in Coldwater, Ohio.

- The PBA closes its August schedule of Regional activity with the PBA60 Kingsport Super Senior South Open presented by Storm at Warpath Lanes in Kingsport, Tenn., Aug. 26-28, followed by the PBA60 Wilson & Sons Pest Control Super Senior Open at Victory Lanes Family Entertainment Center in Mooresville, Tenn., Aug. 29-31. The end-of-month weekend also includes the PBA50 Strike Zone Alleys Eastern Open presented by Hammer in Pottsville, Pa.; the PBA Illinois Valley Midwest Open at I.V. Super

Bowl in Peru, Ill., and the PBA50 Mooresville South Open presented By Columbia 300 at Victory Lanes Family Entertainment Center in Mooresville, N.C.

- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit [pba.com](http://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](http://pba.com) (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

## QUICK NOTES

- Action resumed Saturday and Sunday in the FloBowling PBA Summer Tour points competition where Mid-County Bowling & Entertainment Center in Middletown, Del., is hosting the PBA Gene Carter’s Pro Shop Classic. Updated points standings will follow each Summer Tour event at this

link: <https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/PointsList/132?list=10>. The FloBowling PBA Summer Tour points competitions also will determine the USBC Cup points leaders, and the eight qualifiers for both the FloBowling PBA ATX Invite and the PBA China Tiger Cup Invitational.

- With his win in the PBA Wilmington Open, **BJ Moore** became the third first-time title winner in 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour competition, joining Louisville’s **Matt Ogle** (Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship with **Sean Rash**) and **Kyle Sherman** of O’Fallon, Mo. (PBA-PWBA Storm Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles with **Amanda Green**).

## Newest Titlist BJ Moore Leads PBA Gene Carter’s Pro Shop Classic Qualifying

*Three days after winning his first PBA Tour title, Moore takes aim at back-to-back victories*

**MIDDLETOWN, Del. (Aug. 17, 2019)** – Three days after winning his first Go Bowling! Professional Bowlers Association Tour title, BJ Moore of Greensburg, Pennsylvania averaged 242.43 Saturday to lead the field of 150 competitors after qualifying in the PBA Gene Carter’s Pro Shop Classic at Mid-County Bowling and Entertainment Center.

Moore, a 30-year-old seventh-year PBA Tour veteran, rolled games of 225, 229, 298, 267, 215, 259 and 204 for a seven-game total of 1,697 pins for a 72-pin lead over AJ Johnson of Oswego, Illinois, and an 86-pin lead over third-place Zacharay Wilkins, a two-handed player from Canada. Moore won the PBA Wilmington Open Wednesday in North Carolina. Johnson and Wilkins are both trying for their first PBA Tour title.

The Gene Carter’s Pro Shop Classic is the fifth of 10 events that are part of the FloBowling PBA Summer Tour.

Heading into Sunday's final day of action at Mid-County Bowling and Entertainment Center, Denmark's Thomas Larsen was in fourth place with 1,609 pins – two behind Wilkins – and Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Florida, was fifth, two pins behind Larsen.

The Delaware tournament's Sunday schedule begins with the four-game cashers round for the top 50 qualifiers at 9 a.m. The top 12 after 11 games will bowl a 12-game head-to-head match play round at 12:30 p.m. leading into the four-player stepladder finals at 5 p.m. All times are Eastern. All of Sunday's competition will be livestreamed on FloBowling. For subscription information, visit FloBowling.com.

### **PBA GENE CARTER'S PRO SHOP CLASSIC**

**(A 2019 FloBowling PBA Summer Tour event)**

**Mid-County Bowling and Entertainment, Middletown, Del., Saturday**

#### **Final Qualifying Standings (after seven games; top 50 advance to Sunday's cashers round):**

- 1, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 1,697.
- 2, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,625.
- 3, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 1,611.
- 4, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,609.
- 5, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 1,607.
- 6 (tie), Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., and DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 1,582.
- 8, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 1,579.
- 9, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 1,571.
- 10, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,547.
- 11, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 1,546.
- 12, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 1,537.
- 13, Brad Miller, Lee's Summit, Mo., 1,528.
- 14, Dom Barrett, England, 1,520.
- 15, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,514.
- 16, Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., 1,510.
- 17, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,508.
- 18, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 1,507.
- 19, Alex Cavagnaro, Massapequa, N.Y., 1,502.
- 20, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 1,499.
- 21, Scott Denlinger, Lancaster, Pa, 1,497.
- 22, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 1,496.
- 23, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 1,492.
- 24, Francois Louw, South Africa, 1,490.
- 25, Tim Pfeifer, Oakdale, Pa., 1,489.
- 26 (tie), AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, and Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., 1,487.
- 28 (tie), Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, and Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 1,484.
- 30, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 1,482.
- 31, James Grago, Hampstead, N.C., 1,481.
- 31, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 1,481.
- 33, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,479.
- 34, Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, NJ, 1,477.
- 35, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,476.
- 36, Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 1,472.
- 37, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 1,468.
- 38, Gary Haines, West Babylon, N.Y., 1,465.
- 39, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 1,463.
- 40, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,462.
- 41, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 1,460.
- 42, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 1,458.

- 43, Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,457.
- 44, Corey Umbrello, Westminster, Mass., 1,456.
- 45, Adam Chase, North Babylon, N.Y., 1,454.
- 46 (tie), Stephen Haas, Enola, Pa., and Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 1,449.
- 48 (tie), Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., and Osku Palermmaa, Finland, 1,445.
- 50, x-Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,443.

**Failed to advance:**

- 51, Todd Sigeti, Lititz, Pa., 1,443.
- 52, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,441.
- 53, Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 1,440.
- 53, Jason Stadtler, Lafayette, N.J., 1,440.
- 55, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 1,439.
- 56, Tommy Dakouvanos, N. Middletown, N.J., 1,430.
- 56, Geordin Krupski, Newtonville, N.J., 1,430.
- 58, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,422.
- 58, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 1,422.
- 58, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 1,422.
- 61, Anthony Pepe, East Elmhurst, N.Y., 1,419.
- 62, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 1,417.
- 63, Scott Schnur Jr., Churchville, Md., 1,414.
- 64, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 1,413.
- 65, Scott Kinkaid, Elizabethtown, Pa., 1,411.
- 66, Paul Brion, Mansfield, Pa., 1,406.
- 67, Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 1,405.
- 68, Michael Martell, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1,404.
- 69, Stuart Williams, England, 1,400.
- 70, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 1,399.
- 71, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 1,397.
- 72, n-P.J. Sondag, Luzerne, Pa., 1,394.
- 73, Sam Cooley, Australia, 1,392.
- 73, Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1,392.
- 75, Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., 1,389.
- 76, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 1,387.
- 77, Jeremy Domingo, Sewell, N.J., 1,385.
- 77, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 1,385.
- 79, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 1,383.
- 80, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 1,382.
- 81, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 1,381.
- 82, John Furey, Howell, N.J., 1,379.
- 83, Ken Yokobosky, Fredon, N.J., 1,372.
- 84, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 1,371.
- 85, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 1,369.
- 86, Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 1,363.
- 87, Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., 1,361.
- 88, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,356.
- 89, Isaac Kim, Lebanon, Pa., 1,355.
- 90, n-Conrad Chapple, West Pittston, Pa., 1,354.
- 91, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 1,353.
- 92, Jay Boyle, Garnet Valley, Pa., 1,352.
- 93, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 1,351.
- 94, Josh Schmehl, Millsboro, Del., 1,348.
- 95, John Neral, Vienna, Va., 1,346.
- 96, Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 1,343.

97, Pete DiChiara, Ardsley, N.Y., 1,337.  
98, n-Dylan Bowers, Wilmington, Del., 1,330.  
98, Keith Laing, Oakdale, Conn., 1,330.  
100, Theo Johnson, Oswego, N.Y., 1,329.  
101, Stephen Hahn, Sterling, Va., 1,328.  
102, Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 1,324.  
103, Kevin Donovan, Painted Post, N.Y., 1,322.  
104, Jeffrey Voght, Canojaharie, N.Y., 1,321.  
104, Jack Bogan, Silver Spring, Md., 1,321.  
104, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,321.  
107, Tommy Gollick, Oberlin, Pa., 1,316.  
107, Brent Tishuk, Belvidere, N.J., 1,316.  
107, Rob Manley, Newark, Del., 1,316.  
110, Tom Sorce, Blasdell, N.Y., 1,314.  
111, Travis Kreiger, Harrisburg, Pa., 1,313.  
111, Michael Markis, Scranton, Pa., 1,313.  
113, Oskar Wirefeldt, Sweden, 1,312.  
113, Michael Sumerano, Dunmore, Pa., 1,312.  
115, David Harvey, Danville, Pa., 1,309.  
116, Benjamin Rynes, Forest Hill, Md., 1,307.  
117, Leonardo Apollonia, Raleigh, N.C., 1,306.  
118, Richard Teece, England, 1,305.  
119, n-James Levendis, Kennett Square, Pa., 1,304.  
120, Stephen Pavlinko, Sewell, N.J., 1,297.  
121, Michael Houtz, Myerstown, Pa., 1,291.  
122, Kyle Gillum, Columbus, Ohio, 1,284.  
123, John DiSantis, Wilmington, Del., 1,281.  
124, Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., 1,277.  
125, Frank Gray Jr., North East, Md., 1,271.  
125, William Svensson, Sweden, 1,271.  
127, Scott Canfield, Conestoga, Pa., 1,267.  
128, Robert Fusik III, Lawrenceville, N.J., 1,263.  
129, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 1,261.  
130, Paul Bajorski, Islip, N.Y., 1,258.  
131, Victor Florie Jr, Richmond, Va., 1,250.  
132, Clifford Scranton, Chester, Pa., 1,249.  
133, Bobby Hall II, Landover, Md., 1,246.  
134, Brian Elder, Newark, Del., 1,245.  
135, Joseph Grago, Hampstead, N.C., 1,242.  
136, Hector Medina II, Woodbridge, Va., 1,234.  
137, Collin Raineri, Gilbertsville, Pa., 1,229.  
138, Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 1,226.  
139, Brian Kasperowski, Dickson City, Pa., 1,224.  
140, Matt Wozney, Clayton, Del., 1,213.  
141, Joseph Rzemieniewski, Middletown, Del., 1,211.  
142, Larry Hall, Millsboro, Del., 1,201.  
143, n-Jason Pavlinko, Sewell, N.J., 1,199.  
144, Adam Travis, Cockeysville, Md., 1,176.  
145, n-Arthur Nowlin, New Castle, Del., 1,163.  
146, Nicholas Vanderwende, Ephrata, Pa., 1,139.  
147, Greg Hilyard, Clark, N.J., 1,132.  
148, Michael Vella, Medford, N.Y., 1,117.

149, Michael Hunter, District of Columbia, 1,099.  
150, Rick LeChette, Lincoln University, Pa., 1,064.  
x- Barnes def. Sigeti, 257-188, in a one-game roll-off to break a tie for 50th place.  
n-denotes non-PBA member.

## **Ryan Ciminelli Wins PBA Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic for Eighth Title**

*Two strikes in 10th frame ends three-year title drought*

**MIDDLETOWN, Del. (Aug. 18, 2019)** – Ryan Ciminelli of Lancaster, South Carolina, defeated top qualifier Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Florida, 217-209, to win his eighth Go Bowling! Professional Bowlers Association Tour title Sunday in the Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic at Mid-County Bowling and Entertainment Center.

Ciminelli, ending a three-year title slump, took an early lead against Daugherty, starting with three strikes and getting help when Daugherty left the 3-6-7-10 split and opened in the fourth frame. But Ciminelli returned the favor, leaving the 4-6-7-9-10 "Greek church" in his ninth frame to give Daugherty a chance to shut him out. When Daugherty failed to strike out, Ciminelli locked up the title with strikes on his first two shots in the 10th frame.

"I really don't know what to say," the 33-year-old left-hander said. "There's a few different reasons why this one means so much to me. What really matters is all the people here watching me win. There were a lot of people who helped me out. I can't thank them enough."

Daugherty, a 44-year-old two-time PBA Tour title winner, took the lead in Sunday's five-game cashers round and systematically won every match he needed to win in the 12-game match play round to secure the top berth for the stepladder finals. But he fell one match shy of picking up his third PBA Tour title.

"Maybe I'll get (Ciminelli) next week in Coldwater (Ohio)," Daugherty said.

In the first stepladder match, Ciminelli threw strikes on his first two shots in the 10th frame to lock out Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Michigan, 224-214. Ciminelli, pursuing his first title since winning the 2016 Parkside Lanes Open in Aurora, Illinois, was nearly perfect in eliminating Canadian two-hander Zacharay Wilkins of Barrie, Ontario, 266-223, in the semifinal match. After a spare in the first frame, Ciminelli threw eight consecutive strikes to deny Wilkins' bid for his first PBA Tour title.

The Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic was the fifth of 10 events that are part of the FloBowling PBA Summer Tour.

The FloBowling PBA Summer Tour now moves west to Coldwater, Ohio, for the PBA Bowlerstore.com Classic presented by Moxy's Xtra Pair at 16-lane Pla-Mor Lanes where qualifying will take place on Thursday followed by the cashers round, Rounds of 16 and 8, and stepladder finals on Friday. All rounds of the sixth FloBowling Summer Tour event will be livestreamed on FloBowling.com. For additional information, visit FloBowling.com.

**PBA GENE CARTER'S PRO SHOP CLASSIC**  
**(A 2019 FloBowling PBA Summer Tour event)**  
**Mid-County Bowling and Entertainment, Middletown, Del., Sunday**

### **Final Standings:**

- 1, Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., \$10,000,
- 2, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., \$6,000.
- 3, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, \$3,000.

4, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., \$2,400.

**Playoff Results:**

Match One – Ciminelli def. Smallwood, 224-214.

Semifinal Match – Ciminelli def. Wilkins, 266-223.

Championship – Ciminelli def. Daugherty, 217-209.

**Final Match Play Standings (after 24 games, including match play bonus pins; top 4 advanced):**

- 1, Daugherty, 8-4, 5,703.
- 2, Wilkins, 9-2-1, 5,533.
- 3, Ciminelli, 8-4, 5,509.
- 4, Smallwood, 7-5, 5,474.
- 5, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 7-5, 5,429, \$2,000.
- 6, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 5-7, 5,428, \$1,600.
- 7, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 7-5, 5,379, \$1,500.
- 8, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 5-6-1, 5,291, \$1,400.
- 9, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 6-6, 5,285, \$1,350.
- 10, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2-10, 5,149, \$1,300.
- 11, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 2-8-2, 5,035, \$1,250.
- 12, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 4-8, 4,994, \$1,200.

**Cashers Round Cashers (after 12 games):**

- 13, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 2,615, \$1,000.
- 14, Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 2,613, \$900.
- 15, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 2,612, \$850.
- 16, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,610, \$825.
- 17, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,602, \$800.
- 18, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 2,593, \$780.
- 19, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 2,584, \$760.
- 20, Tim Pfeifer, Oakdale, Pa., 2,569, \$750.
- 21, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 2,566, \$745.
- 22, Alex Cavagnaro, Massapequa, N.Y., 2,563, \$740.
- 23 (tie), Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., and Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 2,548, \$733.
- 25, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 2,547, \$725.
- 26, Dom Barrett, England, 2,533, \$720.
- 27, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 2,531, \$715.
- 28, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 2,526, \$710.
- 29, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 2,523, \$705.
- 30, Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2,518, \$700.
- 31, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 2,511, \$695.
- 32, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2,504, \$690.
- 33, Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., 2,501, \$685.
- 34, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 2,497, \$680.
- 35 (tie), Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., and Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 2,495, \$673.
- 37, Francois Louw, South Africa, 2,492, \$665.
- 38, Scott Denlinger, Lancaster, Pa, 2,491, \$660.
- 39, Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 2,490, \$655.
- 40, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,487, \$650.
- 41, Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, NJ, 2,476, \$645.
- 42, Gary Haines, West Babylon, N.Y., 2,469, \$640.
- 43, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 2,456, \$635.
- 44, Corey Umbrello, Westminster, Mass., 2,455, \$630.

45, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 2,451, \$625.  
46, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 2,426, \$620.  
47, Adam Chase, North Babylon, N.Y., 2,419, \$615.  
48 (tie), Stephen Haas, Enola, Pa., and James Grago, Hampstead, N.C., 2,403, \$608.  
50, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 2,377, \$600.

**Kyle Sherman Retains Lead in FloBowling PBA Summer Tour Points Race**  
*Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic runner-up Tom Daugherty advances from 22nd to place to seventh*

**CHICAGO** – Kyle Sherman of O'Fallon, Missouri retained his status as the FloBowling PBA Summer Tour's most consistent player, finishing 12th in Sunday's Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic in Middletown, Delaware, to remain No. 1 on the Summer Tour points list after five of nine events while Delaware runner-up Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Florida made the biggest move on the points list, advancing from 22nd place to seventh.

Closing the gap on Sherman was AJ Johnson of Oswego, Illinois, who moved up one place to second after his eighth-place finish in Delaware. Johnson now has 4,180 points, only 200 behind Sherman. Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa. (3,965); EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., (3,540), and BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., (3,355) round out the top five, all after solid performances in Middletown.

The FloBowling PBA Summer Tour points are important because they involve bonus cash to the top five in the USBC Cup points standings, eight berths in the end-of-summer FloBowling ATX Invite and eight expenses-paid trips to China for the inaugural PBA China Tiger Cup in November. Fans can follow the summer points races (USBC Cup, FloBowling ATX Invite and PBA China Tiger Cup) by clicking on this link: <https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/PointsList/132?list=10>.

The FloBowling PBA Summer Tour's next stop is Thursday and Friday in Coldwater, Ohio, for the PBA Bowlerstore.com Classic presented by Moxy's Xtra Pair at Pla-Mor Lanes. After Coldwater, the Summer Tour's final points events are part of the FloBowling PBA Summer Swing presented by the Brands of Ebonite International next week at Parkside Lanes in Aurora, Illinois, where the PBA Wolf, PBA Bear and Illinois Open titles will be at stake. The Summer Tour will conclude with the FloBowling ATX Invite at Dart Bowl in Austin, Texas, on Sept. 21.

All PBA Summer Tour events except the Illinois Open are Tier 3 events (2,500 points for first place). The Illinois Open is a Tier 2 event (double the Tier 3 points including 5,000 points for first).

Also underway along with the summer points competition is the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour earnings race which will reward the top eight money-winners with berths in the

second PBA Clash that will take place at the Kegel Training Center in Lake Wales, Florida, in late October for airing on FOX on Nov. 3. Australia's Jason Belmonte is the runaway leader in earnings as of Aug. 18 with \$264,050. Sean Rash currently holds the eighth spot with \$77,430, less than \$5,000 ahead of Sherman.

The entire FloBowling PBA Summer Tour will be livestreamed exclusively on FloBowling. For start-to-finish coverage of all events, visit FloBowling.com and sign up for a subscription.

### **FLOBOWLING PBA SUMMER TOUR POINT LEADERS**

**(Top 20 after five of nine events; previous ranking in parenthesis)**

- 1, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 4,380 (1).
- 2, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 4,180 (3).
- 3, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3,965 (2).
- 4, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 3,540 (6).
- 5, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 3,355 (7).
- 6, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 3,180 (4).
- 7, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 2,985 (22).
- 8, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 2,875 (10).
- 9, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 2,825 (5).
- 10, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,700 (9).
- 11, Stuart Williams, England, 2,550 (8).
- 12, Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., 2,500 (na).
- 13, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 2,375 (11).
- 14, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,355 (12).
- 15, Dom Barrett, England, 2,210 (13).
- 16, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 2,085 (20).
- 17, Brad Miller, Lee's Summit, Mo., 2,025 (17).
- 18, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,000 (14).
- 19, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 1,865 (16).
- 20, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 1,780 (15).

### **2019 GO BOWLING! PBA TOUR EARNINGS LEADERS**

**(Top 10 as of Aug. 18; number of tournaments bowled in parenthesis)**

- 1, Jason Belmonte, \$264,050 (15).
- 2, Jakob Butturff, \$181,680 (19).
- 3, Kris Prather, \$173,115 (19).
- 4, Bill O'Neill, \$147,273 (19).
- 5, EJ Tackett, \$139,995 (21).
- 6, Anthony Simonsen, \$128,640 (20).
- 7, Norm Duke, \$91,015 (15).
- 8, Sean Rash, \$77,430 (20).
- 9, Kyle Sherman, \$72,693 (16).
- 10, Dick Allen, \$68,830 (17).

## **FloBowling PBA Summer Swing Returns to Illinois for Pivotal Tripleheader**

*Three PBA Tour titles, competition points races to be decided at Parkside Lanes in Aurora*

**AURORA, Ill.** — The Professional Bowlers Association returns to Parkside Lanes for a week-long, three-event series in late August, the finale to the FloBowling PBA Summer Tour that will award three PBA Tour titles and decide three important competition points races.

The FloBowling PBA Summer Swing, presented by the Brands of Ebonite International, will be livestreamed in its entirety by the PBA's online streaming partner, FloBowling, which made its debut in Aurora in 2018. The tournament program has again been orchestrated by 13-time PBA Tour champion Sean Rash, an Aurora area resident.

The Summer Swing — a part of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour — will include the PBA Wolf, Bear and Illinois Open title events, each presenting a distinct lane conditioning challenge.

The Wolf Open will be contested on the PBA Wolf 32 oiling pattern featuring a 32-foot application of oil. The Wolf Open will include 14 qualifying games Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 26-27, plus a six-game cashers round for the top 18 cashers. The top five after 20 games will advance to the stepladder finals on Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. CT. Two-hander Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, is defending champion.

The same format will apply to the PBA Bear Open Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 28-29, except the players will bowl on the PBA Bear 41 oiling pattern. The FloBowling stepladder finals will be held on Thursday at 8:30 p.m. EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Indiana, won the 2018 Bear Open title.

The Summer Swing concludes with the PBA Illinois Open on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 30-31, featuring the top 24 players based on 28 combined games of Wolf and Bear qualifying totals. Those 24 will bowl three eight-game round-robin match play rounds with 52-game pinfall totals deciding the top five for the Illinois Open stepladder finals at 3:30 p.m. Saturday. The challenge in the Illinois Open involves coping with the Wolf 32 pattern on one lane and the Bear 41 on the other. England's Stuart Williams won the 2018 Tulsa Open, an almost identical event held in Oklahoma.

In addition to titles in each event, the Wolf, Bear and Illinois Open tournaments — the seventh, eighth and final events in the nine-event Summer Tour — will award competition points that will decide the five players who will earn bonus cash in the USBC Cup series (\$20,000 first place), the eight players who will receive invitations to participate in the inaugural FloBowling ATX Invite at Dart Bowl in FloBowling's home city, Austin, Texas, on Saturday, Sept. 21 (\$25,000 first prize), and the eight bowlers who will win expenses-paid trips to participate in the PBA China Tiger Cup, Nov. 19-21, in Shanghai (\$20,000 first prize). Fans can follow the points races throughout the summer at this link: <https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/PointsLists/132>.

If titles, points and prize money aren't enough, don't forget the Aurora series may also play a key role in the 2019 PBA Player and Rookie of the Year races.

As expected, the FloBowling PBA Summer Swing has attracted a world-class field of PBA stars from around the world, including PBA Hall of Famers, PBA Tour champions and rising stars who are beginning to build their careers.

The event will also include special features such as a golf day for PBA players (Aug. 24) plus a free youth instructional clinic involving many of the PBA stars (noon on Aug. 25).

For continuing information about these and other PBA events, follow the PBA on [pba.com](http://pba.com) and PBA's home pages on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. For FloBowling subscriptions, visit FloBowling.com. Additional Summer Swing information can also be obtained by calling Parkside Lanes at (630) 898-5678.

**FLOBOWLING PBA SUMMER SWING**  
**presented by the Brands of Ebonite International**  
**(A 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour event)**  
**Parkside Lanes, Aurora, Ill., Aug. 24-31 (All times Central)**

**Saturday, Aug. 24**

8 a.m. – Golf outing  
1 p.m. – Pre-Tournament Qualifier (PTQ), 8 games  
6 p.m. – Pro-am

**Sunday, Aug. 25**

Noon – Free youth clinic  
5 p.m. – Official tournament practice session

**Monday, Aug. 26**

**3:30 p.m.** – PBA Wolf Open qualifying, 8 games

**Tuesday, Aug. 27**

Noon – PBA Wolf Open qualifying, 6 games  
*Top 18 after 14 games advance to Wolf Open cashers round*  
5 p.m. – PBA Wolf Open cashers round, 6 games  
*Top 5 after 20 games advance to Wolf Open stepladder finals*  
8:30 p.m. – PBA Wolf Open stepladder finals

**Wednesday, Aug. 28**

3:30 p.m. – PBA Bear Open qualifying, 8 games

**Thursday, Aug. 29**

Noon – PBA Bear Open qualifying, 6 games  
*Top 18 after 14 games advance to Bear Open cashers round; top 24 after 28 games of Wolf and Bear Open qualifying advance to Illinois Open match play*  
5 p.m. – PBA Bear Open cashers round, 6 games  
*Top 5 after 20 games advance to Bear Open stepladder finals*  
8:30 p.m. – PBA Bear Open stepladder finals

**Friday, Aug. 30**

11 a.m. – Illinois Open round robin match play, 8 games  
5 p.m. – Illinois Open round robin match play, 8 games

**Saturday, Aug. 31**

11 a.m. – Illinois Open round robin match play, 8 games  
*Top 5 after 52 games of qualifying and match play advance to stepladder finals*  
3:30 p.m. – Illinois Open stepladder finals  
6 p.m. – Champions dinner

## **Ex-Major League Star John Burkett Wins Houston Emerald Bowl Southwest Challenge for First PBA Title**

**Houston, Texas, (Aug. 20, 2019)** – Former Major League Baseball All-Star John Burkett of Southlake, Texas, shot 247 in his final position round match Sunday to win his first PBA Regional title and become the first former Major Leaguer to win a PBA title at any level.

Burkett, 54, won the PBA Houston Emerald Bowl Southwest Challenge, presented by Bowling Dynamix, out-dued non-PBA member Tyler Wright of Gonzales, La., by 94 pins for the victory after swapping the lead with Wright throughout the match play finals. PBA Challenge tournaments are open to players who have not previously won a PBA title. Burkett, a lifelong bowler dating back to his formative years in the Pittsburgh area, has bowled in PBA Tour and PBA Regional competition for several years, and has been a regular on the PBA50 Tour over the past five years. His best finish in a national tournament was fourth place in the 2015 PBA50 Northern California Classic.

Burkett compiled 166 wins with 1,766 strikeouts and a 4.31 earned run average, pitching from 1987 to 2003 with the San Francisco Giants, Florida Marlins, Texas Rangers, Atlanta Braves and Boston Red Sox. His best season came in 1993 when he went 22–7 with a 3.65 ERA for the Giants. Burkett was selected to the Major League All-Star game twice, in 1993 and 2001.

In the Houston tournament, Burkett held the lead heading into the final match, 64 pins ahead of Jordan Malott, the 15-year-old son of PBA star Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas. Burkett started the final game with four strikes as Malott managed early spares before opening in the third frame. Burkett then coasted to a 247-203 win while Wright regained second place with a 224-203 win over non-member Kaden Rogillio of Deer Park, Texas. Burkett finished the tournament with 4,946 total pins for 21 games, including match play bonus pins, while Wright totaled 4,852, and Malott 4,808.

Next on the PBA Southwest Region schedule will be the PBA Grand Casino/Hotel/Resort Southwest Invitational on September 6 at FireLake Lanes in Shawnee, Okla. Also on tap, a \$4,000 first place prize will be offered at Ayres Lanes in Liberal, Kan., at Ayres' Lanes, September 13-15, followed by an event at Diamond Lanes in Odessa, Texas, that will offer a projected \$5,000 winners check September 20-22.

### **PBA HOUSTON EMERALD BOWL SOUTHWEST CHALLENGE, presented by Bowling Dynamix Emerald Bowl, Houston, Texas, Sunday**

#### **Final Standings (after 21 games, including match play bonus pins):**

1, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 4-3-1, 4,946, \$2,000. 2, n-Tyler Wright, Gonzales, La., 6-2, 4,852, \$1,200. 3, n-Jordan Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 5-2-1, 4,808, \$900 (SMART). 4, n-Corey Bottos, Houston, 6-2, 4,762, \$750. 5, n- Kaden Rogillio, Deer Park, Texas, 6-2, 4,746, \$700. 6, n-Jacob Dupre, Baton Rouge, La., 5-3, 4,694, \$675. 7, Skylar Glanovsky, Fort Smith, Ark., 4-4, 4,678, \$650. 8, Bryan Pogor, Round Rock, Texas, 3-4-1, 4,647, \$625.

9, n-Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 2-6, 4,627, \$600. 10, David Tullos, Spring, Texas, 6-2, 4,614, \$580. 11, n-Jacob Heger, Spring, Texas, 4-4, 4,582, \$560. 12, n-Branden Powell, Groves, Texas, 4-4, 4,536, \$540. 13, s-n-Donald Robinson, Missouri City, Texas, 0-7-1, 4,527, \$530. 14, n-Philip Wong, Houston, Texas, 2-6, 4,483, \$520. 15, Gabriel Yanes, Shertz, Texas, 2-6, 4,431, \$510. 16, n-William Titus, Houston, Texas, 3-5, 4,420, \$500.

300 games: Pogor (2)

n-denotes non-PBA member.

## **Kris Prather Paces PBA BowlerStore.com Classic First Round**

*PBA Playoffs winner rolls 279 final game to top FloBowling PBA Summer Tour qualifiers*

**COLDWATER, Ohio (Aug. 22, 2019)** – Kris Prather of Plainfield, Illinois, continued his torrid pace in a breakout year, rolling a 279 final game Thursday to lead the sold-out field of 96 competitors after the eight-game qualifying round in the PBA BowlerStore.com Classic, presented by Moxy's Xtra Pair, at Pla-Mor Lanes.

Prather, who won his first Go Bowling! PBA Tour title in the PBA Scorpion Open followed by a victory in the inaugural PBA Playoffs and a role on the PBA League's Elias Cup champion Portland Lumberjacks, averaged 235.88 for an eight-game total of 1,887 pins and a 19-pin lead over two-hander Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas.

Nick Kruml of Downers Grove, Illinois was in third place with 1,851 pins. Kruml, eight days shy of his 26th birthday, was the early leader in his bid for his first Go Bowling! PBA Tour title. He finished qualifying eight pins ahead of defending Coldwater champion Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona. Jason Sterner of Rochester, New York, was two pins behind Butturff.

The BowlerStore.com Classic is the sixth of 10 events that are part of the FloBowling PBA Summer Tour.

The Coldwater tournament concludes Friday beginning with a four-game cashers round for the top 32 qualifiers at 11 a.m. The top 16 after 12 games will then bowl another three games at 1:30 p.m. The top eight after 15 games bowl a final two-game qualifying round at 3 p.m. to determine the four players who will compete for the title in the stepladder finals at 5 p.m. All times are Eastern.

All rounds Friday will be livestreamed on FloBowling. For subscription information, visit FloBowling.com. Fans also can follow the action by watching Live Scoring on [pba.com](http://pba.com).

### **PBA [BOWLERSTORE.COM](http://BOWLERSTORE.COM) CLASSIC**

**Presented by Moxy's Xtra Pair**

**(A 2019 FloBowling PBA Summer Tour event)**

**Pla-Mor Lanes, Coldwater, Ohio, Thursday**

### **Final Qualifying Standings (after eight games; top 32 advance to Friday's cashers round):**

- 1, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 1,887.
- 2, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 1,868.
- 3, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 1,851.
- 4, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 1,843.
- 5, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 1,841.
- 6, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,819.
- 7, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,813.
- 8, Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, NJ, 1,803.
- 9, Sam Cooley, Australia, 1,802.
- 10, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 1,794.
- 11, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,790.
- 12, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,785.
- 13, Stuart Williams, England, 1,777.

- 14, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,775.
- 15, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,771.
- 16, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 1,768.
- 17, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 1,765.
- 18, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 1,764.
- 19, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 1,762.
- 20, Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., 1,759.
- 21, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,748.
- 22, Michael Martell, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1,744.
- 23, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 1,729.
- 24, William Svensson, Sweden, 1,726.
- 24, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 1,726.
- 26, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 1,722.
- 27, Tim Pfeifer, Oakdale, Pa., 1,717.
- 28, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 1,713.
- 29, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 1,712.
- 30, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,711.
- 31, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,708.
- 32, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 1,707.

**Failed to advance:**

- 33, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 1,706.
- 33, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 1,706.
- 35, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 1,703.
- 36, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 1,696.
- 37, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 1,695.
- 38, Francois Louw, South Africa, 1,694.
- 39, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, IL, 1,693.
- 40, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,691.
- 41, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 1,677.
- 42, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 1,675.
- 43, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 1,673.
- 44, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,668.
- 45, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 1,662.
- 46, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 1,660.
- 47, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 1,659.
- 48, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,656.
- 48, Richard Teece, England, 1,656.
- 50, Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 1,651.
- 51, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 1,646.
- 52, Jean Perez, Puerto Rico, 1,644.
- 52, Tom Sorce, Blasdell, N.Y., 1,644.
- 54, Stephen Hahn, Sterling, Va., 1,640.
- 55, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 1,639.
- 56, Kurt Pilon, Sterling Heights, Mich., 1,636.
- 56, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,636.
- 58, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 1,623.
- 59, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,621.
- 60, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 1,620.
- 61, Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., 1,611.
- 61, Anthony Lavery-Spaher, Pasadena, Texas, 1,611.
- 63, Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., 1,610.
- 64, Dom Barrett, England, 1,609.
- 65, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,606.

66, Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,604.  
67, Mitch Hupé, Canada, 1,602.  
68, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 1,599.  
69, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,593.  
70, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,588.  
71, John Furey, Howell, N.J., 1,568.  
72, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,561.  
73, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 1,557.  
74, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 1,551.  
75, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 1,540.  
76, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 1,536.  
77, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,526.  
78, Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 1,519.  
79, Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 1,508.  
80, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,488.  
81, Eduardo Astiazaran, Mexico, 1,486.  
82, Ryan Lakota, Shorewood, Ill., 1,484.  
83, Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 1,467.  
84, Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 1,465.  
85, James Grago, Hampstead, N.C., 1,463.  
86, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 1,451.  
86, Russ Oviatt, Chandler, Ariz., 1,451.  
88, Rhino Page, Orlando, 1,446.  
89, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 1,443.  
90, Eric Wagner, Brookville, Ohio, 1,441.  
91, Kyle Gillum, Columbus, Ohio, 1,437.  
92, Oskar Wirefeldt, Sweden, 1,418.  
93, Tom Hess, Granger, Iowa, 1,405.  
94, Matt Jakob, Hilliard, Ohio, 1,378.  
95, Germaine Tyler, Bolingbrook, Ill., 1,366.  
96, Mike Kriner, Fortville, Ind., 1,268.  
300 Games: Michael Martell, Tim Pfeifer.  
n-denotes non-PBA member.

## PBA Spare Shots

### EX-MLB ALL-STAR JOHN BURKETT WINS FIRST PBA TITLE IN TEXAS REGIONAL EVENT

Former Major League Baseball All-Star pitcher **John Burkett** of Southlake, Texas, shot 247 in his final position round match Sunday to win his first PBA Regional title and become the first former Major Leaguer to win a PBA title at any level.

Burkett, 54, won the PBA Houston Emerald Bowl Southwest Challenge, presented by Bowling Dynamix, in Houston, Texas, where he out-dueled non-PBA member **Tyler Wright** of Gonzales, La., by 94 pins for the victory after swapping the lead with Wright throughout the match play finals.

PBA Challenge tournaments are open to players who have not previously won a PBA title. Burkett, a lifelong bowler dating back to his formative years in the Pittsburgh area, has bowled in PBA competition for several years, and has been a regular on the PBA50 Tour over the past five years. His best finish in a national tournament was fourth place in the 2015 PBA50 Northern California Classic.

During his 16-year MLB career, Burkett compiled 166 wins with 1,766 strikeouts and a 4.31 earned run average, pitching from 1987 to 2003 with the San Francisco Giants, Florida Marlins, Texas Rangers, Atlanta Braves and Boston Red Sox. His best season came in 1993 when he went 22–7 with a 3.65 ERA for the Giants. Burkett was selected to the Major League All-Star game twice, in 1993 and 2001.

In the Houston tournament, Burkett held a 64-pin lead over **Jordan Malott**, the 15-year-old son of PBA star **Wes Malott** of Pflugerville, Texas. Burkett started the final game with four strikes as Malott managed early spares before opening in the third frame. Burkett then rolled to a 247-203 win while Wright regained second place with a 224-203 win over **Kaden Rogillio** of Deer Park, Texas. Burkett finished the tournament with 4,946 total pins for 21 games, including match play bonus pins, while Wright totaled 4,852, and Malott 4,808.

“The kid’s unbelievable,” Burkett said of the young Malott. “He looks just like (semi-retired PBA Tour titlist) Michael Fagan. He made it tough on me.

“My opponents averaged over 230 in match play, but I still won enough matches to win the event. I don’t care what it is; to win something with the PBA name on it makes me very proud,” he added.

“Maybe one of these days I’ll get a PBA50 Tour title. I’ve been close, but, man, when I get a good look on the lanes there are also a few PBA Hall of Famers who also have a good look. It’s very difficult, but this is something to build on. At least now I know I can do it.”

## **TIMELESS PBA HALL OF FAMER CARMEN SALVINO TO SET PARTICIPATION RECORD - AGAIN**

When 85-year-old PBA Hall of Famer **Carmen Salvino** throws his first ball in the FloBowling PBA Summer Swing, presented by the Brands of Ebonite International, Monday at Parkside Lanes in Aurora, Illinois, he’ll set the PBA record as the oldest player ever to bowl in a PBA Tour event.

He’ll break his own record, set in 2018 when he competed in the PBA Tournament of Champions earlier in the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season. A founding member of the PBA in 1958, Salvino has bowled in 732 PBA Tour events since competing in the first PBA tournament ever held – the 1959 Empire State Open at Schade’s Academy in Albany, N.Y.

The Chicago native won 17 PBA Tour titles and two PBA50 Tour titles during his lengthy career. He will celebrate his 86th birthday on November 23.

### **MYKEL HOLLIMAN MAINTAINS GO BOWLING! PBA TOUR ROOKIES POINTS LEAD**

Despite his 129th place finish in the PBA Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic over the weekend in Middletown, Del., **Mykel Holliman** of Collierville, Tenn., maintained his comfortable lead in the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour's rookie competition points race.

Holliman, a 26-year-old left-hander, didn't move from his 31st position on the overall 2019 PBA Points list. Among players on the 2019 Bowl4life PBA Rookie Watch list, **Kenneth Ryan** of Farmingdale, N.J., is second in 59th place followed by Wichita's **Patrick Hanrahan** (62nd); **Mike Coffey** of Melbourne, Fla. (74th); **Jake Rollins** of Glen Rock, N.J. (76th) and **Greg Young** of Viera, Fla. (78th) on the overall 2019 PBA Tour points list. While competition points have no direct bearing on who will be selected as 2019 PBA Rookie of the Year, they will be a significant consideration when voting takes place at the end of the season.

The 2019 Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year will receive a \$2,500 bonus from **Chuck Gardner's** Bowl4Life Foundation and the foundation will donate an additional \$2,500 to a youth bowler scholarship in the ROY's name.

### **PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: TUHOLSKI, ALSTOTT WIN FIRST PBA REGIONAL TITLES**

- **Chris Tuholski** of Gresham, Ore., posted a 7-5 match play record and a 20-game total of 4,491 pins Sunday to win his first PBA Regional title in the 40th annual PBA Dave Husted Northwest/West Open presented by Hammer at Husted's Milwaukie Bowl in Milwaukie, Ore.

Tuholski, the son of nine-time PBA Northwest Region titlist **Craig Tuholski**, earned \$2,000. He defeated **Matt McGill** of Grants Pass, Ore., by 93 pins for the win. McGill had a 7-4-1 match play record and 4,398 pins for his 20 games, including match play bonus pins, to earn \$1,200.

The tournament, hosted by the Husted family, is the longest running regional event in the PBA's Northwest/West Regions.

- **Gary Alstott** of Washington, Ill. defeated **Brad Sipes** of Bloomington, Ill. by 144 pins Sunday to win the PBA Greater Jasper Central/Midwest Open at Eastown Recreation Center in Jasper, Ind.

Alstott finished with a 7-1 match play record and a total of 3,710 pins for 16 games, including match play bonus pins, for his first PBA Regional title. He also earned \$1,400. Sipes finished with 3,566 pins.

- The PBA's schedule of Regional tournaments over the Aug. 23-25 weekend will be the PBA50 Sky Lanes Asheville South Open in Asheville, N.C., and the PBA50 Coldwater/Roto Grip Central/Midwest Open at Pla-Mor Lanes in Coldwater, Ohio.

- The PBA closes its August schedule of Regional activity with the PBA60 Kingsport Super Senior South Open presented by Storm at Warpath Lanes in Kingsport, Tenn., Aug. 26-28, followed by the PBA60 Wilson & Sons Pest Control Super Senior Open at Victory Lanes Family Entertainment Center in Mooresville, N.C., Aug. 29-31. The end-of-month weekend also includes the PBA50 Strike Zone Alleys Eastern Open presented by Hammer in Pottsville, Pa.; the PBA Illinois Valley Midwest Open at I.V. Super Bowl in Peru, Ill., and the PBA50 Mooresville South Open presented By Columbia 300 at Victory Lanes Family Entertainment Center in Mooresville, N.C.

- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit [pba.com](http://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](http://pba.com) (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

## QUICK NOTES

- Action resumes Thursday and Friday in the FloBowling PBA Summer Tour points competition when Pla-Mor Lanes in Coldwater, Ohio, hosts the PBA BowlerStore.com Classic presented by Moxy's Xtra Pair. FloBowling's live coverage of the eight-game qualifying rounds is set for 8 a.m., 1:30 and 7 p.m. (EDT) Thursday. Updated points standings will follow each Summer Tour event at this link: <https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/PointsList/132?list=10>. The FloBowling PBA Summer Tour points competitions also will determine the USBC Cup points leaders, and the eight qualifiers for both the FloBowling PBA ATX Invite and the PBA China Tiger Cup Invitational.

- Veteran bowling journalist and 2019 PBA Hall of Fame inductee **Bob Johnson** is paying forward his industry recognition. Instead of accepting a traditional PBA Hall of Fame ring upon his induction, Johnson asked that a donation-in-kind be made to his favorite charity, bowling's BVL fund. The gesture turned into a contribution of \$1,200 in support of the nation's military veterans.

## **It's All or Nothing as Tommy Jones Wins PBA BowlerStore.Com Classic**

*Nineteen-time PBA Tour title winner survives two gutter balls in defeating Sean Rash*

**COLDWATER, Ohio (Aug. 23, 2019)** – For Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, South Carolina, the title match in the PBA BowlerStore.com Classic presented by Moxy's Xtra Pair at Pla-Mor Lanes Friday was an all or nothing affair.

Jones defeated top qualifier Sean Rash of Montgomery, Illinois, 215-179, bowling a game that featured eight strikes on his first 10 shots – and gutter balls on the other two attempts. Playing a severe angle that called for throwing the ball to the edge of the gutter in order to strike, Jones twice threw the ball a bit too far.

"I believe I'm the first one to win a title with two gutter balls because I don't think anyone else was dumb enough to do it a second time," Jones said. "There's nothing you can do about it; you just move on to your next shot."

After his first error, Jones converted his spare. On the second, he got nine pins, but the two errant shots cost him enough pins that Rash still had an outside chance to win – despite leaving a 7-10 split on a light pocket hit on his side of the match.

"Tommy bowled a good game. I bowled a good game, but I left a 7-10," Rash said, adding, "Thanks Coldwater" in a good-natured jab at the host center's reputation for being a demanding scoring environment.

"Any time you have a chance to win, it's special," Rash said, "but at the end of the day there's only one winner. I put myself in a position to win. That's all you can ask for. Hats off to Tommy."

In appraising his overall performance in winning his 19th career PBA Tour title, Jones said, "I like to throw it hard and I got to throw it hard this week. We all know Coldwater is a tough place to score, so I think my mindset was right to come in here and throw quality shots."

Jones, a 40-year-old 20-year PBA Tour veteran, has now made it into the championship round at least once in 17 of the past 18 years.

In the first match of the four-man stepladder finals, defending Coldwater champion Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona, and Dick Allen of Lancaster, South Carolina, both had their share of struggles to find the strike pocket, but Butturff found it in time, striking on his last four shots to pull out a 205-200 victory.

In the semifinal match, Butturff quickly lost his strike touch, failing to throw consecutive strikes the entire game while Jones threw a double in the fifth and sixth frames, and locked up a 231-184 victory with a string of four strikes starting in the eighth frame.

The FloBowling PBA Summer Tour will complete its nine-event schedule of competition points events with the three-event FloBowling PBA Summer Swing presented by the Brands of Ebonite International next Monday through Saturday at Parkside Lanes in Aurora, Illinois. The PBA Wolf, Bear and Illinois Opens, all of which will be live streamed from start to finish on FloBowling, will be the last three events for players to earn points toward the USBC Cup, FloBowling ATX Invite in September and inaugural PBA China Tiger Cup in Shanghai in November. For subscription information, visit FloBowling.com.

**PBA [BOWLERSTORE.COM](https://www.bowlerstore.com) CLASSIC**

**presented by Moxy's Xtra Pair**

**(A part of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour)**

## **Pla-Mor Lanes, Coldwater, Ohio, Sunday**

### **Final Standings:**

- 1, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., \$10,000.
- 2, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., \$5,000.
- 3, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., \$2,500.
- 4, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., \$2,250.

### **Stepladder Results:**

Match One – Butturff def. Allen, 205-200.

Semifinal Match – Jones def. Butturff, 231-184.

Championship – Jones def. Rash, 215-179.

### **Round of 8 (after 17 games):**

- 1, Rash, 3,873.
- 2, Jones, 3,839.
- 3, Allen, 3,830.
- 4, Butturff, 3,804.
- 5, Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, NJ, 3,794, \$2,000.
- 6, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 3,792, \$1,750.
- 7, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 3,775, \$1,500.
- 8, Sam Cooley, Australia, 3,770, \$1,250.

### **Round of 16 Cashers (did not advance, after 15 games):**

- 9, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 3,343, \$1,100.
- 10, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 3,335, \$1,000.
- 11 (tie), Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., and Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 3,315, \$925.
- 13, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 3,314, \$875.
- 14, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 3,297, \$850.
- 15, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 3,296, \$825.
- 16, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 3,280, \$800.

### **Cashers Round Cashers (did not advance, after 12 games):**

- 17, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 2,644, \$775.
- 18, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,637, \$775.
- 19, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 2,632, \$775.
- 20, Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., 2,619, \$775.
- 21, Tim Pfeifer, Oakdale, Pa., 2,607, \$850.
- 22, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,599, \$750.
- 23, Michael Martell, Brooklyn, N.Y., 2,593, \$850.
- 24, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 2,580, \$750.
- 25, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 2,572, \$725.
- 26, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 2,537, \$725.
- 27, Nick Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 2,527, \$725.
- 28, Stuart Williams, England, 2,513, \$725.
- 29, William Svensson, Sweden, 2,507, \$700.
- 30, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 2,483, \$700.

31, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 2,477, \$700.  
32, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 2,466, \$700.

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### **Six Down, Three to Go in FloBowling PBA Summer Tour Points Race**

*Non-titlist AJ Johnson moves past Kyler Sherman as PBA Tour heads to Aurora, Illinois*

**CHICAGO** – With six tournaments in the books, the final three tournaments of the FloBowling PBA Summer Tour are set to begin Monday at Parkside Lanes in Aurora, Illinois, just a few miles from new Summer Tour points leader AJ Johnson's hometown of Plainfield. It is shaping up as a dramatic finale to a competition points race loaded with incentives.

Johnson, a 26-year-old fourth-year touring player, has yet to win his first Go Bowling! PBA Tour title, but he has had an outstanding summer season, cashing in all six FloBowling PBA Summer Tour events with three top 10 finishes in overtaking previous points leader Kyle Sherman of O'Fallon, Missouri as the world's best bowlers head into the FloBowling PBA Summer Swing presented by the Brands of Ebonite International.

With 2,500 points at stake for the winners of the PBA Wolf and PBA Bear Opens in Aurora, and 5,000 points for the Illinois Open titlist to conclude the Summer Swing – plus points of descending value at stake for all other players – the top eight positions are wide open.

To illustrate how important strong performances in each event will be coming down the home stretch, note that Tommy Jones, winner of the PBA BowlerStore.com Classic in Coldwater, Ohio, Friday, advanced from 27th place to sixth place on the Summer Tour points list.

Finishing in the top eight in points means significant rewards:

- The top five will share in a \$40,000 bonus prize fund, with \$20,000 to the points leader;
- The top eight will be invited to compete for bonus prize money in the inaugural FloBowling ATX Invite at Dart Bowl in Austin, Texas, on Sept. 21, where the winner will receive \$25,000. The FloBowling ATX Invite is the 10th and final event on the Summer Tour schedule;
- The top eight also will be invited to travel, expenses-paid, to Shanghai for the PBA's first-ever visit to China for the PBA China Tiger Cup. A \$20,000 first prize will be paid to the winner of the singles event, all players also will compete in a special team challenge against a team of Chinese players.

Fans can follow the summer points races at the conclusion of each of the three events in Aurora by clicking on this link: <https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/PointsList/132?list=10>.

In addition to the summer points competition, the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour earnings race also is ongoing. The top eight money-winners for the full year will earn berths in the second PBA Clash that will take place at the Kegel Training Center in Lake Wales, Florida, in late October for airing on FOX on Nov. 3. Australia's Jason Belmonte is the runaway leader in earnings with \$264,050. All of the top 10 in earnings maintained their positions at the conclusion of the Coldwater tournament, but the Aurora tripleheader could shuffle the deck.

The entire FloBowling PBA Summer Tour will be livestreamed exclusively on FloBowling. For start-to-finish coverage of all events, visit FloBowling.com and sign up for a subscription. Fans also can follow the action in Aurora as it happens at Live Scoring on [pba.com](https://www.pba.com).

### **FLOBOWLING PBA SUMMER TOUR POINT LEADERS**

**(Top 20 after six of nine events; previous ranking in parenthesis)**

- 1, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 4,585 (2).
- 2, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 4,525 (1).
- 3, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 4,390 (3).
- 4, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 4,330 (6).
- 5, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 4,200 (10).
- 6, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 4,110 (27).
- 7, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 3,765 (4).
- 8, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 3,355 (5).
- 9, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 3,200 (7)
- 10, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 3,180 (8).
- 11, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 3,110 (9).
- 12, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 2,940 (13).
- 13, Stuart Williams, England, 2,805 (11).
- 14, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 2,695 (16).
- 15, Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., 2,555 (12).
- 16, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 2,435 (20).
- 17, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,400 (14).
- 18, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 2,370 (26).
- 19, Dom Barrett, England, 2,260 (15).
- 20, Brad Miller, Lee's Summit, Mo., 2,140 (17).

### **2019 GO BOWLING! PBA TOUR EARNINGS LEADERS**

**(Top 10 as of Aug. 23; number of tournaments bowled in parenthesis)**

- 1, Jason Belmonte, \$264,050 (15).
- 2, Jakob Butturff, \$184,180 (20).
- 3, Kris Prather, \$173,990 (20).
- 4, Bill O'Neill, \$148,048 (20).

- 5, EJ Tackett, \$140,695 (22).
- 6, Anthony Simonsen, \$129,490 (21).
- 7, Norm Duke, \$91,015 (16).
- 8, Sean Rash, \$82,430 (21).
- 9, Kyle Sherman, \$72,693 (17).
- 10, Dick Allen, \$71,080 (18).

### **Anthony Simonsen Gets Boost from 300 Game to Take PBA Wolf Open Lead after First Round**

*Rash, Belmonte, Duke and Allen round out top five heading into Tuesday's second round*

**AURORA, Ill. - (Aug. 26, 2019)** – Six-time Go Bowling! PBA Tour winner Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, bowled a 300 game and averaged 235.8 on the Professional Bowlers Association's 32-foot Wolf Lane condition Monday to lead the PBA Wolf Open after the first round at Parkside Lanes.

In the first event of the FloBowling PBA Summer Swing presented by the Brands of Ebonite International, Simonsen, the 2018 Wolf Open winner, bowled an 1,887 pinfall total with games of 200, 247, 243, 176, 300, 259, 225 and 237 to hold a 21-pin lead over 13-time tour winner Sean Rash of Montgomery, Illinois, in second with 1,866.

"Three years ago, I wouldn't be looking forward to bowling on this condition," said the 22-year-old Simonsen. "Fortunately, I've been able to learn from my experiences bowling on the shorter lane conditions which has resulted in better equipment choices and adjustments and just more confidence overall."

Rash, who is coming off a runner-up finish in the PBA BowlerStore.com Classic, bowled games of 223, 191, 269, 246, 277, 220, 201 and 239.

Australian two-hander Jason Belmonte finished the round in third with an 1,858 pinfall. The four-time PBA Player of the Year, who is in pursuit of his fifth title of the season, had games of 216, 202, 268, 223, 239, 243, 259 and 208.

Rounding out the top five were PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Florida, in fourth with 1,841 and Dick Allen of Lexington, South Carolina in fifth with 1,840. Both players are trying for a third win this season. The 55-year-old Duke won the Go Bowling! PBA Indianapolis and Jonesboro Opens earlier this season to become the oldest player to win back-to-back tour titles.

The entire field returns for a six-game qualifying round Tuesday at Noon that will determine the top 18 players who will advance to a cashers round at 5 p.m. The top five players after the cashers round will advance to the stepladder finals at 8:30 p.m. CT.

After Tuesday's Wolf Open stepladder finals, the Summer Swing continues with Bear Open qualifying on Wednesday beginning at 3:30 p.m. The Bear Open will use the same format as the Wolf Open but will be conducted on the 41-foot PBA Bear lane condition.

Based on the combined 28-game qualifying totals from the Wolf and Bear events, the top 24 players will advance to Illinois Open match play, consisting of two eight-game round robin match play rounds on Friday, and the final eight-game round on Saturday morning that will determine the top five players for the Illinois Open stepladder finals at 3:30 p.m.

In addition to titles in each event, the Wolf, Bear and Illinois Open tournaments will award competition points that will decide the five players who will earn bonus cash in the USBC Cup series (\$20,000 first place), the eight players who will receive invitations to participate in the inaugural FloBowling ATX Invite at Dart Bowl in FloBowling's home city, Austin, Texas, on Sept. 21, and the eight bowlers who will win expenses-paid trips to participate in the PBA China Tiger Cup, Nov. 19-21, in Shanghai.

The entire FloBowling PBA Summer Swing is streamed live on FloBowling. For FloBowling subscription and schedule information visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com).

## **PBA WOLF OPEN**

**First event of the FloBowling PBA Summer Swing presented by the Brands of Ebonite International**

**Parkside Lanes, Aurora, Ill., Monday**

### **FIRST ROUND QUALIFYING RESULTS (after eight games)**

- 1, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 1,887.
- 2, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,866.
- 3, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,858.
- 4, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,841.
- 5, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 1,840.
- 6, Stuart Williams, England, 1,814.
- 7, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 1,809.
- 8, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,796.
- 9, (tie) Greg Young, Viera, Fla., Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., and Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 1,792.
- 12, (tie) William Svensson, Sweden, and Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 1,783.
- 14, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,781.
- 15, Anthony Lavery-Spaher, Pasadena, Texas, 1,774.
- 16, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 1,770.
- 17, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,769.
- 18, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 1,768.
- 19, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,767.
- 20, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 1,763.
- 21, Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., 1,758.
- 22, Sam Cooley, Australia, 1,750.
- 23, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,748.
- 24, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 1,743.
- 25, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,741.
- 26, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,739.
- 27, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 1,736.
- 28, Michael Martell, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1,735.
- 29, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 1,730.
- 30, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 1,722.
- 31, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 1,718.
- 32, (tie) Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., and Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 1,716.
- 34, Eduardo Astiazaran, Mexico, 1,708.
- 35, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 1,687.

36, Kurt Pilon, Sterling Heights, Mich., 1,686.  
37, Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 1,683.  
38, Dom Barrett, England, 1,679.  
39, Stephen Hahn, Sterling, Va., 1,675.  
40, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 1,673.  
41, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 1,672.  
42, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,666.  
43, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 1,664.  
44, Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., 1,659.  
44, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,659.  
46, (tie) Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., and Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 1,656.  
48, Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., 1,652.  
49, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 1,651.  
50, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 1,650.  
51, Tun Ameerul Al-Hakim, Malaysia, 1,646.  
52, Ryan Lakota, Shorewood, Ill., 1,644.  
53, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 1,641.  
54, Zach Doty, Campbellsville, Ky., 1,635.  
55, John Furey, Howell, N.J., 1,633.  
56, Russ Oviatt, Chandler, Ariz., 1,625.  
57, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 1,624.  
58, Mitch Hupe, Canada, 1,622.  
59, Rhino Page, Orlando, 1,621.  
60, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,619.  
61, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,616.  
62, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 1,613.  
63, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,609.  
64, (tie) Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., and Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 1,605.  
66, (tie) Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., and Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 1,604.  
68, Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, NJ, 1,600.  
69, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 1,592.  
70, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 1,591.  
71, Francois Louw, South Africa, 1,586.  
72, Raul Ayala Salazar, Ecuador, 1,585.  
73, (tie) Richard Teece, England, and Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 1,563.  
75, Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,555.  
76, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 1,548.  
77, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,546.  
78, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 1,538.  
79, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, IL, 1,530.  
80, Tom Sorce, Blasdell, N.Y., 1,519.  
81, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 1,515.  
82, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 1,505.  
83, Christopher O'Neil, Decatur, Ill., 1,493.  
84, Dakota Vostry, Chicago, Ill., 1,478.  
85, Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 1,454.  
86, George Duke, Vidor, Texas, 1,449.  
87, n-Matt Russo, Fariview Heights, Ill., 1,439.  
88, n-Tannya Lopez, Mexico, 1,425.  
89, Oskar Wirefeldt, Sweden, 1,417.  
90, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 1,411.  
91, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 1,408.  
92, Chandler Stevens, Archbold, Ohio, 1,403.

93, Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, 1,397.  
94, Joseph Grago, Hampstead, N.C., 1,370.  
95, (tie) Christopher Dower, Cary, Ill., and n-Kyle Salter, Montgomery. Ill., 1,366.  
97, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 1,364.  
98, James Grago, Hampstead, N.C., 1,328.  
99, Carmen Salvino, Schaumburg, Ill., 1,321.  
100, Craig Schneider, Marcy, N.Y., 1,301.  
101, Richard Lupo, St. Charles, Mo., 1,300.  
102, Armando Santacruz, Ecuador, 1,222.  
103, John Contos, Crystal Lake, 1,209.

**300 games** – Anthony Simonsen

n-denotes non-PBA member

### **Rash Defeats Simonsen to Win PBA Wolf Open for 14th career Go Bowling! PBA Tour Title**

*Rash beats Simonsen 257-193 in title match of first tournament of the FloBowling PBA Summer Swing*

**AURORA, Ill. (Aug. 27, 2019)** – In front of a hometown crowd, Sean Rash of Montgomery, Illinois, beat Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, 257-193, in the title match to win the PBA Wolf Open Tuesday at Parkside Lanes for his second Go Bowling! PBA Tour title of the season and the 14th of his career.

In the opening tournament of the FloBowling PBA Summer Swing presented by the Brands of Ebonite International, Rash, the No. 3 seed for the finals was able to jump out to the early lead after Simonsen, the No. 1 seed, threw a gutter ball and opened in the third frame. After two spares in the fourth and fifth frames, Rash threw five consecutive strikes which sealed the match win.

Simonsen, who won the 2018 Wolf Open, was trying for his second title of the season after winning the PBA Players Championship in February for his sixth career title and second major.

"Anthony had a couple bad frames and I thought now is my chance to put it away," Rash said. "I just took some deep breaths, refocused and made the good shots I needed to make."

Rash advanced to the title match by beating No. 2 seed PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke in the semifinal 257-227.

"This is the third year we've hosted a tournament (at Parkside Lanes) and I've never made a show," said Rash, who teamed with Matt Ogle to win the PBA Roth-Holman Doubles Championship in January for his first title of the season. "All I can say is it's unbelievable to win here in front of my friends and family – it means a lot."

Rash was coming off a runner-up finish in the PBA BowlerStore.com Classic last week where he lost to Tommy Jones 215-179 in the title match of that tournament.

"There have been some ups and downs but overall it's been a solid season," Rash said. "I've always felt that if I just continued to work hard and believe in myself, good things will happen."

The 55-year-old Duke was trying for his third win of the season and the 41st of his career. He won the Go Bowling! Indianapolis and Jonesboro Opens earlier in the year to become the oldest player to win tour titles back to back.

In the opening stepladder match, Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, North Carolina beat Greg Young of Viera, Florida, 264-206, to advance to the second stepladder match where he lost to Rash 217-180. Troup was trying for his fourth career title and Young his first.

The FloBowling PBA Summer Swing continues with the first round of qualifying for the PBA Bear Open Wednesday which will be followed by second-round qualifying and cashers rounds Thursday to determine the top five players for the Bear Open stepladder finals at 8:30 p.m. CT.

After the combined 28-game qualifying totals from the Wolf and Bear events, the top 24 players will advance to Illinois Open match play consisting of two eight-game round robin match play rounds on Friday and the final eight-game round Saturday morning. The top five players after 52 games, will advance to the PBA Illinois Open stepladder finals at 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

The entire Summer Swing is streamed live on FloBowling. For subscription and schedule information visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com).

### **PBA WOLF OPEN**

**First event of the FloBowling PBA Summer Swing presented by the Brands of Ebonite International  
Parkside Lanes, Aurora, Ill., Tuesday**

#### **Final Standings**

- 1, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., \$10,000
- 2, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, \$6,000
- 3, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., \$4,000
- 4, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C. \$3,500
- 5, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., \$2,500

#### **Stepladder Results**

Match One – Troup def. Young, 264-206.  
Match Two – Rash def. Troup, 217-180.  
Semifinal – Rash def. Duke, 257-227.  
Final – Rash def. Simonsen, 257-193

### **CASHERS ROUND RESULTS**

**(20-game pinfall totals. Top five advance to stepladder finals)**

- 1, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 4,691.
- 2, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 4,582.
- 3, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 4,531.
- 4, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 4,492.
- 5, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 4,480.
- 6, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 4,462, \$2,000.
- 7, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 4,459, \$1,600.
- 8, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 4,444, \$1,400.
- 9, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 4,415, \$1,200.
- 10, Sam Cooley, Australia, 4,412, \$1,000.
- 11, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 4,403, \$900.
- 12, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 4,396, \$800.
- 13, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 4,383, \$750.

- 14, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 4,355, \$740.
- 15, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 4,311, \$730.
- 16, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 4,306, \$720.
- 17, Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., 4,295, \$710.
- 18, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 4,287, \$700.

## **SECOND ROUND QUALIFYING RESULTS**

### **(14-game pinfall totals. Top 18 advance to cashers round)**

- 1, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 3,238.
- 2, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3,217.
- 3, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 3,192.
- 4, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,174.
- 5, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 3,129.
- 6, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 3,112.
- 7, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 3,097.
- 8, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 3,086.
- 9, (tie) Arturo Quintero, Mexico, and Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 3,084.
- 11, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3,083.
- 12, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 3,076.
- 13, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 3,075.
- 14, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,072.
- 15, Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., 3,066.
- 16, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 3,064.
- 17, Sam Cooley, Australia, 3,062.
- 18, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 3,060.

### **Failed to advance:**

- 19, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 3,059.
- 20, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 3,044.
- 21, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 3,038.
- 22, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3,031.
- 23, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 3,027.
- 24, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 3,024.
- 25, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 3,006.
- 26, Tun Ameerul Al-Hakim, Malaysia, 2,998.
- 27, Stuart Williams, England, 2,997.
- 28, Mitch Hupe, Canada, 2,992.
- 29, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 2,991.
- 30, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 2,989.
- 31, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 2,987.
- 32, Dom Barrett, England, 2,981.
- 33, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 2,974.
- 34, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 2,959.
- 35, William Svensson, Sweden, 2,957.
- 36, John Furey, Howell, N.J., 2,952.
- 37, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 2,941.
- 38, Kurt Pilon, Sterling Heights, Mich., 2,940.
- 39, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 2,936.
- 40, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,932.
- 41, Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 2,931.
- 42, (tie) Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., and Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 2,922.
- 45, (tie) Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, and Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 2,895.

47, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 2,893.  
48, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 2,891.  
49, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 2,889.  
50, (tie) Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., and Michael Martell, Brooklyn, N.Y., 2,887.  
52, Francois Louw, South Africa, 2,879.  
53, Zach Doty, Campbellsville, Ky., 2,878.  
54, Tom Sorce, Blasdell, N.Y., 2,872.  
55, Russ Oviatt, Chandler, Ariz., and Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 2,870.  
57, Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, NJ, 2,869.  
58, Stephen Hahn, Sterling, Va., 2,860.  
59, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 2,851.  
60, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2,841.  
61, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 2,831.  
62, Dakota Vostry, Chicago, Ill., 2,830.  
63, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2,821.  
64, Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., 2,819.  
65, Eduardo Astiazaran, Mexico, 2,813.  
66, (tie) Shawn Maldonado, Houston, and Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 2,809.  
68, Ryan Lakota, Shorewood, Ill., 2,794.  
69, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 2,793.  
70, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 2,779.  
71, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 2,778.  
72, Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2,775.  
73, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 2,772.  
74, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 2,770.  
75, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 2,745.  
76, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 2,744.  
77, Raul Ayala Salazar, Ecuador, 2,735.  
78, Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 2,722.  
79, Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 2,717.  
80, Christopher O'Neil, Decatur, Ill., 2,715.  
81, Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., 2,710.  
82, Richard Teece, England, 2,696.  
83, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, IL, 2,690.  
84, Rhino Page, Spokane, Wash., 2,665.  
85, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 2,639.  
86, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 2,604.  
87, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 2,598.  
88, n-Matt Russo, Fariview Heights, Ill., 2,577.  
89, Chandler Stevens, Archbold, Ohio, 2,542.  
90, Christopher Dower, Cary, Ill., 2,508.  
91, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 2,507.  
92, Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, 2,500.  
93, Joseph Grago, Hampstead, N.C., 2,458.  
94, Carmen Salvino, Schaumburg, Ill., 2,438.  
95, Oskar Wirefeldt, Sweden, 2,435.  
96, Craig Schneider, Marcy, N.Y., 2,433.  
97, George Duke, Vidor, Texas, 2,411.  
98, n-Kyle Salter, Montgomery, Ill., 2,398.  
99, n-Tannya Lopez, Mexico, 2,361.  
100, James Grago, Hampstead, N.C., 2,354.  
101, (tie) John Contos, Crystal Lake, and Richard Lupo, St. Charles, Mo., 2,299.  
103, Armando Santacruz, Ecuador, 2,151.

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## **Wolf Open Win Puts Sean Rash Atop FloBowling PBA Summer Tour Points List** *Two tournaments remain to decide “winners” in race for incentive competition points incentives*

**AURORA, Ill. (Aug. 28, 2019)** – Sean Rash’s victory Tuesday in the PBA Wolf Open, the first of three events in the FloBowling PBA Summer Swing presented by the Brands of Ebonite International, vaulted him into the lead in the race for significant incentives based on FloBowling PBA Summer Tour competition points.

Rash, the hottest player on the Go Bowling! PBA Tour over the past four events, collected his 14th career PBA Tour title and 2,500 points at Parkside Lanes in Aurora. The 37-year-old PBA Tour veteran from Aurora suburb Montgomery, Illinois, was in 27th place on the Summer Tour points list after the Harry O’Neale Chesapeake Open – the third event in the nine-tournament points series – but runner-up finishes in both the Wilmington Open and the BowlerStore.com Classic in Coldwater, Ohio, move him steadily up the ladder.

AJ Johnson from nearby Oswego, Illinois, is in second place after an outstanding strong Summer Tour series. Rounding out the top five after the Wolf Open are Bill O’Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania; previous points leader Kyle Sherman of O’Fallon, Missouri, in fourth place and BowlerStore.com winner Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, South Carolina.

With 2,500 points at stake for the winner of the PBA Wolf PBA Bear Open and 5,000 points for the Illinois Open titlist to conclude the Summer Swing and the FloBowling PBA Fall Tour – plus points of descending value at stake for all other players – a lot of movement is possible.

The incentives at stake include:

- The top five will share in a \$40,000 USBC Cup prize fund, with \$20,000 to the points leader;
- The top eight will be invited to compete for bonus prize money in the inaugural FloBowling ATX Invite at Dart Bowl in Austin, Texas, on Sept. 21, where the winner will receive \$25,000;
- The top eight will win expenses-paid trips to Shanghai, China for the inaugural PBA China Tiger Cup. A \$20,000 first prize will be paid to the winner of the singles event and all players will compete in a special team challenge against a team of Chinese players.

Fans can follow the summer points races at the conclusion of the final two events in Aurora by clicking on this link: <https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/PointsList/132?list=10>.

The 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour earnings race also is ongoing. The top eight money-winners for the full year will earn berths in the second PBA Clash that will take place at the Kegel Training Center in Lake Wales, Florida, on October 21 for airing on FOX on Nov. 3. Australia's Jason Belmonte holds the earnings lead with \$264,790. Fans can follow the 2019 earnings race at this link: <https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/TourWinnings/132>.

The entire FloBowling PBA Summer Tour will be livestreamed exclusively on FloBowling. For start-to-finish coverage of all events, visit FloBowling.com and sign up for a subscription. Fans also can follow the action in Aurora as it happens at Live Scoring on [pba.com](https://www.pba.com).

### **FLOBOWLING PBA SUMMER TOUR POINT LEADERS**

**(Top 20 after seven of nine events; previous ranking in parenthesis)**

- 1, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 6,700 (5).
- 2, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 4,785 (1).
- 3, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 4,735 (3).
- 4, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 4,668 (2).
- 5, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 4,615 (6).
- 6, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 4,375 (4).
- 7, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 4,170 (7).
- 8, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 3,645 (14).
- 9, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 3,590 (8).
- 10, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 3,460 (24).
- 11, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 3,445 (9).
- 12, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 3,335 (10).
- 13, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 3,315 (11).
- 14, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 3,225 (12).
- 15, Stuart Williams, England, 3,070 (13).
- 16, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,965 (17).
- 17, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 2,860 (16).
- 18, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 2,855 (20).
- 19, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,760 (21).
- 20, Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., 2,605 (15).

### **2019 GO BOWLING! PBA TOUR EARNINGS LEADERS**

**(Top 10 as of Aug. 28; number of tournaments bowled in parenthesis)**

- 1, Jason Belmonte, \$264,790 (16).
- 2, Jakob Butturff, \$184,180 (21).
- 3, Kris Prather, \$173,990 (21).
- 4, Bill O'Neill, \$148,048 (21).
- 5, EJ Tackett, \$140,695 (23).
- 6, Anthony Simonsen, \$135,490 (22).
- 7, Norm Duke, \$95,015 (17).
- 8, Sean Rash, \$92,430 (22).

9, Dick Allen, \$73,080 (19).  
10, Kyle Sherman, \$72,693 (18).

## **Sherman Edges Simonsen by One Pin to Take PBA Bear Open Lead After First Round**

*Simonsen holds commanding lead in PBA Illinois Open qualifying heading  
into Thursday's second Bear Open qualifying round*

**AURORA, Ill. (Aug. 28, 2019)** – Kyle Sherman of O'Fallon, Missouri, made the necessary adjustments to a different PBA lane condition averaging nearly 240 for eight games Wednesday to take the PBA Bear Open first-round lead in the second of three events that make up the FloBowling PBA Summer Swing presented by the Brands of Ebonite International at Parkside Lanes.

Bowling on the 41-foot PBA Bear lane conditioning pattern, the 25-year-old Sherman finished the day with a 1,918 pinfall total with games of 223, 237, 236, 244, 222, 279, 230 and 247 to edge out PBA Wolf Open runner-up Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, finishing the round in second just one pin behind with 1,917.

Sherman, who is in pursuit of his first Go Bowling! PBA Tour individual title, rebounded after a 45th-place finish in the Wolf Open which was conducted on PBA's 32-foot Wolf lane condition.

"I just had to forget about the last two days and clear my mind going into this (Bear Open) tournament," said Sherman who teamed with Amanda Greene to win the Storm PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles in July for his first tour title. "The 230 and 240 games could have been 250 or 260 but I didn't have good finishes in those games, so I left some pins on the table. But overall, I've regained my confidence mentally and with the adjustments I need to make so hopefully this will be a very different tournament for me."

Rounding out the top five were Wolf Open fourth-place finisher Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, North Carolina in third with 1,886 followed by 2018 Bear Open winner EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Indiana, in fourth with 1,835 and four-time PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia in fifth with 1,831.

Wolf Open winner Sean Rash of Montgomery, Illinois finished the first round of the Bear Open in 22nd with a 1,750 eight-game pinfall.

The entire field returns for a six-game qualifying round Thursday at Noon CT that will determine the top 18 players who will advance to a six-game cashers round at 5 p.m. The top five players after the cashers round will advance to the Bear Open stepladder finals at 8:30 p.m. CT.

The players are also competing to make the cut to the top 24 for the match play rounds of the PBA Illinois Open.

Based on the combined 28-game qualifying totals from the Wolf and Bear events, the top 24 will advance to Illinois Open match play, consisting of two eight-game match play rounds on Friday beginning at 11 a.m., and the final eight-game round Saturday morning at 11 a.m. that will determine the top five players for the Illinois Open stepladder finals at 3:30 p.m.

Simonsen holds a commanding lead in the Illinois Open standings with a 5,155 pinfall (234 average) for 22 games, 188 pins ahead of Rash in second with 4,967.

Rounding out the top five in Illinois Open qualifying are Troup, 4,961; Francois Lavoie of Canada, 4,921 and Belmonte and Wolf Open third-place finisher PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke tied for fifth with 4,914.

The entire PBA Summer Swing is streamed live by PBA's online streaming partner FloBowling. For subscription information visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com).

## **PBA BEAR OPEN**

**Second event of the FloBowling PBA Summer Swing presented by the Brands of Ebonite International**

**Parkside Lanes, Aurora, Ill., Wednesday**

### **FIRST-ROUND QUALIFYING RESULTS (after eight games)**

- 1, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 1,918.
- 2, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 1,917.
- 3, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,886.
- 4, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 1,835.
- 5, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,831.
- 6, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 1,811.
- 7, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,810.
- 8, (tie) Francois Lavoie, Canada, and Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 1,809.
- 10, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,798.
- 11, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,794.
- 12, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 1,789.
- 13, (tie) Mitch Hupe, Canada, 1,787, and Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,787.
- 15, Kurt Pilon, Sterling Heights, Mich., 1,778.
- 16, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 1,766.
- 17, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 1,764.
- 18, (tie) Tun Ameerul Al-Hakim, Malaysia, and AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,760.
- 20, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 1,754.
- 21, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 1,752.
- 22, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,750.
- 23, Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 1,746.
- 24, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,740.
- 25, Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., 1,733.
- 26, Christopher O'Neil, Decatur, Ill., 1,728.
- 27, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 1,717.
- 28, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 1,708.
- 29, Dom Barrett, England, 1,704.
- 30, (tie) Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., and Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 1,700.
- 32, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,697.
- 33, (tie) Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., and Sam Cooley, Australia, 1,693.
- 35, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 1,692.

36, Zach Doty, Campbellsville, Ky., 1,687.  
37, (tie) Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., and Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, 1,675.  
39, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,673.  
40, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 1,669.  
41, Tom Sorce, Blasdel, N.Y., 1,666.  
42, (tie) Dakota Vostry, Chicago, Ill., Richard Teece, England, and Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 1,665.  
45, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 1,664.  
46, (tie) Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, and John Furey, Howell, N.J., 1,663.  
49, Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 1,661.  
50, (tie) Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., and Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 1,660.  
52, Rhino Page, Spokane, Wash., 1,659.  
53, Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, NJ, 1,655.  
54, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 1,653.  
55, Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,645.  
56, (tie) George Duke, Vidor, Texas, and Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 1,640.  
58, Stuart Williams, England, 1,639.  
59, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 1,631.  
60, (tie) Michael Martell, Brooklyn, N.Y., and Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., 1,627.  
62, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 1,625.  
63, (tie) n-Kyle Salter, Montgomery. Ill., and James Grago, Hampstead, N.C., 1,623.  
65, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 1,620.  
66, Ryan Lakota, Shorewood, Ill., 1,617.  
67, (tie) n-Matt Russo, Fariview Heights, Ill., and Anthony Lavery-Spah, Pasadena, Texas, 1,614.  
69, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 1,605.  
70, (tie) DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, and Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 1,603.  
72, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,602.  
73, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 1,595.  
74, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 1,592.  
75, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 1,584.  
76, William Svensson, Sweden, 1,581.  
77, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, IL, 1,570.  
78, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 1,569.  
79, Christopher Dower, Cary, Ill., 1,567.  
80, Oskar Wirefeldt, Sweden, 1,565.  
81, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 1,564.  
82, Craig Schneider, Marcy, N.Y., 1,561.  
83, Eduardo Astiazaran, Mexico, 1,560.  
84, Raul Ayala Salazar, Ecuador, 1,552.  
85, n-Tannya Lopez, Mexico, 1,550.  
86, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,545.  
87, (tie) Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., and Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 1,543.  
89, Chandler Stevens, Archbold, Ohio, 1,538.  
90, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 1,537.

- 91, Francois Louw, South Africa, 1,536.
- 92, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 1,522.
- 93, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 1,518.
- 94, Russ Oviatt, Chandler, Ariz., 1,499.
- 95, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 1,496.
- 96, Stephen Hahn, Sterling, Va., 1,480.
- 97, John Contos, Crystal Lake, 1,477.
- 98, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,471.
- 99, Joseph Grago, Hampstead, N.C., 1,438.
- 100, Richard Lupo, St. Charles, Mo., 1,416.
- 101, Armando Santacruz, Ecuador, 1,363.

**300 games – Mitch Hupe**

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**PBA ILLINOIS OPEN STANDINGS (after 22 games)**

- 1, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 5,155.
- 2, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 4,967.
- 3, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 4,961.
- 4, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 4,921.
- 5, (tie) Jason Belmonte, Australia, and Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 4,914.
- 7, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 4,895.
- 8, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 4,894.
- 9, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 4,863.
- 10, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 4,856.
- 11, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 4,841.
- 12, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 4,838.
- 13, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 4,813.
- 14, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 4,802.
- 15, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 4,800.
- 16, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 4,792.
- 17, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 4,781.
- 18, Mitch Hupe, Canada, 4,779.
- 19, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 4,772.
- 20, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 4,761.
- 21, Tun Ameerul Al-Hakim, Malaysia, 4,758.
- 22, Sam Cooley, Australia, 4,755.
- 23, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 4,733.
- 24, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 4,731.
- 25, Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., 4,726.
- 26, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 4,719.
- 27, Kurt Pilon, Sterling Heights, Mich., 4,718.

- 28, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 4,705.
- 29, Dom Barrett, England, 4,685.
- 30, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 4,666.
- 31, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 4,665.
- 32, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 4,664.
- 33, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 4,662.
- 34, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 4,659.
- 35, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 4,643.
- 36, (tie) Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., and Stuart Williams, England, 4,636.
- 38, John Furey, Howell, N.J., 4,615.
- 39, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 4,598.
- 40, Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 4,592.
- 41, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 4,591.
- 42, (tie) Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., and Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 4,585.
- 44, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 4,584.
- 45, Zach Doty, Campbellsville, Ky., 4,565.
- 46, Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., 4,552.
- 47, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 4,548.
- 48, Anthony Lavery-Spah, Pasadena, Texas, 4,546.
- 49, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 4,543.
- 50, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 4,542.
- 51, (tie) Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., Tom Sorce, Blasdell, N.Y., and William Svensson, Sweden, 4,538.
- 54, Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, NJ, 4,524.
- 55, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 4,520.
- 56, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 4,515.
- 57, Michael Martell, Brooklyn, N.Y., 4,514.
- 58, Dakota Vostry, Chicago, Ill., 4,495.
- 59, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 4,487.
- 60, Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 4,468.
- 61, Christopher O'Neil, Decatur, Ill., 4,443.
- 62, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 4,436.
- 63, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 4,434.
- 64, Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 4,420.
- 65, Francois Louw, South Africa, 4,415.
- 66, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 4,413.
- 67, Ryan Lakota, Shorewood, Ill., 4,411.
- 68, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 4,409.
- 69, Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 4,382.
- 70, Eduardo Astiazaran, Mexico, 4,373.
- 71, Russ Oviatt, Chandler, Ariz., 4,369.
- 72, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 4,362.
- 73, Richard Teece, England, 4,361.
- 74, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 4,352.
- 75, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 4,347.
- 76, Stephen Hahn, Sterling, Va., 4,340.

- 77, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 4,338.
- 78, Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., 4,337.
- 79, Rhino Page, Spokane, Wash., 4,324.
- 80, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 4,290.
- 81, Raul Ayala Salazar, Ecuador, 4,287.
- 82, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 4,275.
- 83, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, IL, 4,260.
- 84, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 4,242.
- 85, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 4,223.
- 86, n-Matt Russo, Fariview Heights, Ill., 4,191.
- 87, Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, 4,175.
- 88, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 4,141.
- 89, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 4,099.
- 90, Chandler Stevens, Archbold, Ohio, 4,080.
- 91, Christopher Dower, Cary, Ill., 4,075.
- 92, George Duke, Vidor, Texas, 4,051.
- 93, n-Kyle Salter, Montgomery, Ill., 4,021.
- 94, Oskar Wirefeldt, Sweden, 4,000.
- 95, Craig Schneider, Marcy, N.Y., 3,994.
- 96, James Grago, Hampstead, N.C., 3,977.
- 97, n-Tannya Lopez, Mexico, 3,911.
- 98, Joseph Grago, Hampstead, N.C., 3,896.
- 99, John Contos, Crystal Lake, 3,776.
- 100, Richard Lupo, St. Charles, Mo., 3,715.
  
- 101, Armando Santacruz, Ecuador, 3,514.

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### **Simonsen Leads 24 Players Advancing to PBA Illinois Open Match Play**

*Defending Bear Open champion EJ Tackett leads 18 players advancing  
to Thursday's Bear Open Cashers Round*

**AURORA, Ill. (Aug. 29, 2018)** - With the conclusion of Thursday's PBA Bear Open final qualifying round, two-hander Anthony Simonsen led 24 players who advanced to match play for the PBA Illinois Open, the third and final event of the FloBowling PBA Summer Swing presented by the Brands of Ebonite International at Parkside Lanes.

After 14 qualifying games from both the Wolf and Bear Opens, Simonsen bowled a 6,532 28-game pinfall total (233 average) to lead Bear Open defending champion EJ Tackett in second with 6,356. Rounding out the top five are Wolf Open winner Sean Rash, 6,320; Canada's Francois Lavoie, who bowled back-to-

back 300 games in the second Bear qualifying round, 6,265, and Wes Malott with 6,243. Arturo Quintero of Mexico earned the 24th and final match play spot with a 6,003 pinfall.

The first of two Illinois Open eight-game match play rounds is scheduled for Friday at 11 a.m. CT with the second round at 5 p.m. The final match play round gets underway Saturday morning at 11 a.m. which will determine the top five players for the stepladder finals at 3:30 p.m.

The 24 players who advanced to Illinois Open match play – and the five who advance to the stepladder finals – will have the added challenge of bowling on the Bear 41-foot lane condition on the left lane and the Wolf 32-foot condition on the right lane in each match.

Also, with the conclusion of the second Bear Open qualifying round, Tackett, a 13-time Go Bowling! PBA Tour winner, led 18 players who advanced to Thursday's Bear Open cashers round with a 3,297 14-game pinfall total. The top five from the cashers round will advance to tonight's stepladder finals at 8:30 p.m.

The entire Summer Swing is streamed live on FloBowling. For subscription information visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com).

## **PBA ILLINOIS OPEN**

### **FINAL QUALIFYING TOTALS**

#### **(28-game pinfall totals. Top 24 advance to Friday's match play rounds)**

- 1, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 6,532
- 2, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 6,356.
- 3, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 6,320.
- 4, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 6,265.
- 5, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 6,243.
- 6, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 6,223.
- 7, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 6,197.
- 8, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 6,170.
- 9, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 6,135.
- 10, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 6,109.
- 11, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 6,106.
- 12, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 6,100.
- 13, Dom Barrett, England, 6,076.
- 14, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 6,075.
- 15, Sam Cooley, Australia, 6,067.
- 16, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 6,062.
- 17, Tun Ameerul Al-Hakim, Malaysia, 6,052.
- 18, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 6,040.
- 19, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 6,025.
- 20, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 6,022.
- 21, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 6,009.
- 22, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 6,004.
- 22, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 6,004.
- 24, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 6,003.

#### **Failed to advance:**

- 25, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 5,992, \$1,550.
- 26, Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., 5,987, \$1,500.
- 27, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 5,978.
- 28, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 5,972.
- 29, Mitch Hupe, Canada, 5,960, \$100.
- 30, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 5,929.

- 31, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 5,917.
- 32, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 5,906.
- 33, Tom Sorce, Blasdell, N.Y., 5,888.
- 34, Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 5,885.
- 35, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 5,868.
- 36, Dakota Vostry, Chicago, Ill., 5,866.
- 37, Zacharay Wilkins, Canada, 5,861.
- 38, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 5,855.
- 39, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 5,831.
- 40, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 5,830.
- 41, (tie) Zach Doty, Campbellsville, Ky., and Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 5,829.
- 43, William Svensson, Sweden, 5,825.
- 44, Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 5,824.
- 45, John Furey, Howell, N.J., 5,821.
- 46, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 5,816.
- 47, Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., 5,811.
- 48, Kurt Pilon, Sterling Heights, Mich., 5,809.
- 49, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 5,807.
- 50, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 5,803.
- 51, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 5,802.
- 52, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 5,797.
- 53, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 5,789.
- 54, Stuart Williams, England, 5,785.
- 55, (tie) Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, and Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 5,784.
- 57, Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 5,779.
- 58, Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 5,713.
- 59, Rhino Page, Spokane, Wash., 5,698.
- 60, Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, NJ, 5,687.
- 61, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 5,685.
- 62, Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 5,678.
- 63, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 5,664.
- 64, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 5,650.
- 65, Richard Teece, England, 5,637.
- 66, Francois Louw, South Africa, 5,620.
- 67, Raul Ayala Salazar, Ecuador, 5,615.
- 68, Christopher O'Neil, Decatur, Ill., 5,613.
- 69, Russ Oviatt, Chandler, Ariz., 5,607.
- 70, Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 5,568.
- 71, Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 5,565.
- 72, (tie) Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., and Michael Martell, Brooklyn, N.Y., 5,555.
- 74, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 5,537.
- 75, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 5,534.
- 76, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 5,506.
- 77, Ryan Lakota, Shorewood, Ill., 5,503.
- 78, Eduardo Astiazaran, Mexico, 5,481.
- 79, Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 5,480.
- 80, Stephen Hahn, Sterling, Va., 5,476.
- 81, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 5,456.
- 82, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 5,423.
- 83, Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., 5,416.
- 84, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 5,407.
- 85, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 5,392.
- 86, George Duke, Vidor, Texas, 5,360.

- 87, Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, 5,346.
- 88, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 5,321.
- 89, n-Matt Russo, Fariview Heights, Ill., 5,310.
- 90, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 5,248.
- 91, James Grago, Hampstead, N.C., 5,247.
- 92, Chandler Stevens, Archbold, Ohio, 5,234.
- 93, Christopher Dower, Cary, Ill., 5,226.
- 94, Oskar Wirefeldt, Sweden, 5,223.
- 95, n-Kyle Salter, Montgomery, Ill., 5,205.
- 96, Craig Schneider, Marcy, N.Y., 5,135.
- 97, n-Tannya Lopez, Mexico, 5,031.
- 98, Joseph Grago, Hampstead, N.C., 4,999.
- 99, John Contos, Crystal Lake, 4,939.
- 100, Richard Lupo, St. Charles, Mo., 4,792.
- 101, Armando Santacruz, Ecuador, 4,595.

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## **PBA BEAR OPEN**

### **FINAL QUALIFYING RESULTS**

#### **(14-game pinfall totals. Top 18 advance to Thursday's cashers round)**

- 1, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 3,297.
- 2, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 3,294.
- 3, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 3,240.
- 4, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 3,153.
- 5, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 3,146.
- 6, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3,140.
- 7, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 3,122.
- 8, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 3,115.
- 9, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 3,111.
- 10, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3,103.
- 11, Dom Barrett, England, 3,095.
- 12, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 3,088.
- 13, Tun Ameerul Al-Hakim, Malaysia, 3,054.
- 14, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 3,045.
- 15, Dakota Vostry, Chicago, Ill., 3,036.
- 16, (tie) Rhino Page, Spokane, Wash., and Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 3,033.
- 18, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 3,027.

#### **Failed to advance:**

- 19, Tom Sorce, Blasdell, N.Y., 3,016.
- 20, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3,009.
- 21, Sam Cooley, Australia, 3,005.
- 22, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,996.
- 23, Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., 2,992.
- 24, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 2,988.
- 25, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 2,987.
- 26, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 2,979.
- 27, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 2,978.
- 28, (tie) Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, and Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 2,975.
- 30, Mitch Hupe, Canada, 2,968.
- 31, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 2,965.
- 32, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2,961.

33, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 2,958.  
34, Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 2,956.  
35, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 2,954.  
36, Zach Doty, Campbellsville, Ky., 2,951.  
37, (tie) George Duke, Vidor, Texas, and Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 2,949.  
39, Richard Teece, England, 2,941.  
40, Zach Wilkins, Canada, 2,939.  
41, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,937.  
42, Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., 2,921.  
43, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 2,919.  
44, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 2,917.  
45, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 2,916.  
46, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 2,911.  
47, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 2,908.  
48, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 2,907.  
49, Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 2,902.  
50, Christopher O'Neil, Decatur, Ill., 2,898.  
51, (tie) Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., and Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 2,895.  
53, James Grago, Hampstead, N.C., 2,893.  
54, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 2,886.  
55, (tie) Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, and Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 2,884.  
57, Raul Ayala Salazar, Ecuador, 2,880.  
58, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,875.  
59, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 2,872.  
60, (tie) John Furey, Howell, N.J., and Kurt Pilon, Sterling Heights, Mich., 2,869.  
62, William Svensson, Sweden, 2,868.  
63, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 2,854.  
64, Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 2,851.  
65, Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, 2,846.  
66, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 2,829.  
67, Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, NJ, 2,818.  
68, n-Kyle Salter, Montgomery, Ill., 2,807.  
69, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 2,803.  
70, (tie) Darren Tang, Las Vegas, and Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 2,794.  
72, (tie) Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill. and Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2,790.  
74, (tie) Oskar Wirefeldt, Sweden, and Stuart Williams, England, 2,788.  
76, Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 2,782.  
77, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 2,771.  
78, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 2,746.  
79, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 2,745.  
80, (tie) Francois Louw, South Africa, and Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 2,741.  
82, Russ Oviatt, Chandler, Ariz., 2,737.  
83, n-Matt Russo, Fariview Heights, Ill., 2,733.  
84, Christopher Dower, Cary, Ill., 2,718.  
85, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 2,713.  
86, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 2,711.  
87, Ryan Lakota, Shorewood, Ill., 2,709.  
88, Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., 2,706.  
89, Craig Schneider, Marcy, N.Y., 2,702.  
90, Chandler Stevens, Archbold, Ohio, 2,692.  
91, n-Tannya Lopez, Mexico, 2,670.  
92, (tie) Eduardo Astiazaran, Mexico, and Michael Martell, Brooklyn, N.Y., 2,668.  
94, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 2,651.

95, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 2,650.  
96, John Contos, Crystal Lake, 2,640.  
97, Stephen Hahn, Sterling, Va., 2,616.  
98, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 2,542.  
99, Joseph Grago, Hampstead, N.C., 2,541.  
100, Richard Lupo, St. Charles, Mo., 2,493.  
101, Armando Santacruz, Ecuador, 2,444.

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**Simonsen Beats Tackett in Roll-off to Win PBA Bear Open  
For Seventh Career Go Bowling! PBA Tour Title**

*Simonsen beats Tackett in second one-ball roll-off 10-9 after tying 267-267 in title match*

**AURORA, Ill. (Aug. 29, 2019)** – After tying 267-267 in the title match, Anthony Simonsen defeated stepladder finals top seed EJ Tackett 10-9 in a second one-ball roll-off to win the PBA Bear Open Thursday at Parkside Lanes for his second Go Bowling! PBA Tour title of the season and seventh of his career.

In the second tournament of the FloBowling PBA Summer Swing presented by the Brands of Ebonite International, Simonsen's win came after a runner-up finish to winner Sean Rash in the PBA Wolf Open Tuesday, the first tournament of the Summer Swing.

Tackett, who finished the title match first, missed a 2 pin on his fill ball in the 10th frame which opened the door for Simonsen who needed two strikes and a nine count on his fill ball to win. Simonsen couldn't take advantage of the opportunity after he got the two strikes leaving the 3-10 split on his fill ball sending the match into overtime. Both players struck on the first roll-off ball forcing another tiebreaker which Simonsen won with a strike after Tackett left a four pin on his shot.

"I was fortunate to get into a roll-off but I didn't get it done on that last shot," said the 22-year-old Simonsen who uses the two-handed delivery. "I threw two good shots in the 10th but I rushed the last shot and it got away from me a little bit. Looking back, I probably should have backed off and taken more time to refocus.

"Once we both struck on the first ball (of the rolloff) I felt I had to get it done the second time because EJ was throwing the ball well too and you're not going to get many chances against a player of his ability," said Simonsen, who was the No. 2 seed for the finals.

Simonsen won the PBA Players Championship in February for his first title of the season to become the youngest player to win two majors.

"When I first started my dream was to win one title by this time in my career but to have seven is unbelievable," Simonsen added."

Tackett was trying for his second title of the season and 14th of his career after winning the Barbasol PBA Tour Finals in July.

The stepladder finals started with No. 5 seed Kyle Sherman, trying for a second tour title, beating No. 4 seed 10-time tour winner Wes Malott 207-191 in the opening match. In the second match, Sherman beat No. 3 seed four-time PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte 247-237 who was trying for his fifth win of the season and 23rd of his career. Simonsen then went on to beat Sherman 278-225 in the semifinal to advance to the title match.

With the conclusion of Bear Open qualifying earlier in the day, Simonsen led 24 players who advanced to PBA Illinois Open match play with a 6,532 28-game pinfall total (233 average). The Illinois Open is the third and final event of the week-long Summer Swing at Parkside Lanes.

The first of two Illinois Open eight-game round robin match play rounds begin Friday at 11 a.m. CT with the second round at 5 p.m. The final match play round gets underway Saturday morning 11 a.m. which will determine the top five players for the Illinois Open stepladder finals at 3:30 p.m.

The 24 players who advanced to match play will have the added challenge of bowling on the PBA Bear 41-foot lane condition on the left lane and the Wolf 32-foot lane condition on the right lane in each match.

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## **PBA BEAR OPEN**

**Second event of the FloBowling PBA Summer Swing presented by the Brands of Ebonite International**

**Parkside Lanes, Aurora, Ill., Thursday**

### **Final Standings**

- 1, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, \$10,000
- 2, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind. \$6,000
- 3, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., \$4,000.
- 4, Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$3,500.
- 5, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, \$2,500.

### **Stepladder Results**

Match One – Sherman def. Malott, 207-191.  
Match Two – Sherman def. Belmonte, 247-237  
Semifinal – Simonsen def. Sherman, 278-225.  
Final – Simonsen def. Tackett, 267-267  
(Simonsen won second one-ball roll-off 10-9 for title)

## **CASHERS ROUND RESULTS**

**(20-game pinfall totals. Top five advance to stepladder finals)**

- 1, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 4,672.
- 2, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 4,647.
- 3, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 4,631.
- 4, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 4,505.

- 5, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 4,493.
- 6, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 4,488, \$2,000.
- 7, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 4,476, \$1,600.
- 8, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 4,445, \$1,400.
- 9, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 4,422, \$1,400.
- 10, Dom Barrett, England, 4,420, \$1,000.
- 11, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 4,419, \$900.
- 12, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 4,402, \$800.
- 13, Rhino Page, Spokane, Wash., 4,401, \$750.
- 14, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 4,326, \$740.
- 15, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 4,315, \$730.
- 16, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 4,297, \$720.
- 17, (tie) Dakota Vostry, Chicago, Ill., 4,265, and Tun Ameerul Al-Hakim, Malaysia, 4,265, \$705.

## **SECOND ROUND QUALIFYING RESULTS**

### **(14-game pinfall totals. Top 18 advance to cashers round)**

- 1, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 3,297.
- 2, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 3,294.
- 3, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 3,240.
- 4, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 3,153.
- 5, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 3,146.
- 6, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3,140.
- 7, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 3,122.
- 8, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 3,115.
- 9, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 3,111.
- 10, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3,103.
- 11, Dom Barrett, England, 3,095.
- 12, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 3,088.
- 13, Tun Ameerul Al-Hakim, Malaysia, 3,054.
- 14, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 3,045.
- 15, Dakota Vostry, Chicago, Ill., 3,036.
- 16, (tie) Rhino Page, Spokane, Wash., and Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 3,033.
- 18, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 3,027.

### **Failed to advance:**

- 19, Tom Sorce, Blasdell, N.Y., 3,016.
- 20, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3,009.
- 21, Sam Cooley, Australia, 3,005.
- 22, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,996.
- 23, Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., 2,992.
- 24, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 2,988.
- 25, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 2,987.
- 26, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 2,979.
- 27, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 2,978.
- 28, (tie) Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, and Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 2,975.
- 30, Mitch Hupe, Canada, 2,968.
- 31, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 2,965.
- 32, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2,961.
- 33, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 2,958.
- 34, Matt Sanders, Evansville, Ind., 2,956.
- 35, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 2,954.
- 36, Zach Doty, Campbellsville, Ky., 2,951.
- 37, (tie) George Duke, Vidor, Texas, and Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 2,949.

39, Richard Teece, England, 2,941.  
40, Zach Wilkins, Canada, 2,939.  
41, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,937.  
42, Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., 2,921.  
43, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 2,919.  
44, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 2,917.  
45, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 2,916.  
46, Kristopher Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 2,911.  
47, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 2,908.  
48, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 2,907.  
49, Michael Tang, Johnstown, Ohio, 2,902.  
50, Christopher O'Neil, Decatur, Ill., 2,898.  
51, (tie) Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., and Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 2,895.  
53, James Grago, Hampstead, N.C., 2,893.  
54, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 2,886.  
55, (tie) Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, and Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 2,884.  
57, Raul Ayala Salazar, Ecuador, 2,880.  
58, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,875.  
59, JR Raymond, Clinton Twp., Mich., 2,872.  
60, (tie) John Furey, Howell, N.J., and Kurt Pilon, Sterling Heights, Mich., 2,869.  
62, William Svensson, Sweden, 2,868.  
63, DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 2,854.  
64, Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio, 2,851.  
65, Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, 2,846.  
66, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 2,829.  
67, Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, NJ, 2,818.  
68, n-Kyle Salter, Montgomery, Ill., 2,807.  
69, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 2,803.  
70, (tie) Darren Tang, Las Vegas, and Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 2,794.  
72, (tie) Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill. and Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2,790.  
74, (tie) Oskar Wirefeldt, Sweden, and Stuart Williams, England, 2,788.  
76, Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 2,782.  
77, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 2,771.  
78, Mike Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 2,746.  
79, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 2,745.  
80, (tie) Francois Louw, South Africa, and Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 2,741.  
82, Russ Oviatt, Chandler, Ariz., 2,737.  
83, n-Matt Russo, Fariview Heights, Ill., 2,733.  
84, Christopher Dower, Cary, Ill., 2,718.  
85, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 2,713.  
86, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 2,711.  
87, Ryan Lakota, Shorewood, Ill., 2,709.  
88, Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., 2,706.  
89, Craig Schneider, Marcy, N.Y., 2,702.  
90, Chandler Stevens, Archbold, Ohio, 2,692.  
91, n-Tannya Lopez, Mexico, 2,670.  
92, (tie) Eduardo Astiazaran, Mexico, and Michael Martell, Brooklyn, N.Y., 2,668.  
94, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 2,651.  
95, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 2,650.  
96, John Contos, Crystal Lake, 2,640.  
97, Stephen Hahn, Sterling, Va., 2,616.  
98, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 2,542.  
99, Joseph Grago, Hampstead, N.C., 2,541.

100, Richard Lupo, St. Charles, Mo., 2,493.  
101, Armando Santacruz, Ecuador, 2,444.

**300 games** – Francois Lavoie (2)

n-denotes non-PBA member

**Bear Open Finalists Close in on FloBowling PBA Summer Tour Points Lead**  
*Two tournaments remain to decide “winners” in race for incentive competition points incentives*

**AURORA, Ill. (Aug. 30, 2019)** – Sean Rash won the PBA Wolf Open Tuesday to kick off the series of three FloBowling PBA Summer Swing finals, presented by the Brands of Ebonite International, to take the lead in the FloBowling PBA Summer Tour competition points race and he held on despite an assault Thursday by the finalists in the Bear Open.

Rash, who collected his 14th career PBA Tour title and 2,500 points at Parkside Lanes Tuesday, retained first place in points thanks to a 14th-place finish in the Bear Open, but Bear Open winner Anthony Simonsen jumped for 10th to second; previous Summer Tour points leader Kyle Sherman advanced one spot to third and Bear runner-up EJ Tackett advanced from seventh to fourth while AJ Johnson dropped from second to fifth.

With 5,000 points at stake for Saturday’s Illinois Open titlist (plus points of descending value at stake for all other players), a significant shakeup in the final FloBowling PBA Summer Tour points rankings is still possible.

The rewards at stake for the competition points leaders include:

- The top five will share in a \$40,000 USBC Cup prize fund, with \$20,000 to the points leader;
- The top eight will be invited to compete for shares of a \$67,000 bonus prize fund in the inaugural FloBowling ATX Invite at Dart Bowl in Austin, Texas, on Sept. 21, where the winner will receive \$25,000;
- The top eight will win expenses-paid trips to Shanghai, China for the inaugural PBA China Tiger Cup. A \$20,000 first prize will be paid to the China Tiger Cup winner. Added money will be at stake in a special challenge match against a team of Chinese players.

The final summer points races standings will be posted at the conclusion of the Illinois Open on Saturday at this link: <https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/PointsList/132?list=10>.

Illinois Open prize money also is important because the top eight money-winners for the full 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season through Thursday will earn berths in the second PBA Clash that will take place at the Kegel Training Center in Lake Wales, Florida, on

October 21 for airing on FOX on Nov. 3. Australia's Jason Belmonte can't be caught in the earnings race, but there is plenty of competition for the next seven spots. Fans can follow the 2019 earnings race at this

link: <https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/TourWinnings/132>.

The entire FloBowling PBA Summer Tour has been livestreamed exclusively on FloBowling, and will continue through the FloBowling ATX Invite. Visit FloBowling.com and sign up for a subscription.

### **FLOBOWLING PBA SUMMER TOUR POINT LEADERS**

**(Top 25 after eight of nine events; previous ranking in parenthesis)**

- 1, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 7,235 (1).
- 2, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 5,960 (10).
- 3, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 5,818 (4).
- 4, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 5,670 (7).
- 5, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 5,560 (2).
- 6, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 5,120 (6).
- 6, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 5,120 (3).
- 8, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 4,780 (5).
- 9, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 4,270 (8).
- 10, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 4,040 (11).
- 11, BJ Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 3,740 (9).
- 12, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 3,470 (16).
- 13, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 3,465 (12).
- 14, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 3,365 (14).
- 15, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 3,360 (13).
- 16, Dom Barrett, England, 3,130 (23).
- 17, Stuart Williams, England, 3,115 (15).
- 18, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 3,060 (18).
- 19, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 3,038 (26).
- 20, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 2,960 (17).
- 21, Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., 2,930 (20).
- 22, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,840 (19).
- 23, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 2,550 (22).
- 24, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 2,508 (24).
- 25, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 2,505 (25).

### **2019 GO BOWLING! PBA TOUR EARNINGS LEADERS**

**(Top 10 as of Aug. 30; number of tournaments bowled in parenthesis)**

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$268,290 (17).
- 2, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., \$185,780 (22).
- 3, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., \$173,990 (22).
- 4, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., \$148,048 (22).
- 5, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., \$146,695 (24).
- 6, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, \$145,590 (23).
- 7, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., \$95,015 (18).

- 8, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., \$93,170 (23).  
9, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., \$76,693 (19).  
10, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., \$73,080 (20).

## **PBA Spare Shots**

### **AT AGE 22, SIMONSEN BECOMES YOUNGEST TO QUALIFY FOR PBA HALL OF FAME BALLOT...IN 2033**

With his victory Thursday in the PBA Bear Open, the second event in the FloBowling PBA Summer Swing, **Anthony Simonsen** of Little Elm, Texas, became the youngest player in PBA history to qualify for eventual placement on the PBA Hall of Fame ballot. The thing is, he has a considerable wait ahead of him.

There are two key qualifiers to become PBA HOF-eligible. First is "title eligibility," which calls for winning a minimum of 10 "standard" PBA Tour titles or five "standard" titles plus two majors. The Bear Open was Simonsen's fifth standard title, won at age 22 years, 235 days. He also has won two majors: the 2016 USBC Masters and the PBA Players Championship earlier this year.

The second qualifier to get on the PBA HOF ballot is 20 years of PBA membership. Assuming he will remain a member, Simonsen will reach his 20-year requirement in 2033.

In that unusual record category, Simonsen displaced **EJ Tackett** of Bluffton, Ind., his victim in Thursday's Bear Open title match. Tackett became HOF "title eligible" when he won the 2017 PBA Tournament of Champions in Shawnee, Okla., at the age of 24 years, 191 days. Tackett, who now owns a total of 13 PBA Tour titles, also is on the wait list for participation eligibility. He'll be on the HOF ballot a year ahead of Simonsen, in 2032.

### **MYKEL HOLLIMAN TOPS PBA TOUR ROOKIES IN COMPETITION POINTS**

Thanks to his runner-up finish in the USBC Masters, 26-year-old **Mykel Holliman** of Collierville, Tenn., continues to pace rookies on the overall 2019 PBA Points list, which is a barometer of how players on the 2019 Bowl4life PBA Rookie Watch list are faring in their first year of PBA Tour competition. The points list will be one of the factors voters consider when they select the 2019 Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year. Other rookies on the watch list are **Kenneth Ryan** of Farmingdale, N.J.; Wichita's **Patrick Hanrahan**; **Mike Coffey** of Melbourne, Fla.; **Jake Rollins** of Glen Rock, N.J. and **Greg Young** of Viera, Fla. Fans can follow the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour points race by clicking on this link: <https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/PointsList/132?list=12>

The 2019 Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year will receive a \$2,500 bonus from **Chuck Gardner's** Bowl4Life Foundation and the foundation will donate an additional \$2,500 to a youth bowler scholarship in the ROY's name.

### **PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: PB3 WINS EIGHTH PBA50 REGIONAL TITLE IN COLDWATER**

Two days after the PBA Tour's BowlerStore.com Classic completed play in Coldwater, Ohio, PBA Hall of Famer **Parker Bohn III** of Jackson, N.J., defeated **Neil Kassel** of Beavercreek, Ohio by 93 pins to win his eighth career PBA50 Regional title and a \$1,500 prize in the PBA50 Coldwater/Roto Grip Central/Midwest Open at Pla-Mor Lanes on Sunday.

In the eliminator format tournament, Saturday's top 11 semifinalists after eight games returned Sunday to bowl four additional games. The top eight advanced and bowled two more games. The remaining four bowlers bowled one final game on the same pair of lanes and the 15-game total pinfall determined the champion.

- The PBA closes its August schedule of Regional activity with the PBA60 Wilson & Sons Pest Control Super Senior Open at Victory Lanes Family Entertainment Center in Mooresville, N.C., Aug. 29-31. The extended Labor Day weekend also includes the PBA50 Strike Zone Alleys Eastern Open presented by Hammer in Pottsville, Pa.; the PBA Illinois Valley Midwest Open at I.V. Super Bowl in Peru, Ill., and the PBA50 Mooresville South Open presented By Columbia 300 at Victory Lanes Family Entertainment Center in Mooresville, N.C.
- The PBA Regional calendar moves into fall with a pair of events over the Sept. 6-8 weekend: the Boss Snow Plows/Ebonite Central/Midwest Open at PinHeads in Fishers, Ind., and the Grand Casino Hotel and Resort Southwest Invitational at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla.
- The Sept. 13-15 PBA Regional schedule features the PBA50 King Pin Lanes Eastern Open in Rome, N.Y.; the Sturgis/Storm Central/Midwest Open at Sturgis Bowl in Sturgis, Mich.; the Fayetteville South Open at Lafayette Lanes in Fayetteville, N.C.; the Liberal Kansas Southwest Open at Ayr Lanes in Liberal, Kan., and a doubleheader at AMF Mardi Gras Lanes in Sacramento, Calif. – the PBA and PBA50 West/Northwest Capital City Opens presented by DV8 and Genesis.
- PBA Regional activity scheduled for the Sept. 20-22 weekend includes the PBA/PBA50 Over/Under Doubles at Millsboro Lanes in Millsboro, Del.; the EZ Bowl Central Open in Bluffton, Ind.; the Odessa Southwest Super Regional at Diamond Lanes in Odessa, Texas, and a tripleheader including the PBA Paradise Lanes Northwest/West Open, PBA50 Paradise Lanes Gary Mage Northwest/West Senior Open (both presented by 900 Global) plus the Jeanne Naccarato Women's Open in Tacoma, Wash. On Saturday, Sept. 21, Ten Pin Alley in Fitchburg, Wis., also will host the Ten Pin Alley Midwest Open.
- September's busy calendar of PBA Regional events will conclude over the Sept. 27-29 weekend with the Bowlers Discount Pro Shop East Open presented by Radical at Terrace Lanes in Frederick, Md.; the PBA50 Mel Westrich Memorial Central/Midwest Open at Delphos Recreation in Delphos, Ohio; the PBA50 J&L Sports South Open at

Paradise Lanes in Spartanburg, S.C.; the back-to-back PBA50 Junction City Bowl Southwest/Midwest Open I and II one-day events in Junction City, Kan.; and the 17th annual Double Decker Lanes West/Northwest Open presented by Roto Grip in Rohnert Park, Calif.

- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit [pba.com](http://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](http://pba.com) (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

### QUICK NOTES

- Competition in the FloBowling PBA Summer Tour points competition ends Saturday when Parkside Lanes in Aurora, Ill., hosts the Illinois Open stepladder finals, concluding the FloBowling PBA Summer Swing. FloBowling’s live coverage of the final round of match play begins at noon Eastern followed by the five-man stepladder finals at 4:30 p.m. Updated points standings will be posted shortly after the completion of the Illinois Open finals at: <https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/PointsList/132?list=10>. The FloBowling PBA Summer Tour points competitions will determine the USBC Cup points leaders, and the eight qualifiers for both the FloBowling PBA ATX Invite and the PBA China Tiger Cup Invitational.

- PBA Hall of Famer **Danny Wiseman** will host his 20th anniversary Youth Scholarship Tournament Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 12-13, at AMF Country Club Lanes in Baltimore. For complete information about the event, including how to enter, visit: [https://pjbttbowlingseries.com/6843-2/?fbclid=IwAR25lmfG65mCdSbEp4ijE5qIXkt074TmUHPhR65T28P\\_42MyHjQrhydiOvA](https://pjbttbowlingseries.com/6843-2/?fbclid=IwAR25lmfG65mCdSbEp4ijE5qIXkt074TmUHPhR65T28P_42MyHjQrhydiOvA)

### **Simonsen Retains Slim Lead in FloBowling PBA Illinois Open After Second Round of Match Play**

*Top five for stepladder finals to be determined after final  
eight-game match play round Saturday at 11 a.m. CT on FloBowling*

**AURORA, Ill. (Aug. 30, 2019)** – PBA Bear Open winner Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, compiled an 8-7-1 match play record and averaged 220 for 16 games Friday which was good enough to retain a narrow lead after the first two rounds of match play in the FloBowling PBA Illinois Open at Parkside Lanes.

In the pinnacle event of the FloBowling PBA Summer Swing presented by the Brands of Ebonite International, the two-hander finished the day with a 10,306 44-game pinfall total (including 30 bonus pins for each match win) to hold a six-pin lead over 13-time Go Bowling! PBA Tour titlist and Bear Open runner-up EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Indiana, in second with a 9-6-1 match play record and 10,300 pinfall.

Simonsen beat Tackett in Thursday's dramatic Bear Open title match 10-9 in the second one-ball roll-off after tying 267-267.

The 24 players in the Illinois Open match play field have the added challenge of competing on a mixed lane condition pattern – the Bear 41-foot lane condition on the left lane and the Wolf 32-foot condition on the right lane in each match which puts a premium on the players' ability to adjust, including often using a different ball on each lane.

"Everybody out here on tour has the physical ability but the players who can deal with the mental grind, especially in a tournament like this, are going to have the advantage," said the 22-year-old Simonsen who won the Bear Open for his seventh career Go Bowling! PBA Tour title. "You're using different equipment and playing totally different lines so it kind of multiplies the variables you might normally have to deal with."

In Friday's second match play round Simonsen started strong with games of 279 and 235 but then fell off with games of 193, 177 and 170 before finishing strong with games of 246, 259 and 268.

"It seems like I go through streaks where I'm either bowling well in the middle of the round and not so well at the beginning and end, or like I did tonight, where I'm bowling well at the beginning and end but not in the middle," Simonsen said. "Tomorrow I'll need to string together at least a few good games so I make the show."

The final match play round gets underway Saturday at 11 a.m. CT and will determine the top five players for the Illinois Open stepladder finals at 3:30 p.m.

Australian two-hander Jason Belmonte climbed to third with a 10,238 pinfall helped by an 11-5 record in match play. The 36-year-old four-time PBA Player of the Year is trying for his fifth win of the season and the 23rd of his career.

Rounding out the top five heading into tomorrow's final match play round are 11-time tour winner Bill O'Neill who jumped from 12th after the first match play round finishing with a 11-4-1 record and 10,222 pinfall. Hometown favorite Sean Rash of Montgomery, Illinois, who defeated Simonsen in the title match to win the Wolf Open on Tuesday for his 14th tour title, put together a 10-6 record and finished with a 10,200 pinfall.

Fans can catch all the Illinois Open final-day action on FloBowling. For subscription information visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com).

## **FLOBOWLING PBA ILLINOIS OPEN**

**Third event of the FloBowling PBA Summer Swing presented by the Brands of Ebonite International**

**Parkside Lanes, Aurora, Ill., Friday**

### **MATCH PLAY ROUND TWO RESULTS**

**(includes match play record and total pinfall for 44 games including match play bonus pins)**

- 1, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 8-7-1, 10,306.
- 2, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 9-6-1, 10,300.
- 3, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 11-5, 10,238.
- 4, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 11-4-1, 10,222.
- 5, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 10-6, 10,200.
- 6, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 10-6, 10,130.
- 7, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 12-4, 10,108.
- 8, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 10-6, 10,075.

- 9, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 7-8-1, 10,021.
- 10, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 9-6-1, 9,964.
- 11, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 9-7, 9,944.
- 12, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 9-6-1, 9,933.
- 13, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 7-7-2, 9,842.
- 14, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 8-8, 9,777.
- 15, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 6-10, 9,756.
- 16, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 7-9, 9,691.
- 17, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 5-11, 9,679.
- 18, Tun Ameerul Al-Hakim, Malaysia, 6-8-2, 9,678.
- 19, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 7-9, 9,669.
- 20, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 5-11, 9,645.
- 21, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 5-11, 9,644.
- 22, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 6-10, 9,564.
- 23, Dom Barrett, England, 6-10, 9,561.
- 24, Sam Cooley, Australia, 4-12, 9,545.

**300 games** – Bill O'Neill

### **MATCH PLAY ROUND ONE RESULTS**

**(includes match play record and total pinfall for 36 games including match play bonus pins)**

- 1, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 4-3-1, 8,359
- 2, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 5-3, 8,291.
- 3, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 4-3-1, 8,260.
- 4, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 7-1, 8,219.
- 5, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 7-1, 8,186.
- 6, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 4-4, 8,178.
- 7, (tie) Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 7-1, and Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 4-3-1, 8,148.
- 9, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 5-3, 8,119.
- 10, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 6-2, 8,100.
- 11, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 4-3-1, 8,051.
- 12, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 4-3-1, 8,042.
- 13, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 4-4, 7,974.
- 14, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3-5, 7,935.
- 15, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 3-5, 7,886.
- 16, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 3-4-1, 7,861.
- 17, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 3-5, 7,854.
- 18, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 4-4, 7,834.
- 19, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 1-7, 7,828.
- 20, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 3-5, 7,807.
- 21, Dom Barrett, England, 3-5, 7,784.
- 22, Tun Ameerul Al-Hakim, Malaysia, 1-5-2, 7,758.
- 23, Sam Cooley, Australia, 1-7, 7,754.
- 24, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 2-6, 7,683.

**Sean Rash Tops USBC Cup, FloBowling PBA Summer Tour Points Races**  
*Jason Sterner advances from 34th place to earn berths in FloBowling ATX Invite, trip to China*

**AURORA, Ill. (Aug. 31, 2019)** – Jason Sterner's victory in the PBA Illinois Open, the concluding event in the FloBowling PBA Summer Swing presented by the Brands of Ebonite International, at Parkside Lanes Saturday was not only the most memorable of his 13-year PBA Tour career, but resulted in rewards far beyond his third career title and a \$20,000 payday.

The 35-year-old right-hander, newly-relocated to Rochester, New York, knocked off four future PBA Hall of Fame candidates – Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas; Sean Rash, Montgomery, Illinois; Jason Belmonte, Australia, and EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Indiana – to also earn 5,000 competition points that allowed him to share in three incentive programs tied to the FloBowling Summer Tour.

For starters, he advanced from 34th place to fourth in the USBC Cup point standings to earn a \$3,000 bonus. By defeating Tackett for the Illinois Open title, Sterner denied Tackett the points he needed to overtake Rash for first place in the USBC Cup points competition. Rash won the USBC Cup, earning a \$20,000 bonus. Tackett finished second for \$10,000, Simonsen was third for \$5,000 and AJ Johnson of Oswego, Illinois, took home the \$2,000 bonus for fifth place.

By qualifying fourth in Summer Tour points, Sterner also earned a berth in the FloBowling ATX Invite that will take place on September 21 at Dart Bowl in Austin, Texas, and pay \$25,000 to the winner along with guaranteed money to all eight qualifiers. Sterner also qualified for an expenses-paid trip to China for the first PBA China Tiger Cup that will take place in suburban Shanghai November 19-21 where another \$20,000 tops the guaranteed money all eight will earn.

There were no major changes among the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour's top eight money-winners who will participate in the second PBA Clash at the Kegel Training Center in Lake Wales, Florida, on October 21. The Clash will air on FOX on Nov. 3. With only money won in the ATX Invite remaining to influence the earnings list, Australia's Jason Belmonte is No. 1 and can't be caught.

Belmonte leads the PBA Tour with \$275,290 in official earnings. He is followed by Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., \$185,780; Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., \$173,990; EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., \$166,695; Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, \$155,690; Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., \$152,148, and Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., \$119,170, in seventh place. Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., is eighth with \$97,415, and could be knocked out of the top eight if Kyle Sherman of O'Fallon, Mo. (in ninth place with \$78,968) wins the \$20,000 top prize in Austin.

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### **FINAL USBC CUP POINTS STANDINGS**

**(After nine FloBowling PBA Summer Tour events)**

- 1, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 9,135, \$20,000.
- 2, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 8,670, \$10,000.
- 3, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 7,660, \$5,000.
- 4, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 7,140, \$3,000.
- 5, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 6,930, \$2,000.

### **FLOBOWLING PBA ATX INVITE QUALIFIERS**

**Dart Bowl, Austin, Texas, Sept. 21 (live on FloBowling)**

**(Based on competition points after nine FloBowling PBA Summer Tour events)**

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- 2, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 8,670.
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- 4, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 7,140.
- 5, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 6,930.
- 6, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 6,670.
- 7, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 6,648.
- 8, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 5,790.

### **PBA CHINA TIGER CUP QUALIFIERS**

**Suzhou Tiger Bowling Center, Suzhou, China, Nov. 19-22**

**(Based on competition points after nine FloBowling PBA Summer Tour events)**

- 1, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 9,135.
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### **2019 PBA CLASH QUALIFYING LEADERS**

**Kegel Training Center, Lake Wales, Fla., Oct. 21 (for telecast on FOX, Nov. 3)**

**(Top 10 as of Aug. 31; top 8 based on earnings as of Sept. 21 will qualify)**

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$275,290.
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10, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., \$75,980.

### **Jason Sterner Wins FloBowling PBA Illinois Open For Third Career Go Bowling! PBA Tour Title**

*Sterner wins all four stepladder matches and defeats  
top seed EJ Tackett 243-212 in title match*

**AURORA, Ill. (Aug. 31, 2019)** – Jason Sterner of Rochester, New York, won all four stepladder final matches, including a 243-212 title match victory over top seed EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Indiana, to win the FloBowling PBA Illinois Open Saturday for his third career Go Bowling! PBA Tour title. The Illinois Open was the pinnacle event of the three-tournament FloBowling PBA Summer Swing presented by the Brands of Ebonite International at Parkside Lanes.

In a stepladder final that featured a dual lane condition pattern – PBA 41-foot Bear condition on the left lane and 32-foot Wolf condition on the right lane – both players started the title match with a spare and two strikes but Sterner was able to pull away when Tackett missed a 3-6-10 spare in the fourth frame. Sterner put together four more strikes that ultimately proved too much for Tackett to overcome.

As the No. 5 seed for the finals, Sterner won his position round match in the final match play round against 11-time tour winner Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania, 256-199, to make it into the finals.

"I think that (position round) win really relaxed me and put me in a good mindset for the finals," said the 35-year-old Sterner. "I felt fortunate to make the finals, so my attitude was let's throw a lot of strikes and go have some fun."

The win ended a two-year drought for Sterner whose last title came in the PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles (with Birgit Poppler) in July of 2017.

"I had been struggling for a long time, but I made a (ball) grip change about four months ago and made some other physical changes," Sterner said. "My game wasn't evolving the way it should to keep up with the younger guys so I had to make some changes and just committed to them. There was some trial and error but now I'm really confident my game's moving in the right direction."

Sterner opened the stepladder finals with a 248-184 win over No. 4 seed Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, who won the PBA Bear Open on Thursday for his seventh career title.

In the second match, Sterner then beat PBA Wolf Open winner Sean Rash of Montgomery, Illinois, 259-225, to advance to the semifinal match where he beat No. 2 seed two-hander Jason Belmonte of Australia, 236-208, to advance to the title match against Tackett. Tackett was trying for his second win of the season and 14th of his career.

"The win against Jason (Belmonte) gave me a lot of confidence heading into the title match," Sterner said. "I had my share of ugly strikes, but I was thinking just knock 10 pins down, fill the frames and hope the breaks would go my way."

Belmonte, a four-time PBA Player of the Year, was trying for his fifth win of the season and 23rd of his career.

As the points leader for the nine-tournament FloBowling PBA Summer Tour, Rash, whose Wolf Open win was the 14th of his career and second of the season, won the USBC Cup and \$20,000 first prize.

To make the Illinois Open stepladder finals, the five finalists advanced from the 14 games of qualifying in both the PBA Wolf and Bear Opens earlier in the week and then competed in 24 games of match play which also used the dual Wolf and Bear lane conditions.

The entire Summer Swing was streamed live on FloBowling. For subscription and schedule information visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com).

## **FLOBOWLING PBA ILLINOIS OPEN**

**Third event of the FloBowling PBA Summer Swing presented by the Brands of Ebonite International**

**Parkside Lanes, Aurora, Ill., Saturday**

### **Final Standings**

- 1, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., \$20,000.
- 2, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., \$10,000.
- 3, Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$7,000.
- 4, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., \$6,000.
- 5, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, \$5,000.

### **Stepladder Results**

Match One – Sterner def. Simonsen, 248-184.

Match Two – Sterner def. Rash, 259-225.

Semifinal – Sterner def. Belmonte, 236-208.

Final – Sterner def. Tackett, 243-212.

## **FINAL MATCH PLAY RESULTS**

**(includes match play record and total pinfall for 52 games including match play bonus pins.**

### **Top five advance to stepladder finals)**

- 1, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 16-7-1, 12,426.
- 2, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 17-7, 12,272.
- 3, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 15-9, 12,235.
- 4, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 13-10-1, 12,175.
- 5, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 14-10, 12,074.
- 6, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 15-8-1, 12,037, \$4,100.
- 7, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 14-10, 12,020, \$3,500.
- 8, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 10-13-1, 11,871, \$3,500.
- 9, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 12-10-2, 11,861, \$3,100.
- 10, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 14-10, 11,850, \$2,900.
- 11, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 13-10-1, 11,826, \$2,800.
- 12, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 11-13, 11,784, \$2,700.
- 13, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 13-10-1, 11,739, \$2,600.
- 14, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 11-13, 11,698, \$2,500.
- 15, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 12-12, 11,656, \$2,450.
- 16, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 10-14, 11,628, \$2,400.
- 17, Dom Barrett, England, 11-13, 11,614, \$2,350.
- 18, (tie) Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 11-13-0, 11,578, and Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 8-16, 11,578, \$2,275.
- 20, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 10-14, 11,506, \$2,200.
- 21, Sam Cooley, Australia, 10-14, 11,504, \$2,150.
- 22, Tun Ameerul Al-Hakim, Malaysia, 9-13-2, 11,463, \$2,100.

23, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 6-18, 11,306, \$2,050.  
24, Arturo Quintero, Mexico, 8-16, 11,219, \$2,000.

### **Bruce Hall Wins Hammer/Strike Zone Open for Second Regional Title**

**Pottsville, Pa. (September 1, 2019)** – Bruce Hall of Westborough, Mass. defeated Jay Davis of Silver Spring, Md., 261-231, to win the PBA50 Hammer/Strike Zone Open at the Strike Zone Alleys Sunday for his second PBA Regional title.

Hall's previous win was a doubles title in Paramus, N.J. in 1982 – 37 years ago.

Hall dominated qualifying as well as going undefeated in the bracket elimination round. He averaged 252.8 for the event. A split in the middle of the championship game gave Davis a chance to win, but consecutive nine-count spares late in the game allowed Hall to clinch the win with a mark in his final frame. Hall struck out to complete the win and earned \$1,500 in the process. Davis earned \$750 as the runner-up.

Hall defeated non-PBA member Troy Lint of Blandon, Pa., 236-215, and Davis edged Darryl Bower of Middletown, Pa., 216-215, in the semifinal round. Bower and Lint each earned \$625 as semifinal round losers.

Next on the PBA East Region schedule is the PBA50 King Pin Lanes Open at King Pin Lanes in Rome, N.Y. on September 13-14.

### **PBA50 HAMMER/STRIKE ZONE OPEN Strike Zone Alleys, Pottsville, Pa., Sunday**

**Championship:** Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass. (\$1,500) def. Jay Davis, Silver Spring, Md. (\$750), 261-231.

#### **Semifinal Round (losers earned \$650):**

Hall def. n-Troy Lint, Blandon, Pa., 236-215.

Davis def. Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 216-215.

#### **Round of 8 (best of five games, losers eliminated and earned \$600 each):**

Hall def. Ken Yokobosky, Fredon, N.J., 2-0.

Davis def. Bob Caruso, Dayton, N.J., 2-1

Lint def. Richard Strath, Schenectady, N.Y., 2-1.

Bower def. Gary Shultis, Levittown, N.Y., 2-1.

#### **Round of 12 (best of five games, losers eliminated and earned \$550 each):**

Yokobosky def. Brett Karkheck, Mt. Holly Springs, Pa., 2-1.

Strath def. Mike Klosin, Windham, N.H., 2-0.

Bower def. John Neral, Vienna, Va., 2-1.

Davis def. Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., 2-1.

**Round of 16 (best of five games, losers eliminated and earned \$500 each):**

Yokobosky def. John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 2-1.

Strath def. Mike Healy, Yonkers, N.Y., 2-0.

Neral def. n-George Szczubiewski, West Seneca, N.Y., 2-0.

Davis def. Sam Maccarone, Williamstown N.J., 2-1.

300 Game: Richard Strath

n-designates non-PBA member

**Baker, Profitt, Ventura, Horn Win Titles in PBA South Region's Annual  
Four-Tournament Labor Day Tournament Series  
Asheville, Kingsport and Mooresville, N.C.**

PBA Hall of Famer Tom Baker of King, N.C.; Ron Profitt of Brookville, Ohio; Sam Ventura of Syracuse, N.Y., and Jerry Horn of Lexington, S.C., won titles in the PBA South Region's annual extended Labor Day tournament series for PBA50 and PBA60 competitors that ended Monday with the PBA50 Mooresville South Open presented By Columbia to complete at Victory Lanes in Mooresville, N.C.

Baker kicked off the series by defeating fellow Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., 239-219, in the final of the PBA50 Sky Lanes South Open in Asheville, N.C., on Aug. 25.

Three days later in Kingsport, Tenn., Profitt came out striking with a perfect game to defeat Greg McMahan of Dandridge, Tenn., 300-279, to win the third annual PBA60 Kingsport South Open at Warpath Lanes.

Ventura was next, winning the PBA60 Wilson & Sons Termite and Pest Control South Open at Victory Lanes in Mooresville, N.C., where he defeated Jeff Bellinger of Columbia, S.C., 201-195, for the title.

In the series finale, Horn put together three strikes in the 10th frame to claim the victory over Craig Auerbach of Sunrise, Fla., 222-215, for the win, also at Victory Lanes in Mooresville.

Along with his 36th regional title, Baker earned \$1,800. Profitt earned \$1,800 and his third PBA Regional win in the PBA60 Kingsport event. Ventura picked up his 10th regional title along with \$2,000. Horn also took home \$2,000 and his first PBA50 Regional title for the Mooresville win.

PBA50 tournaments are open to players ages 50 and older; PBA60 events are for players ages 60 and older.

**PBA50 SKY LANES SOUTH OPEN  
Sky Lanes, Asheville, N.C., Aug. 23**

**Championship:**

Tom Baker, King, N.C. (\$1,800) def. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla. (\$900), 236-219.

**Semifinal Round (losers earned \$750):**

Williams def. Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 268-219.

T. Baker def. Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 200-185.

**Round of 8 (three games total pinfall, losers earned \$625 each):**

T. Baker def. Dave Bleggi, Jacksonville, N.C., 661-586.

Weber def. Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C., 667-406.

S. Baker def. Chris Johnson, Nashville, N.C., 728-639.

Williams def. Tommy Martin, Millington, Tenn., 730-598.

**Round of 12 (three games total pinfall, losers earned \$550 each):**

S. Baker def. Bill Vannoy, Lexington, S.C., 723-586.

Williams def. James Lord, Fort Mill, S.C., 710-611

Bellinger def. Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 638-612.

Bleggi def. Brian McMahon, Boca Raton, Fla., 593-572.

**Round of 16 (three games total pinfall, losers earned \$500 each):**

Vannoy def. Chuck Walker, Rutledge, Tenn., 593-546.

Lord def. Hector Valenzuela, Whitsett, N.C., 671-625.

Bellinger def. Joe Firpo, Tucker, Ga., 633-603.

Bleggi def. Sam Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 632-549.

**300 Game:** Tom Martin

**PBA60 KINGSPORT SOUTH OPEN**

**presented by Storm**

**Warpath Lanes, Kingsport, Tenn., Aug. 28.**

**Final Standings:** 1, Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, \$1,800. 2, Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., \$900. 3, Dick Gran, Hartville, Ohio, \$800. 4, Tom Baker, King, N.C., \$750.

**Stepladder Results:** Game 1: McMahan def. Baker, 279-236. Semifinal: McMahan def. Gran, 236-224. Championship: Profitt def. McMahan, 300-279.

**Final Qualifying Standings (after 16 games ):**

1, Profitt, 3,928.

2, Gran, 3,734.

3, Baker, 3,725.

4, McMahan, 3,721.

5. Mark Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 3,702, \$650

6, Steve Lickliter, Beckley, W.Va., 3,662, \$600.

7, Hector Valenzuela, Whitsett, N.C., 3,638, \$575.

8, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3,590, \$550.

**300 Games:** Steve Lickliter, Ron Profitt

**PBA60 WILSON & SONS TERMITE AND PEST CONTROL SOUTH OPEN**

**Victory Lanes, Mooresville, N.C., Aug. 31**

**Championship:**

Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y. (\$2,000) def. Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C. (\$1,000), 201-195.

**Semifinal Round (losers earned \$800):**

Bellinger def. Mike Hastings, Millsboro, del., 258-211.

Ventura def. Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 213-206.

**Round of 8 (three games total pinfall, losers earned \$700 each):**

Hastings def. Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 666-657.  
Bellinger def. Lee Rautenberg, Boynton Beach, Fla., 597-522.  
Ventura def. Steve Lickliter, Beckley, W.Va., 674-567.  
Carter def. Dennis Lane, Kingsport, Tenn., 719-562.

**Round of 12 (three games total pinfall, losers earned \$575 each):**

Rautenberg def. Chris Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 549-544.  
Ventura def. Mark Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 625-578.  
Carter def. Dave Martin, Chesapeake, Va., 588-487.  
Brosius def. Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., 608-517.

**Round of 16 (three games total pinfall, losers earned \$525 each):**

Pickford def. Ken Gibson, Greenville, S.C., 565-537.  
Keane def. Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 640-575.  
Martin def. Tom Baker, King, N.C., 568-552.  
Brosius def. Jim Price, Harrisburg, N.C., 626-607.

**PBA50 MOORESVILLE SOUTH OPEN  
presented by Columbia 300  
Victory Lanes, Mooresville, N.C., Sept. 2**

**Championship:**

Jerry Horn, Lexington, N.C. (\$2,000) def. Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., (\$1,100), 222-215.

**Semifinal Round (losers earned \$800):**

Horn def. Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 246-204.  
Auerbach def. n-Chuck Richey, Charlotte, N.C., 246-179.

**Round of 8 (three games total pinfall, losers earned \$700 each):**

Auerbach def. Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C., 609-534.  
n-Richey def. Carl Breaman, Greer, S.C., 642-578.  
Horn def. Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 684-589.  
Profitt def. Chris Johnson, Nashville, N.C., 593-579.

**Round of 12 (three games total pinfall, losers earned \$575 each):**

Profitt def. Gary Morgan, Henderson, Nev., 596-510.  
Beasley def. James Lord, Fort Mill, S.C., 584-496.  
Bellinger def. Troy McKinney, Yorktown, Va., 615-614.  
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Bellinger def. Jeff Campbell, Newport News, Va., 656-620.

**300 Games:** Craig Auerbach

## PBA Spare Shots

### FLOBOWLING DEBUTS ANTHONY SIMONSEN DOCUMENTARY: "LEAVE IT BEHIND"

At age 22, **Anthony Simonsen** of Little Elm, Texas, has already established himself as one of the PBA's premier stars. But his youthful journey to the top levels of competitive bowling hasn't been easy. A documentary that made its debut on FloBowling.com Wednesday, "Simonsen: Leave It Behind," tells his story.

FloBowling's first documentary interviews Simonsen and the people close to him as it delves into how he overcame some difficult personal obstacles in his formative years to become one of bowling's biggest stars.

"With this first FloSports bowling presentation, I hope you enjoy a glimpse into one of our young star bowler's life," said PBA Commissioner **Tom Clark**. "Anthony's origin story, like every person in the PBA family, deserves to be told because when you get to know our players, when you really care about them and they feel like part of your family, the drama PBA bowling provides is unmatched."

Simonsen has already won enough PBA Tour titles to qualify for election to the PBA Hall of Fame, but also must complete 20 years of PBA membership before he'll be eligible for election. With seven standard PBA Tour titles and two majors, he is the youngest player ever to complete the title-eligibility requirement.

### TICKETS ON SALE FOR PBA CLASH AT KEGEL TRAINING CENTER

General admission and VIP tickets are now on sale for the second PBA Clash which will take place on Monday, Oct. 21, at Kegel Training Center in Lake Wales, Fla. The Clash will include the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour's top eight money-winners in a special elimination-format telecast that will air on FOX on Sunday, Nov. 3.

VIP tickets for the 2019 PBA Clash are available for \$50, and include:

- 4:30 p.m. early access to TV seating;
- An interactive Q&A session with the PBA pros during official practice session between 5-5:45 p.m.;
- Buffet dinner from 5:45-6:30 p.m.;
- Kegel gift bag.

General admission tickets are available for \$20, with seating beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets can be ordered online at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pba-clash-tickets-68818707607>.

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## **HOLLIMAN CONTINUES TO PACE GO BOWLING! PBA TOUR ROOKIES IN POINTS**

Former Junior Team USA member and three-time Teen Masters titlist **Greg Young Jr.** of Viera, Fla., was the top rookie performer in the FloBowling PBA Summer Tour, finishing third in the Harry O'Neale Chesapeake Open and fourth in the PBA Wolf Open as part of the FloBowling PBA Summer Swing presented by the Brands of Ebonite International in Aurora, Ill., but a slow start earlier in the year prevented him from gaining much ground on **Mykel Holliman** of Collierville, Tenn., in the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour's rookie competition points race.

Holliman, the runner-up in the Tier 3 USBC Masters earlier in 2019, ranks 36th overall on the 2019 PBA points list with 8,390 points, but he's still comfortably ahead of five other players on the 2019 Bowl4life PBA Rookie Watch list. **Kenneth Ryan** of Farmingdale, N.J., is 57th (4,760) on the points list followed by Wichita's **Patrick Hanrahan** (59th, 4,410); **Greg Young** (up from 78th to 65th, 3,940); **Jake Rollins** of Glen Rock, N.J. (75th, 3,148) and **Mike Coffey** of Melbourne, Fla. (80th, 2,990). Status in competition points is one of several factors voters will consider in selection of the 2019 Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year at the end of the season.

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Hall defeated non-PBA member **Troy Lint** of Blandon, Pa., 236-215, and Davis edged **Darryl Bower** of Middletown, Pa., 216-215, in the semifinal round.

- **Jerry Marrs** of Lake in the Hills, Ill. defeated **Steve Taylor** of Tremont, Ill. 228-199, to win the \$2,000 first prize and his second PBA Regional title in the Illinois Valley Midwest Open at Illinois Valley Super Bowl in Peru, Ill., Sunday.

Taylor defeated **Nick Pate** of Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 258-197, to advance to the championship match after downing **Charlie Brown** of Granville, Mich., 191-189, in the first stepladder match.

- The PBA Regional calendar moves into fall with a pair of events over the Sept. 6-8 weekend: the Boss Snow Plows/Ebonite Central/Midwest Open at PinHeads in Fishers, Ind., and the Grand Casino Hotel and Resort Southwest Invitational at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla.

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## QUICK NOTES

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- **Reminder:** PBA Hall of Famer **Danny Wiseman** will host his eighth annual Youth Scholarship Tournament Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 12-13, at AMF Country Club Lanes in Baltimore. For complete information about the event, including how to enter, visit: [https://pjbttbowlingseries.com/6843-2/?fbclid=IwAR25ImfG65mCdSbEp4ijE5qIXkt074TmUHPhR65T28P\\_42MyHjQrhydiOvA](https://pjbttbowlingseries.com/6843-2/?fbclid=IwAR25ImfG65mCdSbEp4ijE5qIXkt074TmUHPhR65T28P_42MyHjQrhydiOvA).

## **Denmark's Carsten Hansen Wins PBA-WBT Storm Lucky Larsen Masters Title**

*Seventh-year PBA member nearly perfect in earning his first PBA Tour title*

**HELSINGBORG, Sweden (Sept. 8, 2019)** – Denmark's Carsten Hansen, a 26-year-old seventh-year Professional Bowlers Association member, was nearly perfect Sunday in defeating American two-handed player Chris Via of Springfield, Ohio, 289-247, to win the PBA International-World Bowling Tour Storm Lucky Larsen Masters at Olympia Bowling for his first PBA Tour title.

Hansen, a PBA member since 2012 and a veteran of several PBA World Series of Bowling since then, dominated the Lucky Larsen Masters. He was the qualifying leader, earned the top berth in the four-man stepladder finals and then threw 10 strikes to start the championship match before missing his chance for a 300 game when he left the 3 pin on his 11th shot.

Hansen won a title in a PBA Regional doubles event in Las Vegas in 2013 but had never finished higher than ninth place in a PBA Tour event (2014 PBA Cheetah Championship).

Via, who also was bowling for his first PBA Tour title, recorded his best career finish after eliminating fellow American players Jake Peters of Henderson, Nevada, in the first stepladder match, 245-238, and Michael Tang of San Francisco, 247-200, in the semifinal match.

The Helsingborg tournament – named in honor of Swedish PBA star Martin Larsen – involved multiple six-game qualifying squads to arrive at 52 finalists. Qualifiers 17-40 plus 12 other special qualifiers bowled the four-game Step One, with the top 16 advancing to Step Two along with qualifiers 1-18. The 34 players in Step Two bowled a six-game block, with the top 18 advancing to Step Three for another six-game round. The top four based on 12-game totals from Steps 2 and 3 determined the stepladder finalists.

Two PBA International-WBT events remain on the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule along with the FloBowling ATX Invite and the U.S. Open. The WBT Thailand Open will take place in Bangkok Sept. 27-Oct. 4 and the Kuwait Open at Kuwait Bowling Center in Kuwait City Oct. 31-Nov. 6. The ATX Invite is a special non-title, non-points event that will take place Sept. 21 at Dart Bowl in Austin, Texas. The U.S. Open, the final major championship on the 2019 schedule, will be held Oct. 23-30 at Victory Lanes Family Entertainment Center in Mooresville, North Carolina.

### **PBA INTERNATIONAL-WORLD BOWLING TOUR STORM LUCKY LARSEN MASTERS Olympia Bowling, Helsingborg, Sweden, Sunday**

#### **Final Standings:**

- 1, Carsten Hansen, Denmark, \$15,408.
- 2, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, \$11,299.
- 3, Michael Tang, San Francisco, \$8,218.
- 4, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., \$6,163.

#### **Stepladder Results:**

Match One – Via def. Peters, 245-238.  
Semifinal Match – Via def. Tang, 247-200.  
Championship – Hansen def. Via, 289-247.

#### **Step Three Cashers (after 12 games; top 4 advanced to stepladder finals):**

- 1, Hansen, 2,890.
- 2, Tang, 2,838.
- 3, Via, 2,800.

- 4, Peters, 2,799.
- 5, Matt McNiel, Minneapolis, 2,771, \$4,622.
- 6, Teemu Putkisto, Finland, 2,763, \$3,595.
- 7, Nick Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 2,750, \$3,082.
- 8, Tomas Käyhkö, Finland, 2,746, \$2,568.
- 9, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 2,741, \$2,260.
- 10, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 2,719, \$2,054.
- 11 (tie), Dom Barrett, England, and Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,693, \$1,798.
- 13, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., \$1,695.
- 14, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 2,656, \$1,644.
- 15, Joline Persson Planefors, Sweden, 2,654, \$1,592.
- 16, Stuart Williams, England, 2,607, \$1,541.
- 17, Karl Wahlgren, Sweden, 2,544, \$1,515.
- 18, Khaled Aldebayyan, Kuwait, \$1,489.

**Step Two Cashers (did not advance, after 6 games):**

- 19, Arnar Jonsson, Sweden, 1,282, \$1,464.
- 20 (tie), Mitch Hupé, Canada, and Niko Oksanen, Finland, 1,271, \$1,425.
- 22, Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 1,269, \$1,387.
- 23, Oscar Rodriguez, Colombia, 1,249, \$1,361.
- 24, Martin Paulsson, Sweden, 1,232, \$1,335.
- 25, Tony Wong, Hong Kong, 1,231, \$1,310.
- 26, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,226, \$1,284.
- 27, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 1,222, \$1,258.
- 28, Sandra Andersson, Sweden, 1,219, \$1,233.
- 29, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, Ariz., 1,200, \$1,207.
- 30, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 1,183, \$1,130.
- 31, Rasmus Edvall, Sweden, 1,181, \$1,079.
- 32, Jarno Lahti, Finland, 1,173, \$1,027.

**Step One Cashers (did not advance, after 4 games):**

- 33, Edwar Rey, Colombia, 844, \$1,002.
- 34, Saleh Salem, Kuwait, 842, \$976.
- 35, Patrik Nilsson, Sweden, 841, \$950.
- 36, Victoria Johansson, Sweden, 837, \$924.
- 37, Mattias Olsson, Sweden, 833, \$899.
- 38, Mikkel Sorensen, Denmark, 829, \$873.
- 39, Artemy Hudiakov, Latvia, \$847.
- 40, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 826, \$822.
- 41, Michael Mak, Hong Kong, 811, \$796.
- 42 (tie), Pyry Puharinen, Finland, and Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 797, \$763.
- 44 (tie), Brad Miller, Lee's Summit, Mo., and Jan Macek, Czechoslovakia, 795, \$706.
- 46, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 789, \$668.
- 47, Jusso Rikkola, Finland, 780, \$642.
- 48, Viktor Albihn, Sweden, 775, \$616.
- 49, Christer Rapp, Sweden, 771, \$591.
- 50, Tannya Lopez, Mexico, 759, \$565.
- 51, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 744, \$539.
- 52, Mikael Andersson, Sweden, 639, \$514.

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**Chris Barnes Wins PBA Grand Casino Resort & Hotel Southwest Invitational**

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Barnes, who earned his 28th PBA Regional title by a healthy 48-pin margin, fell behind early in the final match as Burns started with four strikes. Barnes responded with his own hambone, striking from the seventh frame through the tenth, as Burns ran into all sorts of issues, giving Barnes a 226-178 victory and the \$4,000 winner's check.

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Burns earned \$2,500 for second place. Lavery-Spahr and Maldonado each received \$1,500.

The Southwest Region's next events will be the third annual PBA Liberal Kansas Southwest Open at Ayr's Lanes, Sept. 13-15. That event will offer a \$4,000 first prize. The PBA Odessa Southwest Super Regional, with a projected \$5,000 winner's check, follows at Diamond Lanes in Odessa, Texas, Sept. 20-22.

**PBA GRAND CASINO HOTEL & RESORT SOUTHWEST INVITATIONAL  
FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Oklahoma, Sunday**

**Championship:**

Chris Barnes, Lawrence, Kan. (\$4,000) def. Dylan Burns, Keller, Texas (\$2,500), 226-178.

**Semifinal Round (losers earned \$1,500):**

Barnes def. Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 245-231.

Burns def. Shawn Maldonado, 219-203.

**Round of 8 (best of three games, losers earned \$1,000 each):**

Burns def. Austin Boulds, Creal Springs, Ill., 2-0.

Barnes def. Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 2-0.  
Maldonado def. Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2-1.  
An. Lavery-Spahr def. David Krol, Nixa, Mo. 2-1.

**Round of 12 (best of three games, losers earned \$725):**

Lesko def. Michael Austin, Conroe, Texas, 2-1.  
Maldonado def. Kris Koeltzow, Wheat Ridge, Colo., 2-0.  
Krol, def. Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 2-0.  
Boulds def. Michael Steele, Abilene, Texas, 2-0.

**Round of 16 (best of three games, losers earned \$550 each):**

Lesko def. Cody Meiers, Lubbock, Texas, 2-0.  
Steele def. Chris Hibbitts II, Keller, Texas, 2-1.  
Koeltzow def. David Scardaville, Houston, 2-1.  
Bidwell def. Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas, 2-0.

300 Game: Chris Barnes

## **PBA Spare Shots**

### **ANTHONY SIMONSEN WINS \$100,000 BOWLERO ELITE SERIES FIRST PRIZE**

PBA two-handed star **Anthony Simonsen** defeated New Jersey middle school history teacher **Amy Brehm**, 258-220, to win the \$100,000 top prize in the second of three Bowlero Elite Series tournaments featuring professional bowlers versus Bowlero amateur league bowlers.

Simonsen, who won the professional side of the Elite Series bracket by defeating three-time PWBA titlist **Stefanie Johnson**, was invited to participate in the special event along with fellow PBA stars **EJ Tackett**, **Norm Duke**, **Bill O'Neill** and **Jesper Svensson**. PWBA was represented by Johnson, Mexico's **Sandra Gongora** and Latvia's **Diana Zavjalova**.

In unrelated news, Simonsen has withdrawn from the PBA China Tiger Cup because of a previous business commitment and will be replaced in the exclusive eight-man field of PBA stars by fellow two-hander **Kyle Troup**, the next qualifier in line to make the trip. Simonsen was the No. 3 qualifier in competition points earned during the nine-event FloBowling PBA Summer Tour; Troup finished ninth in points.

The PBA's inaugural trip to China is set for Nov. 19-22 for a singles competition including a field of Chinese bowlers along with a U.S. vs. China team event. The American contingent will include points leader **Sean Rash**, Tackett, **Jason Sterner**, **AJ Johnson**, O'Neill, **Kyle Sherman**, **Tommy Jones** and Troup.

### **NEW KUWAIT BOWLING CENTER TO HOST FINAL PBA-WORLD BOWLING TOUR EVENT**

The newly renovated Kuwait Bowling Centre will host the final PBA International-World Bowling Tour event on the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule Oct. 31-Nov. 6. The tournament also is the final qualifying event for the World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals that will follow the Kuwait Open in the same facility.

The Kuwait Open will feature a prize fund of \$218,000 with a \$50,000 first prize. Other events remaining on the PBA-WBT schedule for 2019 are the Thailand Open, Sept. 27-Oct. 4 at Blu-O Paragon in Bangkok, and the U.S. Open, Oct. 23-30, at Victory Lanes Family Entertainment Center in Mooresville, N.C.

The 2019 World Bowling Tour Finals, culminating 12 months of international competition, will feature the top three male and top three female athletes from the 2019 WBT points list as of the completion of the Kuwait Open. For the first time, the WBT Finals also will include one male and one female from each of the three World Bowling zones (Asian, European and Pan American), expanding the field of contenders to six men and six women. Each zone will determine which of its athletes qualify for the finals.

The current WBT men's top five points leaders are Americans **Anthony Simonsen** (2,712 points), **Andrew Anderson** (2,276), **EJ Tackett** (2,136), **Kyle Troup** (2,040) and England's **Stuart Williams** (1,984). The top five women in points are **Danielle McEwan** (4,765), **Liz Johnson** (3,784), Indonesia's **Tannya Roumimper**, Poland's **Daria Pajak** and Colombia's **Clara Guerrero**.

### **WRW, PDW INCLUDED IN UPPER DECK'S 2019 "GOODWIN CHAMPIONS" COLLECTION**

**Walter Ray Williams Jr.** and **Pete Weber**, two of the PBA's Hall of Fame legends, are included in an expansive "Upper Deck Goodwin Champions" collection of 150-plus trading cards featuring personalities from the worlds of sports, entertainment, politics, theater and more. The cards, in base, horizontal and "splash of color" versions, are available online, at many sports collectible stores around the country, or through Upper Deck's website, <https://upperdeckstore.com/2019-goodwin-champions.html>.

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Davidson, who earned \$3,000, downed **Chris Colella** of Indianapolis, 658-548, while Martell eliminated **Patrick Dombrowski** of Parma, Ohio, 646-568, in the semifinal round to set up the championship match.

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## QUICK NOTES

- **REMINDER:** General admission and VIP tickets are now on sale for the 2019 PBA Clash that will take place on Monday, Oct. 21, at Kegel Training Center in Lake Wales, Fla. The Clash will include the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour's top eight money-winners in a special elimination-format telecast that will air on FOX on Sunday, Nov. 3. VIP ticket packages are available for \$50. General admission tickets are \$20. Tickets can be ordered online at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pba-clash-tickets-68818707607>.

- **Chris and Lynda Barnes'** 15th annual Barnes Thanksgiving Classic, a youth scholarship tournament for scratch and handicap bowlers, will be held Nov. 29-Dec. 1 at Plano Super Bowl in Plano, Texas. For entry information and tournament rules, visit the Barnes Thanksgiving Classic page on Facebook.

## Sean Rash Leads Eight-Player Field into FloBowling PBA ATX Invite in Austin, Texas

*FloBowling PBA Summer Tour finale to be livestreamed on FloBowling on Sept. 21*

**AUSTIN, Texas (Sept. 13, 2019)** – Led by top qualifier Sean Rash of Montgomery, Illinois, the top eight players in FloBowling PBA Summer Tour points will battle head-to-head when the FloBowling PBA ATX Invite takes place on Saturday, Sept. 21 at 2 p.m. ET at DART Bowl in Austin, Texas. The Go Bowling! PBA Tour special event will be livestreamed exclusively on FloBowling.

Joining Rash in the ATX Invite field are fellow PBA Tour stars EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Indiana; Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas; Jason Sterner, Rochester, New York; AJ Johnson, Oswego, Illinois; Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pennsylvania; Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Missouri, and Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, South Carolina. All players earned berths in the non-title event based on USBC Cup points earned during nine FloBowling PBA Summer Tour tournaments held between June and the end of August at bowling centers across the U.S.

Here's a look at each player's Summer Tour highlights along with USBC Cup points earned:

**Sean Rash (9,135 points)** – Won the PBA Wolf Open during the FloBowling PBA Summer Swing presented by the brands of Ebonite International for his second win of the season and 14th of his career. He also finished fourth in the FloBowling PBA Illinois Open, and had runner-up finishes in the PBA Wilmington Open and PBA Bowlerstore.com Classic presented by Moxy's Xtra Pair.

**EJ Tackett (8,670)** – The 13-time PBA Tour titlist and 2019 Barbasol PBA Tour Finals winner had five top-10 finishes during the Summer Tour highlighted by three in the top five. His best finishes were second in the PBA Bear and Illinois Opens.

**Anthony Simonsen (7,660)** – Seven-time tour titlist and 2019 PBA Players Championship winner closed the Summer Tour with three top-five finishes including a win in the Bear Open, second in the Wolf Open and fifth in the Illinois Open.

**Jason Sterner (7,140)** – Won the FloBowling PBA Illinois Open for his third tour title. Also had seventh-place finishes in both the Bowlerstore.com Classic and Wolf Open.

**AJ Johnson (6,930)** – A two-time PBA Tour runner-up, he had five top-10 finishes during the Summer Tour including second place in the Storm PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles with partner Erin McCarthy.

**Bill O'Neill (6,670)** – Won the Harry O'Neale Chesapeake Open during the Summer Tour for his 11th career tour title. Also had a sixth-place finish in the Illinois Open.

**Kyle Sherman (6,648)** – Won the Storm PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles with Amanda Greene for his first tour title, finished third in the Bear Open and fifth in the Wilmington Open.

**Tommy Jones (5,790)** – Won the PBA Bowlerstore.com Classic for his 19th career tour title and first in nearly two years.

The ATX Invite will feature a one-game, single-elimination match play bracket with the final match incorporating a best-of-three format. Players receive one point for each game won and if tied, will bowl a ninth and 10th frame roll-off to break the tie. The special event features a \$67,000 prize fund with the winner taking home \$25,000.

Action begins with the opening round of the bracket at 2 p.m. ET on Sept. 21 and the best-of-three format final starting at approximately 5 p.m. Eastern. Admission to the livestreaming at Dart Bowl – which is limited to 150 spectators – is \$10 per person and tickets will be sold at the door beginning at 11 a.m. local time.

To access live and on-demand coverage of the ATX Invite and other PBA Tour events visit FloBowling.com to become a monthly or annual PRO subscriber. Either subscription unlocks access to premium content across the entire FloSports network. Watch the event across all screens by downloading the FloSports app on Roku, Amazon Fire TV, Apple TV, and the App Store.

As a side note to the ATX Invite, if Kyle Sherman wins, he will earn enough to qualify for the earnings-based PBA Clash and eliminate PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke from the top eight for that event. The Clash will be contested on Monday, Oct. 21 at the Kegel Training Center in Lake Wales, Florida, for broadcast on FOX on Sunday, Nov. 3.

### **FLOBOWLING PBA ATX INVITE** **Dart Bowl, Austin, Texas** **Saturday, Sept. 21 (All times Eastern)**

#### **Opening round (one-game matches; losers eliminated)**

**2 p.m.** - Match 1: No. 1 Sean Rash vs. No. 8 Tommy Jones

**2:30 p.m.** - Match 2: No. 4 Jason Sterner vs. No. 5 AJ Johnson

**3 p.m.** - Match 3: No. 2 EJ Tackett vs. No. 7 Kyle Sherman

**3:30 p.m.** - Match 4: No. 3 Anthony Simonsen vs. No. 6 Bill O'Neill

#### **Semifinals (one-game matches; losers eliminated)**

**4 p.m.** - Semifinal 1: Match 1 winner vs. Match 2 winner

**4:30 p.m.** - Semifinal 2: Match 3 winner vs. Match 4 winner

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#### **Finals (best-of-three format)**

**5 p.m.** - Semifinal 1 winner vs. Semifinal 2 winner

## **Shawn Maldonado Wins PBA Liberal Kansas Southwest Open**

**Liberal, Kan., (Sept. 17, 2019)** –Shawn Maldonado from Houston, Texas, won three of his first five matches in the modified eight-game round robin match play finals to build a 248-pin lead and then held off Canada's Francois Lavoie to claim his 11th PBA Regional title in the third annual PBA Liberal Kansas Southwest Open Sunday at Ayr Lanes.

Maldonado started the match play finals in the lead before losing matches six and seven with games of 192 and 169 while Lavoie closed in with wins with 257 and 229 game, setting up the deciding position round match. Maldonado still held a 64-pin lead, meaning Lavoie had to win the match by 35 pins and collect the 30 bonus pins to win the title. While Maldonado was filling frame through the middle of the match, Lavoie countered with two doubles to briefly take the lead. When Lavoie failed to convert two splits late in the game, Maldonado escaped with a 192-174 loss, but still maintained the overall pinfall lead, 4,610-4,594.

The win was worth \$4,000 to Maldonado while Lavoie collected \$2,400 for second place.

The Southwest Region's next event is the PBA Odessa Southwest Super Regional, offering a projected first place prize of \$5,000. Two one-day PBA50 tournaments follow over the Sept. 27-29 weekend at Junction City Bowl in Junction City, Kan. The second annual PBA50 Waxahachie Southwest Open will then be held at Hilltop Lanes, Oct. 18-20.

### **PBA LIBERAL KANSAS SOUTHWEST OPEN Ayr Lanes, Liberal, Kan., Sunday**

#### **Final Standings (after 21 games, including match play bonus pins):**

1, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 3-5, 4,610, \$4,000. 2, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 5-3, 4,594, \$2,400. 3, Alex George, Wichita, Kan., 4-4, 4,467, \$1,700. 4, Kris Koeltzow, Wheat Ridge, Colo., 6-2, 4,429, \$1,300. 5, n-Steven Gallegos, Denver, 5-3, 4,404, \$900. 6, Brad Miller, Lees Summit, Mo., 4-4, 4,361, \$750.

7, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 3-5, 4,354, \$725. 8, Thomas Rash, Spencer, Okla., 6-2, 4,339, \$700. 9, Mitch Hupe, Wichita, Kan., 3-5, 4,324, \$675. 10, Wayne Stellick, Aurora, Colo., 5-3, 4,237, \$650. 11, Allan Smith, Killeen, Texas, 2-6, 4,222, \$625. 12, James Price, Edmond, Okla., 2-6, 4,157, \$600.

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## **Kyle Troup Wins 12th PBA Regional Title in Fayetteville South Open**

**FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. (September 15, 2019)** – Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C. defeated Trevor Roberts of Crystal River, Fla., 257-234, to win the 16th annual PBA Fayetteville South Open presented at Lafayette Lanes.

Roberts qualified in the number three position for the four-man stepladder finals with a 17-game total of 3,705 pins, one pin ahead of defending champion Brandon Curtis of Manson, N.C., and he defeated Curtis in the opening match, 208-192. Roberts then defeated Ryan Ciminelli of Lancaster, S.C., 257-234, to advance to the championship match.

In the title match, Troup started with a double, single-pin spare and then six strikes to grab a healthy lead. Roberts didn't strike until the seventh frame and by then it was too late despite a five-strike rally.

Troup earned \$2,500 along with his 12th PBA Regional title. Roberts pocketed \$1,300 for second, Ciminelli took home \$1,100 for third place and Curtis earned \$1,000 for fourth.

The PBA South Region's next event will be the PBA50 Spartanburg South Open on Sept. 27 at Paradise Lanes in Spartanburg, S.C.

### **PBA FAYETTEVILLE SOUTH OPEN** **Lafayette Lanes, Fayetteville, N.C., Sunday**

#### **Final Standings:**

- 1, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., \$2,500.
- 2, Trevor Roberts, Crystal River, Fla., \$1,300.
- 3, Ryan Ciminelli, Lexington, S.C., \$1,100.
- 4, Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., \$1,000.

#### **Stepladder Results:**

Match One – Roberts def. Curtis, 208-192.  
Semifinal – Roberts def. Ciminelli, 257-234.  
Championship – Troup def. Roberts, 257-234.

#### **Final Qualifying Standings (after 17 games, top 4 advanced to stepladder finals):**

- 1, Troup, 3,870.
- 2, Ciminelli, 3,715.
- 3, Roberts, 3,705.
- 4, Curtis, 3,704.
- 5, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 3,666, \$900.
- 6, Sean Wilcox, Altamonte Springs, Fla., 3,644, \$750.
- 7, Nick Christy, Newport, N.C., 3,541, \$700.
- 8, n-Andy Henrich, Savannah, Ga., 3,539, \$625.

#### **Round of 16 Cashers (eliminated after 15 games):**

- 9, Matt Taylor, Raleigh, N.C., 3,090, \$600.
- 10, Zack Brown, Raleigh, N.C., 3,043, \$550.
- 11, Chris Johnson, Nashville, N.C., 3,026, \$525.
- 12, Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 3,018, \$520.
- 13, n-Kurtis Stidd, Monroe, N.C., 3,005, \$515.
- 14, n-Andrew Morton, Anchorage, Ak., 2,998, \$510.
- 15, Daria Pajak, Poland, 2,983, \$505.
- 16, n-Verity Crawley, Savannah, Ga., 2,922, \$500.

#### **Cashers Round (eliminated after 12 games):**

- 17, Mike Preston, Gainesville, Fla., 2,412, \$410.
- 18, Anthony Caso, Merritt Island, Fla., 2,410, \$410.
- 19, Jeff Beasley, Angier, N.C., 2,403, \$410.
- 20, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 2,395, \$405.
- 21, Kristijonas Sergejevas, Lithuania, 2,387, \$405.
- 22, Matthew Martin, Axton, Va., 2,379, \$405.
- 23, Fabian Casteneda, Virginia Beach, Va., 2,346, \$405
- 24, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 2,345, \$400.
- 25, n-Dave Schmidtman, Norfolk, Va., 2,337, \$400.
- 26, Mike Patterson, Canton, Ga., 2,323, \$400.
- 27, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 2,291, \$400.

300 Games: Kyle Troup, Nick Christy.

n-denotes non-PBA member.

### **Rick Graham Wins PBA50 King Pin Lanes Open for Fifth Career Title**

**ROME, N.Y. (September 14, 2019)** – Rick Graham of Lancaster, Pa., the reigning East Region PBA50 Player of the Year, compiled a 3-5 match play record and a 15-game total of 3,524 pins to win the PBA50 King Pin Lanes Open at King Pin Lanes Saturday.

While Graham only managed to win three of his eight matches, his 228 average helped propel him to a 101-pin victory over Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y. For Graham, the trip to King Pin Lanes brought back fond memories because King Pin Lanes was the site of his first PBA regional win, in 2010.

Saturday's win was Graham's fifth in PBA Regional competition and earned him \$1,500. Shafer earned \$750 as the runner-up.

The PBA East Region travels to Millsboro, Delaware next weekend for the PBA/PBA50 Millsboro Lanes Over/Under Double. Each team consists of one bowler under the age of 50 and one 50 or older.

### **PBA50 KING PIN LANES OPEN King Pin Lanes, Rome, N.Y., Saturday**

#### **Final Match Play Standings (after 15 games, including match play bonus pins)**

- 1, Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., 3-5, 3,524, \$1,500.
- 2, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 5-3, 3,423, \$750.
- 3, n-Patrick Brick, Buffalo, N.Y., 6-2, 3,416, \$700.
4. Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 6-2, 3,415, \$650.
- 5, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 4-4, 3,383, \$600.

6. Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 5-3, 3,332, \$575.
- 7, Sammy Ventura, Norwich, N.Y., 3-5, 3,301, \$550.
- 8, n-Dean Distin, Fulton, N.Y., 4-4, 3,262, \$540.
- 9 (tie), Bob Leonard, Lockwood, N.Y., 3-5, and Gene Speenburgh, Catskill, N.Y., 4-4, 3,255, \$525.
11. n-David Handlowich Jr., Ancram, N.Y., 2-6, 3,125, \$510.
- 12, Steven DiMartino, Upper Saddle River, N.J., 3-5, 3,073, \$500.

n-designates non-PBA member

## PBA Spare Shots

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Want to see how the Chris Paul PBA Celebrity Invitational doubles partners accomplished the unique feat? Check it out at this link: [GoBowlingWorldsFastestStrike.com](http://GoBowlingWorldsFastestStrike.com).

### WBT THAILAND NEXT UP FOR PBA INTERNATIONAL-WBT COMPETITORS

The eighth annual PBA International-World Bowling Tour Thailand Open is next up for the PBA Tour's international competitors. The tournament at Blu-O Paragon in Bangkok gets underway Sunday and concludes Saturday, Sept. 28. First prize will be roughly \$32,250.

Fans can follow the competition on the Asian Bowling Federation's official website. Use this link to track qualifying results: <http://abf-online.org/results/2019/ttbawbt-1.asp>. **Danielle McEwan** of Stony Point, N.Y., defeated England's **Stuart Williams** to win the 2018 Thailand title, but women who enter this year's event won't receive the eight handicap pins per game previous female competitors received. A PBA Tour title will be awarded to the winner if he/she is a PBA member.

Following the Thailand Open, two tournaments remain on the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour and World Bowling Tour schedule: the U.S. Open, Oct. 23-30 at Victory Lanes Family Entertainment Center in Mooresville, N.C., and the Kuwait Open at Kuwait Bowling Center in Kuwait City, Oct. 31-Nov. 6.

### PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: MALDONADO HOLDS OFF LAVOIE TO WIN 11TH REGIONAL TITLE

**Shawn Maldonado** from Houston, Texas, built a 248-pin lead and then held off Canada's **Francois Lavoie** in the final frames to claim his 11th PBA Regional title in the third annual PBA Liberal Kansas Southwest Open Sunday at Ayr Lanes in Liberal, Kan.

Maldonado started the eight-game match play finals in the lead before losing matches six and seven while Lavoie closed in with wins behind 257 and 229 games to set up the deciding position round match. Maldonado still held a 64-pin lead, meaning Lavoie had to win the match by 35 pins and collect the 30 bonus pins to win the title. While Maldonado was filling frame through the middle of the match, Lavoie countered with two doubles to briefly take the lead. When Lavoie failed to convert two splits late in the game, Maldonado escaped with a 192-174 loss, but still maintained the overall pinfall lead, 4,610-4,594.

In addition to his title, the win was worth \$4,000 to Maldonado.

- **Kyle Troup** of Taylorsville, N.C. defeated **Trevor Roberts** of Crystal River, Fla., 257-234, to win the \$2,500 first prize and his 12th PBA Regional title in the 16th annual PBA Fayetteville South Open at Lafayette Lanes in Fayetteville, N.C., Sunday.

Roberts qualified in the third position for the four-man stepladder finals, one pin ahead of defending champion **Brandon Curtis** of Manson, N.C., and then eliminated Curtis in the opening match, 208-192. Roberts then defeated **Ryan Ciminelli** of Lancaster, S.C., 257-234, to advance to the championship match.

In the title match, Troup threw eight strikes in his first eight frames to grab a healthy lead. Roberts didn't strike until the seventh frame and by then it was too late.

- **Darren Tang** of Las Vegas posted an 8-4 match play record and a 20-game total of 4,366 pins to win the Fourth Annual PBA West/Northwest Capital City Open at Bowlero North Sacramento Sunday while **Tony Rodriguez Jr.** of Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., won the PBA50 portion of the doubleheader weekend.

Tang won his sixth PBA Regional title and the \$2,000 first prize by 56 pins over non-member **Sam Cantrell** of Citrus Heights, Calif., who had an 9-3 record and 4,310 pins, including match play bonus pins.

Rodriguez went 8-4 in the 12-game PBA50 match play finals and knocked down 4,250 total pins for his 20 games to top **Noel Vazquez** of Sacramento by 78 pins.

- **Rick Graham** of Lancaster, Pa., the reigning East Region PBA50 Player of the Year, compiled a 3-5 match play record and a 15-game total of 3,524 pins to win the PBA50 King Pin Lanes Open at King Pin Lanes in Rome, N.Y., Saturday.

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site of his first PBA regional win, in 2010. Saturday's win was Graham's fifth in PBA Regional competition and earned him \$1,500.

- **Justin Knowles** of Okemos, Mich. defeated **Chris Loschetter** of Avon, Ohio by 30 pins to win the PBA Sturgis/Storm Central/Midwest Open at Sturgis Bowl Sunday. Knowles finished with a 5-3 match play record and a total of 4,738 pins for 21 games, including match play bonus pins, to win his first PBA title and the \$2,600 first prize.

- PBA Regional activity scheduled for the Sept. 20-22 weekend include the PBA/PBA50 Over/Under Doubles at Millsboro Lanes in Millsboro, Del.; the EZ Bowl Central Open in Bluffton, Ind.; the Odessa Southwest Super Regional at Diamond Lanes in Odessa, Texas, and a tripleheader including the PBA Paradise Lanes Northwest/West Open, PBA50 Paradise Lanes Gary Mage Northwest/West Senior Open (both presented by 900 Global) plus the Jeanne Naccarato Women's Open in Tacoma, Wash. On Saturday, Sept. 21, Ten Pin Alley in Fitchburg, Wis., also will host the Ten Pin Alley Midwest Open.

- September's busy calendar of PBA Regional events will conclude over the Sept. 27-29 weekend with the Bowlers Discount Pro Shop East Open presented by Radical at Terrace Lanes in Frederick, Md.; the PBA50 Mel Westrich Memorial Central/Midwest Open at Delphos Recreation in Delphos, Ohio; the PBA50 J&L Sports South Open at Paradise Lanes in Spartanburg, S.C.; the back-to-back PBA50 Junction City Bowl Southwest/Midwest Open I and II one-day events in Junction City, Kan.; and the 17th annual Double Decker Lanes West/Northwest Open presented by Roto Grip in Rohnert Park, Calif.

- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit [pba.com](http://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](http://pba.com) (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

## QUICK NOTES

- Want to know more about the PBA's acquisition by Bowlero Corp.? PBA Commissioner **Tom Clark** shares his insights into the blockbuster deal in a sit-down interview now available for viewing on FloBowling: [https://www.flobowling.com/video/6566353-pba-commish-tom-clark-talks-about-bowlero-deal?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_medium=email](https://www.flobowling.com/video/6566353-pba-commish-tom-clark-talks-about-bowlero-deal?utm_source=newsletter&utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_medium=email)

- Former Xtra Frame producer and Xtra Frame/ESPN play-by-play announcer **Mike Jakubowski** will return to the microphone to call the action for FloBowling Saturday at the FloBowling PBA ATX Invite at Dart Bowl in Austin, Texas. Adding color to the livestream will be England's two-time PBA Tour titlist **Stuart Williams**.

- **REMINDER:** General admission and VIP tickets are now on sale for the 2019 PBA Clash that will take place on Monday, Oct. 21, at Kegel Training Center in Lake Wales,

Fla. The Clash will include the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour's top eight money-winners in a special elimination-format telecast that will air on FOX on Sunday, Nov. 3. VIP ticket packages are available for \$50. General admission tickets are \$20. Tickets can be ordered online at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pba-clash-tickets-68818707607>.

### **Bill O'Neill Sweeps Jason Sterner to Win First FloBowling PBA ATX Invite**

*O'Neill wins 257-176 and 237-215 in best-of-three title match to win \$25,000 first prize*

**AUSTIN, Texas (Sept. 21, 2019)** – No. 6 seed Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania swept No. 4 seed Jason Sterner of Rochester, New York, 2-0, in a best-of-three-game championship match to win the first FloBowling PBA ATX Invite and a \$25,000 first prize Saturday at Dart Bowl.

Streamed live by PBA's online streaming partner FloBowling, O'Neill, an 11-time Go Bowling! PBA Tour titlist, was among eight PBA Tour stars in the non-title elimination event who earned berths by finishing in the top eight in USBC Cup points during the nine-tournament FloBowling PBA Summer Tour.

O'Neill took the first game of the title match with a dominating 257-176 win and was able to continue the momentum heading into the second game beating Sterner 237-215 for the victory.

"I was able to stay with my game plan and didn't have to deviate much from it," said the 37-year-old O'Neill, "I was able to keep adjustments simple with footwork and keeping my angles tight to the pocket. When you can keep the adjustments simple and manageable, you're better able to keep your focus and stay in a rhythm."

O'Neill's Summer Tour was highlighted by a win in the PBA Harry O'Neale Chesapeake Open for his second title of the season.

"I think overall from top to bottom this is probably one of the best seasons of my career," O'Neill said. "I haven't won a major yet but I'm probably as confident as I've ever been with my game and the way I'm throwing the ball. I've had a lot of success learning from my mistakes and putting myself in the best position to succeed. After that, it's all about executing to the best of my ability."

Sterner's Summer Tour was highlighted by winning the PBA Illinois Open, which concluded the FloBowling PBA Summer Swing presented by the Brands of Ebonite International, for his third career tour title.

Competition on the 45-foot PBA Dick Weber lane condition started with four one-game quarterfinal matches with the winners advancing to the one-game semifinal matches.

In the opening round O'Neill beat No. 3 seed two-hander Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, 248-207 and Sterner beat No. 5 seed AJ Johnson of Oswego, Illinois, 267-254, to advance to the semifinal round.

In the semifinal O'Neill beat No. 7 seed Kyle Sherman of O'Fallon, Missouri, 280-212, while Sterner defeated No. 1 seed Sean Rash of Montgomery, Illinois, 236-225, to advance to the title match.

Sherman advanced to the semifinal after beating No. 2 seed EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Indiana in the second one-ball roll-off 10-9 after tying 212-212 in the quarterfinal. Rash advance to the semifinal with a 228-216 win over No. 8 seed Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, South Carolina.

To catch PBA action on FloBowling visit [www.flobowling.com](http://www.flobowling.com) for subscription and schedule information.

## **FLOBOWLING PBA ATX INVITE RESULTS**

### **Dart Bowl, Austin, Texas, Saturday**

#### **Opening round (one-game matches; losers eliminated earn \$3,750)**

**Match 1** – No. 1 Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill. def. No. 8 Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 228-216.

**Match 2** – No. 4 Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y. def. No. 5 AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 267-254.

**Match 3** – No. 7 Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo. def. No. 2 EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 212-212 (Sherman def. Tackett 10-9 in second one-ball roll-off).

**Match 4** – No. 6 Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa. def. No. 3 Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 248-207.

#### **Semifinals (one-game matches; losers eliminated earn \$7,000)**

**Semifinal Match 1:** Sterner def. Rash, 236-225.

**Semifinal Match 2:** O'Neill def. Sherman, 280-212.

#### **Finals (best-of-three-game format)**

O'Neill (\$25,000) def. Sterner (\$13,000), 2-0.

Game One – O'Neill def. Sterner, 257-176.

Game Two – O'Neill def. Sterner, 237-215.

Ventura, Cunningham Team Up to Win PBA/PBA50 Millsboro Lanes Doubles Title

Millsboro, Del. (September 22, 2019) – Sam Ventura of Norwich, N.Y. and Brett Cunningham of Clay, N.Y., defeated John Neral of Vienna, Va. and Matt Wozney of Clayton, Del., 505-421, 492-428 in the best-of-three-game title match of the PBA50/PBA Millsboro Lanes Doubles Sunday at Millsboro Lanes.

The win was the 11th career regional title for Ventura and his third of 2019. Cunningham, who has one career title when he was a member, bowled this event as a non-member, so does not receive credit for a PBA Regional title. Ventura and Cunningham each earned \$2,000 while Neral and Wozney earned \$1,000 each as runners-up.

In the best-of-three semifinal round, Ventura and Cunningham defeated Robert Boehm of Nutley, N.J. and Andrew Suscreba of Clifton, N.J., 2-1, while Neral and Wozney defeated Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J. and Kerry Smith of Lititz, Pa., 2-0. The losing team members each earned \$700.

The next PBA East Region event is the PBA Bowlers Discount Pro Shop Open presented by Radical at Terrace Lanes in Frederick, Md., Sept. 27-29.

## PBA50/PBA MILLSBORO LANES DOUBLES

Millsboro Lanes, Millsboro, Del., Sunday

Championship (best of three games): Sam Ventura, Norwich, N.Y./n-Brett Cunningham, Clay, N.Y. (\$4,000) def. John Neral, Vienna, Va./Matt Wozney, Clayton, Del., (\$2,000), 2-0 (505-421, 482-428).

Semifinal Round (best of three games, losing teams earned \$1,400):

Ventura/Cunningham def. Robert Boehm, Nutley, N.J./Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 2-1.

Neral/Wozney def. Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J./n-Kerry Smith, Lititz, Pa., 2-0.

Round of 8 (best of three games, losing team earned \$1,200):

Ventura/Cunningham def. Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y./Tommy Gollick, Oberlin, Pa., 2-0.

Neral/Wozney def. Larry Woomer, State College, Pa./Bob Baldwin, State College, Pa., 2-0.

Boehm/Suscreba def. Bob Caruso, Dayton, N.J./Jason Stadtler, Lafayette, N.J., 2-0.

Bohn/Smith def. n-Mike Taylor, Havertown, Pa./David Knight Jr., Glassboro, N.J., 2-1.

Round of 12 (best of three games, losing team earned \$1,100)

Shafer/Gollick def. Erv Raines, New Cumberland, Pa./Scott Kinkaid, Elizabethtown, Pa., 2-1.

Taylor/Knight def. n-Mike Runk, New Cumberland, Pa./n-Brandon Runk, Enola, Pa., 2-0

Neral/Wozney def. Brian Boghosian, Springfield, Mass./Keith Laing, Oakdale, Conn., 2-0.

Caruso/Stadtler def. George Tignor, Winchendon, Mass./Corey Umbrello, Westminster, Mass., 2-0.

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300 Games: John Neral, Oley Khounesavath

## **Anthony Lavery-Spahr Wins Sixth PBA Regional Title in Odessa Southwest Open**

**Odessa, Texas, (September 23, 2019)** – Anthony Lavery-Spahr of Pasadena, Texas, steadily moved up after each round of the PBA Odessa Southwest Super Regional Open to claim his third straight victory in the annual Odessa event at Diamond Lanes, overtaking Shawn Maldonado of Houston in the final game to claim the \$5,000 first prize.

Lavery-Spahr started his climb from fourth place after the eight-game qualifying round. He then moved up to third after the five-game casher's round, and then won five of his first seven matches in the eight-game modified round-robin finals to close to within 27 pins of Maldonado going into the final position round match. Needing a win over Maldonado to claim the 30 match play bonus pins for the title, Lavery-Spahr struck on four of his first six shots while Maldonado started the game with an open frame. Lavery-Spahr continued to strike through the 10th frame to clinch his fifth career PBA Regional title.

Lavery-Spahr finished with a 21-game total of 4,575 pins, including match play bonus pins. Maldonado had 4,512 total pins to earn \$2,700 for second place. Qualifying leader and PBA50 player Keith Lesko, now living in Prosper, Texas, won \$1,900 for third place. Sean Lavery-Spahr rounded out the top four and claimed \$1,400.

The PBA Southwest Region's fall schedule will feature PBA50 events through November. Two one-day events are next at the PBA50 Junction City Bowl Southwest/Midwest Opens Sept. 27-29. Hilltop Lanes in Waxahachie, Texas, will host the second annual PBA50 Waxahachie Southwest Open Oct. 18-20. PBA Hall of Famer Mark Williams' Crossroad Lanes continues their support of the PBA by hosting the PBA50 Beaumont Southwest Open Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 29-Dec. 1.

### **PBA ODESSA SOUTHWEST SUPER REGIONAL OPEN Diamond Lanes, Odessa, Texas, Sunday**

#### **Final Standings (21 games)**

1, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 6-2, 4,575, \$5,000. 2, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 5-3, 4,512, \$2,700. 3, Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 4-4, 4,458, \$1,900. 4, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 5-3, 4,411, \$1,400. 5, Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 5-3, 4,376, \$1,100. 6, s-Ricky Schissler, Brighton, Colo., 5-3, 4,268, \$900.

7, AJ Chapman, Manchester, Iowa, 2-6, 4,263, \$800. 8, Kris Koeltzow, Wheat Ridge, Colo., 4-4, 4,222, \$725. 9, Thomas Rash, Longview, Texas, 4-4, 4,156, \$675. 10, Mason Edmondson, Amarillo, Texas, 3-5, 4,098, \$650. 11, Scotty Pope Jr., Midland, Texas, 4-4, 4,091, \$625. 12, Terry Ward, San Angelo, Texas, 1-7, 3,945, \$600.

## **Bill O'Neill Helps Norm Duke Lock Up Final Berth in PBA Clash**

*Jason Belmonte to lead elite eight-man field into end-of-season special event*

**CHICAGO (Sept. 25, 2019)** – The end-of-season PBA Clash field of the eight leading PBA players based on Go Bowling! PBA Tour earnings for 2019 is set in the aftermath of Saturday's FloBowling PBA ATX Invite where Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania, locked up Norm Duke's berth in the Clash.

When O'Neill, the ATX Invite winner, defeated Kyle Sherman of O'Fallon, Missouri, in the first elimination round of the Invite, 280-212, Sherman's hope to make the elite PBA Clash field also was over. Sherman needed to win the \$25,000 first prize to overtake the PBA Hall of Famer from Clermont, Florida, for eighth place on the earnings list.

Duke, who didn't qualify to participate in the ATX Invite, qualified for the Clash with \$97,415 while Sherman, who earned \$3,750 as a first-round loser in the final event of the FloBowling PBA Summer Tour, finished the Clash qualifying period with \$85,965.

The second PBA Clash will be contested on Monday, Oct. 21, at Kegel Training Center in Lake Wales, Florida, for airing on FOX on Sunday, Nov. 3. Marshall Kent, who won the inaugural PBA Clash, didn't qualify for this year's event. The following players (with their 2019 earnings totals) will compete for the \$50,000 first prize in the Clash:

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$275,290.
- 2, Jakob Butturff, Mesa, Ariz., \$185,780.
- 3, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., \$177,148.
- 4, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., \$175,248.
- 5, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., \$170,445.
- 6, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, \$159,340.
- 7, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., \$127,968.
- 8, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., \$97,415.

General admission and VIP tickets for the PBA Clash are available online. To order, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pba-clash-tickets-68818707607>. VIP ticket packages are \$50; general admission tickets are \$20.

## **Sweden's Jesper Svensson Wins PBA International-WBT Thailand Open Title**

*Swedish two-hander defeats Sean Rash to end two-year title drought*

**BANGKOK, Thailand (Sept. 28, 2019)** – Sweden's Jesper Svensson defeated Sean Rash of Montgomery, Illinois, 211-181, to win the PBA International-WBT Thailand Open at Blu-O Paragon Saturday for his first PBA Tour title since 2017.

Behind a near-perfect start to the final qualifying round to earn the top berth for the Thailand stepladder finals, Svensson, a left-handed two-handed player, picked up his eighth career PBA Tour title along with a \$32,258 first prize.

The 24-year-old Swedish star rolled games of 289, 300, 290, 218, 279 and 195 for a 1,571 pinfall total in the final six-game qualifying round to win the top spot in the stepladder finals by a stunning 217 pins over Rash.

Svensson also won the Thailand Open title in 2016. He won last title in the 2017 PBA Cheetah Championship during the PBA World Series of Bowling IX in Reno, Nevada.

The PBA Tour's final two tournaments on the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour and World Bowling Tour schedule are the U.S. Open – the season's final major – Oct. 23-30 at Victory Lanes Family Entertainment Center in Mooresville, North Carolina, and the PBA-WBT Kuwait Open at Kuwait Bowling Center in Kuwait City, Oct. 31-Nov. 6.

### **PBA INTERNATIONAL-WBT THAILAND Blu-O Paragon, Bangkok, Thailand, Saturday**

#### **Final Standings:**

- 1, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, \$32,258.
- 2, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., \$16,129.
- 3, Ryan Ciminelli, Lancaster, S.C., \$9,677.
- 4, Dom Barrett, England, \$6,451.
- 5, Jojoe Yannaphon, Thailand, \$3,225.
- 6, Cheah Ray Han, Singapore, \$2,903.
- 7, Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill., \$2,741.
- 8, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, \$2,580.

#### **Stepladder Results:**

Match One – Yannaphon (225) def. Johnson (193) and Malott (182).

Match Two – Ciminelli (220) def. Yannaphon (216) and Cheah (186).

Match Three – Ciminelli def. Barrett, 206-184.

Semifinal – Rash def. Ciminelli, 209-208.

Championship – Svensson def. Rash, 211-181.

#### **Round 4 Cashers (after 6 games, top 6 plus top Thailand and top woman qualifiers advanced to stepladder finals):**

- 1, Svensson, 1,571.
- 2, Rash, 1,354.
- 3, Barrett, 1,348.
- 4, Ciminelli, 1,327.
- 5, Cheah, 1,319.
- 6, Malott, 1,307.
- 7, y-Yannaphon, 1,270.
- 8, w-Johnson, 1,257.

y-Yannaphon qualified 13th but automatically advanced as the highest finishing Thailand player in the field; w-Johnson qualified 14th but automatically advanced as the highest finishing woman in the field.

#### **Failed to advance (\$2,258 each):**

- 9, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,300.
- 10, Mitch Hupé, Canada, 1,282.
- 11, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 1,281.
- 12, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,279.
- 13, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,276.
- 14, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 1,271.

- 15, Chong Jun Foo, Malaysia, 1,211.
- 16, Wu Siu Hong, Hong Kong, 1,206.
- 17, Michael Tang, San Francisco, 1,204.
- 18, Ahmad Muaz, Malaysia, 1,197.
- 19, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 1,167.
- 20, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,107.

**Round 3 Cashers (after six games, \$1,612 each):**

- 21, Wesley Low, Palmdale, Calif., 1,248.
- 22 (tie), Michael Mak, Hong Kong, and Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 1,239.
- 24, Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, 1,236.
- 25, Remy Ong, Singapore, 1,234.
- 26, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 1,228.
- 27, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,224.
- 28, Tannya Roumimper, Indonesia, 1,211.
- 29, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 1,208.
- 30, Francois Lavoie, Canada, 1,206.
- 31, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., 1,175.
- 32, Atchariya Cheng, Thailand, 1,174.
- 33, Jazreel Tan, Singapore, 1,156.
- 34, Zulmazran Zulkifli, Malaysia, 1,091.

**Round 2 Cashers (after six games, \$1,290 each):**

- 35, Surasak Manuwong, Thailand, 1,187.
- 36, Nur Syazwani Sahar, Malaysia, 1,182.
- 37, Bryanna Coté, Red Rock, Ariz., 1,178.
- 38, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 1,163.
- 39, Ryan Lalisang, Indonesia, 1,148.
- 40, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 1,141.
- 41, Billy Islam, Indonesia, 1,141.
- 42, Pasut Punsanthaveekul, Thailand, 1,059.

## **Sammy Ventura Voted 2019 PBA50 Dick Weber Sportsmanship Award Winner**

**CHICAGO (Sept. 30, 2019)** – Nine-year PBA50 Tour veteran Sammy Ventura of Syracuse, New York, has been named the 2019 PBA50 Dick Weber Sportsmanship Award winner as voted on by his fellow competitors on PBA's tour for players 50 and over.

"It's an award you always hope to receive not only because it's voted on by your peers but because of the person it's named after," the 61-year-old Ventura said. "I think my intense passion for the sport helps keep my attitude positive and that's what everyone sees. When you're fortunate enough to compete at the highest level against great bowlers, how could you not enjoy that experience?"

On the competitive side, the 2019 season was arguably Ventura's best with two runner-up finishes that matched his career high on the PBA50 Tour.

"The guys (on tour) keep telling me I'm like a fine wine getting better with age," said Ventura, who finished second in the PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open and PBA50 South Shore Open. "I've had a tendency to throw the ball too hard but within the last year or so my ball speed and rev rate have started to match up better which has resulted in more strikes."

"I'm confident as ever and still determined to win," the 11-time PBA50 Regional winner added. "The game evolves so you have to be able to learn from your experiences and make the changes to get better."

The PBA50 Dick Weber Sportsmanship Award is named in honor of the PBA legend who won 30 PBA Tour and six PBA50 Tour titles during his Hall of Fame career and was considered one of the sport's greatest ambassadors.

Other 2019 PBA50 Tour award winners were Walter Ray Williams Jr., who won his third PBA50 Player of the Year honor; Eugene McCune, Rookie of the Year, and Ron Mohr who won his fourth consecutive PBA60 Player of the Year award. Recipients will be presented their awards at the 2020 Senior U.S. Open in Las Vegas.

#### **PBA50 DICK WEBER SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD WINNERS**

2019 – Sammy Ventura  
2018 – Chris Keane  
2017 – Ted Staikoff  
2016 – Kerry Fulford  
2015 - Tom Carter  
2014 - Chris Keane  
2013 - Robert Harvey  
2012 - Dave Soutar  
2011 - Ray Randall  
2010 - Robert Harvey  
2009 - Larry Graybeal  
2008 - Fred Baldwin

### **Doug Becker Wins PBA50 J&L Sports Spartanburg South Open**

**Spartanburg, S.C. (Sept. 29, 2019)** – Doug Becker of Clermont, Florida, defeated Greg Thomas of Irmo, South Carolina, 237-204, to win the PBA50 J&L Sports Spartanburg South Open at Paradise Lanes Sunday.

Becker, who won \$2,000 along with his 10th career regional title, never trailed after starting the title match with four strikes on the heels of rolling the only perfect game of the event in the semifinal round to eliminate PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., 300-256. Thomas pocketed \$1,000 as the runner-up.

In the other semifinal round, Thomas defeated Greg McMahan of Dandridge, Tenn., 247-196.

The tournament drew 64 50-and-older players. The PBA South Region's next tournament will be the PBA Albany Strikers Open Oct. 4 in Albany, Ga.

**PBA50 J & L SPORTS SPARTANBURG SOUTH OPEN**  
**Paradise Lanes, Spartanburg, S.C., Sunday**

**Championship:**

Doug Becker, Clermont, Fla. (\$2,000) def. Greg Thomas, Irmo, S.C. (\$1,000), 237-204.

**Semifinal Round (losers earned \$800):**

Becker def. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 300-256.

Thomas def. Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., 247-196.

**Round of 8 (three games total pinfall, losers eliminated and earned \$650 each):**

McMahan def. Ken Gibson, Greenville, S.C., 607-470.

Thomas def. n-Don DuPree, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., 631-563.

Williams def. Dave Han, Birmingham, Ala., 720-699.

Becker def. Charlie Toney, Oak Hill, W. Va., 644-591.

**Round of 12 (total pinfall three games, losers eliminated and earned \$550 each):**

Gibson def. Joe Firpo, Tucker, Ga., 633-565.

Thomas def. Dave Bleggi, Jacksonville, N.C., 721-567.

Becker def. Dan McMillan, Dickson, Tenn., 720-556.

Han def. n-Tony Todd, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 695-613.

**Round of 16 (total pinfall three games, losers eliminated and earned \$500 each):**

Firpo def. Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 685-504.

Thomas def. Doug O'Bryant, Ball Ground, Ga., 605-580.

McMillan def. Carl Breaman, Greer, S.C., 639-595.

Han def. Allen Hall, Fieldale, Va., 574-561.

300 Game: Doug Becker.

n-denotes non-PBA member.

**John Furey Wins PBA Bowlers Discount Open for Second Career Title**

**Frederick, Md. (Sept. 29, 2019)** – John Furey of Howell, N.J., earned his second career PBA Regional title when he defeated PBA and USBC Hall of Famer Danny Wiseman of Baltimore, 224-190, in the title match of the PBA Bowlers Discount Eastern Open presented by Radical at Terrace Lanes Sunday.

Furey, whose previous win came in 2012, started the championship match with five strikes while Wiseman struggled with pin carry on the left lane. Wiseman closed the deficit to 22 pins late in the game when Furey, who finished first, failed to clinch the win with a double in the 10th frame. Wiseman had a chance to strike out to force a roll-off, but when he failed to strike on his first shot, Furey was assured of the win.

Furey earned \$2,500 and Wiseman received \$1,300 as the runner-up.

In the semifinal matches, Furey defeated Matt O'Grady of Rahway, N.J., 242-191, while Wiseman eliminated Jake Rollins of Glen Rock, N.J., 245-167.

The next event on the 2019 East Region schedule is the PBA50 Revolutions Pro Shop Open at Boulevard Lanes in Schenectady, N.Y., next weekend.

**PBA BOWLERS DISCOUNT EASTERN OPEN  
presented by Radical  
Terrace Lanes, Frederick, Md., Sunday**

**Championship:** John Furey, Howell, N.J. (\$2,500) def. Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, (\$1,300), 224-190.

**Semifinal Round (losers earned \$800):**

Furey def. Matt O'Grady, Rahway, N.J., 242-191.

Wiseman def. Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J. 245-167.

**Round of 8 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$700 each):**

Furey def. Gary Haines, W. Babylon, N.Y., 2-1.

Wiseman def. Alex Cavagnaro, Massapequa, N.Y., 2-1.

O'Grady def. Dylan Reed, Waynesboro, Pa., 2-0.

Rollins def. Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J., 2-1.

**Round of 12 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$650 each):**

Wiseman def. Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 2-0.

Rollins def. Ernest Lukacs Jr., Manville, N.J., 2-1.

Reed def. n-John Hunter, Baltimore, 2-1.

Haines def. Keith Laing, Oakdale, Conn., 2-0.

**Round of 16 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$600 each):**

Wiseman def. Jason Stadtler, LaFayette, N.J., 2-1.

Haines def. Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 2-0.

Lukacs def. Brent Tishuk, Belvidere, N.J., 2-0.

Reed def. Kye Shipley, Mercersburg, Pa., 2-0.

n-designates non-PBA member

## **Dave Axon, Mike Dias Win PBA50 Regional Titles in Junction City**

**Junction City, Kan., (October 1, 2019)** – Dave Axon from Bellevue, Neb., and Mike Dias of Lafayette, Colo., won joint PBA50 Southwest/Midwest Regional titles in a doubleheader weekend of one-day tournaments at Junction City Bowl.

On Saturday, Axon defeated Joel Carlson, of Omaha, Neb., 245-204, to win his fourth PBA50 title and a \$1,200 check. Axon qualified fourth, receiving byes to the best two-of-three-game semifinal round where he defeated defending champion Ricky Schissler, 2-1.

On Sunday, Dias, a former Junction City champion, won five of his first seven matches in the eight-game round robin match play finals to overtake Schissler for the lead by 14 pins heading into the final position round match. Dias held a nine-pin lead in the seventh frame and an open frame by Schissler in the ninth allowed Dias to claim his fourth Junction City title and the \$1,200 victor's check.

The PBA Southwest Region will visit Hilltop Lanes for the PBA50 Waxahachie Southwest Open Oct. 18-20.

## **PBA Spare Shots**

### **FLOSPORTS REBRANDING INCLUDES NEW APP FOR ANDROID DEVICES**

Austin, Texas-based [FloSports](#), the innovator in live digital sports and original content, has launched a complete rebrand across all of the 20-plus sports it covers to unify its brand identity and bring to life the company's competitive spirit. In addition, FloSports has expanded its distribution with the release of an Android app, giving subscribers more ways to live stream their favorite sports, including FloBowling.

"Since our first live stream in 2006, we have been obsessed with the drive to give underserved sports the love they deserve," said Mark Floreani, CEO and Co-Founder of FloSports. "We live and breathe the sports we cover. It is time for our brand identity to fully represent the competitive spirit that is core to our DNA."

Over the past year, FloSports has been on a fast growth trajectory, achieving more than a 125 percent year over year increase in net subscribers. In May, the company announced a Series C funding round of \$47 million, to continue investment in rights to grow coverage of underserved sports. In June, FloSports launched new Apple TV, Roku and Fire TV apps. In September, FloSports acquired DirtonDirt, the home for Dirt Late Model racing.

"We are continuing to see a shift in viewership from desktop and mobile browsers to mobile and TV apps, said Floreani. "Through our apps, we give consumers a superior viewing experience and easy access to all of the live events we cover. And we're not done yet. In the next few months, we will be releasing casting support, which allows consumers to cast live events from their mobile devices to LG, Samsung and Vizio TVs, Roku and Fire TV."

FloSports streams more than 10,000 live competitions per year and offers a growing library of more than 2,000 hours of exclusive content. To access live and on-demand coverage of FloSport's entire network of sports products, visit [FloSports.tv](#) and become a monthly or annual PRO subscriber.

To download the new FloSports app for Androids, use this link: [https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=tv.flosports&hl=en\\_US](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=tv.flosports&hl=en_US)

### **"WIRED" EXPLORES WHY CONVERTING THE 7-10 IS "ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE"**

With the assistance of PBA Tour star **Wes Malott**, USBC's bowling robot "Earl," and USBC Senior Engineer **Tom Frenzel**, Wired Senior Writer **Robbie Gonzalez** addresses "Why It's Almost Impossible to Make a 7-10 Split" in an "Almost Impossible" video segment posted on YouTube. To view the scientific analysis of what many call "bowling's impossible split," click on this

link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EMoSsCDgZys&list=PLibNZv5Zd0dxkbCooloTnbkAHZ\\_Z6YvTK](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EMoSsCDgZys&list=PLibNZv5Zd0dxkbCooloTnbkAHZ_Z6YvTK)

## **WORLD BOWLING TOUR LEADERS RETAIN THEIR POSITIONS AFTER THAILAND**

The three leading men and three women in World Bowling Tour competition points retained their positions after the PBA-WBT Thailand Open. Two events remain on the WBT schedule heading into the WBT Men's and Women's Finals in Kuwait on Thursday, Nov. 7.

Based on points earned in 2019 WBT events, **Jakob Butturff** (1,240 points), **AJ Johnson** (1,088) and **Kyle Sherman** (1,076) lead the men's competition with **Mitch Hupé** (960) and **Kris Prather** (952) in fourth and fifth places, respectively. **Danielle McEwan** (2,192), **Liz Johnson** (2,084) and **Tannya Roumimper** (1,720) lead the women's standings followed by **Clara Guerrero** (1,248) and **Marie Jose Rodriguez** (1,184).

In addition to the points leaders, World Bowling's Asian, European and Pan American zones will each invite one man and one woman to bowl in the WBT Finals following the PBA-WBT Kuwait Open, Oct. 31-Nov. 6, at Kuwait Bowling Center in Kuwait City. The Kuwait Open is the final WBT Finals qualifying event. The other remaining qualifying tournament on the 2019 schedule is the U.S. Open, Oct. 23-30, at Victory Lanes Family Entertainment Center in Mooresville, N.C.

## **FUTURE DOCTOR REID COLLIS FULFILLS DREAM, EARNS PBA MEMBERSHIP CARD**

Reid Collis, who developed his love for competitive bowling as a member of the Canterbury High School bowling team in Fort Wayne, Ind., is now closing in on his dream of becoming a doctor...and a professional bowler...according to a feature story by Elizabeth Wyman published recently in the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette (<https://www.journalgazette.net/sports/rec/20190929/making-most-of-his-spare-time>).

Collis, who is currently attending Washington University's medical school in St. Louis, earned his PBA membership card after competing in a "PBA qualifier league" in St. Louis over the summer. While balancing his demanding medical school schedule with his long-time desire to become a PBA member, Collis isn't sure how much bowling he'll be able to do. But he's hopeful.

"I've dreamed about (getting the PBA card) for a long time, and obviously, my passions are medicine and becoming a doctor in the future," Collis told Wyman, "but it's always been something I've loved to do ever since I was a student at Canterbury and bowling on the team there."

Collis has two more years of medical school, his residency and possibly a fellowship before fully completing school. He has yet to decide what his focus in medicine will be. He competes in PBA tournaments when he can, but most take full weekends, and sometimes that's not in his schedule. But his love for the game remains.

"It's just been a passion of mine that I haven't been able to explore as much as I wanted to with how busy I've been," he said. "I'm definitely looking forward to competing in more tournaments in the future and hopefully winning one of these days."

## **PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: BRIAN KRETZER WINS FOURTH CONSECUTIVE DELPHOS TITLE**

**Brian Kretzer** of Dayton, Ohio defeated **Harry Sullins** of Chesterfield Twp., Mich., by 130 pins to win the PBA50 Mel Westrich Memorial Central/Midwest Open for the fourth consecutive year at Delphos (Ohio) Recreation Center Sunday.

Kretzer finished the 20-game event with a 9-3 match play record and a total of 4,742 pins, including match play bonus pins, to earn his fifth PBA50 Central Region title of the year and his 15th career PBA50 Regional title. He also earned \$1,500.

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open frame by Schissler in the ninth allowed Dias to claim his fourth Junction City title and the \$1,200 victor's check.

- **Dave Arnold** of Elk Grove, Calif., posted a 7-3 match play record and a 18-game total of 4,085 pins Sunday to win his 15th PBA Regional title in the 17th Annual Double Decker Lanes West/Northwest Open presented by Roto Grip at Double Decker Lanes in Rohnert Park, Calif.

Arnold, a three-time PBA Tour title winner, won his last Tour title in 2001 and his last regional 12 years ago in 2007. The 55-year-old defeated **Chris Warren** of Grants Pass, Ore., and **Joe Petrovich** of Tracy, Calif., who tied for second place, by 58 pins for the win. Arnold earned \$2,000.

- Kicking off the October PBA Regional schedule over the Oct. 4-6 weekend will be the PBA50 Brian LeClair's Revolutions Pro Shop Eastern Open at Boulevard Bowl in Schenectady, N.Y.; the Albany Strikers South Open presented by MOTIV at Albany Strikers in Albany, Ga.; the PBA Battle at Black Oak Casino at Black Oak Lanes in Toulumne, Calif., and the Champion Bowl Midwest Open presented by Storm in Ottumwa, Iowa.

- On the PBA Regional calendar for the Oct. 11-13 weekend are the PBA50/PBA60 Park Centre Lanes Central Doubles presented by Columbia 300 in North Canton, Ohio, and the PBA Japan Region's Sound Bowl Cup Scorpion Open in Ryugasaki, Japan.

- PBA Regional tournaments scheduled for the Oct. 18-20 weekend include the PBA50 Timber Lanes Open in Oxford, Pa.; the PBA50 Waxahachie Southwest Open at Hilltop Lanes in Waxahachie, Texas; the PBA and PBA50 Northwest/West Opens presented by Dick's Pro Shop and Boulder Falls Inn at Linn Lanes in Lebanon, Ore.; the Greater Jackson Central Open at Jax's 60 in Jackson, Mich., and the Bowl-A-Vard Lanes Midwest Open in Madison, Wis.

- Closing out the October PBA Regional calendar will be the South Point West Challenge presented by MOTIV and the South Point Member/Non-Member Doubles presented by Hammer at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas.

- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit [pba.com](http://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](http://pba.com) (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

## QUICK NOTES

- **REMINDER:** A limited number of general admission and VIP tickets are on sale for the 2019 PBA Clash that will take place on Monday, Oct. 21, at Kegel Training Center in Lake Wales, Fla. The Clash will include the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour's top eight money-winners in a special elimination-format telecast that will air on FOX on Sunday,

Nov. 3. VIP ticket packages are available for \$50. General admission tickets are \$20. To order tickets, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pba-clash-tickets-68818707607>.

### **Tom Daugherty Wins Third Annual Albany Strikers South Open**

**ALBANY, GA. (Oct. 6, 2019)** – Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Fla., defeated Giorgio Clinaz of Orlando, Fla., 220-190, to win the third annual PBA Albany Strikers South Open presented by MOTIV at Albany Strikers Lanes.

In winning his 16th PBA Regional title, Daugherty qualified in the number one position for the four-man stepladder finals with a 17-game total of 3,937.

Clinaz disposed of PBA Tour champion Connor Pickford of Charlotte, N.C., in opening match, 256-220, and easily defeated Trevor Roberts of Crystal River, Fla., 213-184, in the semifinal contest to advance to the championship match.

In the title match Clinaz needed to double and nine pins in the 10th frame to win but came up short when he left a split that handed the title and \$2,500 first prize to Daugherty, Clinaz pocketed \$1,250 for second, Roberts took home \$1,100 for third place and Pickford earned \$1,000 for fourth.

The PBA South Region's next event will be the PBA/PBA50 Decker Appraisal Baker Doubles South Open Nov. 1-3 at Interstate Bowl in Bristol, Va.

### **PBA ALBANY STRIKERS SOUTH OPEN Albany Strikers Lanes, Albany, Ga., Sunday**

#### **Final Standings:**

- 1, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., \$2,500.
- 2, Giorgio Clinaz, Orlando, Fla., \$1,250.
- 3, Trevor Roberts, Crystal River, Fla., \$1,100.
- 4, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., \$1,000.

#### **Stepladder Results:**

Match One – Clinaz def. Pickford, 256-220.

Semifinal – Clinaz def. Roberts, 213-184.

Championship – Daugherty def. Clinaz, 220-190.

#### **Final Qualifying Standings (after 17 games, top 4 advanced to stepladder finals):**

- 1, Daugherty, 3,937.
- 2, Roberts, 3,870.
- 3, Clinaz, 3,806.
- 4, Pickford, 3,778.
- 5, Nate Garcia, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 3,771, \$800.
- 6, Sean Wilcox, Altamonte Springs, Fla., 3,769, \$700.
- 7, Cody Mullis, Crystal River, Fla., 3,747, \$625.
- 8, Chris Polizzi, Spring Hill, Fla., 3,694, \$575.

#### **Round of 12 Cashers (eliminated after 15 games):**

- 9, Anthony Caso, Merritt Island, Fla., 3,257, \$540.
- 10, Kristi Sergejevas, Lithuania, 3,222, \$520.
- 11, Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 3,203,697, \$510.
- 12, n-Kurtis Stidd, Monroe, N.C., 3,088, \$500.

**Cashers Round (eliminated after 12 games):**

- 13, Christian Miller, Homosassa, Fla., 2,530, \$425.
- 14, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., 2,520, \$420.
- 15, Sean Connolly, Apopka, Fla., 2,514, \$415.
- 16, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 2,452, \$410.
- 17, n-Shane Holt, Lake Wales, Fla., 2,398, \$405.
- 18, Dale Coleman, High Springs, Fla., 2,237, \$400

300 Games: Connor Pickford, Anthony Caso.

n-denotes non-PBA member

## **Ryan Shafer wins PBA50 Brian LeClair's Revolutions Pro Shop Eastern Open**

**Schenectady, N.Y. (Oct. 6, 2019)** – Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y. compiled a 7-1 match play record on his way to a 61-pin victory over Brian Boghosian of Springfield, Mass. in the PBA50 Brian LeClair's Revolutions Pro Shop Eastern Open at Boulevard Bowl Sunday.

Shafer qualified second, which gave him a bye into the round robin finals. He went into the final position round match holding a seven-pin lead over Boghosian, meaning the winner of the match would receive 30 bonus pins and win the title. Shafer's 237-213 victory produced the final 61-pin margin.

The win was Shafer's 31st overall PBA Regional title, but his first in two years. He earned \$1,500 for the win while Boghosian earned \$800. Bill Neumann of Rensselaer, N.Y. was third, earning \$775.

The next stop on the PBA East Region tour is the PBA50 Timber Lanes Open, which will be held at Timber Lanes in Oxford, Pa., Oct. 18-20.

### **PBA50 BRIAN LECLAIR'S REVOLUTIONS PRO SHOP OPEN Boulevard Bowl, Schenectady, N.Y., Sunday**

**Final Match Play Standings (after 8 games, including match play bonus pins)**

- 1, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 7-1, 2,065, \$1,500.
- 2, Brian Boghosian, Springfield, Mass., 5-3, 2,004, \$800.
- 3, Bill Neumann, Rensselaer, N.Y., 5-3, 1,939, \$775.
- 4, John Zawalick, Westminster, Mass., 3-5, 1,881, \$750.
- 5, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 5-3, 1,860, \$730.
- 6, n-Jack Scaccia, Guilderland, N.Y., 3-5, 1,808, \$720.
- 7, Sammy Ventura, Norwich, N.Y., 3-5, 1,774, \$710.
- 8, n-David Handlowich, Ancram, N.Y., 1-7, 1,759, \$700.

**Semifinal Round (after 5 games, top 4 advanced along with top 4 from qualifying round)**

- 1, Conroy, 1.230.
- 2, Ventura, 1.190.

- 3, Boghosian, 1.183.
- 4, Zawalick, 1,163.
- 5, Troy Lint, Blandon, Pa., 1,149, \$620.
- 6, Keith Doran, Pomona, N.Y., 1,123, \$610.
- 7, Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., 1,122, \$600.
- 8, John Neral, Vienna, Va., 1,071, \$595.
- 9, n-Troy McClure, Marion, N.Y., 1,064, \$590.
- 10, Bruce Hall, Westborough, Mass., 1,058, \$585.
- 11, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 1,024, \$580.
- 12, Ron Unser, Castleton, N.Y., 936, \$575.

n—denotes non-PBA member

**300 Game:** Sammy Ventura

## **PBA Spare Shots**

### **PBA TONY REYES COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE NOV. 22**

Nominations are now being accepted for one of the PBA's most prestigious awards, the PBA Tony Reyes Community Service award, which is presented annually to a current PBA member who does extraordinary community service, charitable and/or educational contributions over the course of a PBA Tour season. To be eligible, the nominee must be a PBA member in good standing.

The community service award was first presented in 2013, a year after the PBA Tour champion died as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident near his home in northern California. Reyes, one of the PBA's most popular players, was a former collegiate All-American bowler, an eight-time PBA Regional title winner and the 18th player in PBA history to bowl a nationally-televised 300 game.

Following Reyes' death on Sept. 28, 2012, a group of his fellow competitors gathered in front of a tribute masking unit created in Reyes' honor for the PBA World Series of Bowling at South Point in Las Vegas.

To nominate an individual, click here to access the nomination form:

([https://www.pba.com/Content/files/awards/TonyReyes\\_App\\_2019.pdf](https://www.pba.com/Content/files/awards/TonyReyes_App_2019.pdf)). Type or print clearly, filling in all requested information completely. Supplemental materials such as newspaper clippings, event programs or pictures may be submitted. Nominations are due by Friday, Nov. 22. The winner will be recognized during the PBA Hall of Fame induction ceremonies on Saturday, Jan. 18, as part of the PBA Hall of Fame Classic tournament weekend at the International Bowling Campus in Arlington, Texas.

Previous recipients of the Tony Reyes Award are **Chris Barnes** (2018), **Del Ballard Jr.** (2017), **Rhino Page** (2016), **Ed Godbout** (2015), **Missy Parkin** (2014) and **Parker Bohn III** (2013).

### **DICK RITGER REFLECTS ON PBA'S "MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT"**

"When Don Johnson collapsed on the alley after leaving the 10-pin standing to finish with a 299 in the finals of the 1970 Firestone Tournament of Champions, **Dick Ritger** was there to pick him up."

That statement by **Bob Burrows** summarized Burrows' interview with 80-year-old PBA Hall of Famer Dick Ritger at his northern Wisconsin home, published in the Hudson (Wis.) Star-Observer, in which Ritger addressed his role in the event that was ranked No. 1 in the PBA's 60 Most Memorable Moments, celebrated during the PBA's 60th anniversary season in 2018.

Ritger, Johnson's victim in that famous match, was sitting on the bench watching the historic almost-perfect shot unfold, and he related his recollections about Johnson's 299 game and his own career in Burrows' feature story (<https://www.rivertowns.net/sports/4560493-one-ages-ritger-part-pbas-no-1-greatest-moment>).

Included in the interview is Ritger's personal reflection of a memorable perfect game of his own:

"I bowled a 300 at the Miller Tournament in Milwaukee one year and you know what I got for a prize? Beer for a year," he said. "Fifty-two cases. I didn't drink so we donated the money to the Milwaukee Children's hospital."

### **COMING SOON TO CONSOLES AND PCs: PBA PRO BOWLING**

Keep an eye open for the debut of the new PBA Pro Bowling game for Xbox One, Steam, Nintendo Switch and PS4 owners. The officially licensed PBA product will allow players to bowl against more than 15 PBA stars, including **Jason Belmonte**, **Jakob Butturff**, **EJ Tackett**, **Norm Duke** and others, in realistic animated competition with commentary provided by PBA announcers **Rob Stone** and **Randy Pedersen**.

Click here a preview of the game <https://youtu.be/5Mk9G6jDDRk> , and watch the official unveiling, coming soon.

Speaking of PBA bowling games, note that Concrete Software's wildly-popular PBA Bowling Challenge for mobile devices now has been downloaded more than 27.6 million times, including almost 2.5 million times in 2019 alone. New players joining the PBA Bowling Challenge roster include two-hander **Kyle Troup** and 2019 PBA Playoffs champion **Kris Prather**.

## **PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: TOM DAUGHERTY WINS 16TH REGIONAL TITLE IN GEORGIA**

**Tom Daugherty** of Riverview, Fla., defeated **Giorgio Clinaz** of Orlando, Fla., 220-190, to win the third annual PBA Albany Strikers South Open presented by MOTIV at Albany Strikers Lanes in Albany, Ga.

In winning his 16th PBA Regional title, Daugherty qualified in the number one position for the four-man stepladder finals with a 17-game total of 3,937. Clinaz advanced to the title match by disposing of PBA Tour titlist **Connor Pickford** of Charlotte, N.C., in the opening match, 256-220, and easily defeating **Trevor Roberts** of Crystal River, Fla., 213-184.

In the title match Clinaz needed a double and nine pins in the 10th frame to win but came up short when he left a split that handed the \$2,500 first prize to Daugherty,

- **PJ Haggerty** of Roseville, Calif., won eight of his 10 matches to post a winning 18-game total of 4,142 pins Sunday in the PBA Battle of Black Oak Casino West Open at Black Oak Lanes in Tuolumne, Calif., picking up his 13th PBA Regional title.

Haggerty, who earned \$2,000, defeated **Christopher Tuholski** of Troutdale, Ore., by 284 pins for the win. Tuholski had a 5-5 match play record and 3,858 pins.

- **Ryan Shafer** of Horseheads, N.Y. compiled a 7-1 match play record on his way to a 61-pin victory over **Brian Boghosian** of Springfield, Mass. in the PBA50 Brian LeClair's Revolutions Pro Shop Eastern Open at Boulevard Bowl in Schenectady, N.Y., Sunday.

Shafer qualified second, which gave him a bye into the round robin finals. He went into the final position round match holding a seven-pin lead over Boghosian, meaning the winner of the match would receive 30 bonus pins and win the title. Shafer's 237-213 victory produced the final 61-pin margin.

The win was Shafer's 31st overall PBA Regional title, but his first in two years. He earned \$1,500.

- **Jeff Campbell** of Sioux Falls, S.D., took an early lead and never trailed in defeating 2019 PBA Rookie of the Year **Kamron Doyle** of Brentwood, Tenn., 180-173, to win the PBA Champion Bowl Midwest Open presented by Storm in Ottumwa, Iowa, Sunday for his first PBA Regional title and the \$2,000 first prize.

In the first match of the three-player stepladder finals, Campbell defeated non-PBA member **Tim Gruendler** of St. Louis, 209-188, to advance to the title match.

- On the PBA Regional calendar for the Oct. 11-13 weekend are the PBA50/PBA60 Park Centre Lanes Central Doubles presented by Columbia 300 in North Canton, Ohio, and the PBA Japan Region's Sound Bowl Cup Scorpion Open in Ryugasaki, Japan.

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- Closing out the October PBA Regional calendar will be the South Point West Challenge presented by MOTIV and the South Point Member/Non-Member Doubles presented by Hammer at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas.

## **QUICK NOTES**

- **REMINDER:** A limited number of general admission and VIP tickets are on sale for the 2019 PBA Clash that will take place on Monday, Oct. 21, at Kegel Training Center in Lake Wales, Fla. The Clash will include the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour's top eight money-winners in a special elimination-format telecast that will air on FOX on Sunday, Nov. 3. VIP ticket packages are available for \$50. General admission tickets are \$20. To order tickets, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pba-clash-tickets-68818707607>.

## **PBA Star Tommy Jones, Former Ownership Partners Mike Slade, Rob Glaser Elected to PBA Hall of Fame**

*Class of 2020 induction ceremonies set for January 18 in Arlington, Texas*

**CHICAGO (Oct. 17, 2019)** – Nineteen-time title winner Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, South Carolina, and former ownership partners Mike Slade and Rob Glaser have been elected to the Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Fame, PBA Commissioner Tom Clark announced today.

Jones was unanimously elected for superior performance by an elite panel of veteran bowling writers and PBA Hall of Famers. Slade and Glaser were elected for meritorious service by the PBA Hall of Fame Board.

Induction ceremonies of the 2020 Hall of Fame Class will take place on Saturday, Jan. 18, at the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame, and the Arlington Hilton, in Arlington, Texas, as part of the PBA Hall of Fame Classic tournament weekend.

Jones, one of five PBA players to win both PBA Rookie (2001-02) and Player of the Year (2005-06) honors, has earned more than \$1.7 million in his 20-year PBA career. The 41-year-old power player owns 17 standard PBA Tour titles plus two majors: the 2006 U.S. Open and 2007 PBA Tournament of Champions. He has finished in the top 10 in annual PBA Tour earnings nine times and has finished in the top five in 47 of the 326 PBA Tour tournaments he entered, cashing in a remarkable 80.3 percent of those events.

An 11-time member of Team USA, Jones also has been on winning teams in PBA League Elias Cup competition three times and was the recipient of the PBA League Mark Roth Most Valuable Player Award in 2017.

"It's one of those things I probably wouldn't have known was coming if I hadn't seen an article about being on the ballot," Jones said of his election to the Hall. "It's a huge honor to be among all of those players who are in the Hall. It's something you dream about all of your life. It'll probably hit me when I'm standing up in front of the crowd to accept."

Defining moments in Jones' career? "For me, it's a combination of things. The U.S. Open title was big and being selected No. 30 among the top 50 players in PBA history (in 2009) as the youngest one (age 30) also was pretty cool for me," Jones said. "The U.S. Open was defining because I bowled so bad the previous year. The Tournament of Champions at Mohegan Sun also was a great win because that's the one title every PBA member wants to win. It's really special to be on that list of winners."

Jones admits his career isn't over; his ultimate goal is to reach 25 PBA Tour titles and that goal is still alive.

"It's not unrealistic," Jones said. "My body is finally healthy again. My back was bad for a while, but now it seems to be good."

"We have a lot more events now, in a lot of different centers, which makes a difference," he continued. "At this point in my career, there isn't a whole lot I haven't seen. One of the reasons this game is so great is that you can never master it. But I figure, with my experience, I may be better prepared than some of the younger guys."

Slade and Glaser will join their original PBA ownership partner, Chris Peters, in the PBA Hall of Fame. All three were former Microsoft executives who combined resources to purchase the PBA in 2000, pulling the organization back from the brink of bankruptcy, and providing the organization with leadership from their board of directors positions and the financial support to remain viable until its recent sale to Bowlero Corp.

Slade's creativity and contacts at ESPN and with leaders in sports media were key assets in advancing the PBA brand and opening doors with new partners including FOX Sports.

Slade began his career at Microsoft in 1983 and spent seven years there in a variety of product marketing roles. In 1993 he was hired as CEO of Starwave, Paul Allen's trailblazing venture into the Internet and multimedia where he launched ESPN.com, NBA.com, NFL.com, NASCAR.com, ABCNews.com and the Go.com network. He retired as Chairman and CEO of Starwave following its sale to the Walt Disney Corp. in 1998.

Slade then served as strategic advisor for Apple Computer CEO Steve Jobs, and as a strategic consultant for ESPN, NBA.com, NFL.com, Starbucks, Real Networks, Disney, and various Paul Allen companies. In 2000, he co-founded the venture capital firm Second Avenue Partners and he became a co-owner and board member of the PBA.

"It's a real honor to be elected," Slade said. "I kind of got involved with the PBA by accident and I wound up being the owner."

"When we left Microsoft, Chris Peters got into bowling instead of golf, and he was really excited about it," Slade reflected. "Then he found out the PBA was about to go out of business, so he approached Rob and

me about buying the Tour. I had a sports background; I was once a sportswriter and the company I was affiliated with at the time was involved with a number of sports.

"I had a lot of experience at the intersection of sports and tech(nology), so I was excited to get involved. When we did the deal with ESPN way back when, that was me getting involved.

"We hired good people and we ran the PBA like a real professional sport," Slade added. "We always felt (the PBA) was going to advance in the sports world, but ultimately it needed a bigger plan, so that's why the deal with Bowlero made sense."

Glaser, a New York City native, was the PBA's principle investor financially, largely funding the early 2000's efforts to boost prize funds, regulate TV exposure and further explore arena settings. After a 10-year career in a variety of positions with Microsoft, Glaser founded [RealNetworks](#) in 1994, a company that produces [RealAudio](#), [RealVideo](#), [RealPlayer](#), and [Helix](#), among other products and services. A Yale graduate with degrees in Computer Science and Economics, Glaser has been a major donor supporting a wide range of humanitarian causes throughout his career.

"In 1999, my good friend Chris Peters approached me with the opportunity to get involved in what he called "saving the PBA," Glaser said. "I was a lifelong bowler and PBA bowling fan, so I happily said yes.

"It's a true honor (to be elected)," he added. "I have so much respect for the incredible athletes who make up the core of the PBA Hall of Fame. Other than Mike Slade, I am certainly the worst bowler ever elected to the PBA. But the last time I bowled I rolled a 217, so that's something."

In addition to the inductions in Arlington on Jan. 18, the PBA also will present the 2019 Chris Schenkel Player of the Year; Harry Golden Rookie of the Year; Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award winner and PBA Tony Reyes Memorial Community Service Award winner. The winners of those annual awards will be announced later this year.

## **PBA Spare Shots**

### **NEW BIOGRAPHY ABOUT PBA LEGEND EARL ANTHONY IS COMING SOON**

Veteran bowling writer **Barry Sparks** of York, Pa., has authored the first comprehensive biography covering the life and accomplishments of PBA legend **Earl Anthony**, which can now be ordered from Luby Publishing.

"EARL: The Greatest Bowler of All Time," is Sparks' 293-page compilation of more than 100 interviews with people who crossed paths with Anthony and includes more than two dozen vintage photos from Anthony's career. Anthony, who held the PBA Tour titles record with 43 for several years before being surpassed by **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** (47), was selected as the PBA's greatest player in the 2009 celebration of the 50 Greatest Players in PBA history.

To place an order for the book, visit [www.earlanthonybook.com](http://www.earlanthonybook.com). Ten percent of the proceeds will be donated to the Earl Anthony Scholarship Fund that is managed by the United States Bowling Congress.

### **DID YOU KNOW “HI AND LOIS” ARE INTO BOWLING?**

“Hi and Lois” is an American comic strip about the suburban Flagstone family. Created by **Mort Walker** and illustrated by **Dik Browne**, it debuted on Oct. 18, 1954, and is distributed to newspapers across America by King Features Syndicate.

With those family-oriented ties, it only makes sense that – 65 years later – the family comic strip would acknowledge its bowling roots. Now produced by the sons of the original creative team, the strip is written by **Brian** and **Greg Walker** and drawn by **Robert “Chance” Browne** and **Eric Reaves**, and it appears in 1,000 newspapers across the country. Here’s a link to the strip featuring the Flagstone’s teenage son Chip ran this week: <https://www.comicskingdom.com/hi-and-lois/2019-10-17>.

Trivia tidbit about the strip: did you know that Hiram and Lois Flagstone first appeared in Mort Walker’s “**Beetle Bailey**” cartoon strip...and that Lois is actually Beetle Bailey’s sister?

### **WATCH U.S. OPEN ON FLOBOWLING, CBS SPORTS NETWORK**

Bowling’s U.S. Open, the final major championship of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season, gets underway on Friday, Oct. 25, and concludes with the stepladder finals airing live on Wednesday, Oct. 30, at 8 p.m. Eastern on CBS Sports Network.

All preliminary rounds of the U.S. Open will be livestreamed simultaneously by FloBowling.com and BowlTV.com. All three days of qualifying, the cashers round and three rounds of match play will be contested on different lane conditioning patterns.

England’s **Dom Barrett** is the defending U.S. Open champion.

### **FOX SPORTS, FACEBOOK COLLABORATION TO INCLUDE PBA HIGHLIGHTS**

**FOX Sports is teaming with Facebook** to create new, exclusive interactive programs and segments on Facebook Watch that will focus on football, sports wagering and more, including highlights from the 2020 PBA Tour season.

The new weekly FOX Football Sunday program streams on the platform each Monday morning during the season where fans on Facebook can submit questions to **Terry Bradshaw, Howie Long, Michael Strahan, Tony Gonzalez** and **Curt Menefee**. Additionally, every Sunday night, Menefee will host FOX Football Update, a recap of the day’s action with FOX Sports analysts from game locations.

The new collaboration between FOX Sports and Facebook will also offer regular highlights from Liga MX, Big East basketball, NASCAR, Premier Boxing Championships and PBA Tour events.

### **PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: NUZZO, GUERRIERI WIN PBA50-60 DOUBLES EVENT IN OHIO**

PBA60 competitor **Joe Nuzzo** of Girard, Ohio and his PBA50 partner **Danny Guerrieri** of Youngstown, Ohio, defeated **Bill Peters** of Dayton, Ohio and **Eddie Graham** of Kettering, Ohio, 482-479, 475-395, in the best-of-three-game championship match to win the Park Centre Lanes PBA50/PBA60 Central Open Doubles event presented by Columbia 300 in North Canton, Ohio, Sunday.

Teams in the event included one bowler between the ages of 50 and 59 and one bowler over the age of 60. Even though the champions split the \$2,800 first prize, neither earned a PBA title because both are non-members.

In the best-of-three-game semifinal round, Nuzzo and Guerrieri blanked PBA Hall of Famer **Tom Baker** of King, N.C., and partner **Dean Billings** of Rootstown, Ohio, 2-0, while Peters and Graham downed **Jeff Zaffino** of Warren, Pa., and **Don Herrington** of Ballston Lake, N.Y., 2-0, to set up the championship match.

- PBA Regional tournaments scheduled for the Oct. 18-20 weekend include the PBA50 Timber Lanes Open in Oxford, Pa.; the PBA50 Waxahachie Southwest Open at Hilltop Lanes in Waxahachie, Texas; the PBA and PBA50 Northwest/West Opens presented by Dick's Pro Shop and Boulder Falls Inn at Linn Lanes in Lebanon, Ore.; the Greater Jackson Central Open at Jax's 60 in Jackson, Mich., and the Bowl-A-Vard Lanes Midwest Open in Madison, Wis.

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### **QUICK NOTES**

- PBA Southwest Region Hall of Famer **Nathan Bohr**, a 23-time PBA Regional title-winner and three-time Southwest Region Player of the Year, married two-time PWBA champion and 11-year Team Colombia competitor **Maria Jose Rodriguez** Saturday in Austin, Texas.

- **REMINDER:** Nominations are being accepted through Nov. 22 for the 2019 PBA Tony Reyes Community Service award. To be eligible, the nominee must be a PBA member in good standing. To nominate an individual, use the nomination form available at this link: ([https://www.pba.com/Content/files/awards/TonyReyes\\_App\\_2019.pdf](https://www.pba.com/Content/files/awards/TonyReyes_App_2019.pdf)).

## **Chris Warren Successfully Defends PBA50 Waxahachie Southwest Open Title**

**Waxahachie, Texas, (October 22, 2019)** – Defending champion Chris Warren, a native Texan now living in Grants Pass, Ore., built a 238-pin lead after the 13 games of qualifying and then coasted in the eight-game round robin finals, to win his 55th Professional Bowlers Association Regional title in the PBA50 Waxahachie Southwest Open Sunday at Hilltop Lanes.

Warren, who held a 145-pin lead going into the final position round match, defeated runner-up Pete Thomas, from Oklahoma City, Okla., 227-201, in that match, building his overall pinfall total including match play bonus pins for a 4,896-4,695 victory. Along with his eighth PBA50 Regional titles to go along with his 47 standard PBA Regional wins, Warren earned the \$2,000 winner's check. Warren improved his lead in the overall PBA Regional titles race to three over Dale Traber, Pete Weber and Walter Ray Williams Jr. who each have won 52 PBA Regional titles.

Thomas held off third-place finisher, Paul Fleming of Ft. Worth, Texas, who finished with 4,649 total pins, to stay in second place. Thomas earned \$1,200 while Fleming collected \$800.

The PBA Southwest Region's next tournament will be the PBA50 Beaumont Southwest Open at Mark Williams' Crossroads Bowling Center, in Beaumont, Texas, Nov. 29-Dec. 1.

### **PBA50 WAXAHACHIE SOUTHWEST OPEN Hilltop Bowl, Waxahachie, Texas, Sunday**

#### **Final Standings (after 21 games, including match play bonus pins):**

1, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 4-4, 4,896, \$2,000. 2, Pete Thomas, Oklahoma City, Okla., 5-3, 4,695, \$1,200. 3, Paul Fleming, Ft. Worth, Texas, 4-4, 4,649, \$800. 4, Stoney Burke Jr., Wills Point, Texas, 6-2, 4,572, \$650. 5, n-Tom Crawford, Weatherford, Texas, 5-3, 4,541, \$600. 6, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 5-3, 4,530, \$575.

7, n-Jeff Atkins, Hot Springs Village, Ark., 5-3, 4,508, \$550. 8, ss-Rick Lawrence, Waxahachie, Texas, 4-4, 4,401, \$540. 9, Tim Benson, Purcell, Okla., 3-5, 4,373, \$530. 10, ss-Steve Wright, Cypress, Texas, 3-5, 4,294, \$520. 11, Mike Bailey, Irving, Texas, 4-4, 4,259, \$510. 12, Steve Fields, Roanoke, Texas, 0-8, 4,211, \$500.

n-denotes non-PBA member

ss- denotes PBA60 player (ages 60 or older)

## **Darryl Bower Wins PBA50 Timber Lanes Open for 16th Career Title**

**OXFORD, PA. (October 20, 2019)** – Darryl Bower of Middletown, Pa. compiled an 8-0 match play record and a 16-game total of 3,417 pins to win the PBA50 Timber Lanes Open at Timber Lanes Sunday for his 16th career PBA Regional title.

Bower entered the position round match trailing Sammy Ventura of Norwich, N.Y. by 10 pins. Bower doubled in the 10th frame to force Ventura to throw the first strike to win the game and earn the 30

bonus pins. Ventura failed to strike, giving Bower a 215-199 win and the title by a final margin of 36 pins, 3,417-3,381.

The win was Bower's fifth in PBA50 Regional competition to go along with 11 standard regional titles. He received \$1,500 for the win while Ventura earned \$900 as the runner-up.

November 1-3, the PBA East Region travels to Callahan's Bowl-O-Rama in Newington, Conn. for the PBA/PBA50 Callahan's Bowling for Gold Over/Under Doubles, presented by Tech Vision. Each team consists of one bowler under the age of 50 bowling with a partner 50 or older.

### **PBA50 TIMBER LANES OPEN**

**Timber Lanes, Oxford, Pa., Sunday**

#### **Final Match Play Standings (after 16 games, including match play bonus pins)**

- 1, Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 8-0, 3,417, \$1,500.
- 2, Sammy Ventura, Norwich, N.Y., 5-2-1, 3,381, \$900.
- 3, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 4-3-1, 3,356 \$800.
- 4, Michael Vella, Medford, N.Y., 3-5, 3,201, \$750.
- 5, Troy Lint, Blandon, Pa., 4-4, 3,287, \$700.
- 6, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3-5, 3,177, \$650.
- 7, John Neral, Vienna, Va., 2-6, 3,101, \$625.
- 8, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 2-6, 3,087, \$600.

### **PBA Pro Bowling Video Game Makes Its Official Debut**

*First licensed video game in more than 30 years offers fun challenges for PBA fans*

**CHICAGO (Oct. 22, 2019)** – PBA Pro Bowling, the first officially licensed video game designed for gaming consoles and PCs in more than 30 years, makes its official debut today, the Professional Bowlers Association and FarSight Studios have announced.

The new PBA Pro Bowling game for Xbox One, Nintendo Switch, PS4 and Steam owners allows gamers to interactively "bowl" against more than 15 PBA stars, including Jason Belmonte, Jakob Butturff, EJ Tackett, Norm Duke and others, with commentary provided by PBA announcers Rob Stone and Randy Pedersen.

"It's been our dream to create an official PBA video game with the real pros since a lot of us watched the PBA Tour growing up," FarSight Studios Vice President Bobby King said. "We're proud of the game that we've created and can't wait for people to check out just how easy and fun it is to play, while still being difficult to master."

To preview the game, view the trailer released by FarSight Studios:  
([https://youtu.be/QkW87h5\\_Cxg](https://youtu.be/QkW87h5_Cxg)).

The extensive career mode includes more than 100 virtual tournaments and dozens of venues. PBA players are depicted in accurate motion-captured animations, featuring the best bowling physics ever incorporated into a video game. The action is further enhanced by the use of authentic PBA lane oiling patterns and approved bowling equipment from 10 PBA product registered companies.

Among the additional features are quickplay and local multi-player modes, online leaderboards, E-Sports style online tournaments, and optional power-ups and special balls.

The easy-to-use "Arcade" controls are patterned after the hugely popular PBA Bowling Challenge for mobile devices from Concrete Software which has been downloaded more than 27.6 million times, including almost 2.5 million times in 2019 alone.

In addition to the current roster of PBA stars, FarSight anticipates adding "Simulation" controls, additional PBA stars, venues, bowling equipment and other challenges in the future.

The game is selling for \$19.99 at launch. To place online orders, visit <http://probowling.com/buy>.

For more information about the numerous features included in the game, visit <http://probowling.com/>.

## **PBA Spare Shots**

### **CHRIS WARREN WINS RECORD 55TH PBA REGIONAL TITLE IN WAXAHACHIE**

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Along with his eighth PBA50 Regional title to go along with his 47 standard PBA Regional wins, Warren earned the \$2,000 winner's check.

Warren improved his lead in the overall PBA Regional titles race to three over **Dale Traber**, **Pete Weber** and **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** who have each won 52 PBA Regional titles. Warren and Weber share the standard PBA Regional titles lead with 47 each while **Harry Sullins** of Chesterfield Township, Mich., is the PBA50 Regional titles leader with 24 wins. The current PBA Regional titles leaders include the following:

### **Overall Standard and PBA50 Regional Titles**

- 1, Chris Warren 55
- 2 (tie), Dale Traber 52  
Pete Weber 52

Walter Ray Williams Jr. 52  
5, Hugh Miller 45  
6, Mike Scroggins 44  
7, Steve Jaros 43  
8 (tie), Ross Packard 42  
Guppy Troup 42  
10, Sam Zurich 40

### **Standard PBA Regional Titles**

1 (tie), Chris Warren 47  
Pete Weber 47  
3, Steve Jaros 43  
4, Mike Scroggins 40  
5, Dale Traber 39  
6, Sam Zurich 38  
7 (tie), Walter Ray Williams Jr. 33  
Hugh Miller 33  
Ross Packard 33  
10 (tie), Dennis Horan 30  
Patrick Allen 30  
Jeff Richgels 30

### **PBA50 Regional Titles**

1, Harry Sullins 24  
2 (tie), Walter Ray Williams Jr. 19  
Tom Baker 19  
4 (tie), George Pappas 17  
Ron Mohr 17  
6, Brian Kretzer 15  
7, Ron Winger 14  
8 (tie), Dale Traber 13  
Guppy Troup 13  
Tim Kauble 13

### **"PBA PLAYER'S PERSPECTIVE" RETURNS WITH NORM DUKE REVISITING 2011 U.S. OPEN**

PBA Player's Perspective, a series of special YouTube interviews with PBA title winners reflecting on their victories in selected title matches, returns on Tuesday, Oct. 29, when PBA Hall of Famer **Norm Duke** revisits his stunning victory over **Mika Koivuniemi** in the 2011 U.S. Open.

The weekly series, with new perspectives released to the PBA's YouTube home page, will feature the following players providing personal play-by-play reflections in the weeks ahead:

- Nov. 5 – **Kris Prather**'s 2019 PBA Playoffs victory.
- Nov. 12 – **Anthony Simonsen**'s win in the 2019 Bear Open.
- Nov. 19 – **Sean Rash** discusses his 2014 Wolf Open title.
- Nov. 26 – **EJ Tackett** reflects on winning the 2019 PBA Tour Finals.

### **PBA, IBM/HF PARTNER FOR SPECIAL "VIP EXPERIENCE" AT PBA HALL OF FAME CLASSIC**

The PBA and the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame are teaming up to offer bowling fans a unique experience in conjunction with the PBA Hall of Fame Classic in January that will kick off the PBA Tour's 2020 season.

The PBA Hall of Fame Classic will take place at the International Bowling Campus in Arlington, Texas, which is home to the IBM/HF and the International Training and Research Center, where the PBA Hall of Fame Classic will be contested – all as part of a weekend that will include the induction of PBA Hall of Famers **Tommy Jones**, **Mike Slade** and **Rob Glaser** on Saturday, Jan. 18. The weekend will conclude with the tournament's stepladder finals, live on FOX Sports 1 (FS1) on Sunday, Jan. 19, at 1 p.m. EST.

The IBM/HF is holding a special auction with one fan receiving a Hall of Fame VIP Experience to the weekend's activities on Jan. 18-19. The auction is underway at [BowlingMuseumAuctions.com](https://www.bowlingmuseum.com/auctions). The winner will be announced Dec. 11 at noon Eastern on the IBM/HF Facebook page and will receive:

- Round-trip travel (domestic travel only) and select meal expenses for two to the International Bowling Campus for the 2020 PBA Hall of Fame Classic;
- Weekend events hosted IBM/HF President **Mike Aulby**, a PBA Hall of Fame member;
- Private, behind-the-scenes guided tour of the IBM/HF and the IBC;
- Tickets to PBA Hall of Fame cocktail party and special exhibit opening;
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## **PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: CHRIS GIBBONS WINS FIRST PBA REGIONAL IN 29 YEARS**

**Chris Gibbons** of Madison, Wis. threw three strikes in his final frame Sunday to defeat non-PBA member **Jason French** of Levittown, N.Y., 236-234, to win the PBA Bowl-A-Vard Midwest Open at Bowl-A-Vard Lanes in his hometown for his first PBA Regional title in 29 years.

Gibbons, who had not won a PBA Regional title since winning his only previous regional title in Belleville, Ill. in 1990, earned a first-place check for \$2,500. In the first match of the three-player stepladder finals, French defeated **Jerry Marrs** of Lake in the Hills, Ill., 235-187, to advance to the title match.

- **Darryl Bower** of Middletown, Pa. compiled an 8-0 match play record and a 16-game total of 3,417 pins to win the PBA50 Timber Lanes Open at Timber Lanes in Oxford, Pa., Sunday for his 16th career PBA Regional title.

Bower entered the position round match trailing **Sammy Ventura** of Norwich, N.Y. by 10 pins. Bower doubled in the 10th frame to force Ventura to throw the first strike to win the game and earn the 30 bonus pins. Ventura failed to strike, giving Bower a 215-199 win and the title by a final margin of 36 pins, 3,417-3,381.

The win was Bower's fifth in PBA50 Regional competition to go along with 11 standard regional titles. He also received \$1,500 for the win.

- **Joe Cannon** of Puyallup, Wash., posted a 6-1-1 match play record and knocked down 4,140 pins Sunday to win the PBA50 Dick's Pro Shop Northwest/West Open at Linn Lanes in Lebanon, Ore., for his first PBA50 Regional title.

Cannon, who earned \$1,500, defeated non-PBA member **Mal Acosta** of Lebanon, Ore., by 301 pins for a convincing win. Acosta had a 4-4 match play record and 3,839 total pins for his 16 games including match play bonus pins.

In the companion PBA60 Open for bowlers age 60 and older, **Hugh Miller** of Mercer Island, Wash., went 6-2 and knocked down 4,042 total pins for 16 games to top **John Gould** of Yuba City, Calif., by 114 pins and earn \$1,500. Gould had a 5-3 match play record and a total of 3,928 pins. This was Miller's eighth win as a "senior" player, and his first in the 60-and-older category.

- **Kyle Mayberry** of Mechanicsburg, Ohio defeated **Justin Knowles** of Okemos, Mich., 269-209, to win the PBA Greater Jackson Central Open at Dave Small's JAX 60 in Jackson, Mich., Sunday for his third career regional title and the \$2,000 first prize.

Mayberry topped **Chandler Stevens** of Archbold, Ohio, 203-169 and Knowles downed **Patrick Dombrowski** of Parma, Ohio, 276-192 to set up the championship match.

- Closing out the October PBA Regional calendar will be the South Point West Challenge presented by MOTIV and the South Point Member/Non-Member Doubles presented by Hammer at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas.

- A busy schedule of events is on tap for November as the PBA Regional program begins to wrap up the 2019 season, beginning with the Nov. 1-3 weekend. On the schedule are the PBA-PBA50 Callahan's Bowling for Gold Over-Under Doubles presented by TechVision at Callahan's Bowl O Rama in Newington, Conn.; the PBA-PBA50 Decker Appraisal Services Doubles presented by Hammer at Interstate Bowl in Bristol, Va.; the Mesa East Open presented by Columbia 300 at Mesa East Bowl in Mesa, Ariz., and the one-day Ft. Wayne Central-Midwest Open at Pro Bowl West in Ft. Wayne, Ind.

- The Nov. 8-10 calendar of PBA Regional activity includes the La-Z-Boy Central Challenge for non-title winners at Monroe Sports Center in Monroe, Mich.; the Plaza Bowl Midwest Open presented by Roto Grip in Clinton, Iowa, and the Gastonia South Open presented by Brunswick at George Pappas' Liberty Lanes in Gastonia, N.C.

- On the Nov. 15-17 PBA Regional weekend schedule are the PBA50 Bryan's Bowling Center Eastern Open presented by 900 Global in Laurel, Del.; the PBA50 PLYGEM Windows Rocky Mount South Open at Rocky Mount Bowling Center in Rocky Mount, Va., and the Japan Region's High Sports Cup Chameleon Open at Kashima Bowl in Kashima, Japan.

## BELMONTE, O'NEILL SET PACE AT 2019 U.S. OPEN

MOORESVILLE, N.C. - Australia's Jason Belmonte and Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania, are longtime friends and like to travel and stay together while competing on the Professional Bowlers Association Tour.

Both scored exceptionally well during the opening round of qualifying at the 2019 U.S. Open, but that's likely not what they talked about at their house Friday afternoon.

Despite being first and second in the first-round standings, they each missed a few spares during the eight-game block at Victory Lanes that left them teetering between satisfaction and frustration.

The two bowled on the first of the day's three squads, and O'Neill was the front-runner heading into the final game. He closed with a 180 game for a 1,771 total, while Belmonte's 192 was enough to land in the lead with 1,777, a 222.13 average.

Their scores were challenged late in the day by past Junior Gold Championships winner Zachary Doty of Nassau, New York, who tossed games of 257 and 265 late in the block, before finishing with 211 to fall just short.

Doty finished the day in third place with a 1,762 total, and he was followed by 2005 U.S. Open champion Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas (1,727), and Shawn Maldonado of Houston and Marshall Kent of Yakima, Washington, who are tied with 1,722.

Defending champion Dom Barrett of England is tied for 11th place with 1,669.

O'Neill and Belmonte both are happy with how they bowled overall on a challenging 45-foot oil pattern, but they're also both experienced enough to know you can't give away pins while competing against the best bowlers in the world, especially at an event like the U.S. Open, where strikes are much harder to come by.

"Getting off to a good start is really important at this tournament, but there is a little bit of a sour taste in my mouth for today to end the way it did," said O'Neill, who owns 11 PBA

Tour titles, including the 2010 U.S. Open for his only major victory. "I missed way too many spares. I missed two 10 pins and a 3-6-10, and that's what I'm thinking about, not how I bowled overall. I'll definitely be shooting some spares on the practice range tomorrow."

The miscues are something they intend to address as they warm up Saturday for their second block of qualifying, but the roommates also know better than to linger too long on such a small piece of the marathon event.

"I'm really happy with a lot of the shots I threw today, but I'm also really frustrated making four really simple errors," said Belmonte, a 22-time PBA Tour champion, including a record 11 major titles. "I missed four spares, and those are the kinds of errors that when I turned up here, I didn't want to make. I was adamant in my practice and leading up to this event and worked really hard to make sure my spare game was sharp. In that regard, I'm a little disappointed in myself, but I'm focused on it not happening again."

All competitors must endure 24 games of qualifying over three days, with each day featuring a different lane condition. Round 2 will take place on a 41-foot oil pattern, and Sunday's third-round challenge will be 37 feet.

By the time O'Neill and Belmonte take the lanes Saturday night, they will have moved on from the things that went wrong Friday and aim to build on what went right.

"Physically, I bowled really, really well, and my picture of the lane was really clear," O'Neill said. "I just couldn't get my ball to go through the pins the right way the last two, and I couldn't really strike. There were a lot of 4 pins and 10 pins, but it was a good day overall and something to build off of."

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After 24 games, the field will be cut to the top 36 for an eight-game cashers' round on a fourth oil pattern, after which, the top 24 will advance to round-robin match play. The 56-game pinfall totals, including bonus pins for each win in match play, will determine the five finalists.

CBS Sports Network will have live coverage of the stepladder finals on Wednesday, Oct. 30 at 8 p.m. Eastern. The winner will take home the coveted green jacket and a \$30,000 top prize.

Having Belmonte as an ally and a few lanes away during qualifying are things O'Neill has learned to use to his advantage. They've found success as doubles partners and they have a friendly rivalry that pushes O'Neill just a little bit harder.

O'Neill is looking for his third Tour title in 2019, while Belmonte is eying a fifth win this season and fifth PBA Player of the Year Award. The U.S. Open is the one major that has eluded Belmonte.

"It really helps to be around someone like Jason, because if you're around someone who's constantly successful, it makes you bowl better and makes you push harder to be successful, too," O'Neill said. "It can work the opposite way, too, so that's something you want to be aware of. We have a good time together and have a great rivalry. He definitely pushes me, and I wouldn't want to travel with anyone else."

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At Victory Lanes, Mooresville, N.C.

Friday's results

#### ROUND 1 QUALIFYING (Eight games)

1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,777. 2, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,771. 3, Zachary Doty (a), Nassau, N.Y., 1,762. 4, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,727. 5(tie), Shawn Maldonado, Houston, and Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,722.

7, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,689. 8, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,684. 9, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 1,681. 10, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,673. 11(tie), Dominic Barrett, England, Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., and Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,669.

14, Christian Azcona, Lake Wales, Fla., 1,667. 15, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,662. 16(tie), Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., and Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,659.

19, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 1,651. 20, Andres Gomez, Hollywood, Fla., 1,649. 21, David Simard, Canada, 1,643. 22, Kenneth Ryan (a), Farmingdale, N.J., 1,638. 23, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 1,637. 24, Michael Martell (a), Brooklyn, N.Y., 1,633.

25, Matt O'Grady, S. Amboy, N.J., 1,632. 26(tie), Greg Ostrander (a), Freehold, N.J., and Ryan Burks (a), Hammond, Ind., 1,628. 28, Nathan Ruest-Lajoie (a), Canada, 1,621. 29, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 1,619. 30, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Little Elm, Texas, 1,618.

31, Alex Cavagnaro, North Massapequa, N.Y., 1,612. 32(tie), Verity Crawley, England, Francois Lavoie, Wichita, Kan., and Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 1,611. 35, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,610. 36, Tim Pfeifer, Oakdale, Pa., 1,609.

37, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,606. 38, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,601. 39, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 1,594. 40, Kristopher Prather, Milton, Fla., 1,593. 41, Ryan Ciminelli, Williamsville, N.Y., 1,590. 42, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 1,589.

43(tie), Brad Miller, Raytown, Mo., and Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,588. 45, William Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 1,585. 46, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 1,583. 47, Ryan Winters (a), Livonia, Mich., 1,581. 48, Bryan Hahlen (a), Greenwood, S.C., 1,579.

49, Matt Russo (a), Millstone Township, N.J., 1,578. 50, Thomas Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,576. 51, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,574. 52, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 1,571. 53, AJ Chapman, South St. Paul, Minn., 1,569. 54, Anthony Simonsen, Princeton, Texas, 1,568.

55, Nicholas Christy, Fort Mill, S.C., 1,567. 56, Richard Teece, England, 1,565. 57, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 1,563. 58, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 1,561. 59(tie), David Krol, Nixa, Mo., and Darren Tang, San Francisco, 1,559.

61, Michael Tang, San Francisco, 1,556. 62, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 1,555. 63, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,553. 64, Timothy Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 1,552. 65, Kris Koeltzow, Wheat Ridge, Colo., 1,550. 66(tie), Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., and Tommy Tkacz (a), Barkhamsted, Conn., 1,537.

68(tie), Patrick Girard, Canada, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, and David Hooper, Greenville, S.C., 1,534. 71, Matt Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 1,533. 72, Shawn Fitzpatrick (a), Claremont, N.H., 1,532.

73, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,531. 74, Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 1,530. 75, Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,527. 76(tie), Zach Wilkins, Canada, and Brandon Curtis (a), Manson, N.C., 1,526. 78, Vince Biondo, Carpentersville, Ill., 1,523.

79, Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., 1,522. 80(tie), Nate Garcia, Riverview, Fla., Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, and Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 1,521. 83, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 1,520. 84, Dallas Leong (a), Las Vegas, 1,519.

85, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,518. 86(tie), Maria José Rodriguez, Colombia, and Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,517. 88, Johnathan Norman (a), Houston, 1,515. 89(tie), Mike Wolfe, Floyd Knobs, Ind., Justin Tuttle (a), King, N.C., and Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 1,510.

92, Roy Davis, Lumberton, N.C., 1,509. 93, Michael Williams II, Montgomery, Ala., 1,508. 94, Joshua Lewis, Weaverville, N.C., 1,507. 95, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,506. 96, Sean Daniels, Hillsboro, Ore., 1,505.

97, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,504. 98, Matthew Taylor, Youngsville, N.C., 1,502. 99, Jim Pratt, Avondale, Ariz., 1,500. 100, Michael Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 1,499. 101, Graham Fach, Canada, 1,497. 102(tie), John Furey, East Windsor, N.J., and Matthew Sanders (a), Evansville, Ind., 1,489.

104, Mitch Hupé, Towanda, Kan., 1,483. 105, Anthony Pepe, East Elmhurst, N.Y., 1,480. 106, Wesley Low (a), Palmdale, Calif., 1,479. 107, Brent Boho (a), Colgate, Wis., 1,478. 108, Brandon Runk (a), Enola, Pa., 1,476.

109, Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., 1,473. 110, Alex Martin, Kennesaw, Ga., 1,467. 111, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 1,466. 112, Kole Payne, Charlotte, N.C., 1,462. 113(tie), Bradley Ceraolo (a), Mooresville, N.C., and Greg Thomas (a), Irmo, S.C., 1,458.

115, Mike Conn (a), Crestwood, Ky., 1,452. 116(tie), Matthew T Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., and Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,451. 118, Chris Glaz, Huntersville, N.C., 1,447. 119, Adam Zimmerman (a), Deer Park, N.Y., 1,443. 120, William Hibbard (a), Mukwonago, Wis., 1,442.

121, Stuart Williams, Phoenix, 1,440. 122, Jean Perez, Greenwood, Ind., 1,434. 123, Hunter Kempton (a), Buzzards Bay, Mass., 1,429. 124, Gregory Young Jr. (a), Viera, Fla., 1,428. 125(tie), Connor Pickford, Charlotte, Texas, and Cameron Foster (a), Eagle Mountain, Utah, 1,426.

127, Nathaniel Potter (a), Whitesburg, Tenn., 1,412. 128, Caroline Thesier, Mooresville, N.C., 1,409. 129, Justin O'Shaughnessy (a), Jackson, Mich., 1,404. 130, Keven Williams (a), Springfield, Mo., 1,403. 131, Kurtis Stidd (a), Monroe, N.C., 1,385. 132, Anthony Neuer (a), Lewisburg, Pa., 1,384.

133(tie), Stephen Hahn, Ashburn, Va., and Alec Karr, Fremont, Neb., 1,382. 135, Alfred Wolfe III (a), Littleton, Colo., 1,365. 136, Carson Lineberger (a), Sherrills Ford, N.C., 1,359. 137, Michael Ruben (a), Selden, N.Y., 1,348. 138, Jim Price, Harrisburg, N.C., 1,342.

139, Andrew DeJaynes (a), Fayetteville, N.C., 1,326. 140, Tony Nicholson, Lexington, N.C., 1,321. 141, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 1,320. 142, Justin Wyman, Fairport, N.Y., 1,316. 143, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 1,315. 144, Charles Bostic (a), Powder Springs, Ga., 1,258.

## **PAST CHAMPION LAVOIE SURGES INTO LEAD AT 2019 U.S. OPEN**

**MOORESVILLE, N.C.** - Bowling's U.S. Open is a test of patience, endurance and versatility.

As a past champion at the event, Canada's Francois Lavoie already has proven himself on one of the most prestigious stages in sports, so it was no surprise to see his rise to the top of the leaderboard Saturday at Victory Lanes.

The 26-year-old right-hander entered the day in a three-way tie for 32nd place, more than 160 pins behind first-round leader Jason Belmonte of Australia, but made light work of the day's 41-foot oil pattern to surge up the standings.

Lavoie rolled games of 225, 265, 290, 258, 251, 227, 207 and 245 on the day's opening squad and set the bar for the rest of the talented 144-player field. His 1,968 total, a 246 average, was 122 pins better than the day's next-closest player and secured him the top overall spot with a 16-game total of 3,579, a 223.69 average.

Seven-time Professional Bowlers Association Tour champion Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, is second with 3,414 and followed by Belmonte (3,395) and Sean Rash of Montgomery, Illinois (3,392). Ronnie Russell of Marion, Indiana, and Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania, are tied for fifth place with 3,391.

Defending champion Dom Barrett of England is eighth with 3,378, and Verity Crawley, also from England, is the cut number after two rounds with 3,249, an average of 203.06.

"I thought this pattern was the softest of the three and would be my best one, but I couldn't have known I'd have that kind of number on it," Lavoie said. "I didn't really know how people would break it down, but I did expect higher scores, which we saw throughout the house."

Saturday's outstanding performance left Lavoie in a favorable position for a spot among the 36 players who will advance to Monday's cashers' round, but he knows how important it is to focus only on the task at hand.

The final round of qualifying will feature a 37-foot oil pattern, and Lavoie thinks it will be his biggest test of the week. Competition at Victory Lanes will resume Sunday at 8 a.m. Eastern, and Lavoie's final eight-game block will begin at 6 p.m. EDT.

"I'm incredibly happy with today's block, and it puts me in a great position overall for the tournament, but I also understand it's time to move on and prepare for the next pattern, which I think might be the trickiest of the three," Lavoie said. "I've learned a lot from the few times I've bowled in this event, and that includes staying in the moment and taking each day and each pattern one at a time. I think I've done a good job of staying level-headed so far, and I hope to carry that on to the next pattern."

All competitors must endure 24 games of qualifying over three days, with each day featuring a different lane condition.

The basic strategy for navigating the challenging oil patterns at the U.S. Open is to minimize mistakes, keep the ball in the pocket, so anything left is makeable, grind on the patterns that might not suit your style and take full advantage of the ones that do.

Lavoie has epitomized that through two days at Victory Lanes.

On the 45-foot oil pattern in Friday's first round, the three-time PBA Tour champion had four games under 195 and only one game over 230 on the way to a 1,611 total.

For perspective, however, only 38 of the 144 competitors averaged more than 200 for their eight games.

"I felt pretty good about yesterday's block, but there's definitely some shots I'd like to have back," Lavoie said. "I had a couple of low games, but, overall, I think it was a decent score, especially on the first day. That early, you don't necessarily have to lead,

but you want to put yourself in a good spot and do what you need to do to stay in it. I tried not to score watch too much, but I felt like I was in a good spot when it was done."

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Lavoie's first run at U.S. Open history came at the 2016 event in Las Vegas, where his success over 56 games earned him the No. 2 seed for the stepladder finals.

Despite his rookie status on the PBA Tour at the time, Lavoie was far from green, having enjoyed countless successes, both collegiately at Wichita State University and as a member of Team Canada.

He made history in the semifinal match, becoming the 26th player in PBA competition to roll a televised perfect game. It was the sixth time it happened during a major but was the first at the U.S. Open, which dates back more than seven decades.

His momentum continued into the championship match, and he defeated top-seeded Marshall Kent, 228-194, for his first PBA Tour title. He went on to become the 2016 PBA Rookie of the Year, as well as 2016 PBA Southwest Region Rookie of the Year.

With the few years that have passed since his memorable victory, Lavoie's appreciation for what he accomplished has grown.

"I think the more tournaments I bowl, the more I realize how historic this event is and how special it is to have won it," Lavoie said. "There's something to be said for having quick success, and I think you appreciate it the more you bowl. It has been a while since I've won, and the more events I bowl in, the more I understand how difficult it really is. I've just been really fortunate to have a good start to my career."

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**Saturday's results**

**ROUND 2 QUALIFYING**  
**(16 games)**

1, Francois Lavoie, Wichita, Kan., 3,579. 2, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 3,414. 3, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3,395. 4, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3,392. 5(tie), Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., and Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3,391. 7, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 3,380. 8, Dominic Barrett, England, 3,378. 9, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 3,347. 10, Vince Biondo, Carpentersville, Ill., 3,339. 11, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 3,336. 12, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 3,329. 13, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 3,315. 14, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 3,314. 15, Andres Gomez, Hollywood, Fla., 3,307. 16(tie), Brad Miller, Raytown, Mo., and Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 3,303. 18, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 3,301. 19, Greg Ostrander (a), Freehold, N.J., 3,300. 20, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 3,295. 21, Christian Azcona, Lake Wales, Fla., 3,281. 22, David Simard, Canada, 3,279. 23, Richard Teece, England, 3,278. 24, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,270. 25, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,269. 26, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 3,266. 27, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 3,264. 28, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 3,263. 29, Maria José Rodriguez, Colombia, 3,262. 30, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 3,261. 31, Thomas Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 3,260. 32(tie), Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., and Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 3,259. 34, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 3,258. 35, Jean Perez, Greenwood, Ind., 3,253. 36, Verity Crawley, England, 3,249. 37, Michael Tang, San Francisco, 3,248. 38, Michael Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 3,247. 39(tie), Patrick Girard, Canada, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., and Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 3,243. 42, Bryan Hahlen (a), Greenwood, S.C., 3,241. 43, Alex Cavagnaro, N. Massapequa, N.Y., 3,235. 44, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,228. 45, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 3,227. 46, Matt Russo (a), Millstone Township, N.J., 3,226. 47(tie), Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., and Kristopher Prather, Milton, Fla., 3,217. 49, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 3,208. 50(tie), Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., and Ryan Winters (a), Livonia, Mich., 3,204. 52, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Little Elm, Texas, 3,203. 53, Ryan Ciminelli, Williamsville, N.Y., 3,196. 54, Darren Tang, San Francisco, 3,182. 55, Matt O'Grady, South Amboy, N.J., 3,181. 56, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 3,176. 57, Stuart Williams, Phoenix, 3,174. 58, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 3,170. 59, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 3,165. 60, John Furey, East Windsor, N.J., 3,163. 61, Michael Martell (a), Brooklyn, N.Y., 3,162. 62, Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 3,154. 63(tie), Matthew Sanders (a), Evansville, Ind., and EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 3,150. 65, Kenneth Ryan (a), Farmingdale, N.J., 3,148. 66, William Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 3,141. 67, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 3,139. 68, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, Texas,

3,136. 69, Cameron Foster (a), Eagle Mountain, Utah, 3,133. 70, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 3,123. 71(tie), Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., and Ryan Burks (a), Hammond, Ind., 3,122.

73, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,110. 74, Matt Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 3,109. 75, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 3,107. 76, Greg Thomas (a), Irmo, S.C., 3,098. 77, Brandon Curtis (a), Manson, N.C., 3,096. 78(tie), Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., and David Hooper, Greenville, S.C., 3,095.

80, Zachary Doty (a), Nassau, N.Y., 3,094. 81, Brent Boho (a), Colgate, Wis., 3,090. 82, Zach Wilkins, Canada, 3,087. 83, Timothy Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 3,084. 84, Mike Wolfe, Floyd Knobs, Ind., 3,081.

85, Graham Fach, Canada, 3,076. 86, Joshua Lewis, Weaverville, N.C., 3,072. 87, Thomas Baker, King, N.C., 3,071. 88, Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., 3,067. 89(tie), Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., and Tim Pfeifer, Oakdale, Pa., 3,065.

91, Jim Pratt, Avondale, Ariz., 3,053. 92, Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 3,052. 93, Dallas Leong (a), Las Vegas, 3,049. 94, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 3,043. 95, AJ Chapman, South St. Paul, Minn., 3,042. 96, Mitch Hupé, Towanda, Kan., 3,041.

97(tie), Brandon Runk (a), Enola, Pa., and Nicholas Christy, Fort Mill, S.C., 3,038. 99, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 3,037. 100, Mike Conn (a), Crestwood, Ky., 3,036. 101, Kris Koeltzow, Wheat Ridge, Colo., 3,035. 102(tie), Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., and Shawn Fitzpatrick (a), Claremont, N.H., 3,027.

104, Nathan Ruest-Lajoie (a), Canada, 3,024. 105, Wesley Low (a), Palmdale, Calif., 3,018. 106, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 3,017. 107, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 3,013. 108, William Hibbard (a), Mukwonago, Wis., 3,009.

109, Anthony Neuer (a), Lewisburg, Pa., 3,008. 110, Johnathan Norman (a), Houston, 3,002. 111, David Krol, Nixa, Mo., 3,000. 112, Kole Payne, Charlotte, N.C., 2,999. 113, Alex Martin, Kennesaw, Ga., 2,990. 114, Nate Garcia, Riverview, Fla., 2,971.

115, Alec Karr, Fremont, Neb., 2,967. 116, Matthew Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 2,959. 117, Justin O'Shaughnessy (a), Jackson, Mich., 2,948. 118, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,947. 119, Tommy Tkacz (a), Barkhamsted, Conn., 2,940. 120, Roy Davis, Lumberton, N.C., 2,939.

121, Matthew Taylor, Youngsville, N.C., 2,934. 122, Hunter Kempton (a), Buzzards Bay, Mass., 2,886. 123(tie), Chris Glaz, Huntersville, N.C., and Bradley Ceraolo (a), Mooresville, N.C., 2,878. 125, Adam Zimmerman (a), Deer Park, N.Y., 2,877. 126, Nathaniel Potter (a), Whitesburg, Tenn., 2,867.

127, Alfred Wolfe III (a), Littleton, Colo., 2,856. 128, Michael Ruben (a), Selden, N.Y., 2,839. 129, Sean Daniels, Hillsboro, Ore., 2,838. 130, Michael Williams II, Montgomery, Ala., 2,835. 131, Caroline Thesier, Mooresville, N.C., 2,832. 132(tie), Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., and Keven Williams (a), Springfield, Mo., 2,830.

134, Andrew DeJaynes (a), Fayetteville, N.C., 2,790. 135, Tony Nicholson, Lexington, N.C., 2,786. 136, Gregory Young Jr. (a), Viera, Fla., 2,781. 137, Stephen Hahn, Ashburn, Va., 2,750. 138, Justin Wyman, Fairport, N.Y., 2,749.

139, Kurtis Stidd (a), Monroe, N.C., 2,738. 140, Carson Lineberger (a), Sherrills Ford, N.C., 2,727. 141, Jim Price, Harrisburg, N.C., 2,725. 142, Charles Bostic (a), Powder Springs, Ga., 2,674. 143, Anthony Pepe, East Elmhurst, N.Y., 2,963 (WD). 144, Justin Tuttle (a), King, N.C., 2,108 (WD).

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#### SVENSSON, BARRETT AMONG ADVANCERS AT 2019 U.S. OPEN

MOORESVILLE, N.C. - Jesper Svensson of Sweden owns eight Professional Bowlers Association Tour titles, including one major victory, but he's never made the first cut at the U.S. Open.

All of that changed this week at Victory Lanes as he averaged 212 over 24 games to cruise into the cashers' round at the 2019 event.

The 24-year-old left-hander is one of 36 players from the field of 144 competitors to advance, and he'll enter Monday's eight-game cashers' round in fifth place with a 5,088 total.

Canada's Francois Lavoie, the 2016 U.S. Open champion, maintained his lead for the second consecutive day and tops the standings after three rounds with a 5,246 total, a 218.58 average.

Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania, is second with 5,154 and followed by Sean Rash of Montgomery, Illinois (5,128), and Houston's Shawn Maldonado (5,096).

Professional Women's Bowling Association champion Maria José Rodriguez of Colombia held on for the final spot in the cashers' round with a 4,871 total, a 202.96 average. Rodriguez was one of three women in the field this week. England's Verity Crawley also made the cut, finishing in 14th place with a 4,983 effort.

Competition will resume Monday at 10 a.m. Eastern, and the top 24 players after the cashers' round will move on to round-robin match play, which will get underway Monday at 5 p.m. EDT.

Each round of the 2019 U.S. Open, leading up to the championship round, is being broadcast live on BowlTV.com and simulcast on FloBowling.

CBS Sports Network will have live coverage of the stepladder finals on Wednesday, Oct. 30 at 8 p.m. Eastern. The winner will take home the coveted green jacket and a \$30,000 top prize.

Defending champion Dom Barrett of England also survived the three-day test and will continue his quest for a second consecutive green jacket.

Barrett qualified 18th overall with a 4,978 total but left Sunday's third round a little frustrated with his performance on the day's 37-foot oil pattern.

The 1,600 total was his lowest performance of the week by 69 pins and didn't give him the momentum he was hoping for, but he knows the next portion of the 56-game event will be a fresh start that requires a clear mind and new game plan.

"The tournament really starts with the cashers' round because you bowl the rest of the way on one pattern," Barrett said. "We survived eight games each day on three different patterns, and now we'll have 32 games on one pattern, so the person who figures that one out will be the one who wins."

The 34-year-old right-hander and seven-time PBA Tour champion posted scores of 1,669 on the event-opening 45-foot oil pattern and 1,709 on the 41-foot condition in the second round.

Their invisible opponent the rest of the way will be 40 feet long, and having made the marathon march on multiple occasions - he also was the runner-up in 2015 - he knows what kind of preparation is required.

"I bowled early today, so I'm going to unwind a bit and take it all in," Barrett said. "I battled and came away with pretty good scores the first couple of days, but today was a bit frustrating. It's over, though, and now it's time to focus on what's next. I've got all day to think about my ball selections for the next part of the event, which is helpful."

Svensson is a much different player than he was when he made his U.S. Open debut during his rookie year on the PBA Tour in 2015, and a focus on improving his versatility paid off this week in North Carolina as he successfully handled the three challenging oil patterns.

"The lanes obviously are pretty tough out there, and I feel like I've been bowling really well physically," said Svensson, who is making his fifth U.S. Open appearance. "When you feel like you're throwing a lot of good shots, it's easy to stay in shape mentally as well. I've had a good week so far, but there's still a long way to go. Right now, just to be able to make it through for the first time at the U.S. Open is a big step forward for me."

Svensson admits he has struggled in the past when the lanes were a little more challenging, but failing at times along the way showed him the things he needed to work on.

Rather than be defeated, he worked harder, and it showed this week at Victory Lanes, where he improved each day.

In Friday's opening round, Svensson's 1,571 total left him well below the cutline, but he rebounded with consistent sets of 1,758 and 1,759 on Saturday and Sunday, respectively, to climb the standings.

"I've always been such a terrible grinder, so to be bowling well when the lanes are tough makes me very happy, and I feel good for tomorrow," said Svensson, who won the 2016 PBA Tournament of Champions for his first major title. "After a couple of defeats, you realize what you need to work harder on, and versatility definitely is a key here. The different patterns require different strategies and lane play, and I've been focused on getting more versatile. I think if you work hard, it pays off."

Svensson and Barrett are two of 11 international players who made the first cut Sunday, while Svensson is one of three left-handers.

Last year, Barrett became the third foreign-born player to win the U.S. Open, joining Finland's Mika Koivuniemi (2001) and Lavoie (2016). The last southpaw to win the event was Rhino Page of Orlando, Florida, in 2017.

For those who survive the cashers' round and advance to match play at the 2019 U.S. Open, competition will continue through Tuesday night, after which the 56-game pinfall totals, including bonus pins for each win in match play, will determine the five TV finalists.

The U.S. Open is the final major championship on the 2019 PBA Tour schedule and is conducted jointly by the United States Bowling Congress and Bowling Proprietors' Association of America.

For more information on the U.S. Open, visit [BOWL.com/USOpen](http://BOWL.com/USOpen).

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At Victory Lanes, Mooresville, N.C.

Sunday's results

#### ROUND 3 QUALIFYING (24 games)

1, Francois Lavoie, Wichita, Kan., 5,246. 2, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 5,154. 3, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 5,128. 4, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 5,096. 5, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 5,088. 6, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 5,059. 7, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 5,053. 8, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 5,040. 9, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 5,038. 10(tie), Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, and Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 5,024. 12, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 4,998. 13, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 4,988. 14, Verity Crawley, England, 4,983. 15(tie), Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., and David Simard, Canada, 4,982. 17, Vince Biondo, Carpentersville, Ill., 4,979. 18, Dominic Barrett, England, 4,978. 19(tie), Kristopher Prather, Milton, Fla., and Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 4,974. 21, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 4,973. 22, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 4,969. 23, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 4,963. 24, Greg Ostrander (a), Freehold, N.J., 4,953. 25, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 4,942. 26, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 4,919. 27, Thomas Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 4,918. 28, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 4,914. 29, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 4,911. 30, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 4,907. 31, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 4,903. 32, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 4,899. 33, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 4,892. 34, Brad Miller, Raytown, Mo., 4,875. 35, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 4,873. 36, Maria José Rodriguez, Colombia, 4,871.

Did not advance:

37, Patrick Girard, Canada, 4,866. 38, Michael Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 4,863. 39, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 4,862. 40, Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 4,858. 41(tie), Matt O'Grady, South Amboy, N.J., and Jean Perez, Greenwood, Ind., 4,857. 43, Ryan Winters (a), Livonia, Mich., 4,853. 44, Michael Tang, San Francisco, 4,852. 45, Matt Russo (a), Millstone Township, N.J., 4,849. 46, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Little Elm, Texas, 4,848. 47, Alex Cavagnaro, North Massapequa, N.Y., 4,845. 48, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 4,842. 49, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 4,830. 50, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 4,823. 51, Andres Gomez, Hollywood, Fla., 4,820. 52, Richard Teece, England, 4,808. 53(tie), Darren Tang, San Francisco, and Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 4,801. 55, Bryan Hahlen (a), Greenwood, S.C., 4,798. 56, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 4,797. 57, Timothy Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 4,788. 58, William Moore, Greensburg, Pa., 4,781. 59, John Furey, East Windsor, N.J., 4,773. 60, Christian Azcona, Lake Wales, Fla., 4,772. 61, Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 4,767. 62(tie), Zach Wilkins, Canada, and Ryan Ciminelli, Williamsville, N.Y., 4,758. 64, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 4,757. 65, Kenneth Ryan (a), Farmingdale, N.J., 4,752. 66, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, Texas, 4,748. 67, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 4,745. 68, David Hooper, Greenville, S.C., 4,743. 69, Anthony Neuer (a), Lewisburg, Pa., 4,734. 70, Brandon Runk (a), Enola, Pa., 4,733. 71, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 4,727. 72, Mike Wolfe, Floyd Knobs, Ind., 4,722.

73, Tim Pfeifer, Oakdale, Pa., 4,718. 74, Cameron Foster (a), Eagle Mountain, Utah, 4,716. 75, Michael Martell (a), Brooklyn, N.Y., 4,709. 76(tie), Mitch Hupé, Towanda, Kan., Mykel Holliman, Collierville, Tenn., and Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 4,708. 79, Ryan Burks (a), Hammond, Ind., 4,700. 80, Alex Martin, Kennesaw, Ga., 4,694. 81, AJ Chapman, South St. Paul, Minn., 4,689. 82, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 4,683. 83(tie), Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, and Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., 4,682. 85, Kris Koeltzow, Wheat Ridge, Colo., 4,676. 86, Dallas Leong (a), Las Vegas, 4,671. 87, Stuart Williams, Phoenix, 4,670. 88, Brandon Curtis (a), Manson, N.C., 4,668. 89, Mike Conn (a), Crestwood, Ky., 4,663. 90, Matt Ogle, Louisville, Ky., 4,661. 91, Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 4,659. 92, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 4,642. 93, Matthew Sanders (a), Evansville, Ind., 4,637. 94, Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 4,630. 95, Zachary Doty (a), Nassau, N.Y., 4,628. 96, Joshua Lewis, Weaverville, N.C., 4,624. 97, Brent Boho (a), Colgate, Wis., 4,623. 98, Wesley Low (a), Palmdale, Calif., 4,622. 99, William Hibbard (a), Mukwonago, Wis., 4,619. 100, Greg Thomas (a), Irmo, S.C., 4,597. 101, Nicholas Christy, Fort Mill, S.C., 4,590. 102, Johnathan Norman (a), Houston, 4,586. 103, Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., 4,575. 104, Jim Pratt, Avondale, Ariz., 4,573. 105, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 4,569. 106, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 4,564. 107, Nate Garcia, Riverview, Fla., 4,546. 108, Graham Fach, Canada, 4,529. 109, David Krol, Nixa, Mo., 4,514. 110, Alec Karr, Fremont, Neb., 4,504. 111, Justin O'Shaughnessy (a), Jackson, Mich., 4,498. 112, Thomas Baker, King, N.C., 4,496. 113, Shawn Fitzpatrick (a), Claremont, N.H., 4,495. 114(tie), Bradley Ceraolo (a), Mooresville, N.C., and Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 4,467. 116, Gregory Young Jr. (a), Viera, Fla., 4,456. 117, Hunter Kempton (a), Buzzards Bay, Mass., 4,453. 118(tie), Caroline Thesier, Mooresville, N.C., and Nathan Ruest-Lajoie (a), Canada, 4,441. 120, Matthew Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 4,434. 121, Kole Payne, Charlotte, N.C., 4,427. 122, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 4,421. 123(tie), Matthew Taylor, Youngsville, N.C., and Tommy Tkacz (a), Barkhamsted, Conn., 4,404. 125, Michael Ruben (a), Selden, N.Y., 4,397. 126, Roy Davis, Lumberton, N.C., 4,391. 127(tie), Stephen Hahn, Ashburn, Va., and Nathaniel Potter (a), Whitesburg, Tenn., 4,364. 129, Alfred Wolfe III (a), Littleton, Colo., 4,350. 130, Chris Glaz, Huntersville, N.C., 4,349. 131, Andrew DeJaynes (a), Fayetteville, N.C., 4,333. 132, Sean Daniels, Hillsboro, Ore., 4,297. 133, Keven Williams (a), Springfield, Mo., 4,250. 134, Adam Zimmerman (a), Deer Park, N.Y., 4,248. 135, Tony Nicholson, Lexington, N.C., 4,237. 136, Jim Price, Harrisburg, N.C., 4,220. 137, Michael Williams II, Montgomery, Ala., 4,191. 138, Charles Bostic (a), Powder Springs, Ga., 4,158. 139, Justin Wyman, Fairport, N.Y., 4,147. 140, Kurtis Stidd (a), Monroe, N.C., 4,112. 141, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 3,583 (WD). 142, Anthony Pepe, East Elmhurst, N.Y., 2,963 (WD). 143, Justin Tuttle (a), King, N.C., 2,108 (WD). 144, Carson Lineberger (a), Sherrills Ford, N.C., 2,727 (WD).

#### LAVOIE LEADS AFTER FIRST ROUND OF MATCH PLAY AT 2019 U.S. OPEN

MOORESVILLE, N.C. - The initial roster at the 2019 U.S. Open was pretty stout, filled with the sport's top performers and many up-and-coming young standouts.

What's left, now that the field has been cut to the top 24 for round-robin match play, could be mistaken for the first draft of a publication celebrating the greatest players of the Professional Bowlers Association's second 50 years.

Among those remaining in contention for the \$30,000 top prize, coveted green jacket and final major championship on the 2019 PBA Tour schedule are 17 PBA Tour titlists, 12 PBA major champions, including seven past U.S. Open winners, and eight players who have reached the television finals at the prestigious event since it returned from a one-year hiatus in 2015.

The overall lead changed hands a few times during the eight games of match play Monday night at Victory Lanes, and 2016 U.S. Open winner Francois Lavoie of Canada finished the day atop the standings with an 8,729 total. His score includes pinfall for 40 games and 30 bonus pins for each of his six wins in match play.

Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, is second with 8,694 and followed by Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania (8,668), left-hander Jesper Svensson of Sweden (8,588) and Houston's Shawn Maldonado (8,574).

"Keeping the momentum going tomorrow will be about staying smart and patient," Lavoie said. "I think I have a good process and routine, and sticking to what I've been doing is key. It's kind of repetitive, but that's what it is. You don't want to get ahead of yourself. You want to take every frame separately, one at a time, especially with a pattern this tough."

The biggest move of the day came from Brandon Novak of Chillicothe, Ohio, who averaged more than 220 on the way to a 6-2 record. He started match play in 21st place and now is sixth in the standings, just 37 pins below the cutline.

The 31-year-old right-hander is one of the seven remaining players without a PBA Tour title. Monday night's performance left him comfortable and confident on the 40-foot oil pattern being used for the cashers' round, match play and championship round.

"I'm feeling pretty confident with the pattern, and even though the initial idea was to start a little straighter, that wasn't really the right place for me, so I moved in and played the dry most of the eight games and was able to stay with the same ball," said Novak, the Regular All-Events champion at the 2016 United States Bowling Congress Open Championships. "I did make a few small mistakes, otherwise I could've bowled better some of the games, but I definitely feel good going into tomorrow. Hopefully, I can make something happen."

Sean Rash of Montgomery, Illinois, was the qualifying leader after Monday's eight-game cashers' round, averaging nearly 214 over the event's first 32 games. He closed the cashers' round with games of 253 and 268 to surge into the lead for the first time this week.

Despite only going 1-7 in his first eight matches, the two-time major champion is in ninth place and just 61 pins outside of the top five. With 16 games remaining, there's only 95 pins between fifth and 10th place.

Defending champion Dom Barrett of England also advanced to match play. He posted a 2-6 match-play record and currently is 21st in the standings with an 8,316 total. He's looking to make his third U.S. Open telecast since 2015. He was the runner-up that year, falling to left-hander Ryan Ciminelli in the title match.

Competition at the 2019 U.S. Open will resume Tuesday with two additional rounds of matches, beginning at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern.

At the conclusion of the evening block, 56-game pinfall totals, including bonus pins, will determine the five players for the stepladder finals, which will be broadcast live on CBS Sports Network on Wednesday at 8 p.m. EDT.

The field this week started with 144 players, all of whom bowled 24 games of qualifying over three days (eight games each day). Each round featured a different oil pattern, and a fourth lane condition was introduced for the cashers' round, match play and championship round.

All rounds leading up to the TV show are being broadcast live at [BowTV.com](http://BowTV.com) and simulcast on FloBowling.

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Monday's results

#### MATCH PLAY

(40 games, 30 bonus pins for a win, 15 bonus pins for a tie)

1, Francois Lavoie, Wichita, Kan., 6-2-0, 8,729. 2, Anthony Simonsen, Princeton, Texas, 6-2-0, 8,694. 3, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 4-3-1, 8,668. 4, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 5-3-0, 8,588. 5, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 6-2-0, 8,574. 6, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 6-2-0, 8,537.

7, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 5-3-0, 8,524. 8, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 4-4-0, 8,519. 9, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1-7-0, 8,513. 10, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 5-3-0, 8,479. 11, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 4-4-0, 8,465. 12, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 4-4-0, 8,454.

13, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 5-3-0, 8,447. 14, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3-5-0, 8,438. 15, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 6-2-0, 8,427. 16, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 4-4-0, 8,424. 17, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 5-2-1, 8,409. 18, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 4-4-0, 8,407.

19, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 3-5-0, 8,347. 20, Thomas Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 4-4-0, 8,318. 21, Dominic Barrett, England, 2-6-0, 8,316. 22, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2-5-1, 8,233. 23, Kristopher Prather, Milton, Fla., 0-8-0, 8,219. 24, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 0-7-1, 8,184.

#### CASHERS' ROUND

(32 games)

1, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 6,846. 2, Francois Lavoie, Wichita, Kan., 6,842. 3, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 6,838. 4, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 6,827. 5, Anthony Simonsen, Princeton, Texas, 6,775. 6(tie), Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., and Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 6,709.

8, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 6,704. 9, Kristopher Prather, Milton, Fla., 6,690. 10, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 6,667. 11, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 6,665. 12, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 6,664.

13, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 6,654. 14(tie), Martin Larsen, Sweden, and AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 6,644. 16, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 6,643. 17, Dominic Barrett, England, 6,640. 18, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 6,637.

19, Greg Ostrander (a), Freehold, N.J., 6,635. 20, Thomas Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 6,601. 21, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 6,582. 22, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 6,545. 23, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, 6,540. \*24, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 6,520.

\*Defeated David Simard in one-game roll-off, 202-160, after they tied for 24th spot.

#### DID NOT ADVANCE:

25, David Simard, Canada, 6,520, \$2,150. 26, Verity Crawley, England, 6,517, \$1,975. 27, Jason Sterner, Rockledge, Fla., 6,512, \$1,950. 28, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 6,483, \$1,925. 29(tie), Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, and Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 6,473, \$1,887.

31, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 6,471, \$1,850. 32, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 6,452, \$1,825. 33, Maria José Rodríguez, Colombia, 6,432, \$1,800. 34, Nicholas Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 6,415, \$1,775. 35, Brad Miller, Raytown, Mo., 6,365, \$1,750. 36, Vince Biondo, Carpentersville, Ill., 6,342, \$1,725.

## RASH EARNS TOP SEED FOR STEPLADDER AT 2019 U.S. OPEN

MOORESVILLE, N.C. - After 56 games over five days, five competitors have advanced to the championship round of the 2019 U.S. Open.

The quintet conquered four challenging oil patterns at Victory Lanes and now will battle for the \$30,000 top prize, coveted green jacket and final major championship on the 2019 Professional Bowlers Association Tour schedule live on CBS Sports Network on Wednesday at 8 p.m. Eastern.

The standings seemed to be on a continuous spin cycle throughout the final round of match play Tuesday evening, with three different people topping the leaderboard during the eight-game block.

Sean Rash of Montgomery, Illinois, a 14-time PBA Tour champion, spent the most time out in front and held a 60-pin advantage over 2016 U.S. Open champion Francois Lavoie of Canada heading into the day-ending position round.

Though Lavoie was able to win the position-round matchup, 217-211, Rash had enough of a lead to claim the top seed for the TV stepladder by 24 pins.

Lavoie held on for the No. 2 spot, which is the same place he qualified the year he won. He and Rash will be joined on the show by Australia's Jason Belmonte, Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania, and Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas. All five are major champions.

"I have one game to bowl for a title, which is something I've done six, seven or eight times this year, and it's a great feeling," said Rash, who was the No. 1 seed for both of his major titles - the 2007 United States Bowling Congress Masters and 2012 PBA Tournament of Champions. "There's four unbelievable players on the show with me, all major champions, so it's going to be an amazing show. I'm extremely happy right now, but there's still so much left to do."

Rash, who set the pace through 32 games of qualifying and led the final 24 players into the match-play portion of the event, finished with a 56-game pinfall total of 12,379, which included 30 bonus pins for each of his 12 wins in match play. He started match play with seven consecutive losses.

Lavoie finished with a 12,355 total, Belmonte closed with a 266-233 win over Houston's Shawn Maldonado to jump from fifth place to third (12,312), O'Neill finished with 12,303 and Simonsen held on to the final spot with 12,261, just 27 pins ahead of Maldonado.

"Tonight was very much needed and something I felt was coming," said Belmonte, a 22-time PBA Tour champion. "I finished the second round with 279 and realized that game put me back in contention. I was about 100 out of the show and thought I could get there with a couple good games in a row. Through the middle of the last block, I did some of the best bowling I've done in a really long time."

The star-studded stepladder includes some amazing storylines.

Rash is looking for his third title of 2019 and third career major. A win would make Lavoie the first foreign-born player to win the event twice, while he and O'Neill, the 2010 winner, both have a chance to become the 12th bowler in history to win multiple times.

Belmonte and Simonsen both have found the winner's circle in majors this season. Belmonte won the PBA Tournament of Champions and PBA World Series of Bowling X PBA World Championship, and he was the runner-up to Simonsen at the 2019 PBA Players Championship.

Belmonte's win at the 2019 PBA World Championship was the 11th major victory of his career and moved him past PBA Hall of Famers Earl Anthony and Pete Weber on the all-time list. They each own 10 major titles.

Simonsen, who along with O'Neill has won twice this year, is looking to become the youngest player with three majors - he also won the 2016 Masters - and Belmonte is hoping to extend his record. The U.S. Open is the major that has eluded him. The Australian's best finish at the event was a second-place effort in 2013.

"This has put me in a position to have a crack at No. 12, and I'm excited and nervous and can't wait to get out there and leave it all on the lanes," said Belmonte, a four-time champion in 2019. "I'll give it everything I've got, and if the pins want to fall, it'll be my year. I know there will be plenty more U.S. Opens, but I'm kind of hoping they fall for me this time."

Defending champion Dom Barrett of England also made match play this week and finished 14th, one spot ahead of 2017 champion Rhino Page of Orlando, Florida.

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## **FOX SPORTS, PBA ANNOUNCE EXPANDED TELEVISION SCHEDULE FOR 2020**

### **Go Bowling! PBA Tour Includes Additional Live Telecasts, Six Majors and More**

**LOS ANGELES** – Today, FOX Sports and the Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) announced the 2020 Go Bowling! PBA Tour television schedule, which includes more shows on the FOX broadcast network, the first show featuring women bowlers and more live telecasts. The announcement was made today by Bill Wanger, FOX Sports' EVP, Head of Programming and Scheduling and PBA CEO Colie Edison.

The second year of the PBA-FOX Sports agreement features six telecasts on FOX, the most PBA action on network broadcast TV since 1999. Plus, there will be 25 shows on FS1 and a total of 23 live broadcasts, the most in 12 years (up from 19 live shows last year). Altogether, the 2020 TV schedule includes more than 60 hours of coverage.

"We are delighted to expand our Go Bowling! PBA Tour offerings," says Wanger. "In our first season, we brought new energy and excitement to the tour, highlighting the star bowlers and enhancing the broadcasts with Kegel's Specto ball-tracking technology StrikeTrack to provide real-time ball tracking during all events."

Kicking off the 2020 PBA on FOX season will be a bonus event - PBA Clash - on Sunday, Nov. 3 on FOX. The 90-minute telecast will feature top PBA stars in a unique, \$50,000 winner-take-all competition, plus a look at the new year and upcoming events on FOX and FS1.

"We're making major investments in the PBA and the future of the tour by expanding TV coverage and increasing prize money across our tournaments," said Edison, the PBA's CEO and Chief Customer Officer of Bowlero Corp, its parent company. "Bowlero Corp purchased the PBA with the goal of strengthening its presence throughout all media and our partnership with FOX is an essential part of that objective."

Other highlights of the 2020 PBA on FOX Sports schedule include:

- Live coverage of five PBA major championships: the PBA Tournament of Champions on Sunday, Feb. 9, from suburban Akron, Ohio; the PBA Players Championship on Saturday, Feb. 15, from Columbus, Ohio; the US Open on Sunday, Feb. 23, from Lincoln, Nebraska; PBA World Championship on Wednesday, March 18, from Las Vegas, and the United States Bowling Congress Masters on Sunday, March 29, from Reno, Nevada.
- Revolutionary coverage of professional bowling's biggest event, the PBA World Series of Bowling XI. Five consecutive days of WSOB coverage, including live finals of four PBA title events, will air from Las Vegas, March 15-19.

- The PBA Playoffs are back bigger and stronger, taking place from April 6 through May 17. The playoffs will be held in four different locations, allowing fans across the country to see their favorite bowlers in the exciting tournament.
- The PBA/PWBA Mixed Doubles take place on Sunday, July 5 live on FS1 from Denver and will include the debut of professional female bowlers on FOX Sports.
- The PBA League team competition returns to Portland, Maine, where the hometown team looks to defend its PBA League title in four live primetime telecasts on FS1 for three consecutive nights, July 21-23.

Viewers can live stream the PBA shows on the FOX Sports and FOX NOW apps or at FOXSports.com.

In addition to the 60 hours of broadcast television, FOX Sports digital also will play a key role in expanding the PBA's visibility. Select highlights will be available on @FOXSports social handles across Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

Additional details concerning tournament formats, host bowling centers and more, will be announced by the PBA soon through the PBA Network's social media outlets.

## CANADA'S LAVOIE WINS 2019 U.S. OPEN

MOORESVILLE, N.C. - For the second time in his short professional career, Canada's Francois Lavoie donned the coveted green jacket at the U.S. Open.

The 26-year-old right-hander defeated 14-time Professional Bowlers Association Tour champion and top seed Sean Rash of Montgomery, Illinois, 221-172, on Wednesday night to become the 12th bowler in history to win the prestigious title multiple times.

His first time hoisting the U.S. Open trophy was in 2016 on the way to PBA Rookie of the Year honors.

The latest win gave Lavoie his fourth PBA Tour title and made the fourth-year professional the first foreign-born player to win the U.S. Open more than once. Finland's Mika Koivuniemi (2001) and Dom Barrett of England (2018) also have won the event.

Wednesday's star-studded stepladder at Victory Lanes was broadcast live on CBS Sports Network.

Along with the iconic outerwear, Lavoie also earned a \$30,000 top prize. The U.S. Open was the fifth, and final, major of the 2019 PBA Tour season. The win was Lavoie's first since 2017.

"This is so surreal, and I don't even know where to begin," Lavoie said. "To win the first one was unbelievable and a dream come true. Winning the second one, wow. Especially with the way the season started, I never could've expected this. It's not something you think will happen again, and definitely not this year of all years. I feel so fortunate."

Lavoie started the final match with five consecutive strikes and cruised to the title. Rash opened with a strike but did not throw another until the ninth frame when his third major title already was out of reach.

Rash was in a familiar position as the No. 1 seed, having won the 2007 United States Bowling Congress Masters and 2012 PBA Tournament of Champions from there.

"I'm great, honestly," Rash said. "I led the U.S. Open, which is a dream come true. I've always wanted to make this show. Frankie bowled unbelievable. He started with the front five on a pair that was extremely brutal. He's a two-time champion at this event for a reason. It was a great performance, and he out-bowled me. I'm happy with my preparation and thought process and everything that was going on. I have no regrets from today, and I feel like this still was one of my best seasons overall."

Despite the loss, Rash indeed is winding down one of his best seasons in a career that began in 2005. His 2019 campaign includes two titles and more than \$145,000 in earnings. He took home \$15,000 for Wednesday's runner-up finish.

In the night's four matches, there only were three strings of strikes longer than a double, and Lavoie had two of them on what he considered the most challenging of the week's four oil patterns.

His keys to success on all the patterns were surface management and different hand positions.

"I wasn't ever really comfortable on this pattern for the 32 games we bowled on it, and going into match play, I was pretty nervous about holding onto a spot on the show for another 24 games," said Lavoie, who averaged less than 200 for his first eight games on the week's final oil pattern. "I had a hard time getting my hand to do what I wanted to get the right ball motion, but we stuck with it and stayed in it. Throwing the front five in the final game was huge, especially since our plan was just to try to hit the 1-3 every time. That pair was really hard."

On the way to his first U.S. Open title in Las Vegas, Lavoie also managed to string strikes in what is considered one of the sport's toughest environments. That year, he also was the second seed and advanced to the title match by becoming the first bowler in history to roll a perfect game on a U.S. Open television show.

Lavoie rolled into this year's championship match simply by filling frames, another key to success on the demanding conditions at the U.S. Open.

The Team Canada member posted a clean 214-164 win against two-time major champion Anthony Simonsen, 22, of Little Elm, Texas, who was looking to earn his eighth PBA Tour title and become the youngest player to win three majors.

Simonsen, who won the 2016 USBC Masters and 2019 PBA Players Championship, advanced to Wednesday's semifinal with a 187-148 win against 11-time major champion and 2019 PBA Player of the Year front-runner Jason Belmonte of Australia.

After three solid shots to start the match, Belmonte failed to get more than six pins on four of his next five first balls. The 36-year-old two-hander tried everything to get back in the match, including a switch to a urethane ball in the seventh frame and moving from the left side of the lane to the right.

The move worked on the right lane, but the 22-time PBA Tour champion split twice on the left lane, including the 2-8-10 combination in his final frame. A missed 10 pin from Simonsen in the ninth frame gave Belmonte an opportunity to at least force Simonsen to mark, but the final split ended his chances for a fifth title in 2019.

A win Wednesday would've given Belmonte his first U.S. Open title, and he would've joined USBC and PBA Hall of Famer Mike Aulby as the only players to win the Super Slam.

Belmonte has four wins at the USBC Masters, three PBA Tournament of Champions titles, two victories at the PBA World Championship and two wins at the PBA Players Championship.

His 148 game was the lowest he has bowled on TV. His previous low came in a 214-156 loss to Wes Malott in the title match of the 2013 U.S. Open.

In Wednesday's opening match, neither Simonsen nor Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania, looked immediately comfortable on the fresh 40-foot oil pattern, but two rolled 10 pins early in the game gave Simonsen a small advantage over O'Neill, who didn't deliver his first strike until the fifth frame.

A 2-8-10 split from O'Neill in the sixth frame widened the deficit, and Simonsen followed the first commercial break with four consecutive strikes to pull away for a 226-193 victory.

O'Neill, the 2010 U.S. Open winner, also was looking to become the 12th bowler in history to win the event multiple times. The 38-year-old right-hander owns 11 PBA Tour titles, including two this season.

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## **2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour Top Earners Battle in PBA Clash Sunday on FOX**

*Belmonte, Butturff, O'Neill, Prather, Tackett, Simonsen, Rash and Duke  
compete for \$50,000 winner-take-all first prize in second eliminator showdown*

**LAKE WALES, Fla. (Oct. 31, 2019)** – The top eight money earners from the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season will battle for a \$50,000 winner-take-all first prize when the second edition of the PBA Clash airs on FOX Sunday from the renowned Kegel Training Center.

Four-time PBA Player of the Year and 22-time Go Bowling! PBA Tour titlist Jason Belmonte of Australia leads an elite field that also includes 2019 standouts Jakob Butturff, Bill O'Neill, Kris Prather, EJ Tackett, Anthony Simonsen, Sean Rash and PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke.

As a preamble to the 2020 season on FOX Sports, competition begins Sunday with "eliminator" rounds leading up to a full-game championship match between the two survivors. In the first round, all eight players beginning with the No. 8 qualifier will bowl a 10th frame. The player with the lowest pinfall will be eliminated. The non-title special event converts to a one-ball format for rounds 2-6 with the player rolling the lowest pinfall eliminated until the surviving two players are determined for the championship match.

All competition will be conducted on a mixed (or dual) lane condition – 44-foot PBA Billy Hardwick lane condition on the left lane and 37-foot Johnny Petraglia lane condition on the right lane.

The PBA Clash airs on FOX adjacent to the NFL Singleheader on Sunday, Nov. 3 (2:30 p.m. ET or 4:30 p.m. ET) depending on region. Viewers should check their local listings for air times in their areas.

Here's a look at the eight competitors along with their season highlights:

**Jason Belmonte, Australia** – Making his second Clash appearance, the two-hander from Australia and four-time PBA Player of the Year, won the 2019 PBA Tournament of Champions and PBA World Championship earlier this year for his 10th and 11th PBA Tour major victories to top the all-time major titles list. With nine television appearances in 2019 that also included a runner-up finish in the PBA Players Championship, the only four-time winner this season also won the Chameleon Championship and DHC Japan Invitational to bring his career titles total to 22.

**Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Arizona** – With three wins and eight television appearances in 2019, the seven-time tour champion won the PBA Oklahoma Open, Lubbock Sports Shootout and USBC Masters for his first major title. Making his second Clash appearance, the 25-year-old left-hander also was runner-up in the season-opening PBA Hall of Fame Classic, the DHC PBA Japan Invitational and PBA World Championship.

**Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pennsylvania** – With six television appearances, the inaugural PBA Playoffs runner-up won the season-opening PBA Hall of Fame Classic and the Harry O'Neale Chesapeake Open for his 10th and 11th career titles. He won the \$25,000 first prize in the FloBowling PBA ATX Invite, a non-title event, and finished third in the PBA Scorpion Championship and fourth in the PBA World Championship.

**Kris Prather, Plainfield, Illinois** – Won the inaugural PBA Playoffs and a \$100,000 first prize in July. Also won the PBA Scorpion Championship for his first Go Bowling! PBA Tour title. Had eight top-10 finishes in 2019 including a third in the Storm PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, fourth in the Go Bowling! PBA Jonesboro Open and fifth in the Barbasol PBA Tour Finals.

**EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Indiana** – Won his second Barbasol PBA Tour Finals in 2019 for his 13th career tour title. Making his second Clash appearance, he has five television appearances this season which also included runner-up finishes in the PBA Tournament of Champions, Bear Open and FloBowling PBA Illinois Open.

**Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas** – Also qualifying for his second Clash, the 22-year-old two-hander won the 2019 PBA Players Championship to become the youngest player ever to win two majors. He also won the PBA Bear Open for his seventh career tour title. Among his five other television appearances were a runner-up finish in the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Jonesboro Open and a tie for third in the Barbasol PBA Tour Finals.

**Sean Rash, Montgomery, Illinois** – Won the Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship with Matt Ogle and the PBA Wolf Open for his second win of the season and 14th of his career. The 2011-12 PBA Player of the Year also had runner-up finishes in the PBA Wilmington Open, Lubbock Sports Open and PBA Bowlerstore.com Classic. He also won the USBC Cup as the FloBowling PBA Summer Swing points winner, which netted him \$20,000.

**Norm Duke, Clermont, Florida** – Landmark season for the 55-year-old PBA Hall of Famer included winning the Go Bowling! PBA Indianapolis and Go Bowling! PBA Jonesboro Opens to become the oldest player to win back-to-back PBA Tour titles. The Jonesboro win was the 40th of his career as he joined all-time PBA Tour title winners and fellow Hall of Famers Walter Ray Williams Jr. (47) and Earl Anthony (43) as the third player to win 40 or more PBA Tour titles.

Marshall Kent won the 2018 PBA Clash at the Kegel Training Center with a 218-215 championship match win over Dom Barrett to win the \$25,000 first prize. Neither player qualified for the 2019 PBA Clash.

The 2020 PBA Tour season begins with the PBA Hall of Fame Classic Jan. 14-19 at the Bowling International Training Center in Arlington, Texas. The stepladder finals will air live on FS1 Sunday, Jan. 19 at 1 p.m. ET.

## **PBA Spare Shots**

### **PBA PLAYER'S PERSPECTIVE: KRIS PRATHER DISCUSSES PBA PLAYOFFS VICTORY**

PBA Player's Perspective, a series of YouTube interviews with PBA title winners reflecting on their victories in selected title matches, continues on Tuesday, Nov. 5, when **Kris Prather** of Plainfield, Ill., explains what was going through his mind when he won the inaugural PBA Playoffs in Portland, Maine.

To view the episodes, visit the PBA home page on YouTube and click on the appropriate link. Currently available is **Norm Duke's** perspectives on his 2011 U.S. Open victory over Mika Koivuniemi (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pQ0cGzRfnBk>).

The weekly series, with new perspectives released to the PBA's YouTube home page, will feature the following players providing personal play-by-play reflections in the weeks ahead:

- Nov. 12 – **Anthony Simonsen's** win in the 2019 Bear Open.
- Nov. 19 – **Sean Rash** discusses his 2019 Wolf Open title.
- Nov. 26 – **EJ Tackett** reflects on winning the 2019 PBA Tour Finals.

### **NICK PATE, RAFIQ ISMAIL INVITED TO WORLD BOWLING TOUR FINALS**

PBA members **Nick Pate** of Inver Grove Heights, Minn., representing the Pan American zone, and Malaysia's **Rafiq Ismail**, representing the Asian Zone, have been invited to participate in the 2019 World Bowling Tour Men's Finals along with European Zone representative **Arnard David Jonsson**. Those three will join the top six male points leaders in World Bowling Tour for 2019 in the WBT Finals in Kuwait on Nov. 7.

The top five men, along with the top five women in WBT points, will be determined at the conclusion of the PBA-WBT Kuwait Open on Nov. 6. In the wake of his U.S. Open

victory, Canada's Francois Lavoie has taken the men's points lead. The top five heading into the Kuwait Open, with current points in parenthesis, are: Lavoie (1,384); **Anthony Simonsen** (1,344); U.S. Open runner-up **Sean Rash** (1,272); **AJ Johnson** (1,268); **Kyle Sherman** (1,256), and **Jakob Butturff** and **Jason Belmonte**, who are tied with 1,240 points.

The women's points leaders heading into the U.S. Open were **Danielle McEwan** (2,192); **Liz Johnson** (2,084); Indonesia's **Tannya Roumimper** (1,720); Clara Guerrero (1,248); and **Missy Parkin** (1,184) and **Maria Jose Rodriguez** (1,084). Women invited to represent their respective zones are Guerrero (Pan American Zone), Singapore's **Cherie Tan** (Asian Zone) and Sweden's **Anna Andersson**, European Zone.

Both the Kuwait Open and WBT Men's and Women's Finals will be livestreamed on Nov. 6 and 7, respectively, on [dailymotion.com](http://dailymotion.com).

#### **PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: HATTORI, WILSON, KLOEMPKEN WIN AT SOUTH POINT**

**Zach Hattori** and partner **Ari Wilson**, both from Henderson, Nev., teamed up to win Sunday's PBA South Point Member/Non-Member Doubles title at South Point Bowling Plaza after fellow non-PBA member **Steve Kloempken** of Pleasant Valley, Utah, won the South Point West Challenge portion of the PBA West Region doubleheader on Friday.

In the preliminary singles event open to non-PBA title winners, Kloempken, a former Team USA member who currently is Storm Products Vice President of Marketing, was perfect in defeating **Deo Benard** of Rio Rancho, N.M., 300-217, to earn the \$2,000 first prize.

Kloempken knocked out another non-member, **Kyle Duster** of La Habra, Calif., 236-192, in the semifinal round while Benard eliminated **Lanndyn Carnate** of Modesto, Calif., 279-236, to set up the championship match.

In Sunday's doubles title match, Hattori and Wilson defeated **Cortez Schenck** of Phoenix, Ariz. and **Eric Hatchett** of Las Vegas, 458-414, to claim the \$4,000 first prize.

Hattori and Wilson advanced to the title match by eliminating **Curtis Woods** of Santa Rosa, Calif. and **Josh Blanchard** of Mesa, Ariz., 482-459, while Schenck and Hatchett ousted **Ramsey Basurto** of Lancaster, Calif., and **Tim Cagle II** of Hercules, Calif. 435-423, in the other semifinal match.

Kloempken, Hattori and Wilson are all non-members so none of the three receive credit for a PBA title.

- A busy schedule of events is on tap for November as the PBA Regional program starts to wrap up the 2019 season, beginning this weekend. On the schedule are the PBA-

PBA50 Callahan's Bowling for Gold Over-Under Doubles presented by TechVision at Callahan's Bowl O Rama in Newington, Conn.; the PBA-PBA50 Decker Appraisal Services Doubles presented by Hammer at Interstate Bowl in Bristol, Va.; the Mesa East Open presented by Columbia 300 at Mesa East Bowl in Mesa, Ariz., and the one-day Ft. Wayne Central-Midwest Open at Pro Bowl West in Ft. Wayne, Ind.

- The Nov. 8-10 calendar of PBA Regional activity includes the La-Z-Boy Central Challenge for non-title winners at Monroe Sports Center in Monroe, Mich.; the Plaza Bowl Midwest Open presented by Roto Grip in Clinton, Iowa, and the Gastonia South Open presented by Brunswick at George Pappas' Liberty Lanes in Gastonia, N.C.

- On the Nov. 15-17 PBA Regional weekend schedule are the PBA50 Bryan's Bowling Center Eastern Open presented by 900 Global in Laurel, Del.; the PBA50 PLYGEM Windows Rocky Mount South Open at Rocky Mount Bowling Center in Rocky Mount, Va., and the Japan Region's High Sports Cup Chameleon Open at Kashima Bowl in Kashima, Japan.

- On the pre-Thanksgiving Day weekend schedule, Nov. 22-24, is the PBA50 Allstate Central Match Classic at Westland Bowl in Westland, Mich.; the Break Point Alley Member/Non-Member Doubles in Tavares, Fla., and the PBA and PBA50 Epicenter Northwest-West Open tournaments in Klamath Falls, Ore.

- The only PBA Regional tournament over the Nov. 29-Dec. 1 Thanksgiving weekend will be the PBA50 Beaumont Southwest Open at Crossroads Bowling Center in Beaumont, Texas.

- The PBA Regional program concludes its 2019 season with a pair of tournaments over the Dec. 6-8 weekend: the Knob Hill East Challenge at Knob Hill Country Lanes in Manalapan, N.J., and the Warren Harley-Davidson Central Challenge at Freeway Lanes of Warren, Ohio. Both "challenge" tournaments are open exclusively to non-title winners.

- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit [pba.com](http://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](http://pba.com) (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

## QUICK NOTES

- Thirteen-time PBA Tour champion **EJ Tackett** and **Natalie Goodman**, a two-time Junior Team USA member and former Vanderbilt University bowler, will be married Saturday in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. Fellow competitors and close friends **Ronnie Russell** and **Marshall Kent** will be groomsmen.

- **Danny Wiseman's** eighth annual Youth Scholarship Tournament held over the Oct. 12-13 weekend at AMF Country Club Lanes in Baltimore drew a sold-out field of 342 competitors and paid out \$33,850 in scholarship money. For details, visit Wiseman's website: <http://dannywisemanbowling.com>.

- **Reminder:** The IBM/HF is holding a special auction with one fan receiving a PBA Hall of Fame Classic VIP Experience Jan. 18-19. Fans who would like to place a bid for the package must visit [BowlingMuseumAuctions.com](http://BowlingMuseumAuctions.com). The winner will be announced on Dec. 11 on the IBM/HF Facebook page. The PBA and the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame are teaming up to offer the unique experience in conjunction with the PBA Hall of Fame Classic in January that will kick off the PBA Tour's 2020 season.

- **Reminder:** Nominations are being accepted through Nov. 22 for the 2019 PBA Tony Reyes Community Service award. To be eligible, the nominee must be a PBA member in good standing. To nominate an individual, use the nomination form available at this link: ([https://www.pba.com/Content/files/awards/TonyReyes\\_App\\_2019.pdf](https://www.pba.com/Content/files/awards/TonyReyes_App_2019.pdf)).

- **Correction:** Upon further review of PBA Regional records, **Ron Mohr** is tied for second place among all-time PBA50 Regional winners with 19 titles. **Harry Sullins** is the leader with 24. **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** and **Tom Baker** also have won 19 PBA50 Regional titles.

### **Jakob Butturff Shrugs Off Errant Shot to Win \$50,000 Winner-Take-All Prize in 2019 PBA Clash**

*Arizona left-hander defeats EJ Tackett, six other top earners from 2019 season in FOX Sports telecast*

**LAKE WALES, Fla. (Nov. 3, 2019)** – Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona, outlasted seven other top money earners from the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season and defeated EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Indiana, in the championship match to win the \$50,000 winner-take-all prize in the second PBA Clash which aired Sunday on FOX Sports from the Kegel Training Center.

The 25-year-old left-hander, who has won three titles in 2019 including the USBC Masters for his first major, got off to an inauspicious start in the championship match, throwing a gutter in the first frame. He learned from his mistake, converted the spare, and threw strikes in nine of his next 11 shots to beat Tackett, the 2019 Barbasol PBA Tour Finals winner, 258-244, for the win.

"If I'm executing the way I should, throwing the ball out to the gutter is my best look and where I get the best results," said Butturff. "Obviously you don't want to throw it (into the gutter) in a critical situation but if it's going to happen that's the place to do it because you have time to recover."

The eliminator format event showcased the season's top eight money earners from the 2019 season concluding with the FloBowling ATX Invite in September. In addition to Butturff and Tackett, other players earning berths in the non-title special event were Australian two-hander Jason Belmonte, Sean Rash, Anthony Simonsen, Kris Prather, Bill O'Neill and 55-year-old PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke.

Competition began with all eight bowlers completing a 10th frame opening round with the low score eliminated. The seven remaining players then bowled subsequent rounds which consisted of a one-ball, low-man-out format. The two survivors advanced to the complete-game winner-take-all finale.

After the 10th frame round, Prather, the winner of the \$100,000 first prize in the inaugural PBA Playoffs in June, was eliminated with a nine-count for the frame after leaving the 2-8 and failing to convert the spare.

Butturff faced early elimination in the 10th frame round after leaving 2-4-6-7-10 split on his first ball, but he converted the spare and struck on the final ball to advance to the second elimination round.

"It was a bad shot; I thought it was the end of the tournament for me," said Butturff, who was eliminated late in the one-ball elimination round of the inaugural Clash in 2018. "If I make the spare, it's probably going to be the most difficult spare I've made on TV so I told Kris (Prather) it would be awesome for the TV show if I can make it. You have nothing to lose at that point so the pressure's off – just take your best shot and hope for the best."

In the one-ball elimination that made up rounds 2-6, Tackett and Butturff were the last two players left standing with a strike and nine-count, respectively. They outscored 2019 PBA Players Championship winner Anthony Simonsen in the sixth round after he could only manage seven pins, leaving the 3-6-10.

Duke was eliminated in Round 2 with a seven-count after four roll-offs. O'Neill was eliminated in Round 3, which also required four roll-offs, with nine. Rash was eliminated in Round 4 with eight, and Belmonte was eliminated in Round 5 after two roll-off frames, with nine.

"A format like this really tests your ability to think on the fly so you can give yourself the best opportunity to perform in the clutch," said Butturff, who has had issues missing easy spares at critical times in matches in the past. "In the early rounds your mindset is 'don't do worse than they did' but eventually that changes to putting pressure on your opponent when you bowl head-to-head in a title match.

"You had eight guys who got here because of their ability to come through in clutch situations," Butturff added. "It can be nerve-racking but this is what I love to do so you just get into competitive mode and get the job done."

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## **2019 PBA CLASH FINAL RESULTS (aired Sunday on FOX Sports)**

### **Championship Match**

Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz. (\$50,000) def. EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 258-244.

### **10th Frame Elimination Round One (Low score eliminated)**

1. Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 30.
2. Bill O'Neill Langhorne, Pa., 30.
3. Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 20.
4. Anthony Simonsen, Little, Elm, Texas, 20.
5. Jakob Butturff, Chandler, Ariz., 20.
6. Jason Belmonte, Australia, 20.
7. EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 20.
8. Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 9 (eliminated).

### **One-Ball Low-Man-Out Elimination Round (low first ball count after each round eliminates players to determine final two players for championship match. Players tying for low score advance to another one-ball roll-off to break tie)**

**Round 2** – Duke eliminated with 7 after fourth roll-off.

**Round 3** – O'Neill eliminated with 9 after fourth roll-off.

**Round 4** – Rash eliminated with 8.

**Round 5** – Belmonte eliminated with 9 after second roll-off.

**Round 6** – Simonsen eliminated with 7.

Tackett, with 10, and Butturff with 9 in sixth round, survived to advance to title match.

## **Williams, Allen Repeat as Decker Appraisal Services Doubles Winners**

**Bristol, Va. (Nov. 3, 2019)** – The partnership of seven-time PBA Tour titlist Dick Allen of Lexington, S.C. and PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., has proven to be highly successful in PBA South Region over 50/under 50 doubles competition where the duo was victorious again Sunday.

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Allen and Williams, along with Dennis Lane, were partners in winning the PBA/PBA50/PBA60 trios event in Bristol in 2016, a victory that made Williams the first player in PBA history to win a grand total of 100 titles.

The 2019 win was Williams' 20th in PBA50 Regional competition to go along with 33 standard PBA Regional, 47 PBA Tour and 14 PBA50 Tour titles. Allen picked up his 26th PBA Regional win and a share of the \$4,000 first prize in Bristol. Curtis and McKinney pocketed \$2,000 for second, the Rogers/Auerbach team collected \$1,500 for third place and the Christy/Scarborough team \$1,300 for fourth place.

The PBA South Region's next event will be the PBA50 Gastonia South Open Nov. 8-10 at George Pappas' Liberty Lanes in Gastonia, N.C.

**PBA/PBA50 DECKER APPRAISAL SERVICES BAKER DOUBLES  
presented by Hammer  
Interstate Lanes, Bristol, Va., Sunday**

**Final Standings:**

- 1, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C./Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., \$4,000.
- 2, Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C./Troy McKinney, Yorktown, Va., \$2,000.
- 3, Kristian Rogers, Salisbury, N.C./Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., \$1500.
- 4, Nick Christy, Newport, N.C./Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., \$1,300.

**Stepladder Results:**

Match One – Rogers/Auerbach def. Christy/Scarborough, 251-216.

Semifinal – Curtis/McKinney def. Rogers/Auerbach, 246-201.

Championship – Allen/Williams def. Curtis/McKinney, 202-197.

**Final Qualifying Standings (after 24 games, top 4 advanced to stepladder finals):**

- 1, Allen/Williams, 5,854.
- 2, Curtis/McKinney, 5,749.
- 3, Rogers/Auerbach, 5,711.
- 4, Christy/Scarborough, 5,636.
- 5, n-Brian Dennis, Creedmoor, N.C./n-Curt Guinn, Greenwood, S.C., 5,623, \$1,200.
- 6, Shawn Lavender, Waynesboro, Va./Charlie Tomey, Spartanburg, S.C., 5,601, \$1100.
- 7, Chris Arcaro, Wilmington, N.C./n-Barry Slater, Locust, N.C., 5,556, \$1,060.
- 8, n-John May, Florence, S.C./Jeff Schrum, Cherrywood, N.C., 5,553, \$1,040.
- 9, n-Mike Ward, Salem, Va./Chris Johnson, Nashville, N.C., 5,524, \$1020.
- 10, Mike Painter, Moore, S.C./Mac Sanders, Taylors, S.C., 5,415, \$1000.

300 Game (Baker Format): Curtis/McKinney, May/Schrum.  
n-denotes non-PBA member.

## **Boghosian, Laing Rally to Win PBA/PBA50 Callahan's Bowling for Gold Doubles**

**Newington, Conn. (November 3, 2019)** – Brian Boghosian of Springfield, Mass. and Keith Laing of Oakdale, Conn., defeated local amateurs Mark Bouchard of Deep River, Conn. and Matt Dzikiewicz of Rocky Hill, Conn., 176-224, 200-194, 169-167 in the best-of-three-game title match to win the PBA/PBA50 Callahan's Bowling for Gold Doubles presented by Tech Vision Sunday at Callahan's Bowl-O-Rama.

Boghosian, the 1999 USBC Masters champion, and Laing overcame a loss in the first game of the title round. After winning game two by six pins, the winners found themselves needing a mark and good count to win the final game. Laing, who won his first title in April, got a spare and a nine count to secure the victory.

The win meant the first PBA Regional title for Boghosian who had won a regional in 2016 as a non-member. Boghosian and Laing each earned \$2,000 while Bouchard and Dzikiewicz earned \$1,100 each as runners-up. The tournament was open to teams include one bowler under the age of 50 with a 50-plus partner.

In the best-of-three semifinal round, Boghosian and Laing defeated Sam Ventura of Norwich, N.Y. and Anthony Pepe of Long Island City, N.Y., 2-0, while Bouchard and Dzikiewicz defeated Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y. and Howard Ayres of Horseheads, N.Y., 2-0. The losing team members each earned \$700.

The next PBA East Region event is the PBA50 Bryan's Bowling Center Open presented by The Insurance Market and 900 Global at Bryan's Bowling Center in Laurel, Del., Nov. 15-17.

### **PBA/PBA50 CALLAHAN'S BOWLING FOR GOLD DOUBLES**

**Presented by Tech Vision**

**Callahan's Bowl-O-Rama, Newington, Conn., Sunday**

**Championship (best of three games):** Brian Boghosian, Springfield, Mass./Keith Laing, Oakdale, Conn. (\$4,000) def. n-Mark Bouchard, Deep River, Conn./n-Matt Dzikiewicz, Rocky Hill, Conn., (\$2,000), 2-1 (176-224, 200-194, 169-167).

**Semifinal Round (best of three games, losing teams earned \$1,400):**

Boghosian/Laing def. Sam Ventura, Norwich, N.Y./Anthony Pepe, Long Island City, N.Y., 2-0.

**Bouchard/Dzikiewicz** def. Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y./n-Howard Ayres, Horseheads, N.Y., 2-0.

**Round of 8 (best of five games, losing team earned \$1,250):**

Boghosian/Laing **def. Gary Bondarchuk, Langhorne, Pa./Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 3-1.**

**Bouchard/Kzikiewicz** def. John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y./Jon VanHees, Charlestown, R.I., **3-1.**

**Ventura/Pepe** def. **Sam Maccarone, Williamstown, N.J./John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 3-0.**

**Shafer/Ayres** def. **Danny Wiseman, Baltimore/n-Kerry Smith, Lititz, Pa., 3-2.**

**Round of 12 (best of five games, losing team earned \$1,150)**

Conroy/VanHees def. n-Todd Lathrop, Norwich, Conn./n-Paul Smith, Old Saybrook, Conn., 3-1.

Wiseman/Smith def. Mike Healy, Yonkers, N.Y./Thomas Coco, W. Harrison, N.Y., 3-1

**Bondarchuk/Paluszek** def. **n-Don Frye, Devens, Mass./Corey Umbrello, Westminster, Mass.**, 3-0.

Maccarone/Furey def. n-Michael Lichstein, Broad Brook, Conn./Ryan Graywacz, Canastota, N.Y., 3-0.

**Round of 16 (best of five games, losing team earned \$1,050)**

Conroy/VanHees def. Gary Shultis, Levittown, N.Y./Adam Chase, W. Babylon, N.Y., 3-0.

Healy/Coco def. n-Rich Reynolds, Plantsville, Conn./n-Chris Larsen, Norwich, Conn., 3-1

**Bondarchuk/Paluszek** def. **Ray Edwards, Middle Island, N.Y./Greg Ostrander, Brick, N.J.**, 3-1.

Lichstein/Graywacz def. Glenn Smith, New York/n-Rob Gotterbarn, Garden City South, N.Y., 3-0.

**n-designates non-PBA member**

## **PBA Spare Shots**

### **ENGLAND'S DOM BARRETT WINS KUWAIT OPEN FOR EIGHTH PBA TOUR TITLE**

England's **Dom Barrett** defeated Iceland's **Arnar Jonsson**, 289-235 and 278-277, Wednesday to win his eighth PBA Tour title in the PBA-World Bowling Tour Kuwait Open in Kuwait City, Kuwait. Barrett, who qualified third for the stepladder finals, had to beat Jonsson, the top qualifier, twice to claim the \$50,000 first prize under tournament rules.

Jonsson, 25, joined the PBA in August. He became the first Iceland native to bowl for a PBA Tour title.

Barrett, 34, advanced to the title match by defeating Venezuela's **Ildemaro Ruiz**, 276-223, in the second stepladder match and Canada's **Mitch Hupé**, 253-230, in the semifinal contest. Ruiz opened the stepladder finals with a 275-234 win over Hong Kong's **Michael Mak**.

In the World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals held in conjunction with the Kuwait Open, Barrett again defeated Jonsson in the title match, 276-232, after Jonsson eliminated **Sean Rash** in the semifinal match, 289-223. Colombia's **Maria Jose Rodriguez** defeated defending champion **Liz Johnson**, 252-234, for the women's title after Johnson eliminated **Clara Guerrero**, 255-232, in semifinal match.

### **JAKOB BUTTURFF NEWS: A UNIQUE TROPHY AND AN UNEXPECTED SETBACK**

Unorthodox left-hander **Jakob Butturff** of Tempe, Ariz., made PBA news for a couple of different reasons over the past couple of weeks.

On the good news side, the 25-year-old Arizona native defeated **EJ Tackett**, 258-244, to claim the \$50,000 winner-take-all prize in the PBA Clash. Along with his cash prize,

he also received a unique bowling pin trophy made of Legos by a company called "Custom Brick Sculptures."

Unique trophies are kind of a badge of honor to distinguish certain events, but this trophy was the first one made of Legos. The tie-in to Legos is that the popular Legoland Theme Park Florida is located in Winter Haven, Fla., just up the road from the Kegel Training Center in Lake Wales, Fla.

On the bad news side, Butturff was noticeably absent from the ranks of contenders in the U.S. Open in Mooresville, N.C., especially after finishing as U.S. Open runner-up in both 2017 and '18. He was forced to withdraw after suffering a severe, but mysterious, allergic reaction that landed him in the emergency room at a nearby hospital.

Butturff came into the U.S. Open as a three-time PBA Tour title winner in 2019 but suffered a setback in his bid for 2019 PBA Player of the Year consideration when he was forced to withdraw.

Butturff has since recovered and expects to make the trip to China later this month to compete for the inaugural PBA China Tiger Cup.

#### **PBA PLAYER'S PERSPECTIVE: ANTHONY SIMONSEN TO DISCUSS 2019 BEAR OPEN WIN**

PBA Player's Perspective, a series of YouTube interviews with PBA title winners reflecting on their victories in selected title matches, continues on Tuesday, Nov. 12, when **Anthony Simonsen** of Little Elm, Texas, discusses his double-extra frame victory over **EJ Tackett** to win the 2019 Bear Open in Aurora, Ill.

To view all of the PBA Player's Perspective episodes, visit the PBA home page on YouTube and click on the appropriate link. Currently available is **Norm Duke's** perspective on his stunning 2011 U.S. Open win over **Mika Koivuniemi** (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pQ0cGzRfnBk>) and **Kris Prather's** historic PBA Playoffs victory (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hlSjw3KmGck>).

The weekly series, with new perspectives released to the PBA's YouTube home page, will feature the following players providing personal play-by-play reflections in the weeks ahead:

- Nov. 19 – **Sean Rash** discusses his 2019 Wolf Open title.
- Nov. 26 – **EJ Tackett** reflects on winning the 2019 PBA Tour Finals.
- Dec. 3 – **Bill O'Neill** talks about his 2019 Harry O'Neale Chesapeake Open triumph.
- Dec 10 – **Jason Belmonte** provides insights about capturing his record-breaking 11th major title in the 2019 PBA World Championship during PBA World Series of Bowling X in Allen Park, Mich.

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- **Chandler Stevens** of Archbold, Ohio defeated **Patrick Dombrowski** of Parma, Ohio, 214-195, to win the PBA Fort Wayne Central/Midwest Open at Pro Bowl West in Fort Wayne, Ind., Sunday, for his first PBA title and a \$1,700 first prize.

In the semifinal round, Stevens topped **Nathan Michalowski** of Mount Pleasant, Wis., 219-199, and Dombrowski downed **Aaron Lorincz** of Center Line, Mich., 190-145, to set up the championship match.

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- **Jordan Jung** of Canada defeated **Jake Peters** of Henderson, Nev., 216-213, to win the PBA Mesa East Bowl Western Open presented by Columbia 300 at Mesa East Bowl Sunday for a \$2,500 first prize along with his first PBA Regional title.

Peters topped **Lanndyn Carnate** of Modesto, Calif., 208-194, to advance to the title match after eliminating **Jakob Butturff** of Tempe, Ariz., 212-202, in the first stepladder finals match.

- The Nov. 8-10 calendar of PBA Regional activity includes the La-Z-Boy Central Challenge for non-title winners at Monroe Sports Center in Monroe, Mich.; the Plaza Bowl Midwest Open presented by Roto Grip in Clinton, Iowa, and the Gastonia South Open presented by Brunswick at George Pappas' Liberty Lanes in Gastonia, N.C.

- On the Nov. 15-17 PBA Regional weekend schedule are the PBA50 Bryan's Bowling Center Eastern Open presented by 900 Global in Laurel, Del.; the PBA50 PLYGEM Windows Rocky Mount South Open at Rocky Mount Bowling Center in Rocky Mount, Va., and the Japan Region's High Sports Cup Chameleon Open at Kashima Bowl in Kashima, Japan.

- On the pre-Thanksgiving Day weekend schedule, Nov. 22-24, is the PBA50 Allstate Central Match Classic at Westland Bowl in Westland, Mich.; the Break Point Alley Member/Non-Member Doubles in Tavares, Fla., and the PBA and PBA50 Epicenter Northwest-West Open tournaments in Klamath Falls, Ore.

- The only PBA Regional tournament over the Nov. 29-Dec. 1 Thanksgiving weekend will be the PBA50 Beaumont Southwest Open at Crossroads Bowling Center in Beaumont, Texas.

- The PBA Regional schedule over the Dec. 6-8 weekend includes the Knob Hill East Challenge at Knob Hill Country Lanes in Manalapan, N.J., and the Warren Harley-Davidson Central Challenge at Freeway Lanes of Warren, Ohio. Both "challenge" tournaments are open exclusively to non-title winners.

- The PBA Regional program concludes its 2019 season with PBA/PBA50 Houston Emerald Bowl Doubles Dec. 20-22 in Houston, Texas. The Southwest Region event is projected to pay a projected \$7,000 first place.

- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit [pba.com](http://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](http://pba.com) (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

## QUICK NOTES

- **Kyle Troup** and **Kris Prather** have joined the ranks of PBA Tour players that are now rostered members of the PBA Challenge Game for mobile devices. Concrete Software's wildly popular bowling game for mobile devices is also initiating a new series of daily challenges, so everyone who has downloaded the game should check their apps for more information. If you haven't yet downloaded the free app, visit Google Play or the Apple Store to acquire the game...and take on Troup, Prather or any of the other PBA stars who are participants in the game.

## PBA Adds Nearly Half a Million Dollars to Prize Fund for 2020 Season on FOX

Tournament of Champions, PBA World Championship, PBA Playoffs winners will each receive \$100,000

CHICAGO (Nov. 8, 2019) – Building on this year's strong inaugural season on FOX Sports and bolstered by the recent acquisition by Bowlero Corp., the Professional Bowlers Association has announced a \$400,000 boost in prize money for the 2020 Go Bowling! PBA Tour on FOX Sports season.

Every event on the schedule will enjoy prize fund increases and two of the PBA's most prestigious major championships, the PBA Tournament of Champions and PBA World Championship, will now award six-figure first place prizes.

All roads lead towards the PBA Playoffs, with the season's top 24 points earners clinching a spot in the \$320,000 event, which again features a \$100,000 first place prize.

Entries opened today for the full schedule of PBA on FOX season events, which will all pay a 1-in-3 cash ratio (other than the animal pattern stages of World Series of Bowling XI). Revised competition formats and conditions await, including more dual-pattern events at both classic and new venues around the U.S.

Qualifying and match play rounds of the events will be livestreamed on FloBowling, with the finals on either FOX or FS1. Twenty-three telecasts on FOX or FS1 are live, kicking off with the PBA Hall of Fame Classic on Jan. 19 on FS1. Highlights of the broadcast schedule include three straight majors including the U.S. Open for the first time on FOX during "Big February," and five-straight days of PBA WSOB XI coverage in March.

More detailed tournament information is listed event-by-event in chronological order below or click on the 2020 season tab under the "schedules" link on [pba.com](http://pba.com). The link to each tournament includes information on how to enter.

## 2020 PBA Tour on FOX Sports

### PBA HALL OF FAME CLASSIC

Where: Arlington, TX (International Training and Research Center)

When: January 13-19

TV: Finals Sunday, Jan. 19, 1 pm ET (Noon CT), FS1 (Live)

Digital: Qualifying, match play, FloBowling (Live).

Field: 56 (48 + 8 PTQ)

Format: 2 squads. 12 qualifying games (6 per day, per squad). Cut to top 14 for 14 games round robin match play. Top five advance to stepladder finals.

Conditions: Dual patterns throughout (Left lane: Weber 45, Right lane: Aulby 38).

PBA Playoffs points: Tier 3 event

Defending champion: Bill O'Neill

Prize fund, ratio: \$110,000. 1 in 3 cash.

Top prizes: 1. \$30,000, 2. \$15,000, 3. \$9,000, 4. \$7,000, 5. \$5,000

### PBA OKLAHOMA OPEN

Where: Shawnee, OK (FireLake Bowling Center)

When: January 20-26

TV: Sunday, Jan. 26, 2 pm ET (1 pm CT), FS1 (Live)

Digital: Qualifying, match play, FloBowling (Live).

Field: 88 (80 + 8 PTQ)

Format: 2 squads. 12 qualifying games (6 per day, per squad). Cut to top 16 for 16 games round robin match play. Top five advance to stepladder finals.

Conditions: Dual patterns throughout (Left lane: Dragon 45, Right lane: Wolf 32).

PBA Playoffs points: Tier 2 event

Defending champion: Jakob Butturff

Prize fund, ratio: \$130,000. 1 in 3 cash.

Top prizes: 1. \$30,000, 2. \$15,000, 3. \$9,000, 4. \$7,000, 5. \$5,000

## PBA JONESBORO OPEN

Where: Jonesboro, AR (Hijinx Lanes)

When: January 27 - February 1

TV: Saturday, Feb. 1, 4:30 ET (3:30 CT), FS1 (Live)

Digital: Qualifying, match play, FloBowling (Live).

Field: 60 (52 + 8 PTQ)

Format: 1 squad. 14 qualifying games (two 7 game blocks in one day). Cut to top 16 for 16 games round robin match play. Top five advance to stepladder finals.

Conditions: Dual patterns throughout (Left lane: Shark 48, Right lane: Viper 36).

PBA Playoffs points: Tier 2 event

Defending champion: Norm Duke

Prize fund, ratio: \$120,000. 1 in 3 cash.

Top prizes: 1. \$30,000, 2. \$15,000, 3. \$9,000, 4. \$7,000, 5. \$5,000

## PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS (Major Championship)

Where: Fairlawn, OH (AMF Riviera Lanes)

When: February 3-9

TV: Sunday, Feb. 9, 5 pm ET, FOX (Live)

Digital: Qualifying, match play, FloBowling (Live).

Field: 76 (70 national champions + 6 regional champion PTQ)

Format: 1 squad. 18 qualifying games (3 game blocks). Cut to top 24 for 24 games round robin match play. Top five advance to stepladder finals.

Conditions: Johnson 40.

PBA Playoffs points: Tier 1 event

Defending champion: Jason Belmonte

Prize fund, ratio: \$283,000. 1 in 3 cash.

Top prizes: 1. \$100,000, 2. \$50,000, 3. \$25,000, 4. \$12,000, 5. \$10,000

PBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP (Major Championship)

Where: Columbus, OH (Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl)

When: February 9-15

TV: Saturday, Feb. 15, 5:30 ET, FS1 (Live)

Digital: Qualifying, match play, FloBowling (Live).

Field: 92 (82 + 10 PTQ)

Format: 1 squad. 18 qualifying games (3 game blocks). Cut to top 24 for 24 games round robin match play. Top five advance to stepladder finals.

Conditions: Webb 38.

PBA Playoffs points: Tier 1 event

Defending champion: Anthony Simonsen

Prize fund, ratio: \$246,000. 1 in 3 cash

Top prizes: 1. \$70,000, 2. \$35,000, 3. \$17,000, 4. \$11,000, 5. \$10,000

US OPEN (Major Championship)

Where: Lincoln, NE (Sun Valley Lanes)

When: February 16-23

TV: Sunday, Feb. 23, 1 pm ET (Noon CT), FOX (Live)

Digital: Qualifying, match play, BowITV and FloBowling (Live).

PBA Playoffs points: Tier 1 event

Defending champion: Francois Lavoie

Other details: TBA

PBA INDIANAPOLIS OPEN

Where: Indianapolis (Woodland Bowl)

When: February 24-29

TV: Saturday, Feb. 29, 8:30 pm ET, FS1 (Live)

Digital: Qualifying, match play, FloBowling (Live).

Field: 120 (no PTQ)

Format: 1 squad. Two blocks of 7 games qualifying (14 total). Cut to top 16 for 16 games round robin match play. Top five advance to stepladder finals.

Conditions: Dual patterns throughout (Left lane: Roth 42, Right lane: Holman 37).

PBA Playoffs points: Tier 2

Defending champion: Norm Duke

Prize fund, ratio: \$152,000. 1 in 3 cash

Top prizes: 1. \$30,000, 2. \$15,000, 3. \$10,000, 4. \$8,000, 5. \$7,000

## MARK ROTH/MARSHALL HOLMAN PBA DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Where: Indianapolis (Woodland Bowl)

When: February 27-29

TV: Taped Saturday, Feb. 29, 4:30 ET. Airs Sunday, March 8, Noon ET, FS1 (taped)

Digital: Qualifying, match play, FloBowling (Live).

Field: 60 doubles teams

Format: 1 squad. Two blocks of 7 games (14 total, 28 games per team). Top 16 teams advance to 16 games of round robin match play using Baker system).

Conditions: Dual patterns throughout (Left lane: Roth 42, Right lane: Holman 37).

PBA Playoffs points: Tier 3

Defending champions: Sean Rash and Matt Ogle

Prize fund, ratio: \$147,000. 1 in 3 teams cash.

Top prizes (per team): 1. \$30,000, 2. \$15,000, 3. \$13,000, 4. \$12,000, 5. \$11,000

## PBA WORLD SERIES OF BOWLING XI

Where: Las Vegas (South Point Bowling Plaza)

When: March 6-18

TV: Five consecutive days (first four live), FS1 (Sunday, March 15 - Thursday, March 19). Times below.

Field: 120 (110 + 10 PTQ)

Total prize fund: \$685,000

Events: PBA Cheetah, PBA Chameleon, PBA Scorpion, PBA World Championship, USA vs. World. Notes on all below.

### WSOB PBA Cheetah Championship

TV: Sunday, March 15, 1:30 ET (10:30 am PT), FS1 (Live)

Format: One squad. 2 blocks of 5 games qualifying (10 games total). Top 16 advance to elimination match play bracket. Surviving four players advance to TV finals. TV finals all four bowl one seeding game, then stepladder.

Conditions: Cheetah 33.

PBA Playoffs points: Tier 3 event

Defending champion: Dick Allen

Prize fund, ratio: \$79,000. 1 in 7.5 cash.

Top prizes: 1. \$25,000, 2. \$13,000, 3. \$7,000, 4. \$6,000

### WSOB PBA Chameleon Championship

TV: Monday, March 16, 8 ET (5 PT), FS1 (Live)

Format: One squad. 2 blocks of 5 games qualifying (10 games total). Top 16 advance to elimination match play bracket. Surviving four players advance to TV finals. TV finals all four bowl one seeding game, then stepladder.

Conditions: Chameleon 39.

PBA Playoffs points: Tier 3 event

Defending champion: Jason Belmonte

Prize fund, ratio: \$79,000. 1 in 7.5 cash.

Top prizes: 1. \$25,000, 2. \$13,000, 3. \$7,000, 4. \$6,000

### WSOB PBA Scorpion Championship

TV: Tuesday, March 17, 8 ET (5 PT), FS1 (Live)

Format: One squad. 2 blocks of 5 games qualifying (10 games total). Top 16 advance to elimination match play bracket. Surviving four players advance to TV finals. TV finals all four bowl one seeding game, then stepladder.

Conditions: Scorpion 42.

PBA Playoffs points: Tier 3 event

Defending champion: Kris Prather

Prize fund, ratio: \$79,000. 1 in 7.5 cash.

Top prizes: 1. \$25,000, 2. \$13,000, 3. \$7,000, 4. \$6,000

## WSOB PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (Major Championship)

TV: Wednesday, March 18, 8 ET (5 PT), FS1 (Live)

Format: 30 games qualifying (10 games each on Cheetah, Chameleon and Scorpion patterns). Top 40 advance to cashers round, 10 games on Anthony. Cut to top 24 for 24 games round robin match play. Top five advance to stepladder finals.

Conditions: After cut to top 40, Anthony 43.

PBA Playoffs points: Tier 1 event

Defending champion: Jason Belmonte

Prize fund, ratio: \$385,000. 1 in 3 cash.

Top prizes: 1. \$100,000, 2. \$50,000, 3. \$25,000, 4. \$20,000, 5. \$15,000

## WSOB USA vs. The World

TV: Taped Wednesday, March 18, 1 pm PT. Airs next day Thursday, March 19, 8 pm ET, FS1 (taped)

Format: Team event. The Top 5 USA players and Top 5 international players after the first 30 games of WSOB qualifying form the teams.

Prize fund: \$60,000 (Winning team: \$40,000, losing team: \$20,000)

Defending champions: The World

USBC MASTERS (Major Championship)

Where: Reno, NV (Grand Sierra Bowling Center)

When: March 23-29

TV: Sunday, March 29, 2:30 ET (11:30 am PT), FOX (Live)

PBA Playoffs points: Tier 1 event

Defending champion: Jakob Butturff

Other details: TBA

## PBA PLAYOFFS

Where: Round of 24, Bowlero Norco, Norco, CA; Round of 16, Bowlero Lone Tree, Lone Tree, CO; Round of 8, Texas Bowlero, Euless, TX, Final Four, Bowlero North Brunswick, North Brunswick, NJ.

When: Round of 24, April 6. Round of 16, April 20-21. Round of 8, May 10-11. Final Four, May 16-17.

TV: Monday, April 6, 7 pm ET (4 pm PT), FS1 (Live)

Monday, April 13, 9 pm ET, FS1 (Taped April 6)

Monday, April 20, 7 pm ET, (5 pm MT), FS1 (Live)

Monday, April 20, 9 pm ET (7 pm MT), FS1 (Live)

Monday, April 27, 9 pm ET, FS1 (Taped April 21)

Monday, May 4, 9 pm ET, FS1 (Taped April 21)

Sunday, May 10, 2 pm ET (1 pm CT), FS1 (Live)

Monday, May 11, 9 pm ET, FS1 (Taped May 10)

Saturday, May 16, 2 pm ET, FOX (Live)

Sunday, May 17, 2 pm ET, FOX (Live)

Field: Top 24 in points from 2020 PBA on FOX season. All cash.

Format: Single elimination bracket. Top 8 seeds get byes into second round. First round one game matches, subsequent matches best of 2.

Conditions: Carter 39.

Defending champion: Kris Prather

Prize fund: \$320,000

Top prizes: 1. \$100,000, 2. \$50,000, 3. \$25,000, 4. \$25,000

Special non-Tour events:

PWBA/PBA Mixed (Special event)

Where: Denver, CO (Bowl Expo special lane construct)

When: July 5

TV: Sunday, July 5, 7 pm ET (6 pm MT), FS1 (Live)

Other details: TBA

PBA SUMMER LEAGUE

Where: Portland, ME (Bayside Bowl)

When: July 19-23

TV (4 telecasts): Tuesday, July 21, 7 pm ET, FS1 (Live)

Tuesday, July 21, 9 pm ET, FS1 (Live)

Wednesday, July 22, 9 pm ET, FS1 (Live)

Thursday, July 23, 9 pm ET, FS1 (Live)

Format: TBA. 10 teams. All players cash.

Conditions: Roth 42.

Defending champions: Portland Lumberjacks

Prize fund: \$360,000

## **25 Years Later, Joe Firpo Wins PBA50 Gastonia Southern Open**

**Gastonia, N.C. (November 10, 2019)** – A quarter of a century later, Joe Firpo of Tucker, Ga., defeated Gary Shultis of Levittown, N.Y., 258-214, to win a PBA Regional tournament for the fourth time when he won the PBA50 Gastonia Southern Open presented by Brunswick at George Pappas Liberty Lanes Sunday.

Firpo, who won \$2,000, recorded his fourth PBA Regional victory 25 years after winning in Tallahassee, Fla., in 1994. Firpo also owns a PBA Tour title, teaming with Del Warren to win the 1987 Showboat PBA Doubles Classic in Las Vegas, but because the now 54-year-old dropped his PBA membership 15 years ago, he doesn't get credit for another PBA title for his Gastonia win.

In the semifinal round Firpo easily disposed of Ken Shealy of Myrtle Beach, S.C., 227-190, while Shultis made it to the championship match for a third consecutive year by defeating Bill Vannoy of Lexington, S.C., 275-248. Shultis, who had won at Liberty Lanes three times in the past, pocketed 1,000 as the runner-up.

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### **PBA50 GASTONIA SOUTHERN OPEN Liberty Lanes, Gastonia, N.C., Sunday**

#### **Championship (single game):**

Joe Firpo, Tucker, Ga. (\$2,000) def. Gary Shultis, Levittown, N.Y. (\$1,000), 258-214.

#### **Semifinal Round (single game, losers earned \$750):**

Firpo def. Ken Shealy, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 227-190

Shultis def. Bill Vannoy, Lexington, S.C., 275-248.

#### **Round of 8 (total wood three games, losers eliminated and earned \$625 each):**

Shealy def. Steve Putnam, Warner Robins, Ga, 625-615.  
Firpo def. Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C., 667-607.  
Shultis def. Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 734-660.  
Vannoy def. Bob Learn, Erie, Pa., 714-641.

**Round of 12 (total wood three games, losers eliminated and earned \$550 each):**

Shealy def. Todd Haney, Boiling Springs, S.C., 666-631.  
Firpo def. Dave Han, Birmingham, Ala., 628-603.  
Vannoy def. n-Buddy Mountcastle, Margate, Fla., 679-584.  
Brosius def. n-Tony Todd, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 664-654.

**Round of 16 (total wood three games, losers eliminated and earned \$500 each):**

Shealy def. James Lord, Fort Mill, S.C., 705-654.  
Firpo def. Jeff Schrum, Cherryville, N.C., 681-619.  
Vannoy def. Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 780-703.  
Brosius def. Joe Spangler, Sumter, S.C., 711-607.

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## **PBA Spare Shots**

### **2019 PBA TOUR AWARD WINNERS TO BE ANNOUNCED ON DECEMBER 11**

The winners of the 2019 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year, Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year, Steve Nagy Sportsmanship and Tony Reyes PBA Community Service Awards will be announced live on FloBowling on Wednesday, December 11, from FloSports studios in Austin, Texas.

The annual awards announcements by PBA CEO **Colie Edison** and PBA Commissioner **Tom Clark** will be livestreamed by FloBowling at a time to be announced later.

The PBA Player and Rookie of the Year winners will be selected by a panel of veteran bowling writers and the entire PBA membership. The Nagy Sportsmanship Award winner is selected by PBA Tour players who have bowled in at least half of the current season's tournaments. The Tony Reyes award winner is selected by a special executive panel.

Last year's winners of the PBA's four prestigious awards were **Andrew Anderson**, Player of the Year; **Kamron Doyle**, Rookie of the Year; **Tom Smallwood**, Nagy Sportsmanship Award, and **Chris Barnes**, Tony Reyes Community Service Award.

### **VISA DELAY FORCES EJ TACKETT OUT OF TRIP TO COMPETE IN PBA CHINA TIGER CUP**

Former PBA Rookie and Player of the Year **EJ Tackett** has been forced to cancel plans to compete in next week's PBA China Tiger Cup in suburban Shanghai, China, because of a delay in obtaining a visa in time to make the trip.

Tackett was scheduled to be part of an eight-player PBA contingent competing in the PBA's first-ever competition in mainland China. The invitational China Cup field, based on competition points earned during the FloBowling PBA Summer Tour, will include **Sean Rash, Jason Sterner, AJ Johnson, Bill O'Neill, Kyle Sherman**, newly-elected PBA Hall of Famer **Tommy Jones** and **Kyle Troup**, who will replace **Anthony Simonsen**. Simonsen declined his invitation due to a prior commitment, but Tackett's spot in the field won't be filled due to time constraints.

The tournament will now include seven PBA Tour players who have earned expenses-paid trips to China. The PBA qualifiers will join a contingent of bowlers from China, Korean, Japan and other Asian countries in a singles tournament with a \$20,000 first prize. A special USA vs. China team event will conclude the event.

### **WESLEY LOW TO BEGIN CHASING PBA DREAMS**

The widely anticipated arrival of **Wesley Low Jr.** to the PBA ranks will begin in January when the highly decorated two-handed left-hander begins his quest for 2020 PBA Rookie of the Year honors.

Low, now 22 and a graduate of the famous Wichita State University collegiate program, was the youngest bowler ever to win a PBA Regional tournament when he won a PBA West Region "challenge" event for non-title winners in Las Vegas in 2013 at the age of 15 years, 336 days. He didn't get credit for an official title because he was not a PBA member at the time.

He also was the second-youngest player ever to "cash" in a PBA Regional when he finished third in the same non-champions event in Las Vegas the previous year at age 14. The youngest casher record is held by 2018 PBA Rookie of the Year **Kamron Doyle** who was 12 when he "cashed" in a PBA Regional in Canton, Ga., in 2010. In both cases, Low and Doyle competed as youth bowlers and accepted prize money in the form of contributions to their SMART scholarship funds.

Low, who has achieved success at virtually every level of youth and collegiate bowling leading up to his PBA debut, announced he will begin chasing his PBA dreams in an interview with FloBowling Senior Editor Lucas Wiseman (<https://www.flobowling.com/video/6598050-wesley-low-talks-about-chasing-his-pba-dreams>).

The Palmdale, Calif., resident said, "I'm nervous but excited. I'll probably be humbled for a bit. I'd like to go on to great success, but there's no guarantee."

### **PBA PLAYER'S PERSPECTIVE: SEAN RASH DISCUSSES 2019 WOLF OPEN WIN**

The newest PBA Player's Perspective interview with PBA title winners reflecting on their victories continues on Tuesday, Nov. 19, when **Sean Rash** reflects on his 2019 Wolf Open title. To view all of the PBA Player's Perspective episodes, visit the PBA's YouTube page and click on the PBA Player's Perspective play list.

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### **PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: 25 YEARS LATER, JOE FIRPO WINS AGAIN**

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- **Tom Hess** of Granger, Iowa defeated **Dakota Vostry** of Chicago, 225-193, to win the PBA Plaza Bowl Midwest Open presented by Roto Grip in Clinton, Iowa, Sunday for his 11th PBA Regional title and the \$2,000 first prize.

In the first match of the three-player stepladder finals, Vostry defeated **Kenny Calkins III** of Des Moines, Iowa, 222-215, to advance to the title match to face Hess, the top qualifier. The tournament was the final PBA Midwest Region event of the 2019 season.

- **Brendon Miller** of Urban, Ohio defeated **Michael Adams** of Fresno, Mich., 208-166, to win the PBA La-Z-Boy Central Challenge at Monroe Sport Center in Monroe, Mich., Saturday for a \$1,500 first prize and his first PBA title.

The tournament field consisted of PBA members who had not won a PBA title and non-members who have never won a PBA event (non-members are not eligible to win PBA titles).

Miller blanked **David Harold II** of Columbus, Ohio, 2-0, while Adams downed **Corey Miller** of Waterford, Mich., 2-1, in a best-of-three-game semifinal round to set up the championship match.

- On this weekend's PBA Regional schedule are the PBA50 Bryan's Bowling Center Eastern Open presented by 900 Global in Laurel, Del.; the PBA50 PLYGEM Windows South Open at Rocky Mount Bowling Center in Rocky Mount, Va., and the Japan Region's High Sports Cup Chameleon Open at Kashima Bowl in Kashima, Japan.
- On the pre-Thanksgiving Day weekend schedule, Nov. 22-24, is the PBA50 Allstate Central Match Classic at Westland Bowl in Westland, Mich.; the Break Point Alley Member/Non-Member Doubles in Tavares, Fla., and the PBA and PBA50 Epicenter Northwest-West Open tournaments in Klamath Falls, Ore.
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## QUICK NOTES

- **Jason Belmonte's** newest off-the-lanes venture is serving as a "mentor" to help novice inventors improve their pitches to judges on the upcoming series "Everyday Edison" that will begin livestreaming on Amazon Prime in February. You can view Belmonte's preview of his role in the show on his Facebook page.
- **Last Call:** Nominations are being accepted through Nov. 22 for the 2019 PBA Tony Reyes Community Service award. To be eligible, the nominee must be a PBA member in good standing. To nominate an individual, use the nomination form available at this link: ([https://www.pba.com/Content/files/awards/TonyReyes\\_App\\_2019.pdf](https://www.pba.com/Content/files/awards/TonyReyes_App_2019.pdf)).

## **Ron Profitt wins Fourth PBA50 Regional Title in PlyGems Windows Rocky Mount South Open**

**Rocky Mount, Va. (Nov. 17, 2019)** – Ron Profitt of Brookville, Ohio, defeated Gary Faulkner of Norfolk, Va., 256-186, to win his fourth Professional Bowlers Association regional title in the PBA50 PlyGems Windows Rocky Mount South Open at Rocky Mount Bowling Center Sunday.

Profitt started the championship match with seven consecutive strikes while Faulkner didn't throw consecutive strikes until the 10th frame which was clearly too late. Profitt earned \$1,800 along with his title.

In the semifinal round, Profitt defeated top qualifier Chris Johnson of Nashville, N.C., 253-235, while Faulkner got help from ninth and 10th frame opens by Ken Shealy of Myrtle Beach, S.C., to win his match, 171-170.

The PBA South Region's next tournament will be the PBA Break Point Alley Member/Non Member Doubles South Open in Tavares, Fla., this weekend.

### **PBA50 PLYGEMS WINDOWS ROCKY MOUNT SOUTH OPEN Rocky Mount Bowling Center, Rocky Mount, Va., Sunday**

#### **Championship (single game):**

Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio (\$1,800), def. Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va. (\$900), 256-186.

#### **Semifinal Round (single game, losers earned \$750):**

Profitt def. Chris Johnson, Nashville, N.C., 253-235.

Faulkner def. Ken Shealy, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 171-170.

#### **Round of 8 (total pinfall three games, losers eliminated earned \$600 each):**

Profitt, def. Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 696-664.

Shealy def. Jeff Campbell, Newport News, Va., 609-576.

Johnson def. Ken Gibson, Greenville, S.C., 639-586.

Faulkner def. Dick Gran, Hartville, Ohio, 728-667.

#### **Round of 12 (total pinfall three games, losers eliminated earned \$500 each):**

Gibson def. Harold Cash, Harrisonburg, Va., 597-551.

Faulkner def. Troy McKinney, Yorktown, Va., 720-626.

Shealy def. Jeff Schrum, Cherryville, N.C., 612-590.

Scarborough def. n-Mark Dixon, Salem, Va., 660-588.

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## PBA Spare Shots

### SIX PBA STARS TO COMPETE FOR \$100,00 PRIZE IN THIRD BOWLERO ELITE SERIES EVENT

Six PBA stars will join two PWBA champions and eight Bowlero Corp amateur league bowlers in the third Bowlero Elite Series event of 2019, competing for a \$100,000 first prize. The event will air at 1 p.m. EST on NBC on Sunday, Dec. 29.

The PBA Tour champions invited to participate include **Anthony Simonsen** of Little Elm, Texas, who won the \$100,000 first prize second Bowlero Elite Series event in September; **Kyle Troup** of Taylorsville, N.C., who finished second in the inaugural Bowlero Elite Series event; Australia's **Jason Belmonte**; **Kyle Sherman** of O'Fallon, Mo.; **Marshall Kent** of Yakima, Wash., and newly-elected PBA Hall of Famer **Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C.** Troup and Simonsen advanced to the third event as winners of the professional bowler brackets in the first two events, respectively.

Also participating in the special event will be PWBA champions **Shannon O'Keefe** and **Clara Guerrero**, and amateurs **Luis Gonzalez**, the winner of the first Bowlero Elite Series event; New Jersey school teacher **Amy Brehm**; Miami nurse **Elizabeth Jones**; Texas marketing professional **Jay Nephew**; New Jersey electromechanical maintenance technician **Douglas Herron**; Phoenix marketing pro **Mike Ewing** and former PBA member **Greg Thompson Jr.** of Tempe, Ariz. Gonzalez and Brehm advanced to the third event as winners of the amateur league bowler brackets in the first two events.

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## **PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: DiCHIARA TOPS WISEMAN FOR FIRST REGIONAL TITLE**

• **Pete DiChiara** of Ardsley, N.Y., defeated PBA and USBC Hall of Famer **Danny Wiseman** of Baltimore, 279-227, to win the PBA50 Bryan's Bowling Center Open presented by the Hopkins Automotive Group and 900 Global at Bryan's Bowling Center in Laurel, Del., Sunday.

DiChiara, who qualified in second place, rolled clutch 10th frame strikes to win his first two matches on Sunday. In the Round of 8, he struck in the 10th frame of game 2 to remain alive in his best-of-three-game match against **Jay Davis Jr.** of Silver Spring, Md., after Davis missed three one-pin spares. DiChiara then won the final game to advance to the semifinal round where he eliminated **Sammy Ventura** of Syracuse, N.Y., 211-205, after Ventura failed to strike in his 10th frame.

Meanwhile, Wiseman advanced to the finals by defeating **Troy Lint** of Blandon, Pa., 2-0, and **Darryl Bower** of Middletown, Pa., 2-0, in his Round of 8 and Round of 16 matches. In his semifinal match, Wiseman ousted Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., 246-217.

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## QUICK NOTES

- The PBA has learned of the death this week of former PBA member **Gary Timberlake** of Blue Springs, Mo. No further details were immediately available. Timberlake, 66, was a four-time PBA Midwest Region titlist, including winning the first regional he entered as a member in Peoria, Ill., in 1979. He competed in PBA Regional tournaments between 1979 and 1989, also bowling in a handful of PBA Tour events when they were held in Kansas City. He was inducted into the Greater Kansas City USBC Hall of Fame in 2013.
- Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine – home of the PBA League Elias Cup competition – has been named the 2019 Small Business of the Year Award winner by the Portland Development Corporation. Bayside co-owner **Charlie Mitchell** noted, “We want to acknowledge that we couldn’t have done this without our amazing employees and all of our great customers — who make this business what it is.” The PBA League will return to Bayside Bowl for the 2020 Elias Cup competition July 21-23.

## Williams, Johnson Victorious in Tavares Member/Non-Member Doubles

**Tavares, Fla. (November 24, 2019)** – Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Florida and amateur partner Josh Johnson of Yulee, Florida, defeated Orlando partners Mike Moore and Shawn Naumann, 244-232, to win the \$4,800 first prize in the Professional Bowlers Association South Region Member/Non-Member Doubles at Break Point Alley Bowling Center Sunday.

With his 21st PBAA50 Regional win, Williams improved his overall PBA Regional titles total to 54, one behind all-time leader Chris Warren of Grants Pass, Oregon, who has won 55 times in PBA Regional competition. Williams, who recently turned 60, also now trails PBA50 Regional titles leader Harry Sullins of Chesterfield Township, Michigan, by three in titles won in the 50-and-older category.

Williams and Johnson won only four of their 10 matches leading into the stepladder finals, but their 18-game total of 5,974 pins was enough to claim the top berth in the finals by 13 pins over Craig Auerbach of Sunrise, Florida, and his non-member partner, Matthew Tuckfield of Orlando. Moore and Naumann, the defending champion, qualified third and easily defeated the team of Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Florida and Colin Champion of Spring Hill, Florida, 248-189, in the first stepladder match. Moore and Naumann then eliminated Tuckfield and Auerbach, 244-203, to advance to the title match.

Moore and Naumann earned \$2400 for their second place finish, while Auerbach and Tuckfield took home \$2000 for third, and Daugherty and Champion got \$1800 for their fourth place effort.

**PBA BREAK POINT ALLEY MEMBER/NON-MEMBER DOUBLES**  
**Break Point Alley, Tavares, Fla., Sunday**

**Final Standings:**

- 1, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla./n-Joshua Johnson, Jacksonville, Fla., \$4,800.
- 2, Mike Moore, Orlando, Fla./n-Shawn Naumann, Orlando, Fla., \$2,400.
- 3, Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla./n-Matthew Tuckfield, Orlando, Fla., \$2,000.
- 4, Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla./n-Colin Champion, Spring Hill, Fla., \$1,800.

**Stepladder Results:**

Match One – Moore/Naumann def. Daugherty/Champion, 248-189.

Semi-final Match – Moore/Naumann def. Auerbach/Tuckfield, 244-203.

Championship Match – Williams Jr./Johnson def. Moore/Naumann, 244-232.

**Final Match Play Standings (after 18 games, including match play bonus pins)**

- 1, Williams/Johnson, 4-6, 5,974.
- 2, Auerbach/Tuckfield, 9-1, 5,961.
- 3, Moore/Naumann, 5-5, 5,844.
- 4, Daugherty/Champion, 3-7, 5,835.
- 5, Greg Young, Viera, Fla./n-Ashly Galante, Palm Harbor, Fla., 6-4, 5,815, \$1,500.
- 6, Sean Wilcox, Altamonte Springs, Fla./n-Tony Biondi, Davenport, Fla., 6-4, 5,795, \$1,400.
- 7, David O'Sullivan, Maitland, Fla./n-Sean Riccardi, St. Petersburg, Fla., 3-7, 5,766, \$1,300.
- 8, Doug Becker, Clermont, Fla./n-Bryan Manno, Singer Island, Fla., 5-5, 5,759, \$1,200.
- 9, Mike Preston, Gainesville, Fla./n-Chris Kruschke, Gainesville, Fla., 6-4, 5,696, \$1,100.
- 10, Chris Polizzi, Spring Hill, Fla./n-Jimmy Hutchinson, Spring Hill, Fla., 3-7, 5,505, \$1,000.

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Sean Rash Wins Historic PBA China Tiger Cup in 2019 PBA Tour Season Finale

Fourteen-time PBA Tour champion sweeps fellow American AJ Johnson in best-of-three-game title match

SUZHOU, China– Sean Rash, a 14-time Professional Bowlers Association Tour title winner, added another unique accomplishment to his portfolio when he swept fellow American PBA member AJ Johnson in a best-of-three-game title match to win the historic PBA China Tiger Cup at Suzhou Tiger Bowl, the first PBA event ever held in China.

Rash, from Montgomery, Illinois, defeated Johnson, from nearby Oswego, 211-194 and 227-207 for the title. Rash's conversion of the 2-4-8-10 split in the ninth frame to win game one was the pivotal shot in the match.

The two Illinois bowlers were part of a seven-player PBA delegation that bowled in a single-elimination match play event that also included nine PBA members from China and Chinese Hong Kong. Rash collected \$20,000 for his win; Johnson received \$10,000 as runner-up.

The finals were livestreamed Tuesday on FloBowling.com by the PBA's online streaming partner. The finals also are available in the FloBowling archive.

The tournament was an out-growth of a movement that began early in the current decade when China expressed interest in developing bowlers as PBA-level competitors. The PBA invited a contingent of Chinese bowlers who had established bowling averages of 200 and higher to participate in the 2014 PBA World Series of Bowling in Las Vegas. That experience, along with continuing conversations between PBA Commissioner Tom Clark and China's Frank Zhao, founder and president of Longmarch Bowling, eventually led to the inaugural China Tiger Cup tournament.

The American PBA players were invited based upon competition points earned during the 2019 FloBowling PBA Summer Tour. Joining Rash and Johnson were Kyle Sherman of O'Fallon, Missouri; Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, South Carolina; Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania; Jason Sterner of Rochester, New York, and Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, North Carolina.

The American players were seeded into a 16-player match play elimination round against nine Chinese representatives who earned their berths in a preliminary qualifying event involving nearly 100 players from China, Chinese Hong Kong, Chinese Taipei, Malaysia and Korea.

The Chinese players demonstrated how far they have advanced in less than 10 years, winning five of the eight first-round matches and eliminating American stars Troup, Jones and Sterner in the process. Rash advanced to the title match by eliminating a pair of Chinese representatives in 2-0 sweeps while Johnson ousted fellow U.S. players O'Neill and Sherman, also winning both matches without losing a game.

The PBA China Tiger Cup was the final event of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season. The PBA Tour will be idle until it kicks off its 2020 schedule with the PBA Hall of Fame Classic in Arlington, Texas, in January.

## PBA CHINA TIGER CUP

Suzhou Bowling Center, Suzhou, China

Championship (best of three games)

Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill. (\$20,000), def. AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill. (\$10,000), 2-0 (211-194, 227-207).

Semifinal Round (best of three games)

Rash def. Cheuk Yin Mak, Chinese Hong Kong (\$8,000), 2-1 (210-174, 225-268, 258-191).

Johnson def. Jun Su, China (\$6,000), 2-0 (227-181, 203-171).

Match Play Round Two (best of three games)

Mak def. WenBin Chen, China (\$5,000), 2-1 (242-191, 187-213, 237-221).

Su def. HongBo Wang, China (\$4,200), 2-0 (207-192, 234-194).

Johnson def. Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo. (\$4,500), 2-0 (256-222, 256-211).

Rash def. Min Zhang, China (\$2,650), 2-0 (256-234, 246-202).

Match Play Round One (best of three games)

Mak def. Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C. (\$3,850), 2-0 (256-244, 236-206).

Su def. Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C. (\$3,500), 2-0 (213-213, 217-212).

Johnson def. Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa. (\$3,300), 2-0 (279-174, 200-146).

Rash def. LiangXin Wang, China (\$2,650), 2-0 (237-202, 220-168).

Zhang def. ShiZhen Wang, China (\$3,850), 2-1 (202-215, 223-185, 206-193).

Sherman def. ZhongLi Mi, China (\$2,900), 2-0 (226-201, 221-219).

HongBo Wang def. Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y. (\$3,100), 2-0 (190-177, 196-183).

Chen def. Chun Hin Tse, Chinese Hong Kong (\$2,500), 2-0 (194-168, 225-184).

## **PBA Spare Shots**

### **GO BOWLING! TO SHOWCASE BOWLING IN MACY'S THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE**

Go Bowling!, the PBA Tour's umbrella sponsor for a third consecutive year in 2020, will again showcase the sport with an appearance in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York. The 93rd Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade will air starting at 9 a.m. in all time zones on NBC.

In conjunction with the holiday season, Go Bowling! is also offering bowling fans a chance to win a \$1,000 Holiday Shopping Spree simply by filling out an entry form. To enter, use this link: [bit.ly/GBHolidayShoppingSpree](http://bit.ly/GBHolidayShoppingSpree).

### **H5G OFFERS FREE SHIPPING FOR PBA MERCHANDISE ON CYBER MONDAY**

For the PBA fan in your family, H5G Brands is offering free shipping for PBA merchandise purchased online on Cyber Monday, Dec. 2. For details, and a look at the entire line of PBA products offered by the PBA's new merchandising partner, visit this link: [www.pbastore.com](http://www.pbastore.com).

### **PBA'S DEBUT SEASON ON FOX SPORTS PROVES REWARDING FOR PBA PLAYERS**

The PBA's first full year of competition under its new FOX Sports agreement proved to be financially rewarding to PBA Tour players. Nine players exceeded \$100,000 in earnings during the year, led by Australia's **Jason Belmonte** who banked \$288,290, the highest single-season earnings total since **Mika Koivuniemi** collected \$333,040 after winning the record \$250,000 first prize in the 2011 PBA Tournament of Champions during the 2010-11 season.

Belmonte was the Go Bowling! PBA Tour's only four-time title winner in 2019, including a pair of major championships (PBA Tournament of Champions and PBA World Championship), and won the earnings crown by \$52,510 over **Jakob Butturff** of Tempe, Ariz., who won a total of \$235,780. Both totals were career highs.

The top 10 in 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour earnings includes the following players:

- 1, Jason Belmonte, \$288,290.
- 2, Jakob Butturff, \$235,780.
- 3, Bill O'Neill, \$192,448.
- 4, Kris Prather, \$183,960.
- 5, Sean Rash, \$181,897.
- 6, Anthony Simonsen, \$176,598.
- 7, EJ Tackett, \$172,945.
- 8, Dom Barrett, \$125,720.
- 9, Norm Duke, \$105,515,
- 10, Kyle Sherman, \$97,558.

### **PBA PLAYER'S PERSPECTIVE: BILL O'NEILL DISCUSSES 2019 CHESAPEAKE OPEN TITLE**

The PBA Player's Perspective interview series, featuring PBA title winners reflecting on their victories, continues with **Bill O'Neill** providing insights into his win in the 2019 Harry O'Neale Chesapeake Open. O'Neill's inside story will debut on Tuesday, Dec. 3. To view all of the PBA Player's Perspective episodes, visit the PBA's YouTube channel and click on the PBA Player's Perspective play list.

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#### **PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: WALTER RAY WINS REGIONAL TITLE NO. 54**

**Walter Ray Williams Jr.** of Oxford, Fla. and non-PBA member **Josh Johnson** of Yulee, Fla., defeated Orlando partners **Mike Moore** and **Shawn Naumann**, 244-232, to win the \$4,800 first prize in the PBA South Region Member/Non-Member Doubles at Break Point Alley Bowling Center in Tavares, Fla., Sunday.

With his 34th standard PBA Regional win, Williams improved his overall PBA Regional titles total to 54, one behind all-time leader **Chris Warren** of Grants Pass, Oregon, who has won a combined 55 times in PBA and PBA50 Regional competition. Including WRW's record 47 PBA Tour titles and 14 PBA50 Tour titles, he improved his record for overall PBA titles at all levels to 115.

Williams and Johnson won only four of their 10 matches leading into the stepladder finals, but their 18-game total of 5,974 pins was enough to claim the top berth in the finals by 13 pins over **Craig Auerbach** of Sunrise, Florida, and his non-member partner, **Matthew Tuckfield** of Orlando. Moore and Naumann, the defending

champions, qualified third and easily defeated the team of **Tom Daugherty** of Riverview, Florida and **Colin Champion** of Spring Hill, Florida, 248-189, in the first stepladder match. Moore and Naumann then eliminated Tuckfield and Auerbach, 244-203, to advance to the title match.

- **Lennie Boresch** of Kenosha, Wis. defeated **Steve Kenyon** of Grosse Ile, Mich., 743-644 in the three-game final match to win the PBA50 Allstate Central Match Classic at Westland Bowl in Westland, Mich., Sunday for his eighth PBA50 Regional title and the \$1,700 first prize.

In the semifinal round, Boresch topped **Darryl Bower** of Middletown, Pa., 723-651, and Kenyon edged **Michael Lucente** of Warren, Mich., 652-651, in the three-game semifinal round to set up the championship match.

- **Warren Crawford** from McKinleyville, Calif., and **Kevin Croucher** from Grants Pass, Ore., were winners in Sunday's PBA and PBA50 Epicenter Northwest-West Open tournaments, respectively, in Klamath Falls, Ore.

Crawford, needing to beat **Chris Warren** of Grants Pass by 29 pins for the title, defeated the all-time PBA Regional titles leader, 238-203, in their position round match to claim the \$2,000 first prize and his second PBA Regional title. Warren has won a record 47 standard PBA Regional titles.

In the companion PBA50 event, Croucher went 6-2 and knocked down 3,715 total pins for 16 games, including match play bonus pins, to top **Blaine Weninger** of Happy Valley, Ore., for his fifth PBA50 Regional title, 10th overall PBA Regional title and a \$1,300 prize. Weninger had a 6-2 match play record and a total of 3,513 pins.

- The only PBA Regional tournament over the Nov. 29-Dec. 1 Thanksgiving weekend will be the PBA50 Beaumont Southwest Open at Crossroads Bowling Center in Beaumont, Texas.

- The PBA Regional schedule over the Dec. 6-8 weekend includes the Knob Hill East Challenge at Knob Hill Country Lanes in Manalapan, N.J., and the Warren Harley-Davidson Central Challenge at Freeway Lanes of Warren, Ohio. Both "challenge" tournaments are open exclusively to non-title winners.

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## QUICK NOTES

- PBA Tour competitor **Francois Louw** became the first South African bowler to win the QubicaAMF World Cup in the tournament's 55-year history, defeating **Ryan Lalisang** of Indonesia in Palembang, Indonesia, 237-202. Australia's **Bec Whiting** won the

women's title, defeating two-time World Cup winner **Aumi Guerra** of Dominican Republic, 172-162, in their title match.

## **PBA Spare Shots**

### **2019 PBA PLAYER, ROOKIE OF THE YEAR TO BE ANNOUNCED ON DECEMBER 11**

Balloting is underway among PBA members and veteran bowling writers to select the 2019 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year and the Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year. The winners, along with the 2019 Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award winner and recipient of the PBA Tony Reyes Community Service Award, will be announced by PBA CEO **Colie Edison** and PBA Commissioner **Tom Clark** during a special presentation show on FloBowling that can be watched live on PBA's Facebook page, [FloBowling.com](https://www.facebook.com/FloBowling/) and all FloBowling's social media channels page on Wednesday, Dec. 11, 4 p.m. EST from FloSports headquarters in Austin, Texas.

Player of the Year candidates, all 2019 title winners, in alphabetical order, are: England's **Dom Barrett**; Australia's **Jason Belmonte**; **Jakob Butturff** of Tempe, Ariz.; **Norm Duke** of Clermont, Fla.; **Bill O'Neill** of Langhorne, Pa.; **Kris Prather** of Plainfield, Ill.; **Sean Rash** of Montgomery, Ill.; **Kyle Sherman** of O'Fallon, Mo.; **Anthony Simonsen** of Little Elm, Texas, and **EJ Tackett** of Bluffton, Ind.

Rookie of the Year candidates, also listed in alphabetical order, are **Mike Coffey** of Melbourne, Fla.; **Michael Davidson** of Versailles, Ohio; **Patrick Hanrahan** of Wichita, Kan.; **Mykel Holliman** of Collierville, Tenn.; **Kenneth Ryan** of Farmingdale, N.J., and **Greg Young** of Viera, Fla.

The Nagy Sportsmanship Award winner is selected by PBA Tour players who have participated in at least 50 percent of the tournaments held in the current calendar year. The Reyes Award recipient is selected by a special panel of PBA leaders.

To watch the announcement, click on whichever link you prefer: [www.FloBowling.com](https://www.FloBowling.com); FloBowling's Facebook page ( <https://www.facebook.com/FloBowling/>), Twitter page (<https://twitter.com/flobowling>) and YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/flobowling>) and the PBA Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/ProfessionalBowlersAssociation>)

The award winners will receive their awards during the 2020 PBA Hall of Fame induction ceremonies that will be held at the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame (cocktail party) and the nearby Arlington Hilton (induction and awards

ceremonies) in Arlington, Texas, on Saturday, Jan. 18, as part of the PBA Hall of Fame Classic tournament weekend kicking off the 2020 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season.

### **PBA PLAYOFFS TO AWARD PBA TOUR TITLE, INCLUDING ONE FOR KRIS PRATHER**

The race to the 2020 PBA Playoffs will begin in January with a new reward: a PBA Tour title. And the winner of the PBA's inaugural showcase series in 2019, **Kris Prather** of Plainfield, Ill., also will receive credit for his second PBA Tour title.

The second PBA Playoffs will follow the format established in its first year with one significant change: all four match play elimination rounds will be held in four different cities. The entire match play finals schedule in 2019 was hosted by Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine.

PBA members will earn competition points in 13 tournaments between January and late March. The match play elimination rounds for the top 24 qualifiers will be held in four different locations for the first time. Qualifiers nine through 24 will compete in the Round of 24 at Bowlero Norco in Calif. Those winners will be joined by the top eight qualifiers for Round of 16 competition at Bowlero Lone Tree in Colo. The Round of 8 will then take place at Bowlero Euless in Texas, and the semifinal and final matches will be contested at Bowlero North Brunswick in New Jersey.

All rounds of the 2020 PBA Playoffs will air on either FOX Sports' FS1 cable network or FOX broadcast channel. Prather, who entered the 2019 PBA Playoffs as the No. 9 qualifier, defeated **Bill O'Neill** of Langhorne, Pa., in the Race to 2 Points title match to win the \$100,000 first prize.

### **PBA PLAYER'S PERSPECTIVE: JASON BELMONTE DISCUSSES RECORD-SETTING VICTORY**

The PBA Player's Perspective interview series, featuring PBA title winners reflecting on their victories, will feature a highlight of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season on Tuesday, Dec. 10, when Australia's **Jason Belmonte** provides the inside story of his record-setting 11th major title the 2019 PBA World Championship during PBA World Series of Bowling X in Allen Park, Mich.

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- Jan. 21 – **Jakob Butturff** made the PBA Oklahoma Open a part of his “career year.” He’ll shed insights about his 2019 win in Shawnee, Okla.
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## **PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: DEREK WILLIAMS WINS FIRST PBA50 REGIONAL TITLE**

Former PBA member **Derek Williams** from Groves, Texas, shot 256 to begin the tournament and continued to out-score the field as he held the lead after each round of the PBA50 Beaumont Southwest Open at Crossroads Bowling Center in Beaumont, Texas, Sunday, coasting to his first PBA50 Regional victory.

Williams, who recorded his eighth overall PBA Regional victory and his fourth win in Beaumont, held a 120-pin lead going into the eight-game round robin finals where he won five of his eight matches to build his margin of victory to 220 pins over PBA Southwest Region Hall of Famer **Rick Lawrence** from Waxahachie, Texas. Williams collected \$2,500 for the win.

The PBA Southwest Region’s final event in 2019 will be the PBA/PBA50 Houston Southwest Doubles presented by Mike Austin’s Bowling Dynamix at Emerald Bowl in Houston, December 20-22.

- This weekend’s PBA Regional schedule includes the Knob Hill East Challenge at Knob Hill Country Lanes in Manalapan, N.J., and the Warren Harley-Davidson Central Challenge at Freeway Lanes of Warren, Ohio. Both “challenge” tournaments are open exclusively to non-title winners.
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## **Ryan Graywacz Wins PBA MJK Pro Shop/Knob Hill Eastern Challenge**

**Manalapan, N.J. (Dec. 7, 2019)** – Ryan Graywacz of Canastota, N.Y., defeated Rich Reynolds of Plantsville, Conn., 250-188, to win the Professional Bowlers Association MJK Pro Shop/Knob Hill Eastern Challenge presented by Brunswick on Saturday.

PBA Challenge events are open to any member or non-member who has never won a PBA event.

Graywacz, a five-year member, had a runner-up finish earlier this season in Yonkers, N.Y. He started the qualifying round slowly, averaging 181 for the first three games before exploding with a 239 average 239 for the final seven games of qualifying. He posted 6-1 record throughout the match play finals to claim the \$1,500 first prize along with his first PBA title. Reynolds earned \$1,000 for his runner-up finish.

In the semifinal matches, Graywacz topped Conrad Chapple of West Pittston, Pa., 196-181, and Reynolds defeated Scott Kinkaid of Elizabethtown, Pa., 163-152. Chapple and Kinkaid earned \$750 apiece.

The Knob Hill event concluded the East Region’s 2019 season. The first event in 2020 will be the PBA50 Rossi Lanes Eastern Open in Elmira, N.Y. March 27-29.

### **PBA MJK PRO SHOP/KNOB HILL EASTERN CHALLENGE presented by Brunswick Knob Hill Country Lanes, Manalapan, N.J., Saturday**

#### **Championship:**

Ryan Graywacz, Canastota, N.Y. (\$1,500) def. n-Rich Reynolds, Plantsville, Conn. (\$1,000), 250-188.

#### **Semifinal Round (losers earned \$750):**

Graywacz def. n-Conrad Chapple, West Pittston, Pa., 196-181.

Reynolds def. Scott Kinkaid, Elizabethtown, Pa., 163-152.

#### **Round of 8 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$600 each):**

Graywacz def. Frank Gray Jr., North East, Md., 2-1.

Reynolds def. Darryl Carreon, Woodbridge, Va., 2-1.

Chapple def. Matthew Vega, Scarsdale, N.Y., 2-1.

Kinkaid def. n-Paul Smith, Old Saybrook, N.Y., 2-0.

#### **Round of 16 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$450 each):**

Graywacz def. n-Justin Urbano, Wallingford, Conn., 2-0.

Reynolds def. David Knight Jr., Glassboro, N.J., 2-0.

Chapple def. Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, N.J., 2-0.

Kinkaid def. Greg Hess, Hamilton, N.J., 2-1.

Gray def. Jake Rollins, Glen Rock, N.J., 2-1.

Carreon def. Charles Bonis Jr., Port Chester, N.Y., 2-1.

Vega def. Brian Elder, Newark, Del., 2-0.

Smith def. Cody Shoemaker, Hanover, Pa., 2-1.

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**Jason Belmonte Wins Fifth Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year Award**  
*Tennessee's Mykel Holliman named top rookie; Chuck Gardner, Martin Larsen also honored*

**AUSTIN, Texas (Dec. 11, 2019)** – Australia's Jason Belmonte was the overwhelming choice as 2019 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year for a fifth time, Professional Bowlers Association CEO Colie Edison and PBA Commissioner Tom Clark announced in a special FloBowling livestreaming event Wednesday from FloSports headquarters in Austin, Texas.

In addition, Mykel Holliman of Collierville, Tennessee, was recognized as 2019 Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year; Bowl 4 Life founder Chuck Gardner of Charlotte, North Carolina, was named recipient of the 2019 Tony Reyes PBA Community Service Award, and Sweden's Martin Larsen became the first international player selected by his peers as winner of the Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award twice.

Belmonte, 36, not only had another dominant season to earn Player of the Year honors, but continued his assault on the PBA record book, winning the PBA Tournament of Champions for a record-tying third time and then winning the PBA World Championship to set the PBA record with 11 career major titles. He also became the first player to reach the championship finals in four majors in a single season for the second time, finishing second in the PBA Players Championship and fourth in the U.S. Open to equal a feat he first accomplished in 2013.

The Australian two-handed star was the only player to win four Go Bowling! PBA Tour titles in 2019, led the PBA Tour in earnings (\$288,290) and competition points, and finished in the top five 12 times in the 18 tournaments he entered. In addition to his two majors, Belmonte also won the DHC PBA Japan Invitational and the PBA Chameleon Championship during PBA World Series of Bowling X to improve his PBA Tour career titles total to 22. Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona, was a distant second in the voting.

In winning Player of the Year for a fifth time, Belmonte is along in third place among the career POY award winners. Walter Ray Williams Jr. won the honor seven times and Earl Anthony was a six-time winner.

Holliman, a 27-year-old lefthander, reached the championship round in two events, including the USBC Masters where he lost in the title match to Butturff. His other championship round appearance was a fifth-place finish in the Cheetah Championship during PBA World Series of Bowling X. Holliman also led Go Bowling! PBA Tour rookies in competition points and earnings (\$36,580), easily out-distancing Greg Young of Viera, Florida, in the ROY voting.

As Rookie of the Year, Holliman receives a \$2,500 cash award from Gardner's Bowl4Life Foundation and a \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded by Bowl4Life to a youth bowler in Holliman's name.

Gardner, 60, is a 36-year PBA member who actively competed in PBA Tour and PBA Regional events prior to joining Columbia Industries as both a Tour Staff Player and Tour Rep in 2001. In 2007, he joined Brunswick as Southeastern Product Specialist and Pro Staff Representative, a role he continues to serve along with a number of other industry-related activities.

He was selected as Tony Reyes PBA Community Service Award recipient, however, because he founded the Chuck Gardner Bowl4Life Foundation in 2013 to assist youth bowlers with scholarship funding. He actively raises funds to support the scholarships while absorbing 100 percent of the expenses associated with his fundraising efforts. He conducts scholarship tournaments, provides free lessons and much more. His goal for 2019 was to award \$50,000 in scholarships; to date that total has exceeded \$63,000.

Larsen, a 40-year-old 10-year PBA Tour veteran, has been one of Europe's premier bowlers for years, and established himself as a world-class player in PBA Tour circles after making his debut in 2009. While he has yet to win a PBA Tour title, he has seven championship round appearances including a pair of runner-up finishes. Larsen was first selected as the Nagy Award recipient during the 2011-12 season. His 2019 schedule was limited after he was struck by a car and seriously injured prior to the start of the PBA Harry O'Neale Chesapeake Open in Virginia Beach, Virginia, in mid-August.

Other finalists in the Nagy voting were newly-elected PBA Hall of Famer Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, South Carolina; Canada's Francoise Lavoie; Brad Miller of Lee's Summit, Missouri, and Kyle Sherman of O'Fallon, Missouri.

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most heart-breaking tough luck shots of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season, click on this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DEnpOd9CHaI>.

The “what might have been...” clip illustrates how unfair the Bowling Gods can be at times, and features game-changing shots made by **Marshall Kent**, **Rhino Page**, **Dom Barrett** and **Sean Rash** - all in the PBA Playoffs – and PBA Player of the Year **Jason Belmonte** in the title match of the PBA Players Championship.

This clip, produced by PBA video productions manager **Jef Goodger**, is one of thousands of video clips that have attracted more than 157,000 subscribers to PBA’s YouTube channel – more than twice the viewership base of any other bowling channel on YouTube. PBA’s content on YouTube has produced more than 92 million views since its inception, and currently is averaging right at two million views per month.

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#### **PBA PLAYER’S PERSPECTIVE: JAKOB BUTTURFF DISCUSSES USBC MASTERS VICTORY**

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## **PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: GRAYWACZ, CURRY WIN FIRST PBA REGIONAL TITLES**

**Ryan Graywacz** of Canastota, N.Y., defeated **Rich Reynolds** of Plantsville, Conn., 250-188, to win the PBA MJK Pro Shop/Knob Hill Eastern Challenge presented by Brunswick at Knob Hill Country Lanes in Manalapan, N.J., on Saturday.

PBA Challenge events are open to any member or non-member who has never won a PBA event.

Graywacz, a five-year member, had a runner-up finish earlier this season in Yonkers, N.Y. He started the qualifying round slowly, averaging 181 for the first three games before exploding with a 239 average for the final seven games of qualifying. He posted 6-1 record throughout the match play finals to claim the \$1,500 first prize along with his first PBA title. Reynolds earned \$1,000 for his runner-up finish.

In the semifinal matches, Graywacz topped **Conrad Chapple** of West Pittston, Pa., 196-181, and Reynolds defeated **Scott Kinkaid** of Elizabethtown, Pa., 163-152.

• **Chris Curry** of Beech Grove, Ind., defeated **Dick Gran** of Hartville, Ohio, 214-211, to win his first PBA Regional title in the Warren Harley-Davidson Central Challenge at Freeway Lanes of Warren, Ohio, on Sunday.

Curry, who earned \$1,500, blanked **Brent Boho** of Colgate, Wis., 2-0, and Gran topped non-PBA member **James Cheff** of Austintown, Ohio, 2-1, in the best-of-three-game semifinal round matches to set up the championship match.

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to Mark through his Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/mark.rott.374?> Cards or letter can be sent to Mark Roth, 821 Forest Ave., Fulton NY 13069.

Denise Roth's most recent Facebook message noted, "We have had so many inquiries on Mark's progress since his stroke last month. Mark is having a battle and all prayers are so very appreciated and needed. We can't thank Family, Friends and his Fans enough for your beautiful messages and support. I read your messages to Mark and he lights up with a huge smile."

- If you missed the 2019 PBA awards presentations livestreamed by FloBowling, FloBowling subscribers can watch the show on demand by visiting FloBowling.com (<https://www.flobowling.com/articles/6611262-belmo-wins-fifth-pba-poy-award>).

## **PBA Spare Shots**

### **BRUNSWICK SIGNS MULTI-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH PBA**

Brunswick Bowling Products has announced it has signed a three-year, multimillion-dollar sponsorship and product registration agreement with the PBA, assuring products for all brands will be represented on the Go Bowling PBA Tour: Brunswick, Columbia 300, DV8, Ebonite, Hammer, Radical, and Track ball brands; Brunswick and Hammer bowling shoes and all of the accessories for Ultimate Bowling Products and Powerhouse brands.

"The PBA sponsorship was one of our top priorities as a follow up to the recent Ebonite acquisition. This multi-year agreement with the PBA confirms our commitment to all of our consumer brands and to growing the sport of bowling," said Corey Dykstra, Brunswick Bowling Products CEO.

The agreement also solidified Brunswick as the "Exclusive Official Capital Equipment and Lane Maintenance Supplier" to the PBA through 2022. As such, the PBA will use Brunswick MAX® lane machines, cleaners, conditioners and cloth exclusively on the PBA Tour and the PBA50 Tour. In addition, Brunswick will also furnish the bowling equipment for PBA arena events conducted during the next three seasons, including pinsetters, ball returns, Sync® scoring systems, and Pro Lane™ synthetic lanes. Brunswick will supply MAX® crown bowling pins to be used during televised PBA Tour competitions and will be named as the preferred bowling ball brand at PBA Tour pro-am events.

PBA CEO Colie Edison commented, "We are very excited to continue the long-standing partnership between Brunswick and the PBA. This relationship has been productive for more than 60 years, and we appreciate Brunswick's tradition of supporting competitive bowling and look forward to continuing to deliver outstanding value to their brands."

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### **PBA PLAYER'S PERSPECTIVE: EJ TACKETT RE-VISITS 2017 DHC PBA JAPAN INVITATIONAL**

The PBA Player's Perspective interview series, featuring PBA title winners reflecting on their victories, continues over the holiday season with a Christmas Eve day presentation of **EJ Tackett's** insights into his victory in the DHC PBA Japan Invitational to kick off the 2017 season. Tackett's perspective will debut Tuesday on the PBA's YouTube channel.

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- **Patrick Allen**, a 13-time PBA Tour champion and 2019 PBA Hall of Fame inductee, has been elected to the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame along with eight-time PWBA titlist **Marianne DiRupo**, a fellow New Jersey resident. Allen had a career-year during the 2004-05 season when he earned PBA Player of the Year honors after winning the PBA World Championship and finishing among the top five in the other three major championships (U.S. Open, USBC Masters and PBA Tournament of Champions). Other PBA members on USBC's Superior Performance ballot were **Bryan Goebel**, **Wes Malott**, **Randy Pedersen**, **Mike Scroggins** and **Mark Williams**. The USBC Hall of Fame induction ceremonies will take place on April 29 during the USBC Convention at The Orleans in Las Vegas.

## **PBA 2019: The Year's Top Stories**

**CHICAGO (Dec. 19, 2019)** - *There was no shortage of historic news coming out of the Professional Bowlers Association's 61st season in 2019. The purchase of PBA by Bowlero Corp, the first season of television coverage by FOX Sports and livestreaming by partner FloBowling, another record-breaking year by Australian two-hander Jason Belmonte and Kris Prather's historic win in the inaugural PBA Playoffs were just a few of the landmark stories in 2019.*

*Here's a look back at some of the PBA's headline events in 2019:*

**Bowlero Corp purchases PBA** - Bowlero Corp, the world's largest owner and operator of bowling centers, became the third owner of the Professional Bowlers Association (PBA), the pinnacle of professional bowling since 1958, when it purchased the organization from principal owner Mike Slade. The purchase brought an end to the nearly two-decade ownership era of Microsoft executives that included Slade, Rob Glaser and bowling enthusiast Chris Peters who was the driving force behind their purchase of the organization in 2000.

**Jason Belmonte completes another record-setting season** – Just two weeks after winning the PBA Tournament of Champions for a record-tying 10th PBA major title, Jason Belmonte successfully defended his PBA World Championship title for a record 11th major victory. The 35-year-old two-hander defeated Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., 236-227, in the stepladder finals televised live by FS1 at Thunderbowl Lanes in suburban Detroit. In his 11th season on tour, Belmonte broke a tie with PBA Hall of Famers Earl Anthony and Pete Weber for the most major titles. In the process, he became the youngest player to win 10 majors, and with a runner-up finish in the PBA Players Championship plus a fourth-place finish in the U.S. Open, he became the first player ever to record championship round finishes in four majors in a single season twice (he also achieved that feat in 2013). By winning his third TOC, he tied Hall of Famers Jason Couch and Mike Durbin for most Tournament of Champions titles. Ending the year with a tour-best four titles and \$288,290 in earnings, Belmonte won his fifth Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year award. Other 2019 award winners were Mykel Holliman, Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year; Martin Larsen winning his second Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award and Chuck Gardner receiving the Tony Reyes Community Service Award.

**Kris Prather wins inaugural PBA Playoffs** - Kris Prather of Plainfield, Illinois, made critical shot after critical shot in defeating Bill O'Neill, 226-215 and 216-185, in the Race-to-Two Points finale to win the inaugural PBA Playoffs and the \$100,000 first prize at Bayside Bowl. The championship match aired live on FOX, concluding a 13-tournament qualifying series that led into a 24-player match play elimination competition to determine the champion.

**Two-hander Anthony Simonsen becomes youngest to win two majors at age 22** – At age 22, No. 2 seed Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, defeated top seed Jason Belmonte, 232-212, in the championship match of the PBA Players Championship at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl to become the youngest player to win two PBA Tour majors. In 2016 he won the USBC Masters at age 19 to become the youngest to win a PBA Tour major.

**Norm Duke wins back-to-back PBA Tour titles at age 54** – Three weeks shy of his 55th birthday, PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Florida, won the Go Bowling Indianapolis Open and Go Bowling Jonesboro Open back-to-back to become the oldest player to win consecutive tour titles. The wins also increased his career titles total to 40, third all-time behind Walter Ray Williams Jr. with 47 and Earl Anthony with 43.

**Go Bowling PBA Tour completes first season on FOX Sports** – The robust multi-platform PBA-FOX Sports agreement, announced in March of 2018, featured four telecasts on FOX and 26 on FS1. The 2019 TV schedule included 60 hours of coverage, nearly double the previous year's schedule, and the most in decades. Nineteen live telecasts were the most in 11 years and included an unprecedented five straight nights of national prime-time coverage from World Series of Bowling X. Four 2019 events airing on FOX marked the most PBA action on network broadcast TV since 1999.

**Sean Rash wins PBA China Tiger Cup in PBA's first visit to China** – Sean Rash of Montgomery, Illinois, added another unique accomplishment to his portfolio when he swept fellow American PBA member AJ Johnson of Oswego, Illinois, in the best-of-three-game final match, 211-194 and 227-207, to win the historic PBA China Tiger Cup at Suzhou Tiger Bowl in Suzhou, China. The PBA special event, the first ever held in China, featured the top seven U.S. players in FloBowling PBA Summer Tour points and

nine PBA members who advanced from a qualifying event that drew nearly 100 bowlers from China and the Asian Rim.

**Home team Portland Lumberjacks wins its first PBA League title** – With the raucous Portland bowling fans rushing the lanes after the win, the Portland Lumberjacks overwhelmed L.A. X in four consecutive games at Bayside Bowl to win its first PBA League Elias Cup in the event's seven-year history. Led by manager Tim Mack, the team featured Mark Roth PBA League MVP Wes Malott along with teammates Kris Prather, Kyle Troup, Ryan Ciminelli and Canadian Mitch Hupe'.

**Walter Ray Williams Jr. wins record-tying 14th career PBA50 Tour title** – All-time PBA titles leader Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Florida, won the first three PBA50 Tour tournaments of the season to boost his career titles total to a record-tying 14 (with John Handegard) on the tour for players 50 and over. Based on his performance in 2019, the seven-time Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year also earned his third PBA50 Player of the Year honor. Williams also continues to compete in PBA Regional tournaments, winning three PBA50 Regional titles to boost his all-time PBA titles total at all levels of PBA competition to a record 115 (47 PBA Tour, 14 PBA50 Tour, 34 standard PBA Regional and 20 PBA50 Regional). Other "senior" award winners were Eugene McCune, PBA50 Rookie of the Year; Ron Mohr, earning his fourth consecutive PBA60 Player of the Year honor (for players 60 and over), and Sammy Ventura, Dick Weber Sportsmanship award.

**PBA completes first season on FloBowling** – To complement PBA's FOX Sports and CBS Sports Network coverage of Go Bowling! PBA Tour events, fans also had access to year-round live coverage of bowling across all levels of PBA competition – more than ever before – through a new partnership with its livestreaming partner, FloSports. FloBowling, a subscription-based online service, provided live and on-demand coverage of more than 40 professional events that included preliminary rounds and finals of Go Bowling! PBA Tour, PBA50 Tour, selected PBA Regional and other special events. FloBowling.com also enhanced its coverage of PBA events with original content including multi-lane live action coverage, interviews with PBA's top stars and emerging talents, instructional features and insights from many of the bowling industry's leading advisors, coaches and pro tour representatives.

**Canadian Francois Lavoie wins his second U.S. Open** – Canada's Francois Lavoie, 26, defeated 14-time PBA Tour champion and top qualifier Sean Rash, 221-172, to become the 12th bowler in history to win the U.S. Open more than once. Lavoie became the first Canadian to win the U.S. Open in 2016 when he also bowled the first nationally televised 300 game in U.S. Open history on his way to winning PBA Rookie of the Year honors. His 2019 win gave Lavoie his fourth PBA Tour title and made the fourth-year professional the first foreign-born player to win the U.S. Open more than once. Finland's Mika Koivuniemi (2001) and Dom Barrett of England (2018) also have won the event.

**Tommy Jones teams up with good friend Boston Red Sox star Mookie Betts to win CP3 Celebrity Invitational** - Boston Red Sox star outfielder Mookie Betts along with good friend and now PBA Hall of Famer Tommy Jones broke through to win the 2019 PBA CP3 Celebrity Invitational which benefits NBA star Chris Paul's CP3 Foundation. In his two previous CP3 events, Betts had finished second with his pro partners but found the right chemistry with Jones to win the 2019 event defeating the team of Hall of Famer Pete Weber and NFL Hall of Famer Terrell Owens in the title match.

**PBA Regional Program continues to groom future stars** – As the PBA Regional program enters its 50th anniversary season in 2020, the PBA "minor league" network continues to provide thousands of PBA bowlers, young and old, with opportunities across the nation's seven regional jurisdictions (plus Japan) to improve their skills while learning how to compete against many of the PBA's elite players. In 2019 the PBA Regional program crowned its 1,900th different champion and surpassed 6,500 tournaments staged throughout its history. No player has embraced the PBA Regional program more than Chris Warren of Grants Pass, Oregon, who won a pair of PBA50 titles in the Northwest Region, boosting his record for regional victories to 47 in standard events and 55 including PBA50 tournaments. The first PBA Regional

event – the National Resident Pro Championship – was held in Cincinnati in 1969; in 1970 the PBA introduced an expanded schedule of competition in seven regions and the program has flourished ever since.

## **PBA Spare Shots**

### **BOWLERO ELITE SERIES FINALE SET TO AIR ON NBC SUNDAY AT 1 P.M. EST**

The semifinalists are set for the Bowlero Elite Series finale that will air Sunday at 1 p.m. ET on NBC. The professional side of the unique pro-am competition at Bowlero Jupiter in Florida has been culled down to newly-elected PBA Player of the Year **Jason Belmonte** and recently-elected PBA Hall of Famer **Tommy Jones**.

The two PBA stars will bowl a one-game match with the winner taking on the survivor of the Bowlero league bowler side of the bracket that will include former Saginaw Valley State collegiate bowler **Garrett Shovan** vs. Illinois' **Luis Gonzalez**, who won the first event in the three-event Bowlero Elite Series competition. The winner of the Jupiter tournament will receive \$100,000.

Leading up to the semifinals, PBA titlist **Kyle Troup** eliminated PWBA champion Clara Guerrero, 248-246, before losing to Belmonte in the quarterfinal round, 247-246. Belmonte knocked out fellow two-hander **Anthony Simonsen**, 263-257, in his first match. In the lower half of the pro bracket, Jones defeated PWBA Bowler of the Year **Shannon O'Keefe**, 226-196, and **Marshall Kent**, 235-218, to reach the semifinals. Kent ousted **Kyle Sherman**, 257-197, in his first-round match.

On the amateur side of the match play elimination bracket, **Douglas Herron** defeated **Greg Thompson**, 230-172, before losing to Shovan, 179-161. In the lower half of the amateur bracket, **Jay Nephew** eliminated **Elizabeth Jones**, 204-191, before losing to Gonzalez, 243-216. In the other first round matches, Shovan knocked out **Mike Ewing**, 199-167, while Gonzalez topped **Amy Brehm**, 226-175.

Gonzalez won the inaugural Bowlero Elite Series tournament in suburban Chicago, defeating Troup in the final match, 237-226. Simonsen won the second event in New Jersey, eliminating Brehm in the final match, 259-220.

### **HALL OF FAMER PETE WEBER HELPS ROOKIE MYKEL HOLLIMAN WIN FIRST TITLE**

With a little Hall-of-Fame help from **Pete Weber**, 2019 PBA Rookie of the Year **Mykel Holliman** of Collierville, Tenn., won his first PBA title Sunday in the PBA/PBA50 Houston Emerald Bowl Doubles in Houston, Texas.

Holliman, PBA's top rookie in 2019, finished second in the USBC Masters but had yet to capture his first PBA title. Weber, on the other hand, is one of two players in PBA history to win 100 titles at all levels of PBA competition. He has won 37 PBA Tour titles (including 10 majors); 11 PBA50 Tour titles, 47 standard PBA Regionals and six PBA50 Regionals, including his win at Emerald Bowl in Houston, for a total of 101 – 14 behind all-time leader **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** The duo split a \$7,000 first prize.

The winning duo finished the eight-game qualifying portion of the event in third place. After winning only four of their first nine matches in the 10-game round robin finals, they were still stalking the leaders in

third place going into the final position round match. The father-son duo of **Deo Benard** from Henderson, Nev., and **Rick Benard**, now living in Keller, Texas, had just assumed a slim lead over WRW and his PBA Tour champion partner **Dick Allen** from Lexington, S.C. With only 73 pins separating the top three teams, Williams and Allen combined for a 420 team game to top the Benards' final game of 404, while Weber and Holliman handily defeated the team of **Paul McCordic** of Sugar Land, Texas, and **Justin Bui** from Terrytown, La., 468-422. Earning 50 match bonus pins, Weber and Holliman overtook Williams and Allen by 11 pins, 8,539-8,528, in 18-game total pinfall to claim the title.

#### **PBA PLAYER'S PERSPECTIVE RETURNS WITH KRIS PRATHER INTERVIEW ON JAN. 7**

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The 2020 PBA Regional season gets underway over the Jan. 17-19 weekend with a pair of tournaments in North Carolina and California for PBA50 competitors. Westview Lanes in Wilson, N.C., will host the PBA50 Richie's Automotive South Open and Tracy Bowl in Tracy, Calif., will host the PBA50 Patton Amusement West Regional.

- Next up (Jan. 29-30) will be the PBA Japan Region's Ikkyo Cup Wolf Open at Ikkyo Bowl Inzai in Inzai, Japan.
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## Professional Bowler Tommy Jones Wins Final Bowlero Elite Series of 2019 at Bowlero Jupiter in South Fla. and First Place Prize of \$100,000

by Jerry Schneider | Sunday, December 29, 1:08 PM

New York, NY, Dec. 29th, 2019 – Professional bowler Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., became the new Bowlero Elite Series Champion during the third and final installment of the pro-am bowling tournament of 2019, which featured 16 of the world's top professional and amateur bowlers on Sunday, Dec. 29, at Bowlero Jupiter.

The 41-year-old professional bowler defeated amateur bowler and Denver pro shop attendant Garrett Shovan (266-200) in the championship title match to win 2019's final Bowlero Elite Series tournament and a \$100,000 top prize—one of the largest winnings in the sport. Shovan received a second-place prize of \$25,000.

Prior to the final match, Jones went head-to-head with professional bowlers in three single-elimination rounds where he competed against 2019 PWBA Player of the Year Shannon O'Keefe (226-196), four-time PBA Titleholder Marshall Kent (235-218), and the current, five-time PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte (279-216).

"Bowling for \$100K in our sport is rare and I'm so grateful to have participated in the Bowlero Elite Series," said Tommy Jones. "I consistently bowled well throughout the competition and had fun in the process, meeting amateurs from around the country. Looking forward to a successful tour season in 2020 with Bowlero's support!"

Shovan's matches during the tournament also kept the crowd on their toes. Shovan went head-to-head with Bowlero league bowlers in three single-elimination matches where he played against Phoenix father Mike Ewing (199-167), YouTuber and host of "DOUGIEEVISION" Douglas Herron (179-161), and Bowlero Elite Series Tournament One Champion Luis Gonzalez (236-202).

"The Bowlero Elite Series is such an amazing event and an incredible opportunity for bowlers like me," said Garrett Shovan. "I am so happy to have advanced to the finals, facing one of my idols growing up. Although I didn't win, I'm happy with the outcome and hope I made my family, my community, and my coaches proud. This is an experience that I will never forget."

"The Bowlero Elite Series always shows us that anything can happen when you gather the world's top professionals and best league bowlers," said Colie Edison, Chief Customer Officer for Bowlero Corp and President of the President Elite Series. "Every match of this tournament was unpredictable. There was incredible bowling and nail-biting games that went down to the last frame, which goes to show that any outcome is possible!"

The entire roster of competitors for the third event included Bowlero Elite Series Tournament 2 Champion, Anthony Simonsen, three-time PBA Tour Champion, Kyle Troup, three-time collegiate All-American title holder, Kyle Sherman, 2019 PWBA Player of the Year, Shannon O'Keefe, 2019 PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte, four-time PBA Tour Champion Marshall Kent, 2019 Pan American Gold Medalist, Clara Guerrero, and PBA Hall of Fame inductee Tommy Jones. The eight amateur bowlers that competed were selected as the best from over 300,000 Bowlero league bowlers and include Bowlero Elite Series Tournament One Champion Luis Gonzalez, Tournament Two Runner-Up Amy Brehm, as well as Elizabeth Jones, Douglas Herron, Jay Nephew, Mike Ewing, Greg Thompson, and Garrett Shovan.

### FINAL RESULTS

### CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

Tommy Jones defeats Garrett Shovan, 266-200

#### AMATEUR SEMIFINAL ROUND

Garrett Shovan defeats Luis Gonzalez, 236-202

#### PROFESSIONAL SEMIFINAL ROUND

Tommy Jones defeats Jason Belmonte, 279-216

#### AMATEUR SECOND ROUND

Luis Gonzalez defeats Jay Nephew, 244-216

Garrett Shovan defeats Douglas Herron, 179-161

#### PROFESSIONAL SECOND ROUND

Jason Belmonte defeats Kyle Troup, 247-246

Tommy Jones defeats Marshall Kent, 235-218

#### AMATEUR FIRST ROUND

Luis Gonzalez defeats Amy Brehm, 226-175

Jay Nephew defeats Elizabeth Jones, 204-191

Garrett Shovan defeats Mike Ewing, 199-167

Douglas Herron defeats Greg Thompson, 230-172

#### PROFESSIONAL FIRST ROUND

Kyle Troup defeats Clara Guerrero, 248-246

Jason Belmonte defeats Anthony Simonsen, 263-257

Tommy Jones defeats Shannon O'Keefe, 226-196

Marshall Kent defeats Kyle Sherman, 257-197