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Rash Tops Field for PBA World Championship Petraglia Division Finals

Hall of Famer Weber, young players advance to third of four ESPN eliminator battles on Sunday

LAS VEGAS – Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., after a dominating performance in the qualifying rounds of the Professional Bowlers Association's World Series of Bowling, will head a mixed field of four experienced and youthful players in Sunday's Johnny Petraglia Division finals of the PBA World Championship which will air at 1 p.m. ET in high-definition on ESPN.

The Petraglia Division is the third of four eliminator rounds that will reduce a field of 16 PBA World Championship finalists down to four for the Sunday, Jan. 15, showdown for the \$50,000 first prize, the Earl Anthony Trophy and the PBA Tour's first major title of the 2011-12 season.

All World Championship competition will be conducted on a pair of lanes specially installed in an exhibit hall at South Point Hotel and Casino.

Rash, 29, dominated the 40-game qualifying portion of the PBA World Championship, averaging 234.03 on five different lane conditions and topping No. 2 qualifier Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., by 296 pins. As the top qualifier in the Petraglia Division, Rash has selected the PBA's Scorpion lane condition as the scoring environment for Sunday's round. Rash's competition will include PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo.; third-year player Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., and non-titlist Nathan Bohr of Wichita, Kan., who will be making his PBA television debut. The Petraglia Division is the only group in the World Championship elimination rounds without an international player.

Rash is a four-time PBA Tour champion, but he has not won a title since the 2007 United States Bowling Congress Masters. Ciminelli won his only title in the 2011 One A Day Earl Anthony Memorial. Weber, on the other hand, is a 35-time PBA Tour title-winner with eight majors. The rest of the PBA World Championship field has won a combined 17 titles including two majors.

In the eliminator round, all four players will bowl a one-game match. The player with the lowest score will be eliminated. The three survivors will bowl another game, with the low man knocked out. The two finalists will bowl a final game with the survivor advancing to the World Championship finals.

The four World Championship divisional finals have been named for PBA superstars who excelled in the event during their careers. Finland's Osku Palermaa won the Don Carter Division berth and Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., captured the Billy Hardwick Division title. The Mike Aulby Division finals will conclude the preliminary rounds on ESPN on Jan. 8. Aulby Division competitors will be Jason Belmonte, Australia; Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio; Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., and Mike Fagan, Dallas.

The PBA World Championship trophy is named in honor of Anthony, the only player ever to win the event six times.

A preview of the Petraglia Division finals will be webcast on pba.com's Xtra Frame beginning Wednesday, and a post-game show will be presented on Xtra Frame immediately following Sunday's ESPN finals.

About the PBA

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PBA Tour Returns to Action with Inaugural Xtra Frame Tour Event

Fountain Bowl to host PBA Cheetah Open presented by Ebonite for exclusive international online event

SEATTLE (Dec. 16, 2011) – The Professional Bowlers Association will break new ground Jan. 20-22 when it conducts its first Xtra Frame Tour event, a PBA Tour championship tournament that will be webcast exclusively live, online to an international audience of bowling fans.

The PBA Cheetah Open presented by Ebonite will be conducted at Fountain Bowl in Fountain Valley, Calif., and will offer a \$10,000 first prize along with a guaranteed berth in the final field of 36 players for the end-of-season PBA Tournament of Champions in Las Vegas.

The Cheetah Open is open to all comers with a \$350 entry fee for PBA members and a \$400 fee for non-members. It will pay a prize fund of \$66,000 based on a field of 130, with one in three players cashing.

The tournament is the first of four Xtra Frame Tour events scheduled during the second half of the PBA's 2011-12 season. Additional Xtra Frame events, which also will be webcast in their entirety on the PBA's exclusive online bowling channel, include the Ricart Ford Open presented by Columbia 300 at Sequoia Lanes in Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 18-19; the Detroit Open presented by Track at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich., March 9-11; and the Dick Weber PBA Playoffs presented by Hammer at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis, March 31-April 1. PBA Tour titles, along with top 36 berths in the Tournament of Champions, will be awarded in all four events.

The Cheetah Open begins with a practice and pro-am program on Friday, along with a special \$5,000 "All In" winner-take-all showdown event. On Saturday, all tournament players will bowl nine qualifying games with the top 24 advancing to the match play finals on Sunday.

Xtra Frame will webcast all tournament action live to its international subscribers. For information on how to subscribe to Xtra Frame, visit pba.com and look for the Xtra Frame logo. Full-season subscriptions, which include pre-television coverage of all other PBA Tour events, interviews, coaching tips, a vast archive of previous telecasts, and much more, are \$64.99.

Eugene McCune of Munster, Ind., is the defending Cheetah Open champion. McCune won his title during the 2010 PBA World Series of Bowling, nipping 2009 Cheetah Open champion Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., 238-237.

Entries for the Cheetah Open and all other remaining PBA Tour events can be made by visiting pba.com and clicking on "PBA Tour" under the Schedules tab. Players can click on the appropriate event and follow instructions on how to enter.

XTRA FRAME TOUR CHEETAH OPEN PRESENTED BY EBONITE
Fountain Bowl, Fountain Valley, Calif., Jan. 20-22

FRIDAY, JAN. 20, 2012

10 a.m. - A Squad practice
1 p.m. - B Squad practice
2:30 p.m. - \$5,000 PBA All-In Shoot Out
5 p.m. - FAB 5 Pro-Am squad
8 p.m. - Pro-am squad

SATURDAY, JAN. 21

9 a.m. - A Squad, 9 qualifying games
4 p.m. - B Squad, 9 qualifying games
Top 24 advance to Sunday's match play finals

SUNDAY, JAN. 22

9 a.m. - Top 24, 6 match play games
1:30 p.m. - Top 24, 7 match play games
Top 4 advance to Xtra Frame stepladder finals
6 p.m. - Xtra Frame stepladder finals

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Smallwood Heads Field for PBA World Championship Hardwick Division Finals

Shafer, South American stars advance to second of four ESPN eliminator battles on Sunday

LAS VEGAS – Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., who won his only Professional Bowlers Association title in the 2009 PBA World Championship, heads the field of four players who will do battle in the Billy Hardwick Division finals of the PBA World Championship Sunday at 1 p.m. ET in high-definition on ESPN.

The Hardwick Division is the second of four eliminator rounds that will trim the PBA World Championship field of 16 finalists down to four for a Sunday, Jan. 15, battle for the \$50,000 first prize, the Earl Anthony Trophy and the PBA Tour's first major title of the 2011-12 season.

All World Championship competition will be conducted on a pair of lanes specially installed in an exhibit hall at South Point Hotel and Casino.

Smallwood, 34, became an instant hero among America's blue-collar work force when he defeated former PBA Player of the Year Wes Malott for the 2009 PBA World Championship. Smallwood, who had lost his job with General Motors, had decided to pursue his dream to become a professional bowler and stunned the bowling world with his upset victory in Wichita, Kan. Last season, he won \$100,000 as runner-up to Mika Kovuniemi in the PBA Tournament of Champions.

Now Smallwood is back in position to try for another major title as the top qualifier in the Hardwick Division. He earned his place in the Hardwick group as the No. 2 qualifier over 40 games of World Championship qualifying on five different lane conditions, averaging 226.63 to finish 296 pins behind leader Sean Rash. As top qualifier in his group, Smallwood has selected the PBA's Scorpion lane conditioning pattern for Sunday's event when he will face Venezuela's Ildemaro Ruiz, Colombia's Andres Gomez and 25-year PBA Tour veteran Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., in a battle for a berth in the World Championship finals.

Both South American players are trying for their first PBA Tour titles. Ruiz, who is making his PBA television debut, qualified for the elimination rounds in seventh place. Gomez was 10th and Shafer tied for 14th. No international player has ever won the PBA World Championship.

In Sunday's eliminator round, all four players will bowl a one-game match. The player with the lowest score will be eliminated. The three survivors will bowl another game, with the low man knocked out. The two finalists will bowl a final game, with the survivor advancing to the World Championship finals.

The four World Championship divisional finals have been named for PBA superstars who excelled in the event during their careers. Finland's Osku Palermaa won the Don Carter Division berth. The Johnny

Petraglia and Mike Aulby Division finals, which will air on ESPN on Jan. 1 and Jan. 8, respectively, will complete the divisional elimination rounds. The championship trophy is named in honor of Anthony, the only player ever to win the event six times.

A special preview of the Hardwick Division finals will be webcast on pba.com's Xtra Frame beginning Wednesday, and a post-game show will be presented on Xtra Frame Sunday immediately following the ESPN finals.

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Finland's Palermaa Clinches First Berth in PBA World Championship Finals

European two-handed star eliminates Jurek, England's Williams and Barrett in Don Carter Division

LAS VEGAS – Finland's Osku Palermaa took a big step forward in his quest to win his second Professional Bowlers Association title, advancing to the finals of the PBA World Championship by eliminating PBA Tour veteran Jack Jurek of Lackawanna, N.Y., and England's Stuart Williams and Dom Barrett in the Don Carter Division finals that aired Sunday on ESPN.

Palermaa, Europe's premier two-handed bowling star, won the first of four PBA World Championship elimination rounds at South Point Hotel Exhibition Hall with a 223-188 victory over Barrett in the final game of the Carter finals. The divisional finals consist of three one-game rounds, starting with four players, and eliminating the lowest-scoring player after each game with the surviving player advancing to the PBA World Championship finals on Jan. 15.

In the opening game, Barrett led the group with a 257 game, Williams followed with a 215, Palermaa posted a 187 and Jurek was the first man eliminated with a 169. Back-to-back unconverted splits in the second and third frames contributed to Jurek's early exit.

Barrett again led the group in the second game with a 201, Palermaa was second with a 188 and Williams was eliminated with a 170 game. In game three, three splits which he failed to convert doomed Barrett's bid to advance to the World Championship final round.

The Carter finals were conducted on the PBA's Viper lane condition, selected by Williams as the highest qualifier in the field of four.

Palermaa, who won his first PBA Tour title in the GEICO Shark Championship during the 2010 PBA World Series of Bowling, will join the winners of the Billy Hardwick, Johnny Petraglia and Mike Aulby Division finals in the PBA World Championship finals on Jan. 15 on ESPN. The PBA World Championship offers a \$50,000 first prize and the first major title of the 2011-12 PBA Tour season.

"It was difficult today," Palermaa said. "We didn't make the lane condition easy. The key was to try to bowl a clean game, because no one was going to strike a lot."

Palermaa, one of 52 international players who represented 16 countries in the World Series of Bowling, said his international experience was a big help in Las Vegas.

"We bowl on everything in all different kinds of environments," Palermaa said of his world-wide experience. "We have to be good on all kinds of conditions or we don't get a paycheck."

"I've been battling a flu-like virus for almost two months," he added. "I'm feeling better, but if I can bowl like this in the finals, maybe I'll want to be sick again."

The Billy Hardwick Division finalists will be the next World Championship group to bowl. Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., who won the 2009 PBA World Championship for his only PBA Tour title, is the top qualifier in the Hardwick group and selected the Scorpion pattern as the lane condition for the second eliminator round. Other Hardwick Division players will be Venezuela's Ildemaro Ruiz, Colombia's Andres Gomez, and four-time PBA Tour titlist Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y. Ruiz, who is making his PBA television debut, and Gomez are both seeking their first PBA Tour titles.

The Hardwick Division finals air Sunday, Dec. 18, at 1 p.m. ET on ESPN. A special pre-game show will be webcast beginning Wednesday on pba.com's Xtra Frame and a post-game Xtra Frame interview with the winner will immediately follow Sunday's telecast.

PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DON CARTER DIVISION FINALS

South Point Exhibition Hall, Las Vegas

Round One (lowest score eliminated): Dom Barrett, England, 257; Stuart Williams, England, 215; Osku Palermaa, Finland, 187; Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 169 (\$4,000).

Round Two (lowest score eliminated): Barrett 201, Palermaa 188, Williams 170 (\$4,500).

Championship (winner advances to PBA World Championship finals): Palermaa def. Barrett (\$5,000), 223-188.

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Quest for PBA World Championship Begins Sunday with Don Carter Division Finals

PBA Tour veteran Jack Jurek takes on three international players in first of four ESPN eliminator battles

LAS VEGAS – Two-time Professional Bowlers Association titlist Jack Jurek of Lackawanna, N.Y., will take on three international bowlers in the Don Carter Division finals of the PBA World Championship Sunday at 1 p.m. ET in high-definition on ESPN.

The Don Carter Division is the first of four eliminator rounds that will trim the PBA World Championship field of 16 finalists down to four for a Sunday, Jan. 15, battle for the \$50,000 first prize, the Earl Anthony Trophy and the PBA Tour's first major title of the 2011-12 season.

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Jurek, a 48-year-old 25-year veteran of PBA Tour competition, will take on England's Stuart Williams and Dom Barrett, and two-handed Finnish star Osku Palermaa, in the first divisional final, named in honor of legendary PBA star and former World Champion Don Carter. None of the four have won a PBA major title. Both British players are trying for their first PBA Tour titles. Palermaa won his only PBA Tour title in the 2010 Shark Championship.

No international player has ever won the PBA World Championship.

In Sunday's eliminator round, all four players will bowl a one-game match. The player with the lowest score will be eliminated. The three survivors will bowl another game, with the low man ousted. The two finalists will then bowl a final game, with the survivor advancing to the PBA World Championship finals.

Williams is the leading qualifier in the Don Carter group after posting a 40-game total of 9,023 pins during the PBA's third annual World Series of Bowling at South Point Bowling Center, averaging 225.58 over five rounds of qualifying on five different lane conditions. As top qualifier, Williams earned the right to select the lane condition for Sunday's ESPN telecast, and he selected the Viper pattern. Among the 16 World Championship finalists, Williams qualified fourth, Palermaa fifth, Barrett 12th and Jurek 13th.

The other three World Championship divisional finals are also named for PBA superstars who excelled in the event during their careers – Billy Hardwick, Johnny Petraglia and Mike Aulby – and the championship trophy is named in honor of Anthony, the only player ever to win the event six times.

A special preview of the Carter Division finals will be webcast on pba.com's Xtra Frame beginning Wednesday, and a post-game show will be presented on Xtra Frame Sunday immediately following the ESPN finals.

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World Bowling Tour Finals to Kick Off PBA's ESPN Season on Sunday

Men's, women's finals conclude 10-month international qualifying series

LAS VEGAS – An international journey that began in Helsinki, Finland, in January 2011 and ended 10 months later in Las Vegas will kick off the Professional Bowlers Association's 2011-12 television season Sunday when the men's and women's finals of the inaugural GEICO World Bowling Tour Finals presented by the PBA air at 1 p.m. ET on ESPN.

The men's field will feature reigning PBA Player of the Year Mika Koivuniemi, a resident of Hartland, Mich., who returned to his native Finland to win the Brunswick Ballmaster Open and take a lead in the WBT points race that he never gave up. The World Tenpin Bowling Association's inaugural World Bowling Tour series included stops in France, Kuwait, Thailand, Korea and Australia, plus the U.S. Open and United States Bowling Congress Masters.

In Sunday's WBT men's final, Koivuniemi will meet the winner of a one-game match between No. 2 qualifier Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., and No. 3 Jason Belmonte of Australia. Rash and Belmonte made news over the summer after a confrontation over distractions Belmonte allegedly made with his plastic water bottle during the PBA's GEICO Team Shootout series in Chicago.

In the one-hour women's finals which immediately follows the men's finals on ESPN, Carolyn Dorin-Ballard of Keller, Texas, a PBA Women's Series champion and 20-time Professional Women's Bowling Association title winner, will meet the winner of a match between veteran Swedish star Nina Flack and her Team Sweden teammate, 20-year-old Sandra Andersson.

The winner in each division will receive \$10,000. Second place will pay \$6,000 and third will receive \$4,000.

The GEICO World Bowling Tour Finals are the first shows in an 18-event PBA Tour series that will air on Sundays on ESPN, concluding with the live PBA Tournament of Champions telecast from Red Rock Lanes in Las Vegas on April 15. In addition to the ESPN telecasts, the PBA will produce four Xtra Frame Tour events which will be webcast exclusively on the PBA's online bowling channel.

Xtra Frame also will air a World Bowling Tour Finals pre-game show starting Wednesday and will immediately follow the ESPN telecast with a post-game show. To subscribe to Xtra Frame, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame logo.

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Duke to Try for Title No. 35 in Pepsi PBA Elite Players Championship Finals

Belmonte, Fagan, DeVaney stand in the way of bid to break tie with Roth, catch Weber

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (Nov. 16, 2011) – Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., will have an opportunity to move into a tie for third place on the all-time PBA titles list after advancing to the finals of the Pepsi PBA Elite Players Championship Wednesday at South Point Bowling Center.

Duke, currently tied with fellow hall of famer Mark Roth for fourth place on the PBA career titles list with 34, eliminated Bill O'Neill of Southampton, Pa.; Andres Gomez of Colombia, and Dan MacLelland of Windsor, Ontario, in the Elite Players Eliminator Round to reach the finals. Roth was in the crowd, watching as Duke defeat O'Neill, 484-438, in their two-game finale.

Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., who was eliminated in his final match Wednesday by Mike DeVaney of Murrieta, Calif., is third on the PBA titles list with 35, trailing leader Walter Ray Williams Jr. (47) and Earl Anthony (43). DeVaney knocked Weber out of the event, 473-425, to win his group's berth in the finals.

"Bowling in the Elite Players Championship was like bowling three different formats in one, so you can imagine what that can do with your mind," Duke said about surviving 30 qualifying games just to reach the Eliminator Round. "The physical part of the game is demanding enough, but mentally it's even more tiring. You start to space out after a while and lose track of the little things like where you're standing, how fast should I be throwing it, what ball you're using. The one thing that helps is you're not alone. I say to myself, look at the rest of the field – they're going through the same thing."

Regarding his quest to break his titles tie with Roth and catch Weber, the 47-year-old Duke said, "I look at everything I do now as to how will it round out my career. How much longer do I have? To be tied with Roth and have the chance to tie Weber, how great is that?"

In Wednesday's Eliminator Round, 16 players were divided into four groups for two-game elimination rounds. After each round, the lowest scoring player was eliminated. In addition to Duke and DeVaney, the other two players advancing to the Elite Players Championship finals were Australia's Jason Belmonte and Mike Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas.

Belmonte defeated Mike Fagan of Dallas, 473-407, to qualify for his fifth World Series television final, tying a World Series record for TV appearances set earlier in the event by Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill. Scroggins eliminated Jason Couch of Clermont, Fla., 460-417, in their group's final game.

The 16 Eliminator Round qualifiers will also compose the field for the Lumber Liquidators Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship which will be contested on Sunday as part of a four-day PBA World Series of Bowling television extravaganza at South Point.

Ronnie Russell of Marion, Ind., the top qualifier going into the Eliminator Round, was eliminated in the first game in Group A, but he will be the first player to select a doubles partner from among the remaining 15 during a special doubles selection session Thursday afternoon. After Russell selects his partner, the next highest qualifier will select a partner. That process will continue until the field of eight doubles teams has been determined. The doubles competition will be conducted Sunday afternoon as part of the World Series of Bowling's weekend television package.

Beginning Thursday at 5:30 p.m. Pacific, the PBA will produce the first of 14 television shows for delayed telecast on ESPN in a special arena in South Point's Exhibit Hall A. Admission is free for all of the shows.

PEPSI PBA ELITE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP
South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Nov. 16

ELIMINATOR ROUND (Two games, lowest scoring player eliminated; group winners advance to ESPN finals)

GROUP A

Round One: Pete Weber 472, Mike DeVaney 463, Sean Rash 444, Ronnie Russell 378 (Russell eliminated, earned \$3,000).

Round Two: DeVaney 457, Weber 416, Rash 401 (Rash eliminated, earned \$3,500).

Round Three: DeVaney 473, Weber 425 (Weber eliminated, earned \$5,000).

GROUP B

Round One: Jason Couch 441, Mike Scroggins 439, Ryan Ciminelli 436, Wes Malott 410 (Malott eliminated, earned \$3,000).

Round Two: Scroggins 484, Couch 419, Ciminelli 400 (Ciminelli eliminated, earned \$3,500).

Round Three: Scroggins 460, Couch 417 (Couch eliminated, earned \$5,000).

GROUP C

Round One: Andres Gomez 531, Norm Duke 487, Bill O'Neill 479, Dan MacLelland 445 (MacLelland eliminated, earned \$3,000).

Round Two: O'Neill 495, Duke 458, Gomez 427 (Gomez eliminated, earned \$3,500).

Round Three: Duke 484, O'Neill 438 (O'Neill eliminated, earned \$5,000).

GROUP D

Round One: Mike Fagan 495, Jason Belmonte 482, Martin Larsen 381, Dick Allen 335 (Allen eliminated, earned \$3,000).

Round Two: Belmonte 494, Fagan 411, Larsen 410 (Larsen eliminated, earned \$3,500).

Round Three: Belmonte 473, Fagan 407 (Fagan eliminated, earned \$5,000).

Final Qualifying Standings (after 30 games; top 16 advanced to Eliminator Round and to Lumber Liquidators Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship)

- 1, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 7,294.
- 2, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 7,150.
- 3, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 7,134.
- 4, Mike Fagan, Dallas, 7,069.
- 5, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 7,039.
- 6, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 6,976.
- 7, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 6,942.
- 8, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 6,917.
- 9, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 6,903.
- 10, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 6,896.

- 11, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 6,889.
- 12, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 6,863.
- 13, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 6,829.
- 14, Dan MacLelland, Saginaw, Mich., 6,796.
- 15, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 6,776.
- 16, Mike DeVaney, Murrieta, Calif., 6,760.

Did not advance:

- 17 (tie), Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., and Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 6,759, \$2,490.
- 19, Patrick Allen, Baltimore, 6,756, \$2,460.
- 20, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 6,746, \$2,440.
- 21, Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz., 6,745, \$2,420.
- 22, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 6,727, \$2,400.
- 23, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 6,719, \$2,390.
- 24, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 6,717, \$2,380.
- 25, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 6,688, \$2,370.
- 26, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 6,671, \$2,360.
- 27, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 6,655, \$2,350.
- 28, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 6,631, \$2,340.
- 29, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 6,616, \$2,330.
- 30, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 6,605, \$2,320.
- 31, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 6,550, \$2,410.
- 32, Tyler Jensen, Ft. Worth, Texas, 6,483, \$2,300.

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Russell Selects Rash as No. 1 Team for PBA Doubles Championship

Eight doubles teams set for Mark Roth-Marshall Holman doubles event

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (Nov. 17, 2011) – Ronnie Russell of Marion, Ind., who is trying for his first Professional Bowlers Association Tour title, secured help Thursday from the hottest player in the PBA World Series of Bowling, selecting Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., as his partner for Sunday's Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship finals.

Russell, the top qualifier in the PBA Elite Players Championship, earned the right to pick his partner from among the 15 other top qualifiers in the Elite Players field during a special "doubles draft" session Thursday at the special bowling arena that will host the finals at South Point Casino and Hotel. During previous World Series events, Rash had qualified for a record five consecutive ESPN finals.

Selecting second in the draft, conducted by PBA Commissioner Tom Clark and tournament co-namesake Mark Roth, Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, picked PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., for his partner. The other teams are veteran international players Andres Gomez, Colombia, and Martin Larsen, Sweden; long-time friends Mike Fagan, Dallas, and Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa.; second-year Tour players Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., and Dan MacLelland, Saginaw, Mich.; PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., and Australian two-handed star Jason Belmonte; Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., and Mike DeVaney, Murrieta, Calif.; and Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., and Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas.

In addition to splitting a \$15,000 first prize, the doubles champions will earn PBA Tour titles and berths in the Round of 36 for the season-ending PBA Tournament of Champions.

The selection of the doubles teams completed the lineup for the World Series of Bowling television finals, all of which will be conducted on a special two-lane installation at South Point. The PBA will publish results after each tape-delayed telecast airs. The PBA Tour's season on ESPN begins Sunday, Dec. 4, with back-to-back one-hour telecasts of the GEICO World Bowling Tour men's and women's finals, starting at 1 p.m. ET.

2011 PBA WORLD SERIES OF BOWLING TV LINEUP

South Point Exhibition Hall A, Las Vegas, Nov. 17-20

(All competition will be taped for delayed telecast on ESPN; results will be published by the PBA after each tape-delayed telecast airs)

THURSDAY, NOV. 17

5:30 p.m. – GEICO World Bowling Tour Finals presented by the PBA:

Men's Stepladder Finals – Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich.; Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill.; Jason Belmonte, Australia. (ESPN telecast Sunday, Dec. 4, 1 p.m. Eastern).

Women's Stepladder Finals – Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Keller, Texas; Nina Flack, Sweden; Sandra Andersson, Sweden. (ESPN telecast Sunday, Dec. 4, 2 p.m. Eastern).

FRIDAY, NOV. 18

1 p.m. - Bayer Viper Open Finals (four players, three one-game elimination matches):

Mike Fagan, Dallas; Stuart Williams, England; Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill.; Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela. (ESPN telecast Sunday, Jan. 22, 3 p.m. Eastern).

3 p.m. - Chameleon Open Finals (four players, three one-game elimination matches):

Jason Belmonte, Australia; Osku Palermaa, Finland; Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill.; Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela. (ESPN telecast Sunday, Feb. 12, 3 p.m. Eastern).

6 p.m. - Scorpion Open Finals (four players, three one-game elimination matches):

Dom Barrett, England; Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev.; Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill.; Patrick Allen, Baltimore. (ESPN telecast Sunday, Feb. 19, 3 p.m. Eastern).

8 p.m. – GEICO Shark Open Finals (four players, three one-game elimination matches):

Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas; Jason Belmonte, Australia; Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill.; Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich. (ESPN telecast Sunday, March 4, 3 p.m. Eastern).

SATURDAY, NOV. 19

10:30 a.m. – PBA World Championship Don Carter Division Finals (four players, three one-game elimination matches):

Stuart Williams, England; Osku Palermaa, Finland; Dom Barrett, England; Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y. (ESPN telecast Sunday, Dec. 11, 1 p.m. Eastern).

12:30 p.m. – PBA World Championship Billy Hardwick Division Finals (four players, three one-game elimination matches):

Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich.; Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela; Andres Gomez, Colombia; Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y. (ESPN telecast Sunday, Dec. 18, 1 p.m. Eastern).

3:30 p.m. – PBA World Championship Johnny Petraglia Division Finals (four players, three one-game elimination matches):

Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill.; Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo.; Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y.; Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan. (ESPN telecast Sunday, Jan. 1, 1 p.m. Eastern).

5:30 p.m. – PBA World Championship Mike Aulby Division Finals (four players, three one-game elimination matches):

Jason Belmonte, Australia; Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio; Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz.; Mike Fagan, Dallas. (ESPN telecast Sunday, Jan. 8, 1 p.m. Eastern).

7:30 p.m. - PBA World Championship Eliminator Finals (four players, three one-game elimination matches):

Carter, Hardwick, Petraglia, Aulby winners. (ESPN telecast Sunday, Jan. 15, 1 p.m. Eastern).

SUNDAY, NOV. 20

10 a.m. – Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship, Baker format stepladder round one (not televised):

Match One – No. 7 Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla./Mike DeVaney, Murrieta, Calif. vs. Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C./Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas. Match Two – Winners Match One vs. No. 6 Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo./Jason Belmonte, Australia. Match Three – Winners Match Two vs. No. 5 Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y./Dan MacLelland, Saginaw, Mich. Match Four – Winners Match Three vs. No. 4 Mike Fagan, Dallas/Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa.

Noon – Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship Baker format stepladder finals:

Match Five – Winners Match Four vs. No. 3 Andres Gomez, Colombia/Martin Larsen, Sweden. Semifinal Match – Winners Match Five vs. No. 2 Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas/Norm Duke, Clermont,

Fla. Championship – Semifinal Match Winners vs. No. 1 Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind./Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill. (ESPN telecast Sunday, March 25, 2:30 p.m. Eastern).

3:30 p.m. - Carmen Salvino Classic Eliminator Finals (four players, three elimination matches):

Andres Gomez, Colombia; Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas; Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind.; Jason Belmonte, Australia. (ESPN telecast Sunday, April 1, 1 p.m. Eastern).

5:30 p.m. – Pepsi PBA Elite Players Championship Eliminator Finals (four players, three elimination matches):

Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla.; Jason Belmonte, Australia; Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas; Mike DeVaney, Murrieta, Calif. (ESPN telecast Sunday, April 8, 1 p.m. Eastern).

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Russell Overtakes Gomez to Lead Pepsi PBA Elite Players Qualifying; Top 32 Advance to Round Five

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (Nov. 15, 2011) – Ronnie Russell of Marion, Ind., with a 24-game total of 5,850 pins, claimed the fourth-round lead in the Pepsi PBA Elite Players Championship Tuesday by 86 pins over Colombia's Andres Gomez at South Point Bowling Center. Both players are trying to win their first PBA Tour title.

Russell and Gomez jockeyed for the lead for 12 games before Russell moved in front behind games of 231, 255, 226, 235, 247 and 249 in Tuesday's fourth round. Russell maintained a 243.75 average for the first 24 games of Elite Players Championship and overcame Gomez's 64-pin third-round lead.

"Round to round it seems like we need to move left on the lanes quicker and I've been able to stay on top of those changes in conditions with my adjustments and equipment," Russell said. "There's more friction on the conditions we're bowling on now and that's a situation I'm more comfortable with. I just need to continue to make good shots, not press and finish off each round."

"I'm doing well on the medium length patterns, which is generally where I have my best success," Gomez said. "The two finals I've made have been on medium patterns and I'm usually confident I can finish in the top 10 whenever we bowl on those conditions."

Russell and Gomez had previously qualified for the Carmen Salvino Classic finals. Gomez also has qualified for the PBA World Championship finals.

The Pepsi PBA Elite Players Championship began with an exclusive field of 49 PBA Tour exempt players. The field has been reduced to the top 32 for a final six-game qualifying round Wednesday morning.

After round five, the top 16 players based on 30 games will advance to the Eliminator Round of 16 Wednesday afternoon where they will compete for four spots in the Elite Players Championship finals. The same 16 players will compose the field for the Lumber Liquidators Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship which will be contested on Sunday as part of a four-day PBA World Series of Bowling television extravaganza at South Point.

Beginning Thursday at 5:30 p.m. Pacific, the PBA will produce the first of 14 television shows for delayed telecast on ESPN in a special arena in South Point's Exhibition Hall A. Admission is free for all of the shows.

PEPSI PBA ELITE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Nov. 15

Round Four (after 24 games; top 32 advance to Round Five)

- 1, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 5,850.
- 2, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 5,764.
- 3, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 5,761.
- 4, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 5,688.
- 5, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 5,679.
- 6, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 5,638.
- 7, Mike Fagan, Dallas, 5,558.
- 8, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 5,536.
- 9, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 5,519.
- 10, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 5,512.
- 11, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 5,511.
- 12, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 5,487.
- 13, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 5,479.
- 14, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 5,475.
- 15, Dan MacLelland, Saginaw, Mich., 5,452.
- 16, Mike DeVaney, Murrieta, Calif., 5,451.
- 17, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 5,446.
- 18 (tie), Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., and Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 5,403.
- 20, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 5,402.
- 21, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 5,345.
- 22, Patrick Allen, Baltimore, 5,344.
- 23, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 5,342.
- 24, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 5,325.
- 25 (tie), Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz., and Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 5,324.
- 27, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 5,320.
- 28, Tyler Jensen, Ft. Worth, Texas, 5,308.
- 29, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 5,297.
- 30, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 5,295.
- 31, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 5,294.
- 32, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 5,266.

Did not advance:

- 33, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 5,240, \$2,150.
- 34, Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., 5,231, \$2,140.
- 35, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 5,210, \$2,130.
- 36, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 5,201, \$2,120.
- 37, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 5,200, \$2,110.
- 38, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 5,193, \$2,100.
- 39, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 5,191, \$2,090.
- 40, Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 5,190, \$2,080.
- 41, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 5,163, \$2,070.
- 42, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 5,156, \$2,060.
- 43, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 5,150, \$2,050.
- 44, Paul Gibson, Brunswick, Ohio, 5,022, \$2,040.
- 45, Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., 5,013, \$2,030.
- 46, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 4,978, \$2,020.
- 47, Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev., 4,804, \$2,010.
- 48, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 4,717, \$2,000.
- 49, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., withdrew, \$2,000.

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Bohn, Aguiar Win PBA West Region Member/Non-Member Doubles Title

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (Nov. 13, 2011) – PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., and amateur partner Alex Aguiar of Dartmouth, Mass., defeated Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio, and amateur Jeff Fehr of Cincinnati, 428-415, to win the PBA West Region Member/Non-Member Doubles title Sunday at South Point Bowling Center.

Bohn fired a 224 and Aguiar a 204 to claim the \$4,800 first prize. The victory was Bohn's 19th in PBA Regional competition. He also has 32 PBA Tour titles, sixth best in PBA history. He and Aguiar upset the top-seeded team of Hyun Bum Kim of South Korea and Mika Koivuniemi of Hartland, Mich., 420-412, in the semifinal round to advance to the title match.

Action resumes in the PBA World Series of Bowling when qualifying begins in the Carmen Salvino Classic Monday morning. After two six-game rounds, the top 16 players will advance to an additional six-game qualifying round Monday evening to determine the top four players for the ESPN TV finals which will be conducted in South Point Exhibition Hall A next Sunday at 3:30 p.m.

All preliminary rounds of competition in the World Series of Bowling are being covered live on Xtra Frame, the PBA's exclusive online bowling channel. For information on how to subscribe to Xtra Frame, visit pba.com.

PBA WEST REGION MEMBER/NON-MEMBER DOUBLES South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Nev., Nov. 13

Championship:

a-Alex Aguiar, Dartmouth, Mass./Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., (\$4,800) def. a-Jeff Fehr, Cincinnati/Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio (\$2,400), 428-415.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$1,600):

Aguiar/Bohn def. a-Hyun Bum Kim, South Korea/Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 420-412.

Fehr/Kretzer def. a-Raul Rosales, El Monte, Calif./Michael Haugen Jr., Cave Creek, Ariz., 525-435.

Round of 8 (best of three games, losers earned \$1,200 each):

Rosales/Haugen def. a-Adam Ishman, Las Vegas/Dom Barrett, England, 2-0.

Aguiar/Bohn def. a-Toby Sambueno, Saginaw, Mich./Dan MacLelland, Canada, 2-1.

Fehr/Kretzer def. a-George Gohagan III, Austell, Ga./PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 2-0.

Kim/Koivuniemi def. a-Paul Moor, England/Martin Larsen, Sweden, 2-0.

Round of 16 (best of five games, losers earned \$1,000):

Sambueno/MacLelland def. a-Curtis Woods Jr., Santa Rosa, Calif./Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 3-0.

Rosales/Haugen def. a-Yousif Falah/a-Fawaz Abdullah, Bahrain, 3-2.

Moor/Larsen def. a-Chris Klerk, Chandler, Ariz./Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 3-2.

Gohagan/Haggerty def. a-Rick Benard, Henderson, Nev./Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 3-1.

Aguiar/Bohn def. a-Greg Thompson Jr., Dublin, Calif./Patrick Allen, Baltimore, 3-0.

Fehr/Kretzer def. a-Carlos Cottone/Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 3-1.

Ishman/Barrett def. a-Terry Leong, Henderson, Nev./Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 3-1.

Kim/Koivuniemi def. a-John Congro/Eric Forkel, Las Vegas, 3-2.

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Koivuniemi, Kim Lead Regional Member/Non-Member Doubles Qualifiers into Sunday's Match Game Elimination Finals

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (Nov. 12, 2011) – Reigning PBA Player of the Year Mika Koivuniemi of Hartland, Mich., and amateur Hyun Bum Kim of South Korea led a field of 16 teams into Sunday's single-elimination match play finals in the PBA West Region's Member/Non-Member Doubles at South Point Bowling Center.

Kim and Koivuniemi combined for 3,649 pins over eight games to lead Saturday's qualifying field of 64 teams, taking the top spot by three pins over amateur Adam Ishman of Las Vegas and Dom Barrett of England.

The doubles events is part of the PBA World Series of Bowling, a multi-event festival of bowling that continues through Sunday, Nov. 20, at South Point. Complete qualifying standings are posted on pba.com, the PBA's official website.

Sunday's doubles match play finals gets underway at 8 a.m. and continues until a winner is decided. The match play rounds will be webcast live on pba.com's Xtra Frame online bowling channel. For subscription information, visit pba.com.

PBA Tour competition resumes Monday with six-game qualifying rounds in the Carmen Salvino Classic at 7:30 a.m. and noon, followed by a third six-game qualifying round for the top 16 players at 8 p.m.

PBA WEST REGION MEMBER/NON-MEMBER DOUBLES QUALIFYING ROUND South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Nov. 12

Final Qualifying Standings (after 8 games; top 16 advance to single elimination match play finals)

- 1, a-Hyun Bum Kim, South Korea/Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 3,649.
- 2, a-Adam Ishman, Las Vegas/Dom Barrett, England, 3,646.
- 3, a-Jeff Fehr, Cincinnati/Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3,589.
- 4, a-Curtis Woods Jr., Santa Rosa, Calif./Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 3,565.
- 5, a-Alex Aguiar, Dartmouth, Mass./Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,544.
- 6, a-George Gohagan III, Austell, Ga./PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 3,543.
- 7, a-Yousif Falah/Fawaz Abdullah, Bahrain, 3,540.
- 8, a-Paul Moor, England/Martin Larsen, Sweden, 3,529.
- 9, a-Chris Klerk, Chandler, Ariz./Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 3,500.
- 10, a-Raul Rosales, El Monte, Calif./Michael Haugen Jr., Cave Creek, Ariz., 3,495.
- 11, a-Rick Benard, Henderson, Nev./Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 3,481.

- 12, a-Greg Thompson Jr., Dublin, Calif./Patrick Allen, Baltimore, 3,473.
- 13, a-Toby Sambueno, Saginaw, Mich./Dan MacLelland, Canada, 3,447.
- 14, a-Carlos Cottone/Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 3,411.
- 15 (tie), a-Terry Leong, Henderson, Nev./Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., and a-John Congro/Eric Forkel, Las Vegas, 3,403.

Other Cashers (after 8 games, \$800 each)

- 17, a-Jimmy Dan Mortensen/Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 3,399.
 - 18, a-Sui Hong Wu, Hong Kong/Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3,397.
 - 19, a-Brett Wolfe, Tempe, Ariz./Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 3,391.
 - 20, a-Joel Ricketts, Hemet, Calif./Mike DeVaney, Murrieta, Calif., 3,389.
 - 21, a-Andrew Burke, St. Clair Shores, Mich./Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 3,387.
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Veteran Malott Tops Rookie Blanchard to Win All Regions South Point Open

Former PBA Player of the Year earns \$4,000, 14th career PBA Regional title

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (Nov. 12, 2011) – Six-time Professional Bowlers Association Tour winner Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, defeated rookie Josh Blanchard of Gilbert, Ariz., 266-214, to win the PBA All Regions South Point Open Saturday at South Point Bowling Center.

Malott, the 2008-09 PBA Player of the Year, collected his 14th career PBA Regional title and a \$4,000 prize. Blanchard, who has been a PBA member for just over a week, earned \$2,200.

Malott defeated Chris Hayden of Las Vegas, 268-228, and Blanchard eliminated Mike Fagan of Dallas, 251-224, in the semifinal round to set up the championship match.

The All Regions South Point Open is the first of two PBA Regional events taking place over the weekend. Qualifying in the PBA West Region's Member/Non-Member Doubles will take place Saturday afternoon with the top 16 teams advancing to single-elimination match play Sunday morning. PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel will cover the qualifying and match play rounds.

PBA Tour action resumes in the PBA World Series of Bowling with the Carmen Salvino Classic on Monday.

PBA ALL REGIONS SOUTH POINT OPEN

South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Nev., Nov. 12

Championship: Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas (\$4,000) def. Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz. (\$2,200), 266-214.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$1,200):

Blanchard def. Mike Fagan, Dallas, 251-224.

Malott def. Chris Hayden, Las Vegas, 268-228.

Round of 8 (best of three games, losers earned \$1,000 each):

Malott def. Martin Larsen, Sweden, 2-0.

Hayden def. Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 2-0.

Fagan def. David Haynes, Las Vegas, 2-0.

Blanchard def. Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga., 2-1.

Round of 16 (best of five games, losers earned \$800):

Malott def. Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 3-2.

Larsen def. John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 3-2.
Hayden def. Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 3-1.
Warren def. Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 3-1.
Haynes def. Brandon Mathews, Santa Maria, Calif., 3-2.
Fagan def. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 3-2.
Blanchard def. Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 3-1.
Sternier def. Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 3-0.

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Georgia's Sterner Leads Carmen Salvino Classic Qualifiers; Malott Tops Round of 16 Finalists in All Region South Point Open

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (Nov. 11, 2011) – Former Professional Bowlers Association touring player Jason Sterner of McDonough, Ga., led a field of 15 players who qualified Friday for berths in the PBA's Carmen Salvino Classic which gets underway Monday at South Point Bowling Center.

In a concurrent event, six-time PBA Tour titlist Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, led a group of 16 players out of a field of 175 into Saturday's best-of-five-game single-elimination match play finals in the PBA All Region South Point Open.

Both events are part of the PBA World Series of Bowling, a multi-event festival of bowling that continues through Sunday, Nov. 20, at South Point. Complete standings for both events are posted on pba.com, the PBA's official website.

Saturday's All Region South Point open match play competition gets underway at 8 a.m. and continues until a winner is decided. Qualifying in the PBA West Region's Member/Non-Member Doubles will follow the singles event at 1:30 p.m., with the top 16 doubles teams advancing to best-of-five match play Sunday at 8 a.m.

Saturday's All Region and Sunday's Member/Non-Member Doubles match play rounds will be webcast live on pba.com's Xtra Frame online bowling channel. For subscription information, visit pba.com.

PBA Tour competition resumes Monday with six-game qualifying rounds in the Carmen Salvino Classic at 7:30 a.m. and noon, followed by a third six-game qualifying round for the top 16 players at 8 p.m.

CARMEN SALVINO CLASSIC TOUR QUALIFYING ROUND South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Nov. 11

Final Standings (after 8 games; top 15 advance to PBA Carmen Salvino Classic Round of 64)

- 1, Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga., 1,980.
- 2, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 1,947.
- 3, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 1,943.
- 4, Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 1,942.
- 5, John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y., 1,924.
- 6, Chris Hayden, Las Vegas, 1,907.
- 7, Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 1,905.
- 8, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 1,895.

- 9 (tie), Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., and Andy Mortensen, Tulsa, Okla., 1,892.
- 11, Yong-Jin Gu, South Korea, 1,890.
- 12, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 1,887.
- 13, Adam Monks, San Diego, 1,882.
- 14, John Nolen, Waterford, Mich., 1,871.
- 15, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 1,869.

PBA ALL REGION SOUTH POINT OPEN

Final Qualifying Standings (after 8 games; top 16 advance to best-of-five-game single elimination match play finals)

- 1, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,983.
- 2, Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga., 1,980.
- 3, Walter Ray Williams Jr, Ocala, FL, 1,958.
- 4, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,950.
- 5, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 1,947.
- 6, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 1,943.
- 7, Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 1,942.
- 8, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 1,929.
- 9, John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y., 1,924.
- 10, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,918.
- 11, Brandon Mathews, Santa Maria, Calif, 1,915, \$100.
- 12, Chris Hayden, Las Vegas, 1,907.
- 13, Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 1,905.
- 14, Mike Fagan, Dallas, Texas, 1,899.
- 15, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 1,895.
- 16, Brad Angelo, Lockport, NY, 1,894.

Other Cashers (after 8 games):

- 17 (tie), Andy Mortensen, Tulsa, Okla., and Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 1,892, \$450.
- 19, Yong-Jin Gu, South Korea, 1,890, \$450.
- 20, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 1,887, \$450.
- 21, Adam Monks, San Diego, 1,882, \$450.
- 22, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,877, \$450.
- 23, John Nolen, Waterford, Mich., 1,871, \$450.
- 24, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 1,869, \$450.
- 25, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 1,867, \$425.
- 26, Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan., 1,866, \$425.
- 27, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,864, \$525.
- 28, Eddie VanDaniker Jr., Essex, Md., 1,862, \$425.
- 29, Paul Gibson, Brunswick, Ohio, 1,859, \$425.
- 30, Stevie Weber, Chalmette, La., 1,857, \$425.
- 31, Dennis Horan Jr., Temecula, Calif., 1,854, \$425.
- 32, Steve Cook, Granite Bay, Calif., 1,853, \$425.
- 33, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,852, \$425.
- 34, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 1,849, \$425.
- 35, Richard Horsley, Morrisville, N.C., 1,848, \$425.
- 36, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,845, \$425.
- 37, Steven Villanueva, North Las Vegas, NV, 1,844, \$400.
- 38, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,840, \$400.
- 39, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 1,834, \$400.
- 40, Dom Barrett, England, 1,833, \$500.
- 41, Paul Moor, England, 1,831, \$400.

- 42, Ronnie Russell, Indianapolis, IN, 1,830, \$400.
- 43, Vayle Floria, Cerritos, Calif, 1,827, \$400.
- 44, Alex Aguiar, Dartmouth, Mass., 1,820, \$400.
- 45, Manuel Otalora, Colombia, 1,817, \$400.
- 46, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 1,806, \$400.
- 47, Stuart Williams, England, 1,805, \$400.
- 48, Michael Caverley, Las Vegas, 1,802, \$400.
- 49 (tie), Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, and Yousif Falah, Bahrain, 1,800, \$400.

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PBA to Return to Non-Exempt Tour for 2012-13 Season

Competition points will play key role in qualifying for new PBA Elite Players Championship, PBA Playoffs

SEATTLE (Nov. 10, 2011) – The constantly changing climate in the world of professional sports has prompted the Professional Bowlers Association to return to a competitive environment that will re-open the doors to its national tour to all aspiring professional bowlers.

Changes in competition rules, announced to the PBA membership at the start of the PBA World Series of Bowling, will mean the end of the “exempt tour” concept the PBA has employed since the 2004-05 season and a return to a “non-exempt” Tour program for the 2012-13 season.

“Over the past few years the definition of an PBA Exempt Tour player has changed fairly dramatically,” said PBA Commissioner Tom Clark. “For the current season, the number of exempt players was reduced from an original field of 57 to 49 with only two events (Carmen Salvino Classic and the Pepsi PBA Elite Players Championship) that fit the traditional Exempt Tour model.

“With the goal of setting the PBA on a new trajectory, following discussions with many players and industry leaders, the PBA is announcing a rules change that eliminates the Exempt Player designation beginning next season. All tournaments during the 2012-13 season will be open to all players – as most of them have been the past two years – with the PBA Tournament of Champions and the new PBA Elite Players Championship being the exceptions.”

While competing to earn Exempt Player status is no longer an incentive, earning a high position in the PBA competition points list during the 2011-12 season will still be extremely important. Competition points will determine which players are eligible for the season-ending Dick Weber PBA Playoffs and will also be a major factor in determining the field for the PBA Elite Players Championship, which will consist of players who have won major titles in the two most recent seasons plus players who rank high on the previous season’s points list to round out an exclusive field of 36.

“We have changed the name of this year’s Pepsi PBA Exempt Players Championship – which will be part of the PBA World Series of Bowling currently underway in Las Vegas – to reflect the changes. The event will now be named the Pepsi PBA Elite Players Championship, launching a new Elite Players Championship tradition,” Clark said, “and every player in the Pepsi PBA Elite Players Championship will cash.”

In conjunction with the rules changes, the PBA will revive the former Touring 1 and Touring 2 classifications which identified players by the number of events they entered. Those classifications will include specific membership benefits and exposure similar to the Exempt Tour model.

Touring 1 status will be earned by players who bowl 80 percent of the PBA Tour events, including the World Series of Bowling, two additional majors and three Xtra Frame Tour events. Touring 2 status will be earned by those who bowl 60 percent of the Tour schedule including the World Series, one major and one Xtra Frame Tour event. Players also must maintain a minimum average of 190 in PBA Tour competition to retain their eligibility for the following season.

"We hope the rule change concerning the dissolution of the Exempt Player designation and continued focus on the value of the PBA Tour point list will give more opportunities for players to grow as top PBA players and remove any confusion over what being exempt entails," Clark concluded. "While elite status may be awarded to fewer players, the rewards for achieving that status will have greater value than it has in the past."

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Rash Dominates PBA World Championship Qualifying, Earns Fifth TV Final

Finals in PBA's first major championship of 2011-12 set for Saturday, Nov. 19

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (Nov. 8, 2011) – Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., completed the most impressive five-day run in the three-year history of the Professional Bowlers Association's World Series of Bowling Wednesday, earning the top qualifying position for the PBA World Championship and earning an unprecedented fifth consecutive television finals berth.

Rash, a 29-year-old four-time PBA Tour champion, averaged 234.03 over 40 games bowled on five different lane conditioning patterns at South Point Bowling Center to finish with 9,361 pins and earn a \$5,000 bonus as top qualifier by 296 pins over Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich.

"I've got my foot down and going full force," Rash said. "There are so many great players here, you can't let up. If you think positive, positive things will happen. You need to avoid the negativity. With this (40-game) format, you have to have that mindset."

Rash, who qualified for the Bayer Viper, Chameleon, Scorpion and GEICO Shark Open finals the previous four days, is the first player to reach more than three television finals in a World Series. He will be among the 16 players who now advance to a series of four divisional elimination rounds in determining the PBA World Championship winner.

In each divisional final, named in honor of past PBA World Champions Don Carter, Billy Hardwick, Johnny Petraglia and Mike Aulby, four players will bowl one game with the lowest-scoring player eliminated. The three surviving players will bowl a second game, again eliminating the low score. The two survivors will then bowl a game to decide who advances to the PBA World Championship finals which will follow the same format.

All five PBA World Championship rounds will be contested on Saturday, Nov. 19, in a special arena lanes setup at South Point, starting at 10:30 a.m. PT. The telecasts will air on ESPN on five consecutive Sundays except Christmas Day (Dec. 11, 18, Jan. 1, 8 and 15) at 1 p.m. ET.

First prize in the 2011 PBA World Championship is \$50,000.

The World Series of Bowling will take a break Thursday. Competition resumes Friday with the All Region South Point Open and Carmen Salvino Classic Tour Qualifying Round, followed by a special PBA West Region Member/Non-Member Doubles event Saturday afternoon and Sunday. Competition for PBA Tour players resumes Monday with Carmen Salvino Classic qualifying rounds.

All preliminary rounds of World Series competition are being webcast live on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel. To subscribe, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame logo.

PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Nov. 8

Final Qualifying Standings (after 40 games; top 16 advance to ESPN finals)

- 1, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 9,361.
- 2, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 9,065.
- 3, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 9,047.
- 4, Stuart Williams, England, 9,023.
- 5, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 8,974.
- 6, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 8,954.
- 7, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 8,921.
- 8, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 8,906.
- 9, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 8,874.
- 10, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 8,861.
- 11, Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 8,849.
- 12, Dom Barrett, England, 8,843.
- 13, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 8,838.
- 14 (tie), Mike Fagan, Dallas, and Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 8,831.
- 16, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 8,825.

DID NOT ADVANCE (after 40 games)

- 17, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 8,794, \$3,500.
- 18, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 8,780, \$3,300.
- 19, Tyler Jensen, Ft. Worth, Texas, 8,747, \$3,100.
- 20, Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., 8,736, \$3,000.
- 21, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 8,723, \$2,950.
- 22, Patrick Allen, Baltimore, 8,712, \$2,900.
- 23, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 8,706, \$2,850.
- 24, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 8,701, \$2,800.
- 25, Dan MacLelland, Canada, 8,700, \$2,750.
- 26, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 8,685, \$2,700.
- 27, Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev., 8,666, \$2,650.
- 28, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 8,665, \$2,600.
- 29, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 8,662, \$2,550.
- 30, Patrick Girard, Canada, 8,659, \$2,500.
- 31, Stevie Weber, Chalmette, La., 8,644, \$2,450.
- 32, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 8,614, \$2,400.
- 33, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 8,597, \$2,200.
- 34, Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga., 8,596, \$2,150.
- 35, Mike DeVaney, Murrieta, Calif., 8,594, \$2,100.
- 36, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 8,593, \$2,080.
- 37, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 8,586, \$2,060.
- 38, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 8,584, \$2,040.
- 39, Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 8,570, \$2,020.
- 40, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 8,562, \$2,000.
- 41, Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland, 8,560, \$1,980.
- 42, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 8,557, \$1,960.
- 43, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 8,556, \$1,940.
- 44, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 8,552, \$1,920.

45, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 8,550, \$1,900.
46 (tie), Matthew O'Grady, South Amboy, N.J., and Lee Vanderhoef, Greenville, S.C., 8,535, \$1,870.
48, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 8,525, \$1,850.
49, Hyun Bum Kim, South Korea, 8,512, \$1,840.
50, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 8,501, \$1,830.
51, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 8,481, \$1,820.
52, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 8,470, \$1,810.
53, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 8,436, \$1,800.

PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS PAIRINGS

Don Carter Division (Saturday, Nov. 19, 10:30 a.m. PT; ESPN air date Sunday, Dec. 11, 1 p.m. ET; winner advances to World Championship finals)

Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill.; Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo.; Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y.; Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan.

Billy Hardwick Division (Saturday, Nov. 19, 12:30 p.m. PT; ESPN air date Sunday, Dec. 18, 1 p.m. ET; winner advances to World Championship finals)

Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich.; Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela; Andres Gomez, Colombia; Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y.

Johnny Petraglia Division (Saturday, Nov. 19, 3:30 p.m. PT; ESPN air date Sunday, Jan. 1, 1 p.m. ET; winner advances to World Championship finals)

Jason Belmonte, Australia; Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio; Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz.; Mike Fagan, Dallas.

Mike Aulby Division (Saturday, Nov. 19, 5:30 a.m. PT; ESPN air date Sunday, Jan. 8, 1 p.m. ET; winner advances to World Championship finals)

Stuart Williams, England; Osku Palermaa, Finland; Dom Barrett, England; Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y.

PBA World Championship Finals (Saturday, Nov. 19, 8:30 a.m. PT; ESPN air date Sunday, Jan. 15, 1 p.m. ET)

Carter, Hardwick, Petraglia and Aulby Division winners

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Rash Leads Field of 53 into PBA World Championship Cashers' Round

Eight more games Wednesday will determine 16 finalists for PBA's first major championship of 2011-12 season

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (Nov. 8, 2011) – Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., dominated the first 32 games of the PBA World Series of Bowling and will lead the field of 53 survivors into the cashers' round of the PBA World Championship, the Professional Bowlers Association's first major championship of the 2011-12 season, Wednesday at South Point Bowling Center.

Rash, a 29-year-old four-time PBA Tour title winner, averaged 239.81 over four eight-game rounds on the PBA's Viper, Chameleon, Scorpion and Shark lane conditioning patterns for a total of 7,674 pins and a 314-pin lead over Australia's Jason Belmonte. Rash, who has already qualified among the top four for the ESPN television finals in the Bayer Viper, Chameleon and Scorpion Open events, ranked second in the Shark field heading into Tuesday night's final six qualifying games, and needs to remain among the top 16 after Wednesday's final eight-game round of PBA World Championship qualifying to advance to an unprecedented five consecutive World Series of Bowling telecasts.

Defending PBA World Champion Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, also advanced to the cashers' round, sitting in 12th place after 32 games.

Following Wednesday morning's final round, the top qualifier will earn a \$5,000 bonus and the top 16 will advance to a series of divisional elimination rounds named in honor of past PBA World Champions Don Carter, Billy Hardwick, Johnny Petraglia and Mike Aulby. In each divisional final, the highest of four seeded player (based on their qualifying totals) will select the lane condition and all four will bowl one game with the lowest-scoring player eliminated. The three surviving players will bowl a second game, again eliminating the low score. The two survivors will then bowl a game to decide who advances to the PBA World Championship finals which will follow the same format.

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Wednesday's cashers' round (and all other World Series preliminaries) will be webcast live on pba.com's exclusive online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. Special one-day and World Series of Bowling subscription packages are available on pba.com.

First prize in the 2011 PBA World Championship will be \$50,000. If reigning PBA Player of the Year Mika Koivuniemi or 13-time PBA Tour titlist Tommy Jones should happen to win the event, the PBA Triple Crown club will have its seventh member.

PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
(After 32 games; top 53 advance to cashers' round)

- 1, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 7,674.
- 2, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 7,360.
- 3, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 7,314.
- 4, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 7,300.
- 5, Stuart Williams, England, 7,246.
- 6, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 7,213.
- 7, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 7,205.
- 8 (tie), Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., and Dom Barrett, England, 7,191.
- 10, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 7,167.
- 11, Mike Fagan, Dallas, 7,165.
- 12, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 7,130.
- 13, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 7,107.
- 14, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 7,103.
- 15, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 7,093.
- 16, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 7,067.
- 17, Tyler Jensen, Ft. Worth, Texas, 7,066.
- 18, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 7,063.
- 19, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 7,060.
- 20, Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 7,055.
- 21 (tie), Dan MacLelland, Canada, and Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 7,039.
- 23, Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 7,032.
- 24, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 7,024.
- 25, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 7,016.
- 26, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 7,009.
- 27, Patrick Allen, Baltimore, 7,008.
- 28, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 6,976.
- 29, Lee Vanderhoef, Greenville, S.C., 6,964.
- 29, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 6,964.
- 31, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 6,963.
- 32, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 6,953.
- 33, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 6,948.
- 34, Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev., 6,939.
- 35, Stevie Weber, Chalmette, La., 6,934.
- 36, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 6,929.
- 37, Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., 6,925.
- 38, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 6,920.
- 39, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 6,919.
- 40, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 6,918.
- 41, Patrick Girard, Canada, 6,914.
- 42, Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland, 6,907.
- 43, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 6,903.
- 44, Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga., 6,901.
- 45, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 6,897.
- 46, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 6,889.
- 47, Mike DeVaney, Murrieta, Calif., 6,888.

48 (tie), Matthew O'Grady, South Amboy, N.J., and Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 6,885.
50, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 6,867.
51, Hyun Bum Kim, South Korea, 6,862.
52, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 6,858.
53, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 6,857.

FAILED TO ADVANCE

54, Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 6,853.
55, Andy Mortensen, Tulsa, Okla., 6,848.
56, Eddie VanDaniker Jr., Essex, Md., 6,847.
57, Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan., 6,844.
58, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 6,838.
59, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 6,832.
60, Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz., 6,827.
61, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 6,825.
62, Floyd Raymond, Gaylord, Mich., 6,812.
63 (tie), Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., and Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 6,810.
65, Ray Eddy III, Saginaw, Mich., 6,807.
66 (tie), Ron Mohr, Eagle River, Alaska, and Ji-Hyun Cha, South Korea, 6,803.
68, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 6,801.
69, PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 6,795.
70, Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., 6,791.
71, D.J. Archer, Mineral Wells, Texas, 6,788.
72, John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y., 6,784.
73, Jon Brandon, Santa Clarita, Calif., 6,770.
74, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 6,762.
75, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 6,761.
76, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 6,756.
77, Billy Rogers, Dallas, 6,752.
78, Antonio Medina, Louisville, Ky., 6,744.
79, James Wallace, Hicksville, N.Y., 6,740.
80 (tie), Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., and John Furey, East Windsor, N.J., 6,739.
82, Paul Moor, England, 6,732.
83, Frank Guccione, Castle Rock, Colo., 6,730.
84, Jake Peters, Decatur, Ill., 6,728.
85, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 6,722.
86, Dennis Eklund, Sweden, 6,721.
87, Zack Hattori, Las Vegas, 6,700.
88 (tie), Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., and David Beres, Waukesha, Wis., 6,687.
90, Joseph Hostetler, Minerva, Ohio, 6,681.
91, Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 6,680.
92 (tie), Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., and Siu Hong Wu, Hong Kong, 6,667.
94, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 6,666.
95, John Nolen, Waterford, Mich., 6,664.
96, Chuck Tillson, Rohnert Park, Calif., 6,636.
97 (tie), Jaime Gonzalez, Colombia, and Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 6,631.
99, Joshua McBride, Wichita, Kan., 6,621.
100, Fawaz Abdullah, Bahrain, 6,612.
101, Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 6,607.
102, Daniel Falconi, Mexico, 6,604.
103, Kasey Normandin, Canada, 6,602.
104, Noel Vazquez, Sacramento, Calif., 6,596.

105 (tie), Paola Gomez, Colombia, and Yousif Falah, Bahrain, 6,594.
 107, Jesper Agerbo, Denmark, 6,579.
 108 (tie), Chris Cundiff, Lake Station, Ind., and Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 6,562.
 110, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 6,559.
 111, Tommy Gollick, Oberlin, Pa., 6,558.
 112 (tie), John DeBenedetta Jr., Las Vegas, and Jaime Monroy, Colombia, 6,549.
 114, Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev., 6,548.
 115, Robert Piroozshad, Ranch Santa Margarita, Calif., 6,546.
 116, Jason Poli, West Des Moines, Iowa, 6,545.
 117, Juhani Tonteri, Finland, 6,539.
 118, Manuel Otalora, Colombia, 6,528.
 119, Diandra Asbaty, Chicago, 6,519.
 120, Mathias Arup, Sweden, 6,518.
 121 (tie), Chris Hayden, Las Vegas, and Billy Rohde, Marietta, Ga., 6,509.
 123, Martin Paulsson, Sweden, 6,489.
 124, Dennis Horan Jr., Temecula, Calif., 6,487.
 125, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 6,479.
 126, Jong Soo Park, South Korea, 6,474.
 127, Jimmy Mortensen, Denmark, 6,464.
 128, Adrian Anderson, Roseburg, Ore., 6,460.
 129, William Guszczko, Orland Park, Ill., 6,459.
 130, Yong-Jin Gu, South Korea, 6,454.
 131, Howard Partell, Las Vegas, 6,452.
 132, Ricky Schissler, Henderson, Colo., 6,450.
 133, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.V., 6,448.
 134, Matt Freiberg, Somerset, N.J., 6,445.
 135, Richard Horsley, Morrisville, N.C., 6,444.
 136, Julio Cesar Blancas, Mexico, 6,426.
 137, Rikke Holm Agerbo, Denmark, 4,818.
 138, Andre Eubanks, Los Angeles, 6,415.
 139, Carlos Cottone, Venezuela, 6,400.
 140, Jerry Johnson Jr., Las Vegas, 6,367.
 141 (tie), Travis Celmer, Wernersville, Pa., and Rocio Restrepo, Colombia, 6,340.
 143, Tony Campagna Jr., Hendersonville, Tenn., 6,335.
 144, Ernest Lukacs Jr., Manville, N.J., 6,319.
 145, Paul Gibson, Brunswick, Ohio, 6,316.
 146, Erik Andersin, Sweden, 6,315.
 147, Matthew Thornton, Montgomery, Ill., 6,314.
 148, Steve Cook, Granite Bay, Calif., 6,276.
 149, Kyung-Shin Park, South Korea, 6,273.
 150 (tie), Adam Monks, San Diego, and Alan Mojado, Pala, Calif., 6,264.
 152, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 6,254.
 153, Brett Cooper, Fort Worth, Texas, 6,248.
 154, Isaac Amkie Amkie, Mexico, 6,238.
 155, Santiago Garcia, Colombia, 6,237.
 156, Kurt Bogner, Longview, Wash., 6,234.
 157, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 6,203.
 158, Kevin Gallagher, Torrance, Calif., 6,198.
 159, Mahd Assad, Bahrain, 6,186.
 160, Jason Miller, Portland, Ore., 6,151.
 161, Krzysztof Olesinski, Poland, 6,116.
 162, Bubba Harrison, Citrus Heights, Calif., 6,111.

- 163, Sean Mamlok, San Jose, Calif., 6,105.
- 164, Eric Malone, Brewster, N.Y., 6,102.
- 165, Mike Armstrong Jr., Tucson, Ariz., 6,100.
- 166, Toni Palermmaa, Finland, 6,090.
- 167, Adam Miller, Charlotte, N.C., 6,084.
- 168, Andrew Graff, Las Vegas, 6,079.
- 169, Michael Ciardulli Jr., Valley Stream, N.Y., 6,075.
- 170, Mohammed Al Swawoosh, Bahrain, 6,073.
- 171, Jeff Toyne, Columbia, S.C., 6,068.
- 172, Will Wells, New Zealand, 6,066.
- 173, Kenneth Bland Jr., Germany, 6,053.
- 174, David Peterson, Plano, Texas, 6,051.
- 175, Hameed Taqi, Bahrain, 6,047.
- 176, Chad Lusche, Arvada, Colo., 6,043.
- 177, Masoud Saberi, Bahrain, 6,037.
- 178, Carl Labayan, Long Beach, Calif., 6,013.
- 179, Darrell Gilbert Jr., Valparaiso, Ind., 5,987.
- 180, Jim Horan, Oakley, Calif., 5,945.
- 181, Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 5,942.
- 182, Don Mathey, Turlock, Calif., 2,714.
- 183, Dwight Tincher, Perris, Calif., 4,262.
- 184, Jimmy Smith, Puyallup, Wash., 5,858.
- 185 (tie), J.T. Jackson, Tarzana, Calif., and Mark Fennell, Seattle, 5,832.
- 187, Robert McBride, Plano, Texas, 5,808.
- 188, Frank Boyer, Lebanon, Pa, 5,805.
- 189, Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 5,792.
- 190, Chuck Galaviz, Salt Lake City, Utah, 5,754.
- 191, Adam James, Redmond, Wash., 5,721.
- 192, Rachel Vaughn, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 5,664.
- 193, Mirosław Pajak, Poland, 5,661.
- 194, Steve Ford, Seaside, Ore., 5,605.
- 195, Chris Helton, Fountain, Colo., 5,586.
- 196, Jorge Tello, Colombia, 5,572.
- 197, Kevin Prior, Allen, Texas, 5,558.
- 198, Travis Thomas, Lumberton, N.C., 5,543.
- 199, Sam Grihm, Portland, Ore., 5,519.
- 200, Rickey Smith, Gulf Breeze, Fla., 5,513.
- 201, David Meadows, Houston, 5,494.
- 202, Courtney Miller, Charleston, S.C., 5,468.
- 203, Mathew Tabor, Cooperstown, N.Y., 5,206.
- 204, Tyler Johnson, Surprise, Ariz., 5,181.

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Experienced Players Expecting Plenty of "Friction" During PBA World Series of Bowling

Large field of players, lots of games mean bowling balls will hook at South Point Bowling Center

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (Oct. 31, 2011) – Experienced players who return to a specific baseball field, golf course or bowling center are always prepared to deal with the unique playing surfaces or scoring environment of the host facility.

That conclusion applies to the field of Professional Bowlers Association and international players who are about to descend on South Point Bowling Center in Las Vegas for the 2011 renewal of the PBA World Series of Bowling, which gets underway Friday.

For bowlers who competed in the WSOB a year ago at South Point, the expectation is "friction." In bowling context, that means lane surfaces combined with high-performance bowling balls will result in lots of hook. Even with a unique application of lane conditioner freshly applied to the lanes for every squad, every day, the heavy traffic of more than 200 bowlers bowling lots of games will result in more and more ball movement as each round progresses.

Developing strategies for attacking the variety of lane conditioning patterns and the transition of oil as the day moves along are critical aspects of professional bowling. Every experienced player will arrive at South Point with an arsenal of bowling balls designed to react differently, depending upon the lane conditioning pattern, angle of attack and how much the various "lane oil" patterns will change as each round progresses. It's always a guessing game, but at the professional level, the bowler who makes the best educated decisions usually comes out ahead of the curve.

While format changes for this year's World Series have been modified so that all events will be contested on freshly-oiled lanes, and fewer games per day are involved, the fundamental challenges from a year ago remain in place.

What did returning players learn about South Point a year ago that is helping them prepare for 2011?

- "The one thing I remember from last year is that South Point hooks," said 16-time PBA Tour title winner Jason Couch of Clermont, Fla. "I have drilled some weaker balls to combat the friction."
- "There seemed to be more friction (at South Point) than I would have thought, so I'm hoping to have a little different arsenal with me that will hopefully make me much more competitive this time around," said two-time PBA Tour winner Jack Jurek of Lackawanna, N.Y. "I wasn't bowling well coming into the World Series last year and so far I feel a little better about my game than I did last year this time."

- "South Point last year had a lot of friction, but every year the patterns are a little different and the field of players is different and normally better prepared as well," said Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., a four-time PBA Tour title winner who made two WSOB finals in 2010. "Knowing that I had a lot of success last year in that building will help me. I also have been bowling all over the world to prepare myself for the WSOB and when I'm home, I practice shooting a lot of spares and using different hand positions to be able to play every part of the lane."

- "Unfortunately I didn't take notes last year," said 2010 PBA World Champion Tom Smallwood, Saginaw Mich. "Pair to pair they were pretty different, so Team Brunswick is getting there a few days early and we WILL be taking notes on every pair we bowl on."

- "Every time I've been out on Tour I've learned a lot," said Sweden's Martin Larsen, a first-time PBA Tour exempt player. "It's tough to point at one or two things, but the lanes at South Point got very dry last year. If that happens again, I hope I can do better in the late games."

- "The one thing I learned was if you find a ball layout that will work on one of the patterns, then more than likely it will work on all of them," said Canadian citizen Dan MacLelland, who made two WSOB TV finals in 2010 in his quest for his first PBA Tour title. "The lanes are going to hook, so we also have to prepare ourselves for playing deep and lofting the ball."

- "I became more comfortable with the lanes and how they played. I had a good reaction most of the time last year, and my carry was good," said Chris Loschetter of Avon, Ohio. "All I have to do is keep an eye on who I'm following and make good decisions."

- "I'm hoping to start strong with patterns that suit my game, like the Viper and Chameleon," said Colombia's Andres Gomez, "and then make the right adjustments for the last two patterns (Scorpion and Shark) where last year I didn't show my best game. We all know how much friction there is. I certainly wouldn't mind if the lanes hook a lot!"

- "I plan on doing the same thing I did last year: grind out the tough pairs and hammer the pairs that give me a little something," said three-time PBA Tour winner Bill O'Neill. "I learned that after a few games, using a lot of angle through the front worked out pretty good. That has been a part of my game that has improved tremendously over the past couple of years. Hopefully for me that house tendency continues."

- "I didn't really bowl very well last year, so hopefully I will make much better shots and make better decisions on how to play the lanes," said PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Ocala, Fla.

- "Last year I definitely learned the way the house wants to play the pattern and I will be using that knowledge to my advantage," said Scott Norton of Costa Mesa, Calif., who won his first title in the Chameleon Open on his way to winning PBA Rookie of the Year honors. "But I fully expect everyone else to have learned as well. The fields continue to get stronger as people adapt and learn with each new experience, so it makes winning not only that much harder, but that much more rewarding when it happens."

- "Most people are just trying to not get mauled by the format," said Dick Allen of Columbia, S.C. "If you are a bowler, it doesn't matter. Over preparing and trying to do more than you are capable of will usually get you in trouble physically. Once you get in trouble (at South Point), it goes to your head, so I probably won't bowl for two weeks before we start. I'll just wing it when I get there."

● “What I learned from last year's competition is to stay healthy and fit,” said Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas. “Endurance is what you need when bowling that many games in such a short time. Concentration is a big factor. Make sure you focus on the patterns. With so many different (lane conditioning) patterns, it can boggle the mind.”

● “I learned I’ll need to play farther to the right, and make one shot at a time,” said first-year PBA Tour exempt player Johnathan Bower of Middletown, Pa. “And I learned to make sure to never give up.”

● “Last year was a grind,” said Wayne Garber of Modest, Calif. “Bowling one squad per day is a relief. Bowling more on fresh oil will be better for me. I’ve had some success at South Point in PBA regional tournament, but I’m oh-for the past two World Series in making cuts, so that’s my number one goal. You gotta walk before you can run.”

● “What I focus on are the things I can control and the knowledge that regardless of the format, bowling is the same everywhere: 10 pins up, my job is to knock them down,” said two-time PBA Tour titlist Mike DeVaney of Murrieta, Calif. “Simplify the game and your chances at success are vastly increased. What I learned at South Point last year is knowledge I plan to use to my advantage and not something that needs to be made public. I have no interest in sharing any information with the competition.”

● “Speed rules at the South Point,” said PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke. “Because of the extra friction in the front part of the lane, balls tend to slow down quicker than normal and it’s the players who can get good movement on their shots while keeping their speed up that will do well because speed keeps the pins lively and the carry percentage is better.”

The third annual PBA World Series of Bowling gets underway Friday with an eight-player, winner-take-all \$45,000 BowlersDeals.com All-In Showdown that will be webcast live on pba.com’s exclusive online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. Participants will include Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas; Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore.; Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa.; Brian Himmeler, Cincinnati; Ronnie Russell, Indianapolis; Bill O’Neill, Southampton, Pa.; Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., and Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C.

Qualifying in the Bayer Viper Open, the first of eight events that will award PBA Tour titles during the two-week festival, gets underway on Saturday, Nov. 5. For a complete World Series schedule, visit pba.com.

Xtra Frame will provide more than 100 hours of exclusive live online coverage during the World Series. For subscription information, including special one-day and WSOB packages, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame logo.

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Fred Schreyer Retires as PBA CEO, Commissioner

Geoff Reiss becomes new PBA CEO, Tom Clark takes over as Commissioner as of Nov. 1

SEATTLE (Oct. 27, 2011) – Fred Schreyer, Chief Executive Officer and Commissioner of the Professional Bowlers Association, today announced his retirement after 11 years of service to the organization. The PBA Board of Directors has named Geoff Reiss Chief Executive Officer and has promoted Tom Clark to the position of Commissioner, effective November 1.

Schreyer will continue to serve the PBA as a senior advisor.

"Fred has managed the PBA through a really challenging period. We're grateful for his leadership and that he's agreed to continue working with us to grow the PBA," said Mike Slade of the PBA ownership group.

Schreyer joined the PBA full-time in October 2002 as Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel, and was named Commissioner in 2003. But he has been affiliated with the organization since 2000 as its legal counsel. The University of Michigan and UCLA Law School graduate has 25 years of experience in the sports industry, including a seven-year stint as Director of Sports Marketing at Nike and was a founder of Nike's Sports Management division.

Among Schreyer's signature accomplishments during his tenure at the PBA's helm were negotiation of umbrella sponsorship packages with Denny's and Lumber Liquidators, opening PBA membership to women for the first time (2004), creation of the PBA Summer Series, creation of the PBA World Series of Bowling, production of the PBA's 50th Anniversary Gala in 2009 and working to allow PBA members to represent their country as Team USA members.

"Serving the PBA for the past 11 years has been a great privilege and a tremendous experience," Schreyer said. "It is always difficult to step back, but I feel good about handing the reins to Geoff and Tom. As the PBA embarks upon its 53rd year, I look forward to continuing to provide assistance wherever I am needed."

Reiss, who joined the PBA as Vice Chairman in March 2011, previously held several positions at ESPN, was CEO at Associated Content, and was Senior Vice President/General Manager of Newsweek's digital division. While at ESPN, Reiss managed the launch of ESPN.com, NFL.com, NBA.com, and NASCAR Online. He also was Senior Vice President/General Manager of ESPN the Magazine, and managed ESPN's relationships with Electronic Arts, Microsoft, and The Tribeca Film Festival. He developed and acquired the Peabody Award-winning Dan Klores documentary Black Magic. He started his media career at Spy magazine.

"The PBA has a terrific opportunity to establish an important presence in the sports marketplace and I'm looking forward to working with our team, members and industry partners to fully realize our potential," said Reiss.

Clark became the PBA's Vice President and COO in March 2008 after serving as the Vice President of Marketing and Communications for the United States Bowling Congress. Clark, who was promoted to Deputy Commissioner in 2009, came to USBC from USA Today where he worked as a sports editor from 2000-2005. Previously he was an executive editor and sports editor for newspapers in the Media General chain and founded and published a sports magazine in his hometown Syracuse, N.Y.

The former collegiate bowler was named Bowlers Journal International magazine's "Person of the Year" in the bowling industry for 2005 for his efforts in bringing publicity to the game. Clark also was the recipient of the 2008 Billiard and Bowling Institute of America Industry Service Award and the 2009 USBC Joyce Deitch Trailblazer Award.

"It's an honor to be given this opportunity to help build an organization that has meant so much to my life," Clark said. "I love the sport of bowling and the PBA and I'm energized by that same passion for the game that our players and fans have shown for over 50 years."

The PBA also has announced that Kirk Von Krueger, Vice President and Director of PBA Tours, has been promoted to Deputy Commissioner. Von Krueger, a former PBA touring player, began his career with the PBA in 1995 as assistant Tournament Director, becoming Tournament Director in 1996.

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Chris Barnes Ready to Defend PBA World Championship Title

Season's first major championship will be centerpiece of 2011 PBA World Series of Bowling

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (Oct. 24, 2011) - As the centerpiece of the 2011 Professional Bowlers Association World Series of Bowling and the first major championship of the season, the PBA World Championship will again live up to its name when a field of PBA and international stars from more than 15 different countries convene at South Point Bowling Center on Nov. 4.

Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, will be on hand to defend his 2010 victory in the World Championship, a 267-237 upset win over top qualifier Bill O'Neill of Southampton, Pa., that proved to be a milestone victory for Barnes. With the title, he became the sixth player in history to complete the PBA's Triple Crown and in all likelihood locked up his eventual election to the PBA Hall of Fame.

The elite Triple Crown club (consisting of titles in the U.S. Open, PBA World Championship and PBA Tournament of Champions) includes Billy Hardwick, Johnny Petraglia, Pete Weber, Mike Aulby and Norm Duke – all PBA Hall of Famers.

As an integral part of the 2011 World Series of Bowling, the PBA World Championship will again be a unique test of physical and mental abilities.

In 2010, for the first time, qualifying for the World Championship included rounds on five different PBA "animal patterns" – the Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon, Scorpion and Shark. Combined pinfall totals for qualifying in those five rounds earned Barnes the No. 4 slot in the stepladder finals. He then won four consecutive matches, defeating Michael Haugen Jr. of Carefree, Ariz., 243-172; Finland's Osku Palermaa, 246-176, and Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., 237-161, en route to his match with O'Neill for the \$50,000 first prize.

In 2011, the PBA World Championship will be decided in similar fashion. The entire World Series field will bowl eight games each on the Viper, Chameleon, Scorpion and Shark patterns. After 32 games, the top 60 (based on a field of 240) will advance to an eight-game cashers round.

After a total of 40 games, the top qualifier will earn a \$5,000 bonus and the top 16 will advance to a series of ESPN-televised divisional elimination rounds named in honor of four past PBA World Champions, all of whom are among the PBA's greatest players: Don Carter, Billy Hardwick, Johnny Petraglia and Mike Aulby. Carter won the inaugural PBA Championship in 1960. Hardwick, the initial PBA Triple Crown winner, won in 1963. Petraglia, also a Triple Crown winner, was the 1980 winner. Aulby, the first PBA Grand Slam winner, won the 1985 PBA Championship.

For the ESPN-televised rounds, each of the four divisional finals will feature four players, seeded into the groups based upon their qualifying totals. In each divisional final, the highest seeded player will select the lane condition and all four players will bowl one game with the lowest-scoring player eliminated. The three surviving players will bowl a second game, again eliminating the low score. The two survivors will bowl the final match. The winner of all four divisional finals will then advance to the PBA World Championship finals which will follow the same elimination format. The highest seeded player remaining will select the lane condition for the championship round.

All PBA World Championship rounds will be contested on Saturday, Nov. 19, in a special arena lanes setup at South Point. The telecasts will air on ESPN on five consecutive Sundays except Christmas Day (Dec. 11, 18, Jan. 1, 8 and 15) at 1 p.m. ET on ESPN.

All of the preliminary rounds of the World Championship (and all other World Series preliminaries) will be webcast live on pba.com's exclusive online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. To subscribe to Xtra Frame, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame logo. Look for information on special one-day and World Series of Bowling subscription offers.

First prize in the 2011 PBA World Championship will be \$50,000. If reigning PBA Player of the Year Mika Koivuniemi or 13-time PBA Tour titlist Tommy Jones should happen to win the event, the PBA Triple Crown club will have its seventh member.

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PBA Players "Shape Up" for Challenging World Series of Bowling Schedule

Two weeks of intense competition put physical, mental abilities to supreme test

SEATTLE (Oct. 20, 2011) – Professional Bowlers Association players have learned an important lesson after the first two years of PBA World Series of Bowling competition: you'd better get in shape.

Beginning Friday, Nov. 4, and spanning a 16-day period ending on Sunday, Nov. 20, the third annual PBA World Series of Bowling at South Point Casino, Hotel and Bowling Center in Las Vegas will put 240 PBA and international players through a demanding schedule that will test everyone's physical and mental abilities.

Above and beyond practice sessions and special events, World Series players could bowl as many as 106 games over a span of 12 days, starting with Bayer Viper Open qualifying on Saturday, Nov. 5, and extending through Pepsi PBA Exempt Players Championship eliminator rounds on Wednesday, Nov. 16. Those who qualify for any of the 14 television shows that will be contested Nov. 17 through 20 will add to their "games bowled" totals.

By way of comparison, a typical American league bowler will bowl 96 games at a pace of three games a week over the course of a 32-week league season.

How are PBA World Series of Bowling competitors getting themselves ready for the grind? Some players are pretty conventional in their training programs, others are on the unconventional side. Here's a random sampling:

- Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., is an avid deer hunter: "All of September and October, I spend four to five days a week in the woods hanging tree stands and walking a mile or more to and from my stands with all my gear. That, plus practicing five days a week, is pretty good exercise."
- "This summer I did a variety of things to get in shape for the World Series," said Chris Loschetter of Avon, Ohio. "I took on a weekly yoga class to gain strength and flexibility, increased the length of my runs to gain endurance and I focused on weight training to make playing in front of the ball return easier on my body."
- "I have been working with a trainer to try to get in better shape," said Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa. "It's been tough to get where I want to be physically because of all the travel I have been doing, but I am in a better place than I was a year ago."

- "Being a lawyer doesn't leave a ton of time to do much else, but I try to bowl as often as possible and I also try to get out on the tennis court or in the ocean to body-board as often as possible," said defending Chameleon Open champion Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif.

- "I have been kick boxing and working out with a personal trainer," said 2011 USBC Masters champion Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa.

- Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., works out in a gym three to four times a week, and he bowls four leagues a week and tournaments on weekends.

- For second-year exempt players Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., it's a daily regimen of "sit-ups, push-ups, and tricep dips."

- For first-year exempt player Johnathan Bower of Middletown, Pa., conditioning involves "bowling every tournament I can find."

- For 34-time PBA Tour title winner and Hall of Famer Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., staying in good physical condition is a non-stop routine. "I have my regular workout regimen which keeps me in great shape," the 5-foot-6, 128-pounder said. "At age 47 I have to keep in shape to compete with the young guns. Although there is no substitute for youth, we can prolong the inevitable for some years if we keep ourselves strong and in good shape all of the time."

Bowling fans can follow all of the WSOB competition leading up to the television finals on pba.com's Xtra Frame. The PBA's exclusive video streaming service will provide more than 100 hours of live coverage of action on the lanes and commentary behind the scenes. For special daily (\$3.99), World Series (\$29.99) and yearly (\$64.99) subscriptions, visit bowl.com and click on the Xtra Frame logo.

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Daily Access to Xtra Frame Unveiled for PBA World Series of Bowling *From "All-In Showdown" to Xtra Frame Tour, PBA plans great season for online viewers*

SEATTLE (Oct. 17, 2011) – Beginning Nov. 4 with the high-stakes BowlersDeals.com All-In Showdown, the Professional Bowlers Association will launch the most comprehensive online coverage of professional bowling in history, providing Xtra Frame subscribers with a season filled with unprecedented live Internet coverage of PBA competition.

In addition to an unlimited access subscription price of \$29.99 that includes all Xtra Frame coverage through Nov. 30, for the first time Xtra Frame live programming will be available on-demand, with fans able to purchase access to coverage for \$3.99 per day during the PBA World Series of Bowling.

The new daily subscription program will provide fans with an opportunity to follow their favorite players as they compete in World Series of Bowling qualifying, elimination rounds and special events at South Point Bowling Center in Las Vegas between Nov. 4 and Nov. 16. Xtra Frame's more than 100 hours of WSOB coverage will be part of a season-long schedule that will provide a world-wide Internet audience with more than 250 hours of PBA content.

Also new for the 2011-12 season will be an Xtra Frame Tour featuring four tournaments, beginning in January, that will award PBA Tour titles and will be webcast exclusively, from start to conclusion, on Xtra Frame. All webcasts will feature enhanced video quality for the new season.

"Xtra Frame is the ticket to the live action PBA fans have asked for," said Mike Jakubowski, Xtra Frame's play-by-play announcer who also is known as Mike J. Laneside. "Xtra Frame's over 100 hours of daily qualifying and match play action during the World Series is just a start. The thrill of the BowlersDeals.com All-In Showdown, the race to the ESPN finals with the greatest players from 15 nations, bowling chatter, tips and instruction provide unique dimensions to Xtra Frame.

"With the new features, improved video quality and real-time online interaction via PBA social networking, fans will never be closer to the action unless they are literally on the lanes."

Xtra Frame also is available for the standard 12-month subscription rate of \$64.99 which includes year-round coverage of PBA activities, including PBA Tour, Senior Tour and selected PBA Regional events. The full-year package provides subscribers with hundreds of player and industry leader interviews, new product introductions, coaching tips and human interest features, and access to Xtra Frame's huge archive of past PBA events plus much more.

To sign up for Xtra Frame, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame logo. Xtra Frame's 2011-12 programming schedule includes:

2011-12 XTRA FRAME SCHEDULE

PBA World Series of Bowling

Nov. 4 - BowlersDeals.com All-In Showdown
Nov. 5 - Bayer Viper Open (Squad A, B, Round of 16)
Nov. 6 - Chameleon Open (Squad A, B, Round of 16)
Nov. 7 - Scorpion Open (Squad A, B, Round of 16)
Nov. 8 - GEICO Shark Open (Squad A, B, Round of 16)
Nov. 9 - PBA World Championship (Cashers Round)
Nov. 11 - All Region South Point Open/Carmen Salvino Classic TQR (Squad A, B)
Nov. 12 - All Region South Point Open (Match Play Finals)
Nov. 12 - PBA Regional Member/Non-Member Doubles (Qualifying)
Nov. 13 - PBA Regional Member/Non-Member Doubles (Match Play Finals)
Nov. 14 - Carmen Salvino Classic (Round 1, 2, Round of 16)
Nov. 15 - Pepsi PBA Exempt Players Championship (Qualifying Rounds)
Nov. 16 - Pepsi PBA Exempt Players Championship (Round of 32, Eliminator Round)

Additional PBA Tour events

Jan. 21 - PBA Xtra Frame Tour Ebonite Cheetah Open (Squad A, B)
Jan. 22 - PBA Xtra Frame Tour Ebonite Cheetah Open (Match Play, Finals)
Jan. 24 - USBC Masters (Qualifying)
Jan. 25 - USBC Masters (Qualifying)
Jan. 26 - USBC Masters (Cashers Round, Match Play)
Jan. 27 - USBC Masters (Match Play)
Feb. 17 - PBA Xtra Frame Tour Columbia 300 Don Johnson Memorial (Squad A, B)
Feb. 18 - PBA Xtra Frame Tour Columbia 300 Don Johnson Memorial (Match Play, Finals)
Feb. 21 - 69th U.S. Open (Qualifying)
Feb. 22 - 69th U.S. Open (Qualifying)
Feb. 23 - 69th U.S. Open (Qualifying)
Feb. 24 - 69th U.S. Open (Cashers Round, Match Play 1)
Feb. 25 - 69th U.S. Open (Match Play)
March 9 - PBA Xtra Frame Tour Hammer Detroit Open (Squad A, B)
March 10 - PBA Xtra Frame Tour Hammer Detroit Open (Match Play, Finals)
March 31 - PBA Xtra Frame Tour Track Dick Weber Playoffs (Qualifying)
April 1 - PBA Xtra Frame Tour Track Dick Weber Playoffs (Eliminator Rounds, Regional Finals, Conference Finals, Finals)
April 9 - PBA Tournament of Champions (Champions Rounds)
April 10 - PBA Tournament of Champions (Elite Qualifying)
April 11 - PBA Tournament of Champions (Elite Qualifying, Cashers Round)
April 12 - PBA Tournament of Champions (Round of 36)
April 13 - PBA Tournament of Champions (Match Play)

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High Stakes "All-In Showdown" to Kick Off PBA World Series of Bowling

Barnes, Warren are first entries as BowlersDeals.com sweetens pot for live Xtra Frame contest

SEATTLE (Oct. 12, 2011) – As if two weeks of high-tension competition for eight Professional Bowlers Association titles and nearly \$1 million in prize money isn't enough, the third annual PBA World Series of Bowling has announced it will get underway with an additional high-stakes winner-take-all test of nerves.

The BowlersDeals.com All-In Showdown invites a maximum of eight players to slap down \$5,000 each and bowl for a maximum prize of \$45,000, including a \$5,000 bonus added by BowlersDeal.com. The contest is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. ET (3:30 p.m. PT) on Friday, Nov. 4, and will be webcast live, exclusively on pba.com's Xtra Frame video streaming service.

The All-In Showdown concept was unveiled during the inaugural PBA World Series of Bowling in 2009 in Allen Park, Mich., but was cancelled when PBA star Chris Barnes was the only player to enter. That's not going to be the case this time.

"I'm in," said six-time PBA Tour title winner Chris Warren of Grants Pass, Ore., who grew up bowling "action" in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. "Five grand, winner take all? It's just a big pot game. I've bowled for more than that. I'm good to go.

"I like bowling action. I like bowling head-to-head," Warren added. "If Chris Barnes wants to bowl me for \$5,000, I'm good with that. I'll up the stakes, too, if he wants to.

"I heard they (the PBA) were capping the event at eight players, so I wanted to make sure I'm in," Warren continued. "I'm not sure what conditions we're bowling on, but as far as I'm concerned, let's either take all the oil off the lane, or run the oil until the headpin falls over and we'll see what happens. But whatever they decided, I'm in."

Barnes also is ready to go, and he's glad Warren has jumped in.

"I'm committed," Barnes said. "I like 60-game formats, too, but this format takes me back to my roots. I started doing some action bowling as a college freshman in Las Vegas and when we traveled to Dallas. I bowled against guys like Chris back then. It didn't cost me a ton of money at that time, but I learned very quickly I had to get better if I was going to keep doing it. That led to bigger matches at Super Hoinke and High Rollers.

"By and large, bowling action is the thrill of putting your own money on the line versus bowling when your sponsor pays your entry," Barnes added. "That's what makes all the practice and hours of preparation worth it. It's the adrenaline rush. That's what I'm chasing as much as anything."

The format for the All-In Shootout involves two-game elimination rounds using two pairs of lanes, all on the PBA's Tournament of Champions lane conditioning pattern. Assuming a field of eight players, four players will bowl one game on one pair and the other four players will bowl their game on another pair. The two groups will then switch pairs for game two, and the field will be cut to the top four based on two-game pinfall totals.

The same format will follow for rounds two and three: two players bowl one game on one pair, two players on a second pair of lanes. After one game, the players will switch lanes for the second game and the field will be cut in half based on two-game pinfall totals.

Modifications will apply if there are fewer than six entries, but in all cases, rounds will consist of two games bowled on two pairs of lanes.

If Barnes and Warren wind up being the only two players, they'll bowl two games, one each on different pairs, for a total pot of \$15,000.

Any player, PBA member or not, who wants to enter the All-In Showdown needs to call Barb Wilt at the PBA office in Seattle (206-332-9688). Entries will be accepted on a first-come basis.

"This high stakes action will get the WSOB started with a shot of pure adrenaline," said PBA COO and Deputy Commissioner Tom Clark.

"We are really excited about making the All-In Showdown a great event," said Joel Ricketts, BowlersDeals.com owner. "We look forward to our partnership with the PBA to do what we can to make bowling exciting again."

In addition to sponsoring the All-In Showdown, BowlersDeals.com will also sponsor a daily feature during every live Xtra Frame webcast during the 2011-12 PBA Tour season. The BowlersDeals.com "Deal of the Day" will give Xtra Frame subscribers information on exclusive deals available on bowling equipment and accessories.

The third annual PBA World Series of Bowling will run from Nov. 4 through Nov. 20 at South Point Casino, Hotel and Bowling Center in Las Vegas, awarding eight PBA Tour titles and resulting in 14 Sunday afternoon telecasts on ESPN, starting Sunday, Dec. 4. In addition, more than 100 hours of live online coverage of World Series preliminary rounds will be provided on pba.com's exclusive Xtra Frame video streaming service.

For WSOB details and Xtra Frame subscription information, visit pba.com.

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For Kelly Kulick, ESPN the Magazine "Exposure" Is Good for Bowling PBA Tournament of Champions winner first bowler to appear in "Bodies in Motion" issue

SEATTLE (Oct. 6, 2011) – Kelly Kulick's professional bowling career has been a collection of "firsts," but none have been more revealing than her appearance – discreetly nude – in the latest issue of ESPN the Magazine's annual "Bodies We Want" photo-feature.

The 34-year-old Union, N.J., resident, who is about to begin her third season as the only woman ever to compete as a Professional Bowlers Association exempt tour player, is the first bowler to appear in ESPN the Magazine's annual "Body Issue," a special edition that celebrates athletic physiques involving male and female athletes from a variety of sports. The issue goes on sale on newsstands on Oct. 7.

"After the publicity I got during the PBA's U.S. Open last year (feature stories in several major New York and New Jersey daily newspapers), I was contacted by ESPN the Magazine and asked if I was interested in participating in the 'Body Issue.' We discussed how it would be done. I talked it over with Ebonite (her bowling ball sponsor) and the PBA, and I asked for some time to get in shape.

"I thought it would be done in good taste, so I thought it would bring great exposure to bowling and myself."

"Kelly is a great ambassador for the bowling and the PBA," said PBA Deputy Commissioner Tom Clark. "The more people who know about her, the more fans she'll have who will want to follow her progress as a professional bowler. The ESPN pictorial is another high impact way of gaining recognition and attention."

Kulick made the trip to New York City for the photo shoot, wearing athletic gear and a bikini to set up the pose the photographer wanted to shoot.

"Then I disrobed and positioned arms and legs so nothing would be indecent, but I would still show my athletic form," she said. "It was nerve-wracking at first. I was told it would be uncomfortable for the first 20 minutes, which it was, but you eventually become comfortable with what you're doing. There were only three or four people in room. It's not like you're posing in front of a bunch of people. And I feel good about my body, I didn't feel nervous at all about posing.

"I saw the photos the day they were taken," she added. "I don't know what shot they choose, but they were all superb. Black-and-white, all very creative.

"To think about all of the female bowlers out there and they asked me? Ultimately it was my decision and I'm very flattered," Kulick continued. "There were a lot of different athletes involved. We're all different. It's all about the physiques for each kind of athlete; it's not about being a size 2 person."

Kulick became the only woman ever to win a major sports title without the aid of an automobile or a horse when she won the 2010 PBA Tournament of Champions at Red Rock Lanes in Las Vegas, defeating an otherwise all-male field of 63 PBA Tour champions. Previously, she had become the first-and-only woman to earn an exemption to bowl full-time on the PBA Tour during the 2006-07 season.

Kulick earned the right to bowl in the 2010 PBA Tournament of Champions as the first PBA Women's World Championship winner. That win was part of an unprecedented string of four consecutive major championships (U.S. Women's Open, USBC Queens, PBA Women's World Championship, PBA Tournament of Champions). Her TOC victory also earned her a two-year exemption to return to the PBA Tour.

Kulick will be among 49 PBA Tour exempt players who will join a field of 240 bowlers – men and obviously women – from around the world for the third annual PBA World Series of Bowling Nov. 4-20 at South Point Bowling Center in Las Vegas.

The former Collegiate All-American (Morehead State University), current member of Team USA and two-time Woman Bowler of the Year also has just begun a three-year term as an athlete representative on the United States Bowling Congress Board of Directors.

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ESPN's 2011-12 PBA Tour Coverage Begins on December 4 New season to conclude with live PBA Tournament of Champions coverage on April 15

SEATTLE (Sept. 29, 2011) – For the 32nd consecutive year, ESPN will provide millions of American bowling fans with nationally-televised coverage of the Professional Bowlers Association during the 2011-12 season.

The PBA Tour's new television season, which includes 18 Sunday telecasts, will begin with a "doubleheader" on Sunday, Dec. 4 with the men's and women's World Bowling Tour Finals presented by the PBA airing in back-to-back one-hour segments. The PBA-ESPN season will conclude with the live finals of the PBA Tournament of Champions from Red Rock Lanes in Las Vegas on Sunday, April 15.

Supplementing the ESPN telecasts, pba.com's exclusive Xtra Frame video streaming service will provide more than 250 hours of live, online coverage of PBA Tour preliminary rounds as well as start-to-finish coverage of four new Xtra Frame Tour events during the season.

2011-12 ESPN-PBA TOUR SCHEDULE (all times Eastern) Dec. 4, 1 p.m. – World Bowling Tour Finals presented by the PBA (men), Las Vegas.

Dec. 4, 2 p.m. – World Bowling Tour Finals presented by the PBA (women), Las Vegas.

Dec. 11, 1 p.m. – WSOB PBA World Championship, Carter Division, Las Vegas.

Dec. 18, 1 p.m. – WSOB PBA World Championship, Hardwick Division, Las Vegas.

Jan. 1, 1 p.m. – WSOB PBA World Championship, Petraglia Division, Las Vegas.

Jan. 8, 1 p.m. – WSOB PBA World Championship, Aulby Division, Las Vegas.

Jan. 15, 1 p.m. – WSOB PBA World Championship finals, Las Vegas.

Jan. 22, 3 p.m. – WSOB Bayer Viper Open, Las Vegas.

Jan. 29, 12:30 p.m. – USBC Masters, Las Vegas.

Feb. 5, 4 p.m. – Chris Paul PBA Celebrity Invitational, New Orleans.

Feb. 12, 3 p.m. – WSOB Chameleon Open, Las Vegas.

Feb. 19, 3 p.m. – WSOB Scorpion Open, Las Vegas.

Feb. 26, 3 p.m. – 69th U.S. Open, North Brunswick, N.J.

March 4, 3 p.m. – WSOB Shark Open, Las Vegas.

March 25, 2:30 p.m. – WSOB Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship, Las Vegas.

April 1, 1 p.m. – WSOB Carmen Salvino Classic, Las Vegas.

April 8, 1 p.m. – WSOB PBA Exempt Players Championship, Las Vegas.

April 15, 1 p.m. – PBA Tournament of Champions, Las Vegas.

WSOB = PBA World Series of Bowling

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PBA Star Tommy Jones Dedicates Korea Cup Victory to His Late Father

BUSAN, Korea (Sept. 23, 2011) – An emotional Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., dedicated his victory in the DSD Samho Korea Cup International Open at Homeplus Asiad Bowling Center Friday to the memory of his father, who died five days earlier after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Jones, a 13-time PBA Tour title winner, was in Korea when he learned his father, 70-year-old Jack Allen Jones of Greenville, S.C., had lost his struggle against cancer.

After learning of his father's death, Jones led a contingent of Professional Bowlers Association stars into the final rounds of the Korea Cup, qualifying fourth for the stepladder finals. He defeated PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., 237-225, for the title after winning a three-player match with a 258 game against fellow PBA star Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill. (224) and Japan PBA member Teruyuki Obara (203), followed by a 237-179 win over Korea's Park Kyung Sin and a 258-234 victory over Korea's Kang Sung Yu in the semifinal match.

The elder Jones was retired after a 37-year career with Duke Power Company. He is survived by his wife Linda, sister Jean (Joe) Solesbee, granddaughter Ella and other relatives. The family asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Open Arms Hospice, 1836 W. Georgia Rd., Simpsonville, SC 29680. A memorial tribute to Jack Jones will be held at Tommy Jones' home in Simpsonville on Sunday, Oct. 2.

Condolences may be sent to the family at thomasmcafee.com.

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Diverse Group of 49 Exempt Players Set for 2011-12 PBA Tour Season New Exempt Players Championship to provide "major" drama during World Series of Bowling

SEATTLE (Sept. 23, 2011) – Four first-time Professional Bowlers Association title winners, players representing six foreign countries, a returning PBA Hall of Famer and the oldest player ever to earn an exemption are among the 49 "exempt" players who will headline the 2011-12 PBA Tour when it gets underway during the PBA World Series of Bowling Nov. 4-20 at South Point Lanes in Las Vegas.

A focal point of the season for the elite group will be an exclusive new PBA Exempt Players Championship with a \$35,000 first prize and a \$191,000 prize fund during the World Series which also will give its winner an elite "Round of 32" berth in the season-ending PBA Tournament of Champions.

The four players who earned exemptions by winning their first PBA Tour titles during the 2010-11 season are Tom Hess of Urbandale, Iowa; Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y.; Scott Norton of Costa Mesa, Calif., and Osku Palermaa of Finland. Hess, as winner of the United States Bowling Congress Masters, earned a two-year exemption through the 2012-13 season.

The strongest international presence ever will include representatives from six countries plus the United States: Australia (Jason Belmonte), Finland (Palermaa and reigning PBA Player of the Year Mika Koivuniemi), Canada (Dan MacLelland), Sweden (Martin Larsen), Colombia (Andres Gomez), and Venezuela (Amleto Monacelli).

PBA Hall of Famer Monacelli, a 19-time PBA Tour champion and two-time PBA Player of the Year, will return to full-time exempt player status for the first time in five years based upon his competition points performance as a non-exempt player last season.

And Kerry Painter of Henderson, Nev., at age 58, became the oldest player ever to earn a PBA Tour exemption when he finished eighth in the 2010 PBA Regional Players Invitational in Reno, Nev.

The 2011-12 exempt player roster also includes four additional PBA Hall of Famers (47-time titlist Walter Ray Williams Jr., 35-time winner Pete Weber, 34-time champion Norm Duke and 32-time titlist Parker Bohn III), the only woman ever to

win a PBA Tour title (2010 PBA Tournament of Champions winner Kelly Kulick) and, for the first time ever, three two-handed players (Palermma, Belmonte and former Junior Team USA member Brian Valenta).

There will be nine first-time exempt players next season: Hess; Larsen and MacLelland from the 2010-11 PBA Tour competition points list; Steven Black, Johnathan Bower, Paul Gibson, Tyler Jensen and Painter from the 2010 RPI, and Valenta (2010-11 Tour Qualifying Round points leader), but the race for PBA Rookie of the Year honors will be limited to non-exempt players because all eight of the first-timers have exceeded Rookie of the Year eligibility rules (appeared in more than three Tour events in one season and/or seven total Tour events).

And the PBA Player of the Year chase will have plenty of contenders among the exempt players. Past winners of that honor are Williams (seven times), Duke (twice), Koivuniemi (twice), Bohn (twice), Monacelli (twice), Chris Barnes, Tommy Jones, Patrick Allen and Wes Malott.

The oldest player in the group is Painter (who turns 59 on Dec. 23) and the youngest is Bower, who will celebrate his 23rd birthday on Dec. 14.

While the exempt players are automatically qualified for all PBA Tour events this season, the three World Series events that will showcase the exclusive group are the Carmen Salvino Classic, the Exempt Players Championship and the Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship.

The Salvino Classic will be open to the exempt players and a minimum of 15 non-exempt players who will qualify through a Tour Qualifying Round. Qualifying rounds in the Salvino Classic will be combined with EPC qualifying games to determine the top 32. Another six-game round will reduce the EPC field to 16 finalists and those standings also will determine the players who will be paired up for the PBA Doubles Championship. PBA.com's Xtra Frame online video streaming service will air more than 25 hours of live coverage of the Exempt Players preliminary rounds.

Combining the three events, exempt players will bowl for more than \$375,000 in prize money including the \$35,000 first prize in the Exempt Players Championship, \$15,000 to the Salvino Classic winner and a \$15,000 top prize for the PBA Doubles champions. Overall, the WSOB will pay an estimated \$1 million in prize money.

The 2011-12 PBA Tour exempt players, and how they qualified, are:

Major Title Winners (8): Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2011 PBA World Championship; Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2011 U.S. Open; Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa; 2011 USBC Masters; Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 2011 PBA Tournament of Champions; Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 2010 PBA Tournament of Champions; Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 2010 U.S. Open; Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2009 PBA World Championship; Walter Ray Jr. Williams, Ocala, Fla., 2010 USBC Masters.

2010-11 PBA Tour Title Winners (5): Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., Earl Anthony Memorial; Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., Mark Roth Plastic Ball Championship; Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., Brunswick Pro Bowling Cheetah

Championship; Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., 2010 Chameleon Championship; Osku Palermaa, Finland, GEICO Shark Championship.

2010-11 PBA Tour Competition Points List (28): Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C.; Patrick Allen, Baltimore; Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y.; Jason Belmonte, Australia; Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J.; Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas; Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y.; Mike DeVaney, Murietta, Calif.; Mike Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y.; Andres Gomez, Colombia; Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz.; Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill.; Tommy Jones, Columbia, S.C.; Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y.; Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio; Martin Larsen, Sweden; Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio; Dan MacLelland, Saginaw, Mich.; Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas; Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela; Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill.; Ronnie Russell, Indianapolis; Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas; Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y.; Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan.; Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore.; Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo.; Danny Wiseman, Baltimore.

2010 PBA Regional Players Invitational (6): Steven Black, Huntington Beach, Calif.; Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa.; Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif.; Paul Gibson, Brunswick, Ohio; Tyler Jensen, Fort Worth, Texas; Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev.

PBA Golden Parachute Exemption: Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla.

2010-11 PBA Tour Qualifying Round Points Leader: Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill.

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New PBA Regional Players Doubles Championship Set for Las Vegas Regional “major” championship includes two berths in PBA Tournament of Champions “Elite Field”

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (Sept. 22, 2011) – The Professional Bowlers Association has announced its 2012 PBA Regional Players Doubles Championship will move to Las Vegas where it will be hosted by The Orleans Casino, Hotel and Bowling Center Feb. 11-12.

The RPC-Doubles, which replaces the PBA Regional Players Invitational which was held for several years in Reno, will immediately follow the February High Roller, a “megabucks” tournament that has revised its eligibility rules to allow many PBA Regional-level players an opportunity to bowl both events. The High Roller also will be held at The Orleans.

Because the RPC-Doubles also is the second PBA “major championship” for PBA Regional players, the winning partners both will earn spots in the “Elite Field” at the season-ending PBA Tournament of Champions. Scott Newell of Deland, Fla., earned his berth in the TOC “Elite Field” in late May when he won the Regional Players Championship-East at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich.

The RPC-Doubles will be open to all non-exempt PBA members. Entry fee is \$295 per player/\$590 per team. Bowlers will compete for a \$10,000 first prize (based on 100 teams) and for enhanced competition points toward qualifying for the Xtra Frame Dick Weber PBA Playoffs presented by Hammer which will be held May 30-April 1 at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis. The top 16 points leaders in each of the PBA’s seven regions as of Feb. 26 will qualify for the PBA Playoffs.

All RPC-Doubles teams will bowl eight qualifying games on Saturday, Feb. 11, with the top 25 percent of the field (maximum 32 teams) advancing to Sunday’s 12-game, Baker format round-robin match play finals. The Baker format requires each player to alternate, bowling five frames per game.

The RPC-Doubles will be covered live on pba.com’s Xtra Frame as part of a season-long package of more than 250 hours of live online, video-streaming coverage of PBA competition. To sign up for an Xtra Frame subscription, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame logo.

For RPC-Doubles entry information, visit pba.com. For High Roller eligibility and entry information, visit high-roller.com. For lodging information and reservations, visit orleanscasino.com.

PBA REGIONAL PLAYERS DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE The Orleans Bowling Center,
Las Vegas, Nev., Feb. 10-12

Friday, Feb. 10

5:30 p.m. – Squad A practice

7:30 p.m. – Squad B practice

Saturday, Feb. 11

8 a.m. – Squad A, 8 qualifying games

2 p.m. – Squad B, 8 qualifying games

Field cut to top 25 percent of field (maximum 32 teams)

Sunday, Feb. 12

8 a.m. – 12 game, round-robin match play, Baker format

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(Editor's Note: Final 2011 PBA Senior Tour statistics are attached in a Word document to allow for proper tab spacing)

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Best Year Ever? Mohr Dominates 2011 PBA Senior Tour Statistical Races Williams shatters average record, but Alaskan star wins points, earnings titles

SEATTLE (Sept. 7, 2011) – Professional Bowlers Association Senior Player of the Year Ron Mohr of Eagle River, Alaska, may have experienced the most successful year ever in dominating the 11-tournament 2011 PBA Senior Tour schedule.

That lofty conclusion comes at the end of a year in which Mohr won a record-tying four titles in the 10 PBA Senior Tour events he entered, supported by a stunning 67-30 record in his head-to-head matches (a 69 percent success rate) and an equally impressive qualifying record. In 10 tournaments, Mohr was the leading qualifier twice, No. 2 twice and he qualified lower than seventh only one time.

His “bad” event might have been his most impressive. After struggling to 77th place after the first eight qualifying games in the Senior Decatur (Ill.) Open, Mohr moved up 53 places over the next eight games to make the cut to match play by four pins, qualifying a season-worst 24th.

In addition to his four titles – including his first major championship in the Senior U.S. Open – Mohr finished out of the top four only one time. He was second twice, third twice, fourth and had a 13-place finish in Decatur. For the record, the only tournament he didn’t enter was the USBC Senior Masters which he missed in order to attend a family wedding.

Tom Baker (2006), Dale Eagle (1999) and Pete Couture (1998) also had four-title seasons, but only Baker’s was in a comparable number of events (nine). In 2006, Baker finished second, third, fifth, seventh and 24th in his other five events. Eagle won four times in a 15-tournament schedule while Couture won his four titles in a 14-event season.

Mohr also won the 2011 earnings crown, taking \$56,100 to the bank. Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Ocala, Fla., was second with \$37,400 followed by Harry Sullins of Chesterfield Township, Mich., with \$36,450. And Mohr’s consistency led to an easy

victory in the competition points race where he compiled 217,602 points to top Williams' 195,671.

No one had a perfect 11-for-11 cashing record, but of the nine players who cashed in 10 events, Mohr, Baker, Peter Knopp and Henry Gonzalez were 10-for-10 while Williams, Sullins, Mike Henry, Kenny Parks and Eagle cashed in 10 of 11 events.

The only statistical category where Mohr fell short was in scoring average where Williams blistered the PBA Senior Tour record. Williams, a living PBA Tour legend who has rewritten the record book over his illustrious 47-title career, bounced back from his worst PBA Tour season to shatter the PBA Senior Tour average record, bowling at a 229.56 pace in erasing the previous record of 226.32 set by Baker in 2006. Mohr was a distant second, finishing at 225.98.

While Williams struggled in match play, he had an amazing qualifying record. He led all Senior Tour qualifiers five times and finished second three other times. But in his other three events, Williams qualified 12th, 18th and his worst qualifying finish was in the season-ending Senior Dayton Classic.

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PBA South Region Tournament Director Harry O'Neale to Retire PBA's longest-standing regional manager says "it's time to enjoy the retired life"

SEATTLE (Sept. 2, 2011) - After a half-century of involvement with the Professional Bowlers Association, PBA South Region Tournament Director Harry O'Neale has announced "it's time to enjoy the retired life. Whatever that is."

O'Neale, who has managed a highly successful regional program that began with 160 members and grew significantly during his 31 and a half years of supervision, will officially leave his post on Sept. 9. He will be 69 in November.

"We've been thinking about it for a few months," he said. "We're ready to go. That's all. I've been doing this for 31 1/2 years, and decided it's time... I've been involved with PBA for more than 50 years, since I was 19. I bowled in my first PBA event in 1961 when I was at University of Houston."

O'Neale, who lives just outside Charleston, S.C., with his wife Gloria, was operating his own bowling center when he was retained to replace PBA charter member Lee Hefner as the South Region's tournament manager in 1980.

"I've got a house full of memories," he grinned. "When I took over, the South Region had 160 members. We've been as high as 1,200 and have run as many as 40 tournaments a year."

"The PBA is losing an institution," said PBA Commissioner and CEO Fred Schreyer. "Harry's leadership in the South Region has been extraordinary. Through the professionalism he has always exhibited in operating events on behalf of the PBA, he has created opportunities for dozens of youth players to develop the skills that led them to successful careers as PBA Tour competitors. He's going to be missed."

The PBA is in the process of naming O'Neale's successor.

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Williams Keeps PBA Senior Player of the Year Hopes Alive in Senior Jackson Open
Points leader Mohr closes to within 50 pins; Sullins sits in third place

JACKSON, Mich. (Aug. 24, 2011) – Walter Ray Williams Jr.'s long-shot bid to add a Professional Bowlers Association Senior Player of the Year title to his lengthy portfolio of PBA honors remains alive after he led qualifying in the PBA Senior Jackson Open at Airport Lanes Thursday. But the man he needs to beat, Ron Mohr of Eagle River, Alaska, is right on Williams' heels as the No. 2 qualifier.

Williams, a PBA Hall of Famer and owner of a record 47 titles on the regular PBA Tour, finished the 16-game qualifying portion of the tournament with 3,813 pins, 50 pins ahead of Mohr. During Wednesday's eight-game round, Williams threw four games in the 240s along with a pair of 258 games, but even at his torrid pace, Mohr gained ground.

Heading into Thursday's final round of single-elimination match play for the top 32 qualifiers, Williams is faced with a need to win not only the Senior Jackson Open, but next week's Senior Dayton Classic to have a chance to win Senior Player of the Year honors. The only other player with a mathematical chance in the Player of the Year race is Harry Sullins of Chesterfield Township, Mich., who qualified third.

Mohr, who has won three times in 2011, leads the points race with 78 points to Williams' 52 and Sullins' 48. Players are awarded 16 points for a title, 8 points for a second-place finish, 4 points for third and 2 points for fourth place, so a third-place finish by Mohr would assure no less than a tie for the title with Williams and it would eliminate Sullins.

Win or not, Williams is pleased with the year he has had, and how he's bowling in Jackson.

"I threw the ball pretty firm, pretty straight today," he said. "I had a nice ball reaction today and yesterday going up and at the pins. I might have hooked the ball a little more today as the round progressed, but it was nothing excessive.

"I've had a great year," the Ocala, Fla., resident said, "but a lot of guys have bowled very well against me in match play. It's just one of those things. But the

way I've been bowling, I'm looking forward to bowling with the young guys again when the regular tour gets going in November."

Competition continues Thursday when the top 32 will compete in single-elimination match play leading to the championship. PBA.com's Xtra Frame will provide live coverage of all Thursday match play rounds. Visit pba.com or xtraframe.tv for subscription details.

PBA SENIOR JACKSON OPEN

Airport Lanes, Jackson, Mich., Wednesday

SECOND ROUND (after 16 games; top 32 advance to match play):

- 1, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 3,813.
- 2, Ron Mohr, Eagle River, Alaska, 3,763.
- 3, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Township, Mich., 3,701.
- 4, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3,699.
- 5, Wayne Webb, Columbus, Ohio, 3,689.
- 6, Peter Knopp, Germany, 3,612.
- 7, Charlie Tapp, Kalamazoo, Mich., 3,558.
- 8, a-Rick Vittone, Canada, 3,556.
- 9, Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev., 3,555.
- 10, a-Ken Wyatt, Sterling Hts., Mich., 3,529.
- 11, Vince Mazzanti Jr., Levittown, Pa., 3,525.
- 12, Dale Csuhata, Wadsworth, Ohio, 3,512.
- 13, Henry Gonzalez, Colorado Springs, Colo., 3,509.
- 14, Hugh Miller, Seattle, 3,468.
- 15, Michael Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, 3,461.
- 16, Christopher Keane, New City, N.Y., 3,457.
- 17, Kent Wagner, Palmetto, Fla., 3,449.
- 18, Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 3,443.
- 19, Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 3,439.
- 20, Ricky Beck, Box Elder, S.D., 3,432.
- 21, Patric Donaghue, Honeoye Falls, N.Y., 3,429.
- 22 (tie), Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, and Steve Ferraro, Kingston, N.Y., 3,421.
- 24, Timothy Kauble, Marion, Ohio, 3,410.
- 25, Keith Sharp, Orlando, Fla., 3,407.
- 26, Dale Eagle, Tavares, Fla., 3,400.
- 27, Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 3,393.
- 28, Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 3,366.
- 29, Tom Carter, Rockford, Ill., 3,353.
- 30, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3,343.
- 31, Dave Patchen, Oregon, Ohio, 3,342.
- 32, x-Steve Easterday, Strasburg, Ohio, 3,334

Failed to Advance:

- 33, Marc Lineberry, Camanche, Iowa, 3,334, \$900.
- 34, Don Sylvia, Reno, Nev., 3,331, \$900.
- 35, Bob Kelly, Dayton, Ohio, 3,330, \$900.
- 36, s-Barry Gurney, West Hills, Calif., 3,326, \$700.
- 37, Don Hicks, West Babylon, N.Y., 3,322.
- 38, s-Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 3,319, \$700.
- 39, s-Gary Hiday, Indianapolis, 3,312, \$700.
- 40, Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 3,311.
- 41, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 3,302.
- 42 (tie), Ray Johnson, Battle Creek, Mich., and a-Michael Lucente, Warren, Mich., 3,292.
- 44, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 3,288.
- 45, Mark Glover, Woodbridge, Va., 3,283.
- 46, s-John Shreve Sr., Elyria, Ohio, 3,280, \$700.
- 47, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 3,278.
- 48, Terry Wellman, Marengo, Ohio, 3,274.
- 49, Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 3,273.
- 50, Tom Howison, Chillicothe, Ohio, 3,272.
- 51 (tie), Dave Sill, Rockledge, Fla., and s-John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 3,270, \$700.
- 53, s-Michael Truitt, Orland Park, Ill., 3,264, \$700.
- 54, a-s-Victor Portalatin, Jackson, Mich., 3,254, \$700.
- 55, a-Leo Scantamburlo, Riverview, Mich., 3,252.
- 56, a-Dick Selgo, Archbold, Ohio, 3,243.
- 57, a-Fred McClain, Lincoln Park, Mich., 3,215.
- 58, Larry Graybeal, Elizabethton, Tenn., 3,202.
- 59, Larry Popp, Marion, Ohio, 3,201.
- 60, Daniel Miner, East Moline, Ill., 3,194.
- 61, a-Paul Kwiecien, Lansing, Mich., 3,184.
- 62, Dennis Psaropoulos, Lake Worth, Fla., 3,183.
- 63, Dave Osim, Roscommon, Mich., 3,170.
- 64, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 3,163.
- 65, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 3,162.
- 66, Gregg Schmied, Schererville, Ind., 3,157.
- 67 (tie), Scott Lindsey, Omaha, Neb., and David Goldenberg, Lake Grove, N.Y., 3,144.
- 69, Dave Soutar, Bradenton, Fla., 3,139.
- 70, Rich Wilkinson, Bennington, Neb., 3,133.
- 71, Dave Schultz, Jackson, Wis., 3,130.
- 72, George Lord, Lakeland, Fla., 3,123.
- 73, a-Derek Smith, Hicksville, Ohio, 3,108.
- 74, James Souder, Greeneville, Tenn, 3,104.
- 75, Russ Freeman, Antioch, Ill., 3,102.
- 76, a-Ed Goldberg, Grand Ledge, Mich., 3,099.
- 77, Dannie Hettinger, Circleville, Ohio, 3,093.
- 78, Sal Bongiorno, Hollywood, Fla., 3,088.
- 79, Roy Buckley, New Albany, Ohio, 3,087.
- 80, Jerry Lau, St. Peters, Mo., 3,083.

81 (tie), Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., and Douglas Weese, Carson City, Mich., 3,060.
 83 (tie), Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., and Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, 3,043.
 85, Donald Breihan, Columbia, S.C., 3,040.
 86, Patrick King, Yankton, S.D., 3,020.
 87, Ernie Bourque, Acushnet, Mass., 3,010.
 88, a-Lester Gentry, Hartland, Mich., 2,998.
 89, Robert Teeters, Lapel, Ind., 2,989.
 90, Michael Chrzanowski, Shepherd, Mich., 2,958.
 91, Ken Waters, Kingsport, Tenn., 2,947.
 92, Harley Trumbull, New Boston, Mich., 2,939.
 93, a-Edward Vasas, Ypsilanti, Mich., 2,914.
 94, Mark Scime, Winter Garden, Fla., 2,911.
 95, Robert Harvey, Boise, Idaho, 2,899.
 96, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 2,893.
 97, Bill Idzior, Crown Point, Ind., 2,880.
 98, Emilio Mora Sr., Defiance, Ohio, 2,871.
 99, Sam Perrotta, Lincoln Park, N.J., 2,834.
 100, Ray Randall, Dearborn, Mich., 2,738.
 101, Richard Felten, Rockville, Md., 2,684.
 102, Fred Baldwin, Sturgis, Mich., 2,681.
 103, a-Matt Bamburg, Winnebago, Ill., 2,474.
 104, Dennis Weatherman, Coloma, Mich., withdrew.
 105, Phillip Moros, Lombard, Ill., withdrew.

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x-Easterday defeated Lineberry, 183-181, in a roll-off for 32nd place.

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Walter Ray Williams Jr. Takes PBA Senior Jackson Open First Round Lead PBA Hall of Famer continues to apply pressure in Senior Player of the Year chase

JACKSON, Mich. (Aug. 23, 2011) – The race for Professional Bowlers Association Senior Player of the Year is all but over, but don't tell 47-time PBA Tour champion Walter Ray Williams Jr.

The PBA Tour's all-time leading title winner jumped into the first round lead in the PBA Senior Jackson Open at Airport Lanes Tuesday, firing games of 200, 258, 237, 244, 269, 216, 257 and 246 for an eight-game total of 1,927 pins and an 80-pin lead over fellow PBA Hall of Famer Tom Baker of King, N.C. Williams is seeking his second PBA Senior Tour win of the year, and the third of his career, as he tries to overtake Ron Mohr of Eagle River, Alaska, in the Senior Player of the Year points race.

While Mohr has won three times in 2011 in building a seemingly insurmountable lead with only two tournaments remaining, Williams also has had a great year. As the player every Senior Tour competitor wants to beat more than anyone else, he has had difficulties closing out opponents during the last half of the season.

"I've been bowling pretty well," Williams said, "but for some reason, the last few games of match play have not been going the way I want. I'm very happy with the way I've been bowling. I feel like I'm bowling great, but sometimes it's just the way things go. Sometimes guys get a break, sometimes guys bowl really well, sometimes I make a mistake.

"My plan is to keep bowling as well as I can," he continued. "I've been through bad spells on tour before. You just keep plugging and eventually things will turn around. I'd still like to be Senior Player of the Year, but that's going to take some kind of miracle. No matter what, I'll still show up tomorrow and next week, and I'll bowl the best I can. I'm not going to give up."

Trailing Williams and Baker after the opening eight games are amateur Ken Wyatt of Sterling Heights, Mich., with 1,826 pins; two-time 2011 winner Harry Sullins of Chesterfield Township, Mich., with a 1,822 total and Mohr with 1,821 pins.

Competition continues with the second qualifying round Wednesday leading to the top 32 for match play and championship rounds on Thursday. PBA.com's Xtra Frame will provide live coverage Wednesday and Thursday. Visit pba.com or xtraframe.tv for subscription details.

PBA SENIOR JACKSON OPEN

Airport Lanes, Jackson, Mich., Tuesday

FIRST ROUND (after 8 games):

- 1, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 1,927.
- 2, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,847.
- 3, a-Ken Wyatt, Sterling Hts., Mich., 1,826.
- 4, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Township, Mich., 1,822.
- 5, Ron Mohr, Eagle River, Alaska, 1,821.
- 6, Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev., 1,805.
- 7, Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 1,784.
- 8, Wayne Webb, Columbus, Ohio, 1,779.
- 9, Michael Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, 1,773.
- 10, Christopher Keane, New City, N.Y., 1,768.
- 11, Dale Eagle, Tavares, Fla., 1,754.
- 12, Henry Gonzalez, Colorado Springs, Colo., 1,753.
- 13, Dale Csuhata, Wadsworth, Ohio, 1,740.
- 14, Mark Glover, Woodbridge, Va., 1,738.
- 15, Bob Kelly, Dayton, Ohio, 1,731.
- 16, a-Rick Vitton, Canada, 1,728.
- 17 (tie), Patric Donaghue, Honeoye Falls, N.Y., and Charlie Tapp, Kalamazoo, Mich., 1,722.
- 19, Peter Knopp, Germany, 1,715.
- 20, Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 1,711.
- 21, Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 1,709.
- 22, Keith Sharp, Orlando, Fla., 1,708.
- 23, Vince Mazzanti Jr., Levittown, Pa., 1,706.
- 24, Barry Gurney, West Hills, Calif., 1,703.
- 25, Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 1,691.
- 26 (tie), Ricky Beck, Box Elder, S.D., and Gary Hiday, Indianapolis, 1,690.
- 28, John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 1,688.
- 29, a-Dick Selgo, Archbold, Ohio, 1,683.
- 30, Tom Carter, Rockford, Ill., 1,678.
- 31, Hugh Miller, Seattle, 1,677.
- 32, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 1,667.
- 33, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1,656.
- 34, a-Michael Lucente, Warren, Mich., 1,650.
- 35, Marc Lineberry, Camanche, Iowa, 1,642.
- 36, a-Fred McClain, Lincoln Park, Mich., 1,641.

37 (tie), Timothy Kauble, Marion, Ohio, and Dennis Weatherman, Coloma, Mich., 1,639.
 39, Don Sylvia, Reno, Nev., 1,636.
 40, Terry Wellman, Marengo, Ohio, 1,633.
 41 (tie), John Shreve Sr., Elyria, Ohio; Dennis Psaropoulos, Lake Worth, Fla., and Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 1,628.
 44, Don Hicks, West Babylon, N.Y., 1,623.
 45, Kent Wagner, Palmetto, Fla., 1,622.
 46, James Souder, Greeneville, Tenn, 1,616.
 47 (tie), Dave Sill, Rockledge, Fla., and Ray Johnson, Battle Creek, Mich., 1,613.
 49, Dave Patchen, Oregon, Ohio, 1,610.
 50, Tom Howison, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,603.
 51, a-Derek Smith, Hicksville, Ohio, 1,595.
 52, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 1,590.
 53, a-Victor Portalatin, Jackson, Mich., 1,588.
 54, George Lord, Lakeland, Fla., 1,580.
 55, Steve Easterday, Strasburg, Ohio, 1,579.
 56, Steve Ferraro, Kingston, N.Y., 1,575.
 57, Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,574.
 58, a-Paul Kwiecien, Lansing, Mich., 1,572.
 59, Donald Breihan, Columbia, S.C., 1,570.
 60, Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 1,568.
 61, Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,567.
 62, Larry Popp, Marion, Ohio, 1,565.
 63, Douglas Weese, Carson City, Mich., 1,564.
 64, Michael Truitt, Orland Park, Ill., 1,563.
 65, a-Ed Goldberg, Grand Ledge, Mich., 1,560.
 66 (tie), Dave Osim, Roscommon, Mich., and Roy Buckley, New Albany, Ohio, 1,554.
 68, Dave Soutar, Bradenton, Fla., 1,552.
 69, Rich Wilkinson, Bennington, Neb., 1,546.
 70 (tie), David Goldenberg, Lake Grove, N.Y., and Robert Teeters, Lapel, Ind., 1,543.
 72, Sal Bongiorno, Hollywood, Fla., 1,542.
 73, Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 1,537.
 74, a-Leo Scantamburlo, Riverview, Mich., 1,523.
 75 (tie), Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., and Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 1,522.
 77, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,515.
 78, Mark Scime, Winter Garden, Fla., 1,506.
 79 (tie), Daniel Miner, East Moline, Ill., and Gregg Schmied, Schererville, Ind., 1,504.
 81, Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, 1,503.
 82 (tie), Michael Chrzanowski, Shepherd, Mich., and Russ Freeman, Antioch, Ill., 1,498.
 84, Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., 1,493.
 85 (tie), Emilio Mora Sr., Defiance, Ohio, and a-Edward Vasas, Ypsilanti, Mich., 1,488.
 87, Phillip Moros, Lombard, Ill., 1,481.
 88, Scott Lindsey, Omaha, Neb., 1,475.
 89, Dannie Hettinger, Circleville, Ohio, 1,470.
 90, a-Lester Gentry, Hartland, Mich., 1,468.

- 91, Ernie Bourque, Acushnet, Mass., 1,460.
- 92, Patrick King, Yankton, S.D., 1,457.
- 93, Ken Waters, Kingsport, Tenn., 1,451.
- 94, Jerry Lau, St. Peters, Mo., 1,433.
- 95, Robert Harvey, Boise, Idaho, 1,431.
- 96, Harley Trumbull, New Boston, Mich., 1,427.
- 97, Larry Graybeal, Elizabethton, Tenn., 1,418.
- 98, Fred Baldwin, Sturgis, Mich., 1,403.
- 99, Dave Schultz, Jackson, Wis., 1,400.
- 100, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 1,383.
- 101, Sam Perrotta, Lincoln Park, N.J., 1,358.
- 102, Ray Randall, Dearborn, Mich., 1,293.
- 103, Richard Felten, Rockville, Md., 1,277.
- 104, Bill Idzior, Crown Point, Ind., 1,260.
- 105, a-Matt Bamburg, Winnebago, Ill., 1,229.

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Editor's Note: A photo of Kristina Frahm is available in the PBA Media Gallery in the Billy Welu Scholarship Winners folder; if you do not have access to the Media Gallery, but would like a photo, please drop me a note.

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Maryland Eastern Shore's Kristina Frahm Wins PBA Billy Welu Scholarship Oswego, Illinois native is four-time All-American, three-time women's collegiate team champion

SEATTLE (Aug. 1, 2011) - Kristina Frahm of Oswego, Ill., who helped the University of Maryland Eastern Shore win a pair of NCAA Women's Bowling Championships and a USBC Intercollegiate Team Championships title as part of her four-year reign as a collegiate All-American, has been selected as winner of the Professional Bowler Association's 2011 Billy Welu Scholarship.

Frahm, who recently graduated from Maryland Eastern Shore with a 3.955 grade point average in earning her degree in accounting, is headed to Salisbury University in Salisbury, Md., this fall in pursuit of her MBA. Her goal is to become a Certified Public Accountant.

Frahm was captain of her Maryland Eastern Shore teams during her sophomore, junior and senior years, helping the school win NCAA Women's titles in 2008 and 2011, and the 2011 USBC Intercollegiate Team title. In addition to earning All-America honors all four years in school, she was NCAA Division I Rookie of the Year in 2008, won the NCAA Elite 88 Award and the Bernstein Achievement Award for her academic accomplishments.

"I fell in love with the sport when my dad first took me bowling at age six," she said. "Once I got to high school, I realized I could make bowling something more in my life than just a leisure activity."

"Bowling is a passion of mine and I would love to continue competing at a higher level. The Welu Scholarship will help finance my tuition so I can focus more on bowling tournaments. If the women's tour comes back, it would be a dream of mine to be part of that."

"In the five years I have known Kristina, I have heard only positive comments about her," said Maryland Eastern Shore Associate Athletic Director Sharon

Brummell. "That speaks volumes to the kind of young woman she is and the kind of future she has in front of her."

The \$1,000 Billy Welu Scholarship is awarded annually in honor of the PBA Charter Member who won the BPAA All Star in 1959 before winning the 1964 and '65 USBC Masters events. He was PBA President for two years, a member of the PBA Tournament Committee for eight years and served for 16 years on the Executive Board. Welu, who also was a color analyst on early PBA Tour telecasts, was inducted into both the PBA and USBC Halls of Fame in 1975.

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Fans Select Jason Belmonte as "Best Bowler" ESPY Award Winner

LOS ANGELES (July 14, 2011) – Jason Belmonte's popularity among bowling fans became apparent Wednesday when the Australian two-handed player was selected as the fans' choice for the 2011 "Best Bowler" ESPY Award at the annual ESPY Awards ceremony at Nokia Theater.

With seven top 10 finishes during the 2010-11 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour season and a win with New Orleans Hornets star Chris Paul as his doubles partner in the Chris Paul PBA Celebrity Invitational, Belmonte won the fan voting contest on ESPN.com over fellow PBA Tour competitors Mika Koivuniemi, Chris Barnes and Bill O'Neill.

Belmonte, the 2008-09 PBA Rookie of the Year, was the first player to win a PBA Tour event with a two-handed delivery.

"I'm so excited to win the ESPY," said Belmonte, who was on hand in Los Angeles to accept his award. "I'd like to thank my family and friends and to everyone who voted. I will remember this for a very long time."

ESPY Award candidates are selected by ESPN staff for a variety of sports and special moments in athletic competition, and winners are determined by fan voting.

BEST BOWLER ESPY AWARD WINNERS

2011 – Jason Belmonte
2010 – Walter Ray Williams Jr.
2009 – Norm Duke
2008 – Norm Duke
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Race is on for Regional, Senior Players to Qualify for Dick Weber PBA Playoffs
Unique elimination championships return to Indianapolis as part of pba.com's Xtra Frame Tour

SEATTLE (July 11, 2011) – The Professional Bowlers Association's unique showdown between the best players in its seven regional programs, the 2011 PBA Senior Tour's points leaders and the top players on the PBA's 2011-12 national tour will return to Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis March 30-April 1 for the 2012 Dick Weber PBA Playoffs, the concluding event on the PBA's new Xtra Frame Tour.

Introduced in the spring of 2011, the Dick Weber PBA Playoffs involves six groups of regional and national competition points leaders in a series of elimination rounds leading to the championship. New for the 2012 PBA Playoffs, the PBA Senior Tour's top 11 points leaders will be included in the field of 174 competitors.

The 2012 Dick Weber PBA Playoffs will be conducted over two days, with the entire tournament covered live online by pba.com's Xtra Frame video-streaming service.

Highlights of the 2012 PBA Playoffs include:

- The top 16 players in six PBA Regional programs (East, South, Central, Midwest, Southwest and West/Northwest combined) will qualify for the Playoffs based on competition points earned during the 2011-12 season. The qualifying cutoff date is Feb. 26.
- The No. 1 points leader in all seven PBA regions will receive a "bye" for the qualifying round. While the West and Northwest Regions are combined into one group for the qualifying round, the top points earner in the West and Northwest will receive an opening-round bye. A total of 97 PBA Regional members will be included in the PBA Playoffs field.
- The top 11 PBA Senior Tour players based on competition points earned during their 2011 season will be included. The top five Senior players will receive a "bye" for the qualifying round.
- The top 66 players from the 2011-12 PBA Tour points list will be eligible. The top six players on the PBA Tour points list as of March 12 will receive "byes"

from the qualifying and first elimination rounds. Players who rank seventh through 12th will receive “byes” for the qualifying round only.

- Competition will begin on Saturday, March 31, with 25 players (15 PBA Regional, one Senior Tour and nine PBA Tour) players in each of the six Regional groups bowling two five-game qualifying squads. After 10 games, the top nine within each Regional group will advance to Sunday’s elimination rounds.
- In Elimination Round One, the nine qualifiers per Regional Group will be joined by the PBA Regional, Senior Tour and six PBA Tour points leaders who received byes for the qualifying round. After four games in Elimination Round One, seven of the 12 players per group will advance to Round Two where the top six PBA Tour points leaders will join the field. After another four games, the top four per group will advance to Round Three. After four more games, two survivors per group will advance to the Regional Championships.
- The PBA Playoffs will conclude Sunday with a round of Regional Championships, Conference Championships, Semifinals and Championship match.

Dick Allen of Columbia, S.C., defeated Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, 237-218, 221-193, to win the inaugural Dick Weber PBA Playoffs title.

Tournament rules and entry information for eligible players will be posted on pba.com at a later date.

The inaugural PBA Xtra Frame Tour is an extension of the traditional PBA Tour and will also include the Xtra Frame Cheetah Open at Fountain Bowl in Fountain Valley, Calif., Jan. 21-22; the Xtra Frame Don Johnson Memorial Open at Sequoia Bowl in Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 18-19, and the Xtra Frame Detroit Open at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich., March 11-12.

Between the traditional PBA Tour and PBA Xtra Frame Tour events, Xtra Frame subscribers will have access to more than 250 hours of exclusive online videostreaming programming. To subscribe to Xtra Frame, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame logo. A full-year Xtra Frame subscription costs \$64.99.

2012 XTRA FRAME DICK WEBER PBA PLAYOFFS SCHEDULE Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, March 30-April 1 (all times Eastern)

Friday, March 30

11 a.m. – A Squad (East, South, Central Region Groups) practice session
2 p.m. – B Squad (Midwest, Southwest, West/Northwest Groups) practice session
6 and 8:30 p.m. – Pro-am squads

Saturday, March 31

8 a.m. – A Squad, 5 qualifying games
11 a.m. – B squad, 5 qualifying games
4 p.m. – B squad, 5 qualifying games
7 p.m. – A squad, 5 qualifying games

Top 9 players from each of six Regional Groups plus one Regional points leader, one Senior Tour points leader and one PBA Tour points leader per group advance to Elimination Round One

Sunday, April 1

9 a.m. - Elimination Round One (12 players, six Regional Groups), 4 games

Top 7 players per Regional Group plus one PBA Tour points leader per group advance

11:30 a.m. - Elimination Round Two (8 players, six Regional Groups), 4 games

Top 4 players per Regional Group advance

2 p.m. - Elimination Round Three (4 players, six Regional Groups), 4 games

Top 2 players per Regional Group advance

5 p.m. - Regional Championships (two survivors from each Regional Group), 2 games

Winner of each Regional Championship advances

6 p.m. - Conference Championships (East Region champion vs. South Region champion, Central Region champion vs. Midwest Region champion, Southwest Region champion vs. West/Northwest Region champion), 2 games

Three winners advance to Semifinal Match

7 p.m. - Semifinal Match, three players, 2 games

Two players with highest pinfall totals advance to Championship Match

8 p.m. - Championship Match, 2 games, total pinfall

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Revised PBA World Series of Bowling Broadens International Appeal Special installation to be built in South Point Arena for four days of ESPN television finals

SEATTLE (July 8, 2011) – The Professional Bowlers Association has unveiled a modified schedule for its third annual World Series of Bowling Nov. 4-20 at South Point Bowling Center in Las Vegas to broaden the event's world-wide appeal.

"The PBA World Series of Bowling was originally designed to become the ultimate festival of professional bowling for a world-wide audience and world-class players around the globe," said PBA COO and Deputy Commissioner Tom Clark. "In its continuing efforts to raise the standards for the World Series, PBA's leadership discussed the event with a large number of players during International Bowl Expo. Based upon their input, we have made a few revisions that will make the 2011 PBA World Series of Bowling even more exciting than we had originally planned."

Expanding opportunities not only for international players, but for the entire PBA membership, the PBA World Series of Bowling will now include five "open field" events, including the PBA World Championship, and a Tour Qualifying Round for another event that will allow a minimum of 15 non-exempt players a chance to win an additional title.

The World Series will culminate with a four-day television extravaganza which will be conducted on lanes constructed in the South Point Arena and Events Center. The series of 12 ESPN programs will feature groundbreaking production techniques. Details will be announced at a later date.

"If you are looking for the ultimate opportunity to test your skills against the best players in the world, you need to bowl in the World Series of Bowling," said former Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour exempt player and long-time international competitor Tim Mack. "If you really want to find out how you stack up, come to Las Vegas - the greatest city in the world - and take on the challenge."

Other updated highlights for the 2011 World Series of Bowling include:

- The Shark Open has joined the Viper Open, Chameleon Open and Scorpion Open as the fourth event open to all PBA Tour, regional and senior members and

international players who are members of their respective WTBA organizations. The combined qualifying totals from these four events will serve as the initial qualifying rounds for the PBA World Championship, the fifth open event.

- The Shark Open will replace the Plastic Ball Championship, which has been removed from the World Series schedule.
- The Carmen Salvino Classic will be open to Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour exempt players and a minimum of 15 Tour Qualifying Round participants. The TQR qualifier also will double as the qualifying event for a new PBA Regional singles event. TQR players will not qualify for the PBA Exempt Players Championship.
- Qualifying for the PBA Exempt Players Championship, for exempt players only, will be based on 12 games in the Carmen Salvino Classic plus 18 games of Exempt Players Championship qualifying. The top 16 players after 30 games will compete for the PBA Exempt Players Championship as well as becoming finalists for a new Exempt Players Baker Doubles Championship.
- All WSOB winners will earn berths among the players who will advance to the 36-player final qualifying round in the end-of-season PBA Tournament of Champions.
- A special feature of the World Series will be the World Tenpin Bowling Association's World Bowling Tour Finals, presented by the PBA. The WBT Finals, featuring three-man and three-woman stepladder finals based on points earned in WTBA international qualifying events, will be conducted as part of the WSOB television session.
- All World Series rounds, except the ESPN television finals, plus bonus coverage will result in more than 75 hours of live coverage on pba.com's Xtra Frame, the PBA's exclusive online video streaming service. WSOB coverage will be part of more than 250 hours of exclusive coverage available to Xtra Frame subscribers during the new season. For subscription information, visit pba.com. A new "Xtra Frame All-In Showdown" with a \$5,000 entry fee will also be part of the Xtra Frame coverage.
- Complete rules, entry and lodging information for competitors will be posted in pba.com at a later date. The PBA will begin accepting WSOB entries on Aug. 15.

In 2010, the PBA World Series of Bowling reaffirmed its position as the sport's most popular and prestigious event for the international bowling community, with a sold-out field of 256 players representing 14 countries.

2011 PBA WORLD SERIES OF BOWLING SCHEDULE South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Nov. 4-20 (all times Pacific)

Official World Series Practice Sessions

Friday, Nov. 4

9 a.m. – Squad A practice

2 p.m. – Squad B practice

tba – WSOB Xtra Frame \$5,000 All-In Showdown special event.

Viper Open (open field event)

Saturday, Nov. 5

7:30 a.m. – Squad A, 8 games qualifying

2 p.m. – Squad B, 8 games qualifying

Field cut to top 16

8 p.m. – Round of 16 (best-of-five-game single-elimination match play; 8 winners advance to television)

Chameleon Open (open field event)

Sunday, Nov. 6

7:30 a.m. – Squad B, 8 games qualifying

2 p.m. – Squad A, 8 games qualifying

Field cut to top 16

8 p.m. – Round of 16 (best-of-five-game single-elimination match play; 8 winners advance to television)

Scorpion Open (open field event)

Monday, Nov. 7

7:30 a.m. – Squad A, 8 games qualifying

2 p.m. – Squad B, 8 games qualifying

Field cut to top 16

8 p.m. – Round of 16 (best-of-five-game single-elimination match play; 8 winners advance to television)

Shark Open (open field event)

Tuesday, Nov. 8

7:30 a.m. – Squad B, 8 games qualifying

2 p.m. – Squad A, 8 games qualifying

Field cut to top 16

8 p.m. – Round of 16 (best-of-five-game single-elimination match play; 8 winners advance to television)

Top 25 percent of field (or a minimum of 53 places based on 160 entries) based on 32 qualifying games in Viper, Chameleon, Scorpion and Shark Open events advance to PBA World Championship cashers' round

PBA World Championship

Wednesday, Nov. 9

9 a.m. – Cashers' Round, 8 games

Top 32 after 40 qualifying games advance to best-of-seven-game single-elimination match play

3 p.m. – Round of 32 (best-of-seven-game single-elimination match play; 16 winners advance to television)

Special PBA Regional competitions

Friday, Nov. 11

tba – PBA Regional Singles/Carmen Salvino Classic TQR tba – PBA Regional Member/Non-Member Doubles practice session Saturday, Nov. 12 tba – PBA Regional Member/Non-Member Doubles qualifying Sunday, Nov. 13 tba – PBA Regional Member/Non-Member Doubles finals

Carmen Salvino Classic (exempt players plus TQR qualifiers) Sunday, Nov. 13

4 p.m. - Practice session

Monday, Nov. 14

7:30 a.m. - 6 games qualifying

Noon - 6 games qualifying

Field cut to top 16; 12-game pinfall carries over to Exempt Players Championship qualifying

4 p.m. - Round of 16 (best-of-five-game single-elimination match play; 8 winners advance to television)

PBA Exempt Players Championship (exempt players only) Sunday, Nov. 13

4 p.m. - Practice session

Tuesday, Nov. 15

9 a.m. - 6 games qualifying

2:30 p.m. - 6 games qualifying

Field cut to top 32 based on 24-game pinfall totals (12 games from Carmen Salvino Classic, 12 games from Exempt Players Championship) Wednesday, Nov. 16
9 a.m. - Exempt Players top 32, 6 games qualifying

Top 16 based on 30-game pinfall totals advance to single-elimination match play

Top 16 also paired in eight teams for Exempt Players Championship Baker Doubles, advance to television

3:30 p.m. - Exempt Players Round of 16 (best-of-seven-game single-elimination match play; 8 winners advance to television)

2011 PBA WORLD SERIES OF BOWLING TELEVISION FINALS SCHEDULE South Point Arena, Las Vegas, Nov. 17-20 (All competition will be taped for delayed telecast on ESPN; times for each event will be announced at a later date)

Thursday, Nov. 17

PBA World Championship, Round of 16-1

PBA World Championship, Round of 16-2

WTBA World Bowling Tour Finals presented by the PBA (top three men, top three women stepladder finals)

Friday, Nov. 18

PBA World Championship, Round of 8

PBA World Championship, semifinals and finals WSOB Viper Open Round of 8, semifinals and finals

Saturday, Nov. 19

WSOB Chameleon Open Round of 8, semifinals and finals WSOB Scorpion Open Round of 8, semifinals and finals WSOB Shark Open Round of 8, semifinals and finals

Sunday, Nov. 20

WSOB Carmen Salvino Classic Round of 8, semifinals and finals WSOB Exempt Players Championship Baker Doubles Round of 8, semifinals and finals WSOB Exempt Players Championship Round of 8, semifinals and finals

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900 Global Pulls Off Stunning Upset to Win GEICO PBA Team Shootout Jaros sparks last-place qualifier to PBA Manufacturers Cup victory

CHICAGO (July 3, 2011) – San Antonio, Texas-based 900 Global pulled off the biggest upset in the five-year history of the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour's summer series special events, winning the Manufacturers Cup to conclude the GEICO PBA Team Shootout at 10pin bowling lounge.

The finals of the annual summer-season team competition aired Sunday on ESPN, capping a series of 15 half-hour programs.

Sparked by anchor bowler Steve Jaros of suburban Yorkville, Ill., No. 4-seeded 900 Global defeated Brunswick, 206-194; defending champion Storm Products, 258-255, and top-seeded Ebonite International, 215-191, for a three-match sweep of the Baker Team format stepladder finals.

"Our new name is Team Bottom Feeders," said 900 Global's Robert Smith. "That's what we looked like for the first 12 matches. We were our own rally-killers."

"We couldn't get anything going in the preliminary matches," Jaros said. "But we figured if we could manage our TV lane the right way and make good shots, we could get the job done and that's what happened. For whatever reason, the other teams kept putting us on the left lane and that's the lane we would have chosen if we had been able to pick the one we wanted."

In the Baker Team finals, each team bowled its entire game on one lane. Each player bowled two frames to complete a game. Because 900 Global was the lowest seeded team in the finals, its opponent had the right to select the lane it preferred – and all three opposing teams opted to bowl on the right lane.

"During the stepladder finals, we got relaxed, got the momentum and rode it," Smith said. "It was fun to get more than two strikes in a row."

In the opening stepladder match against Brunswick, 900 Global alternated strikes and spares until the seventh and eighth frames, when 2011 USBC Queens champion and two-time PBA Regional title winner Missy Parkin – the only woman in the event – and Smith finally posted back-to-back strikes. That double proved to be the difference.

In the semifinal match against the powerful Storm Products team, Storm's Pete Weber, Ryan Shafer, Wes Malott, Norm Duke and Jason Belmonte all struck to take a 30-pin lead after five frames, but 900 Global answered with a string of seven strikes, including a decisive double by Jaros on his first two shots in the 10th frame that decided the match.

With momentum on their side, Michael Haugen Jr., Parkin, Smith and PBA Hall of Famer Brian Voss struck to give 900 Global a 47-pin lead after four frames against Ebonite International. Ebonite put together a four-strike string of its own late in the game, but couldn't overcome three earlier open frames.

"We decided to stay on the same lane where we shot 290 the day before with the same lineup," said Ebonite International coach Jason Couch. "We just didn't bowl very well and (900 Global) bowled a really good game."

"I'm as excited for 900 Global as I am for myself," Parkin beamed after throwing four strikes and converting two single-pin spares in six attempts during the three games. "Normally throwing the ball harder is my A game, but I found out after the first doubles match that throwing it hard and straight wasn't going to work, especially bowling with the guys. I had to keep the speed down so the ball would roll sooner and get the corner pins out, and it worked."

"Even though this wasn't as intense of a competition as regular Tour events, it was for bragging rights among the ball manufacturers," Haugen added. "And of course you always want to win. We don't have team competition on Tour, so that was fun, too. It's nice to share the win with teammates."

"Being fourth in the finals, we had our work cut out for us," Haugen said, "but you could tell we had good team chemistry. We made all the right moves when we needed to. We had the talent and we had the equipment to get it done."

"After a frustrating day and a half, it was a great way to end things," Voss, a PBA Hall of Famer, noted. "We got some help from (Ebonite's) slow start, but we got it going, too. I love to win. It's very cool."

The GEICO PBA Team Shootout preliminary matches included singles, best ball doubles, alternate shot doubles, Baker team and "eliminator" formats where each team earned points to determine the stepladder finals positions. At the conclusion of 12 matches, Ebonite International and Storm were tied for first place. Ebonite's Bill O'Neill won a one-ball roll-off with a strike to claim the No. 1 seed after Storm's Belmonte left an 8-10 split.

The preliminary matches produced other highlights, including:

- Storm's Shafer fired a 300 game in his singles match against Ebonite's Chris Barnes, Brunswick's Chris Loschetter and 900 Global's Parkin, and teamed up with Belmonte to shoot another 300 game in their best ball doubles match against Ebonite's Barnes and O'Neill, who shot 280 in a losing cause.

- After Barnes' first-frame spare, Ebonite International rattled off 11 strikes in a row for a Baker Team 290 game in Match 7.
- In a showcase alternate shot doubles match between Storm and Brunswick stars, PBA Hall of Famers Weber and Duke teamed up to bowl a 244-244 tie against Parker Bohn III, another PBA Hall of Famer, and Sean Rash.
- A flare-up between Brunswick's Rash and Storm's Belmonte over a plastic water bottle-crinkling episode during the Eliminator match.

The entire GEICO PBA Team Shootout series will be re-broadcast on ESPN2. Multiple half-hour shows will air on Saturday, July 9 at 1 p.m.; Sunday, July 17 at 1 p.m.; Saturday, July 23 at noon; Sunday, July 24 at 1:30 p.m.; Sunday, July 31 at 2 p.m., and Saturday, Aug. 6 at 1 p.m. All times are Eastern.

GEICO PBA TEAM SHOOTOUT
10pin bowling lounge, Chicago

FINAL STANDINGS

- 1, 900 Global (Michael Haugen Jr., Missy Parkin, Robert Smith, Brian Voss, Steve Jaros), \$70,000.
- 2, Ebonite International (Chris Barnes, Mike Fagan, Tommy Jones, Mika Koivuniemi, Bill O'Neill), \$40,000.
- 3, Storm Products (Pete Weber, Ryan Shafer, Wes Malott, Norm Duke, Jason Belmonte), \$30,000.
- 4, Brunswick (Parker Bohn III, Chris Loschetter, Ronnie Russell, Tom Smallwood, Sean Rash), \$20,000.

Stepladder Results (Baker Team format)

Match One - 900 Global def. Brunswick, 206-194.

Semifinal Match - 900 Global def. Storm, 258-255.

Championship - 900 Global def. Ebonite International, 215-191.

QUALIFYING RESULTS

(Singles and Eliminator rounds awarded 5, 3, 2, 1 points based on finishing order; Best Ball Doubles, Alternate Shot Doubles and Baker Team rounds awarded 5 and 3 points)

MATCH 1 (SINGLES)

- 1, Mika Koivuniemi, Ebonite International, 244.
- 2, Parker Bohn III, Brunswick, 224.
- 3, Norm Duke, Storm, 220.
- 4, Steve Jaros, 900 Global, 200.

MATCH 2 (SINGLES)

- 1, Pete Weber, Storm, 247.
- 2, Tommy Jones, Ebonite International, 227.
- 3, Brian Voss, 900 Global, 205.
- 4, Ronnie Russell, Brunswick, 189.

MATCH 3 (BEST BALL DOUBLES)

- 1, Jason Belmonte/Ryan Shafer, Storm, 300.
- 2, Bill O'Neill/Chris Barnes, Ebonite International, 280.

MATCH 4 (BEST BALL DOUBLES)

- 1, Chris Loschetter/Tom Smallwood, Brunswick, 268.
- 2, Brian Voss/Robert Smith, 900 Global, 227.

MATCH 5 (ALTERNATE SHOT DOUBLES)

Mika Koivuniemi/Mike Fagan, Ebonite International def. Missy Parkin/Michael Haugen Jr., 900 Global, 225-188.

MATCH 6 (ALTERNATE SHOT DOUBLES)

Sean Rash/Parker Bohn III, Brunswick, tied Pete Weber/Norm Duke, Storm, 244-244.

MATCH 7 (BAKER TEAM)

- 1, Ebonite International (Chris Barnes, Mike Fagan, Tommy Jones, Mika Koivuniemi, Bill O'Neill), 290.
- 2, Brunswick (Parker Bohn III, Chris Loschetter, Ronnie Russell, Tom Smallwood, Sean Rash), 212.

MATCH 8 (BAKER TEAM)

- 1, Storm (Norm Duke, Ryan Shafer, Wes Malott, Pete Weber, Jason Belmonte), 220.
- 2, 900 Global (Missy Parkin, Steve Jaros, Michael Haugen Jr., Brian Voss, Robert Smith), 199.

MATCH 9 (SINGLES)

- 1, Ryan Shafer, Storm, 300.
- 2, Chris Barnes, Ebonite International, 247.
- 3, Chris Loschetter, Brunswick, 214.
- 4, Missy Parkin, 900 Global, 202.

MATCH 10 (SINGLES)

- 1 (tie), Bill O'Neill, Ebonite International, and Wes Malott, Storm, 226.
- 3, Tom Smallwood, Brunswick, 222.
- 4, Michael Haugen Jr., 900 Global, 213.

MATCH 11 (SINGLES)

- 1, Mike Fagan, Ebonite International, 259.
- 2, Jason Belmonte, Storm, 213.
- 3, Sean Rash, Brunswick, 204.
- 4, Robert Smith, 900 Global, 198.

MATCH 12 (ELIMINATOR)

- Group A (Lowest score each frame eliminated) 1, Steve Jaros, 900 Global.
- 2, Mike Fagan, Ebonite International, eliminated third frame (nine pins).
 - 3, Ryan Shafer, Storm, eliminated second frame (nine pins).
 - 4, Parker Bohn III, Brunswick, eliminated first frame (eight pins).

ROUND 12 (ELIMINATOR)

- Group B (Lowest score each frame eliminated) 1, Sean Rash, Brunswick.
- 2, Jason Belmonte, Storm, eliminated third frame (nine pins).

3, Mika Koivuniemi, Ebonite International, eliminated second frame (four pins).
4, Michael Haugen Jr., 900 Global, eliminated first frame (nine pins).

Eliminator Bonus Round

(Low score after two shots eliminated; winner receives 5 bonus points) Sean Rash, Brunswick, def. Steve Jaros, 900 Global, 20-14.

TEAM QUALIFYING STANDINGS

(Points earned after 12 matches to determine stepladder finals positions) 1, x-Ebonite, 38.

2, Storm, 38.

3, Brunswick, 33.

4, 900 Global, 21.

x-Bill O'Neill, Ebonite, def. Jason Belmonte, Storm, 10-8, in the second round of a one-ball roll-off to break the tie.

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New Xtra Frame Tour Events Enhance 2011-12 PBA Tour Schedule More than 200 hours of live coverage on pba.com will create world-wide visibility for the PBA

SEATTLE (June 28, 2011) – A new “Xtra Frame Tour,” featuring exclusive championship tournaments airing only on the Internet, and an expanded schedule of more than 250 hours of live coverage of Professional Bowlers Association’s events during the 2011-12 season, will create world-wide visibility for the PBA Tour.

For the first time in PBA Tour history, in addition to 18 television events for American bowling fans on ESPN, four Xtra Frame Tour championship events will include live, start-to-final coverage on pba.com’s Xtra Frame video streaming service and will reach around the globe via the Internet.

The newly-created Xtra Frame Tour will include the Cheetah Open in Fountain Valley, Calif., Jan. 21-22; the Don Johnson Memorial Open in Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 18-19; the Shark Open in Allen Park, Mich., Feb. 4-5; and the Dick Weber PBA Playoffs in Indianapolis, March 31-April 1. PBA Tour titles will be awarded in all four events.

Other key aspects of Xtra Frame’s coverage during the 2011-12 season include:

- In-depth coverage of all PBA World Series of Bowling events leading up to the eight-player final rounds.
- Live start-to-finish cover of Xtra Frame Tour events. For the first time, PBA fans will be able to witness the pressures and drama of a complete PBA Tour event, from qualifying through match play to the stepladder finals.
- Hours of live coverage of USBC Masters, U.S. Open and PBA Tournament of Champions preliminary rounds, leading up to the ESPN-televised finals.

Xtra Frame also will include behind-the-scenes interviews, observations from experts, magazine-style features and more as part of its expanded programming. A full year subscription to Xtra Frame costs \$64.95. Monthly subscriptions also are available. For complete information, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame logo.

2011-12 XTRA FRAME SCHEDULE

(Webcasts available exclusively on pba.com to Xtra Frame subscribers) Saturday, Nov. 5 – WSOB Mark Roth Plastic Ball Championship qualifying and match play, Las Vegas.

Monday, Nov. 7 – WSOB Viper Open qualifying and match play, Las Vegas.

Tuesday, Nov. 8 – WSOB Chameleon Open qualifying and match play, Las Vegas.

Wednesday, Nov. 9 – WSOB Scorpion Open qualifying and match play, Las Vegas.

Thursday, Nov. 10 – WSOB PBA World Championship qualifying, Las Vegas.

Friday, Nov. 11 – WSOB PBA World Championship match play, Las Vegas.

Monday, Nov. 14 – WSOB Carmen Salvino Classic qualifying and match play, Las Vegas.

Tuesday, Nov. 15 – WSOB Earl Anthony Touring Players Championship qualifying, Las Vegas.

Wednesday, Nov. 16 – WSOB Earl Anthony Touring Players Championship qualifying and match play, Las Vegas.

Saturday, Jan. 21 – PBA Xtra Frame Cheetah Open qualifying, Fountain Valley, Calif.

Sunday, Jan. 22 – PBA Xtra Frame Cheetah Open match play and four-player stepladder finals, Fountain Valley, Calif.

Tuesday, Jan. 24 – USBC Masters qualifying, Las Vegas.

Wednesday, Jan. 25 – USBC Masters qualifying, Las Vegas.

Thursday, Jan. 26 – USBC Masters qualifying and match play, Las Vegas.

Friday, Jan. 27 – USBC Masters match play, Las Vegas.

Saturday, Feb. 4 – PBA Xtra Frame Shark Open qualifying, Allen Park, Mich.

Sunday, Feb. 5 – PBA Xtra Frame Shark Open match play and four-player stepladder finals, Allen Park, Mich.

Saturday, Feb. 18 – PBA Xtra Frame Don Johnson Memorial Open qualifying, Columbus, Ohio.

Sunday, Feb. 19 – PBA Xtra Frame Don Johnson Memorial Open match play and four-player stepladder finals, Columbus, Ohio.

Tuesday, Feb. 21 – 69th U.S. Open qualifying, North Brunswick, N.J.

Wednesday, Feb. 22 – 69th U.S. Open qualifying, North Brunswick, N.J.

Thursday, Feb. 23 – 69th U.S. Open qualifying, North Brunswick, N.J.

Friday, Feb. 24 – 69th U.S. Open qualifying and match play, North Brunswick, N.J.

Saturday, Feb. 25 – 69th U. S. Open match play, North Brunswick, N.J.

Saturday, March 31 – PBA Xtra Frame Dick Weber PBA Playoffs qualifying, Indianapolis.

Sunday, April 1 – PBA Xtra Frame Dick Weber PBA Playoffs elimination rounds and finals, Indianapolis.

Monday, April 9 – PBA Tournament of Champions, Champions Round qualifying, Las Vegas.

Tuesday, April 10 – PBA Tournament of Champions Elite Round qualifying, Las Vegas.

Wednesday, April 10 – PBA Tournament of Champions Elite Round qualifying, Las Vegas.

Thursday, April 12 – PBA Tournament of Champions Round of 36 qualifying, Las Vegas.

Friday, April 13 – PBA Tournament of Champions match play, Las Vegas.

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During 2011-12 Season, All Roads Lead to PBA Tournament of Champions PBA's signature event returns to its long-time home as the season finale

SEATTLE (June 28, 2011) - During the 2011-12 Professional Bowlers Association Tour season, for more than 12,000 PBA members, all roads will again lead to the PBA Tournament of Champions as it returns to its long-time position as the season's concluding event.

For more than 30 years, the PBA's signature event provided a dramatic conclusion to the season, creating a powerful incentive for all PBA Tour players to win a title in order to qualify for the elite finale. While the Tournament of Champions has gone through a series of incarnations since its departure from its long-time home in Fairlawn, Ohio, in 1995, the drama will return in 2011-12.

During the 12 months leading up to the most alluring national championship in any sport, a combined total of more than 12,000 PBA regional, Senior Tour and national tour players will compete in nearly 200 tournaments for the right to qualify for the Tournament of Champions at Red Rock Lanes in Las Vegas April 8-15. The sport's most dramatic drama will be resolved with ESPN televises the finals live on Sunday, April 15, at 1 p.m. ET (10 a.m. Pacific).

The 2012 TOC will combine the best of the event's long-time traditions with its newest features.

- During the 2011-12 season, there will be 15 PBA Tour event winners. Each winner (assuming no multiple winners) will earn an automatic berth in the Round of 36.
- The tournament will again welcome all PBA players who have won a PBA Regional, Senior, Women's Series or Tour title. A maximum of 150 non-exempt players will bowl a 14-game Champions Round with the top 100 advancing to the Elite Round.
- The Elite Round will include any player who has won a PBA Tour title, 2011 PBA Regional Players East and West Champions, 2011 PBA Senior U.S. Open and USBC Senior Masters champions, plus the Champions Round qualifiers. A minimum of 21 players will advance from the Elite Round to the Round of 36 along with a maximum of 15 2011-12 PBA Tour event winners.

- The top four players who will compete for the title in the live ESPN stepladder finals on Sunday, April 15, will be determined over 18 qualifying games plus 18 games of round-robin match play.

In addition to TOC competition, the 2012 PBA Hall of Fame ceremonies will be part of the week-long event. Red Rock Resort will host the induction ceremonies on Saturday, April 14.

Start-to-finish coverage of the Tournament of Champions will be webcast live on pba.com's exclusive Xtra Frame video streaming service. Over the course of the season, Xtra Frame will provide subscribers with more than 200 hours of live coverage of PBA Tour events.

2012 PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS SCHEDULE Red Rock Lanes, Las Vegas, April 8-15 (all times Pacific)

Sunday, April 8

9 a.m. – Champions field practice

12:30 p.m. – 2011-12 PBA Tour Champions and Elite Field practice

2:30 p.m. – Fans' autograph and photo session

Monday, April 9

10 a.m. – Champions Round, 7 qualifying games

5 p.m. – Champions Round, 7 qualifying games

Top 2/3 of Champions field (max. 100) advance to Elite Round (Champions Round 14-game pinfall totals dropped)

Tuesday, April 10

1 p.m. – Elite Round, A Squad, 7 qualifying games

5 p.m. – Elite Round, B Squad, 7 qualifying games

Wednesday, April 11

9 a.m. – Elite Round, B Squad, 7 qualifying games

1 p.m. – Elite Round, A Squad, 7 qualifying games

Top 1/4 of Elite field (min. 53 players) advance to Cashers' Round

6:30 p.m. – Cashers' Round, 7 games

Min. 21 players along with max. 15 2011-12 PBA Tour event winners advance to Round of 36 (Elite Round 21-game pinfall totals dropped)

Thursday, April 12

11 a.m. – Round of 36, first 9 qualifying games

6 p.m. – Round of 36, second 9 qualifying games

Top 18 players advance to round-robin match play based on 18 games

Friday, April 13

11 a.m. – Round-robin match play round one, 9 games

6 p.m. – Round-robin match play round two, 9 games

Top 4 after 18 match play games advance to stepladder finals

Saturday, April 14

tba – Pro-am squads

6 p.m. - PBA Hall of Fame dinner and induction ceremonies

Sunday, April 15

10 a.m. - Top 4 stepladder finals, live on ESPN

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PBA World Series of Bowling Returns to South Point Nov. 4-20 with New Events, New Concepts in ESPN Coverage

LAS VEGAS (June 28, 2011) – The third annual Professional Bowlers Association's World Series of Bowling will introduce new events and new concepts in ESPN coverage when it returns to South Point Casino, Hotel and Bowling Center Nov. 4-20.

The PBA World Series of Bowling will include three events open to 2011-12 PBA Tour exempt players only, and four "open field" events which includes The PBA World Championship; the seventh WSOB event.

The PBA World Championship television finals will include the top 16 match play finalists competing in four telecasts. The Earl Anthony Touring Players Championship will produce two television shows (doubles and singles). All televised rounds will be conducted on specially-installed lanes in the South Point Arena Nov. 17-20.

In 2010, the PBA World Series of Bowling reaffirmed its position as the sport's most popular and prestigious event for the international bowling community, with a sold-out field of 256 players representing 14 countries.

Highlights of the 2011 World Series of Bowling include:

- The Viper Open, Chameleon Open and Scorpion Open will be open to PBA Tour, regional and senior members and international players. The combined qualifying totals from these three "open" events will serve as the initial qualifying rounds for the PBA World Championship, the fourth open event.
- The Mark Roth Plastic Ball Championship, a new Carmen Salvino Classic and the Earl Anthony Touring Players Championship will be open to exempt players only. The combined qualifying totals from the Salvino and Anthony championships will determine the cashers for the Touring Players Championship. An additional qualifying round will determine 16 players who will compete for the TPC title as well as pairing up for a new TPC Baker Doubles Championship.

- All WSOB winners will be earn berths among the players who will advance to the 36-player final qualifying round in the end-of-season PBA Tournament of Champions.
- The World Tenpin Bowling Association's World Bowling Tour Finals, presented by the PBA, will be conducted as part of the WSOB television session. The WBT Finals will feature three-man and three-woman stepladder finals based points earned in WTBA international qualifying events.
- All World Series rounds, except the television finals, plus bonus coverage will result in more than 75 hours of live coverage on pba.com's Xtra Frame, the PBA's exclusive online video streaming service. WSOB coverage will be part of more than 250 hours of exclusive coverage available to Xtra Frame subscribers during the new season. For subscription information, visit pba.com.
- A new Xtra Frame "All-In Showdown" with a \$5,000 entry fee is in the planning stages for Sunday, Nov. 6.

2011 PBA WORLD SERIES OF BOWLING SCHEDULE South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Nov. 4-20 (all times Pacific)

Mark Roth Plastic Ball Championship (exempt players only) Friday, Nov. 4

3 p.m. – Practice session

Saturday, Nov. 5

7:30 a.m. – 6 games qualifying

Noon – 6 games qualifying

Field cut to top 16

4 p.m. – Round of 16 (best-of-five-game single-elimination match play; 8 winners advance to television)

Official World Series Practice Sessions

Sunday, Nov. 6

9 a.m. – Squad A practice

2 p.m. – Squad B practice

tba – WSOB Xtra Frame \$5,000 All-In Showdown special event.

Viper Open (open field event)

Monday, Nov. 7

7:30 a.m. – Squad A, 8 games qualifying

2 p.m. – Squad B, 8 games qualifying

Field cut to top 16

8 p.m. – Round of 16 (best-of-five-game single-elimination match play; 8 winners advance to television)

Chameleon Open (open field event)

Tuesday, Nov. 8

7:30 a.m. – Squad B, 8 games qualifying

2 p.m. – Squad A, 8 games qualifying

Field cut to top 16

8 p.m. – Round of 16 (best-of-five-game single-elimination match play; 8 winners advance to television)

Scorpion Open (open field event)

Wednesday, Nov. 9

7:30 a.m. – Squad A, 8 games qualifying

2 p.m. – Squad B, 8 games qualifying

Field cut to top 16

8 p.m. – Round of 16 (best-of-five-game single-elimination match play; 8 winners advance to television)

Top 25 percent of field based on 24 qualifying games in Viper, Chameleon and Scorpion Open events advance to PBA World Championship cashers' round

PBA World Championship

Thursday, Nov. 10

1:30 p.m. – Cashers' Round, 8 games

Top 32 after 32 qualifying games advance to best-of-seven-game single-elimination match play Friday, Nov. 11

8 a.m. – Round of 32 (best-of-seven-game single-elimination match play; 16 winners advance to television)

Special PBA Regional competitions

Friday, Nov. 11

tba – PBA Regional Players Non-Champions Singles tba – PBA Regional Players doubles practice session Saturday, Nov. 12 tba – PBA Regional Players doubles qualifying Sunday, Nov. 13 tba – PBA Regional Players doubles finals

Carmen Salvino Classic (exempt players only) Sunday, Nov. 13 tba – Practice session Monday, Nov. 14

7:30 a.m. – 6 games qualifying

Noon – 6 games qualifying

Field cut to top 16; 12-game pinfall carries over to Earl Anthony Touring Players Championship qualifying

4 p.m. – Round of 16 (best-of-five-game single-elimination match play; 8 winners advance to television)

Earl Anthony Touring Players Championship (exempt players only) Sunday, Nov. 13

tba – Practice session Tuesday, Nov. 15

9 a.m. – 6 games qualifying

2 p.m. – 6 games qualifying

Field cut to top 32 based on 24-game pinfall totals (12 games from Carmen Salvino Classic, 12 games from Earl Anthony Touring Players Championship)

Wednesday, Nov. 16

9 a.m. – Touring Players top 32, 6 games qualifying

Top 16 based on 30-game pinfall totals advance to single-elimination match play

Top 16 also paired in eight teams for Touring Players Championship Baker Doubles, advance to television

3:30 p.m. – Touring Players Round of 16 (best-of-seven-game single-elimination match play; 8 winners advance to television)

2011 PBA WORLD SERIES OF BOWLING TELEVISION FINALS SCHEDULE South Point Arena, Las Vegas, Nov. 17-20 (All competition will be taped for delayed telecast on ESPN)

Thursday, Nov. 17

tba - WTBA World Bowling Tour Finals presented by the PBA (top three men, top three women stepladder finals) tba - WSOB Carmen Salvino Classic Round of 8, semifinals and finals

Friday, Nov. 18

tba - WSOB Viper Open Round of 8, semifinals and finals tba - WSOB Chameleon Open Round of 8, semifinals and finals tba - WSOB Scorpion Open Round of 8, semifinals and finals

Saturday, Nov. 19

tba - PBA World Championship, Round of 16-1 tba - PBA World Championship, Round of 16-2 tba - PBA World Championship, Round of 8 tba - PBA World Championship, semifinals and finals

Saturday, Nov. 19

tba - WSOB Earl Anthony Touring Players Championship Baker Doubles Round of 8, semifinals and finals tba - WSOB Earl Anthony Touring Players Championship Round of 8, semifinals and finals tba - WSOB Mark Roth Plastic Ball Championship, Round of 8, semifinals and finals

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PBA's 2011-12 Season Begins with Third Annual World Series of Bowling, Concludes with Tournament of Champions New season begins and ends in Las Vegas

SEATTLE (June 28, 2011) – The Professional Bowlers Association World Series of Bowling returns for a third consecutive season, starting a new season of PBA competition that will culminate with the PBA Tournament of Champions in Las Vegas in April.

The new season will get underway with the multi-event PBA World Series of Bowling Nov. 4-20 at South Point Bowling Center in Las Vegas and it will end April 8-15 when the PBA Tournament of Champions returns to Red Rock Lanes. In addition to PBA Regional, Senior, Women's Series and National Tour title winners who are eligible for the Tournament of Champions, PBA Tour event winners during the 2011-12 season will receive exemptions to advance directly into the 36-player finals field for the 2012 event.

The 2011-12 season will also produce the most extensive online coverage of PBA Tour competition in history, with more than 250 hours of live coverage on pba.com's Xtra Frame planned, including four new "Xtra Frame Tour" events. Additional details regarding television coverage, tournament formats and more will be announced soon.

2011-12 PBA TOUR SCHEDULE

Nov. 4-20 – Third annual PBA World Series of Bowling (Mark Roth Plastic Ball Championship, World Bowling Tour Finals presented by the PBA, Viper Open, Scorpion Open, Chameleon Open, Carmen Salvino Classic, Earl Anthony Touring Players Championship, Earl Anthony Touring Players Baker Doubles Championship and PBA World Championship), South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas (Xtra Frame and ESPN).

Jan. 20-22 – PBA Xtra Frame Cheetah Open, Fountain Bowl, Fountain Valley, Calif. (Xtra Frame).

Jan. 23-29 – United States Bowling Congress Masters, Sunset Station, Las Vegas (Xtra Frame and ESPN).

Feb. 3-5 – PBA Xtra Frame Shark Open, Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich. (Xtra Frame) Feb. 17-19 – PBA Xtra Frame Don Johnson Memorial Open, Sequoia Lanes, Columbus, Ohio (Xtra Frame).

Feb. 20-26 – U.S. Open, Brunswick Zone Carolier, North Brunswick, N.J. (Xtra Frame and ESPN).

March 30-April 1 - Xtra Frame Dick Weber PBA Playoffs, Woodland Bowl,
Indianapolis (Xtra Frame).

April 8-15 - PBA Tournament of Champions, Red Rock Lanes, Las Vegas, Nev. (Xtra
Frame and ESPN).

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"PBA Bowling" for Mobile Devices Remains One of World's Most Popular Sports Titles

SEATTLE (June 13, 2011) - Three years after its initial launch as "PBA Bowling" for Windows Mobile users on June 11, 2008, digital bowling continues to prosper as one of the most popular electronic games in the ever-changing world of mobile communications.

Today, the upgraded and improved "PBA Bowling 2," which debuted for BlackBerry use in December 2009, iOS products in April 2010 and Android products in October 2010, is one of the world's most popular electronic games in the mobile communications universe. It also was the first-ever "3D OpenGL game" created for the BlackBerry platform, according to its creator, Concrete Software.

PBA Bowling 2 is a digital game that includes:

- Single game, tournament and "spare challenge" modes.
- 3D environments with realistic pin action and physics.
- Customizable and unlockable bowling balls.
- Customized lane speed and oil pattern variables.
- A chance to compete against real PBA stars.
- Online leader boards across platforms and the ability to view rankings on Facebook and Concrete Software's web page.

Currently, PBA Bowling 2 is available on iOS (iPhone, iPod touch, iPhone4, iPad and iPad2); Android (all devices and tablets including the Xperia Play - the Playstation phone); the NOOK Color by Barnes and Noble); and BlackBerry, supporting all available devices that have OpenGL based graphics engines. In the near future, PBA Bowling 2 will be available for Windows Phone 7 and updates of all existing platforms, including the new BlackBerry 7 devices.

Since its introduction, more than 75,000 copies of PBA Bowling 2 have been sold. More than a half million downloads of "free" or ad-supported versions of the game have been downloaded. Nearly 400,000 people have downloaded the game on iTunes. Since mid-May more than 5,500 copies of PBA Bowling 2 have been sold for Barnes and Noble's NOOK Color.

PBA Bowling 2 was recently ranked at number 3 on the iPad sports list of top 10 games.

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Florida's Newell Wins PBA Regional Players Championship-East Title

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (May 30, 2011) – Scott Newell of Deland, Fla., defeated Michael Clark Jr. of Cleveland, Ohio, 227-180, to win the Professional Bowlers Association Regional Players Championship-East at Thunderbowl Lanes Monday.

The win earned Newell \$6,000, an “elite” berth in the 2012 PBA Tournament of Champions and his third career title as a PBA regional competitor. Newell entered the 32-player single-elimination match play finals as the No. 27 qualifier. He slipped past Nathan Bohr of Wichita, Kan., 4-3, in the best-of-seven-game opening round; swept Jim Tomek Jr. of Camp Hill, Pa., 3-0, in the best-of-five Round of 16, and then defeated Chicago's Jason Wojnar, 2-0, in the best-of-three Round of 8 to reach the semifinal round where he eliminated Jeff Hicks of Allen Park, Mich., 189-159, in a one-game match.

Newell, 28, hopes his Regional Players Championship is a turning point in an up-and-down career. In 2010, he had a streak of eight consecutive PBA South Region tournaments where he finished in the top 10, but over the next 16 regional and national tournaments, he didn't finish in the top 10 once.

“I've made a lot of changes to my game,” he said. “I've really worked hard at it, mostly through competition because I need to see the result in competition to know if what I'm doing is actually working. I've been bowling real well in non-PBA events recently, so I felt good coming into this event.

“I kind of knew that one of these days there was going to be a breakthrough, and hopefully things will go well from here.”

Newell has aspirations of succeeding on the PBA National Tour, but he also knows what he's up against.

“Bowling on the national tour is so much different,” he said. “Those guys are so good, and what they do to the lane conditions is amazing. But you either figure it out or you go home, and I'm not ready to go home yet.”

PROFESSIONAL BOWLERS ASSOCIATION REGIONAL PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP-EAST Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich., Monday

CHAMPIONSHIP

Scott Newell, Deland, Fla. (\$6,000) def. Michael Clark Jr., Cleveland, Ohio (\$3,000), 227-180.

SEMIFINAL ROUND (best of 3 games, losers eliminated and earn \$2,000) Clark def. John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y., 245-233.

Newell def. Jeff Hicks, Allen Park, Mich., 189-159.

ROUND OF 8 (best of 3 games, losers eliminated and earn \$1,400 each) Clark def. Mike Steil, Wheeling, Ill., 2-0.

Szczerbinski def. Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan., 2-1.

Hicks def. Craig LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 2-1.

Newell def. Jason Wojnar, Chicago, 2-0.

ROUND OF 16 (best of 5 games, losers eliminated and earn \$1,000 each) Steil def.

Dustin Baker, Melbourne, Ky., 3-1.

Clark def. Larry Verble, Mason, Mich., 3-0.

Buss def. Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga., 3-1.

Szczerbinski def. Brian Waliczek, Birch Run, Mich., 3-2.

Newell def. Jim Tomek Jr., Camp Hill, Pa., 3-0.

Wojnar def. Steven Taylor, Deer Creek, Ill., 3-0.

LeMond def. Greg Stahora, West Hazelton, Pa., 3-1.

Hicks def. Adam Voth, Danville, Ky., 3-1.

ROUND OF 32 (best of 7 games, losers eliminated and earn \$750 each) Baker def.

Brian Thompson, Flat Rock, Mich., 4-3.

Steil def. Paul Pinto, Philadelphia, 4-0.

Verble def. Jack Laffey, Indianapolis, 4-3.

Clark def. Floyd Raymond, Saginaw, Mich., 4-2.

Buss def. Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 4-1.

Sterner def. Kip Roberts, Glenallen, Va., 4-3.

Waliczek def. Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 4-3.

Szczerbinski def. Tommy Gollick, Oberlin, Pa., 4-0.

Newell def. Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 4-3.

Tomek def. Chad Maas, Waukesha, Wis., 4-1.

Wojnar def. Dave Beres, Waukesha, Wis., 4-2.

Taylor def. Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 4-1.

Stahora def. Mason Brantley, Detroit, 4-3.

LeMond def. Aaron Williams, Pennsauken, N.J., 4-0.

Hicks def. Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y., 4-1.

Voth def. Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 4-2.

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Michigan's Thompson Leads Top 32 Qualifiers into Monday's PBA Regional Players Championship-East Match Play Finals

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (May 29, 2011) – Brian Thompson of Flat Rock, Mich., averaged 232.3 to overtake first round leader Lennie Boresch Jr. of Kenosha, Wis., at the end of qualifying in the Professional Bowlers Association Regional Players Championship-East at Thunderbowl Lanes Sunday.

Thompson, 27, will lead the top 32 qualifiers into the single-elimination match play finals Monday in his quest for his first PBA title - regional or national - after finishing the 16-game qualifying portion of the tournament with 3,717 pins. Boresch, a 24-time PBA Regional title winner, finished 48 pins behind.

The Regional Players Championship is open to non-exempt PBA Tour members, offers a \$6,000 first prize and an elite berth in the 2012 PBA Tournament of Champions for the winner.

PROFESSIONAL BOWLERS ASSOCIATION REGIONAL PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP-EAST Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich., Sunday

SECOND ROUND (after 8 games, top 32 advance to single-elimination match play Monday) 1, Brian Thompson, Flat Rock, Mich., 3,717.

- 2, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3,669.
- 3, Dave Beres, Waukesha, Wis., 3,662.
- 4, Brian Waliczek, Birch Run, Mich., 3,653.
- 5, Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan., 3,644.
- 6, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 3,639.
- 7, Mason Brantley, Detroit, 3,619.
- 8, Jack Laffey, Indianapolis, 3,570.
- 9, Michael Clark Jr., Cleveland, Ohio, 3,558.
- 10, Craig LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 3,544.
- 11, Chad Maas, Waukesha, Wis., 3,520.
- 12, Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga., 3,503.
- 13, Tommy Gollick, Oberlin, Pa., 3,483.
- 14, Steven Taylor, Deer Creek, Ill., 3,476.
- 15, Jeff Hicks, Allen Park, Mich., 3,469.
- 16, Paul Pinto, Philadelphia, 3,468.
- 17, Mike Steil, Wheeling, Ill., 3,446.

18, Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y., 3,438.
19, Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 3,433.
20, John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y., 3,429.
21, Kip Roberts, Glenallen, Va., 3,421.
22, Jim Tomek Jr., Camp Hill, Pa., 3,417.
23, Aaron Williams, Pennsauken, N.J., 3,412.
24, Floyd Raymond, Saginaw, Mich., 3,408.
25 (tie), Larry Verble, Mason, Mich., and Greg Stahora, West Hazelton, Pa.,
3,404.
27, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 3,401.
28, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 3,397.
29, Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 3,392.
30, Jason Wojnar, Chicago, 3,386.
31, Adam Voth, Danville, Ky., 3,374.
32, Dustin Baker, Melbourne, Ky., 3,371.
Did not advance:
33, Matt Thornton, Montgomery, Ill., 3,368, \$650.
34, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 3,361, \$650.
35, Troy Stus, South Lyon, Mich., 3,360, \$650.
36, Abed Daher, Brownstown, Mich., 3,354, \$650.
37, Chris Kliczinski, Pinckney, Mich., 3,336, \$600.
38, Frank Testa, Akron, Ohio, 3,328, \$600.
39, Andre Eubanks, Los Angeles, 3,325, \$600.
40 (tie), Jeff Roche, Dearborn, Mich., and Jason Stadtler, Cherry Hill, N.J.,
3,317, \$300.

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Wisconsin's Boresch Leads PBA Regional Players Championship-East

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (May 28, 2011) – Lennie Boresch Jr. of Kenosha, Wis., a 24-time Professional Bowlers Association Regional title winner, averaged 241.3 to take the first round lead in the PBA Players Championship-East at Thunderbowl Lanes Saturday.

Boresch, a bowling pro shop operator, held a 56-pin lead over fellow PBA Midwest Region competitor Dave Beres of Waukesha, Wis. Boresch had 1,931 pins for the first eight games while Beres finished with a 1,875 total.

The Regional Players Championship is open to non-exempt PBA Tour members, offers a \$7,500 first prize and an elite berth in the 2012 PBA Tournament of Champions for the winner. After Sunday's second eight-game qualifying round, the top 32 players out of the field of 121 will advance to single-elimination match play finals Monday where the winner will be decided.

PROFESSIONAL BOWLERS ASSOCIATION REGIONAL PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP-EAST Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich., Saturday

FIRST ROUND (Top 40 after 8 games)

- 1, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,931.
- 2, Dave Beres, Waukesha, Wis., 1,875.
- 3, Steven Taylor, Deer Creek, Ill., 1,848.
- 4, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 1,840.
- 5, Greg Stahora, West Hazelton, Pa., 1,838.
- 6, Brian Waliczek, Birch Run, Mich., 1,824.
- 7, Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan., 1,816.
- 8, Craig LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 1,793.
- 9, Michael Clark Jr., Cleveland, Ohio, 1,791.
- 10, Mason Brantley, Detroit, 1,786.
- 11, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 1,783.
- 12, Jack Laffey, Indianapolis, 1,782.
- 13, Jeff Hicks, Allen Park, Mich., 1,777.
- 14, Abed Daher, Brownstown, Mich., 1,769.
- 15, Mike Steil, Wheeling, Ill., 1,768.
- 16, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 1,767.
- 17, Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 1,766.

- 18, Chad Maas, Waukesha, Wis., 1,763.
- 19, Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y., 1,761.
- 20, Dave Patchen, Oregon, Ohio, 1,757.
- 21, Brian Thompson, Flat Rock, Mich., 1,753.
- 22, Frank Testa, Akron, Ohio, 1,752.
- 23, Paul Pinto, Philadelphia, 1,738.
- 24, Larry Verble, Mason, Mich., 1,734.
- 25, Floyd Raymond, Saginaw, Mich., 1,733.
- 26, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 1,732.
- 27, Jason Stadtler, Cherry Hill, N.J., 1,730.
- 28, Jason Wojnar, Chicago, 1,729.
29. Billy Plane, Quincy, Mich., 1,725.
- 30 (tie), Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., and Kip Roberts, Glenallen, Va., 1,713.
- 32, Andre Eubanks, Los Angeles, 1,710.
- 33, Troy Stus, South Lyon, Mich., 1,701.
- 34, John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y., 1,700.

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Being Gay Doesn't Define PBA Rookie of the Year Scott Norton NBA executive's announcement encourages young PBA star to foster understanding about gay athletes

COSTA MESA, Calif. (May 19, 2011) – Phoenix Suns President and CEO Rick Welts' public acknowledgement that he is gay has encouraged Professional Bowlers Association Rookie of the Year Scott Norton to also take a public stand on behalf of gay athletes.

"Mr. Welts' public acknowledgement had a great personal impact on me because someone who is still actively involved in professional sports has come out," Norton said in a statement posted Thursday on pba.com, the PBA's official website. "Many athletes wait until they retire to officially come out, and the fact is, (Welts) had the courage to do so while still actively involved with the NBA.

"It is extremely important for me to show other gay athletes, current and future, that it's important to come out to send a message that being gay is only a small part of who we are.

"Being gay doesn't define who I am as a person or as a professional athlete. I am a professional bowler, a lawyer, a caring, compassionate and strong individual, and many other things," Norton said. "It's important to explain to people that being gay has nothing to do with one's ability to do anything as a man, least of all compete at the highest level of sports."

Norton, the son of United States Bowling Congress and Professional Women's Bowling Hall of Famer Virginia Norton, grew up as one of the most successful youth bowlers in California history. He was a collegiate All-American at two schools – Cal State-Fresno and Utah. He was 1999 Junior National Champion and 2000 United States Amateur Champion, earning berths on Junior Team USA 2000 and adult Team USA 2001. He decided to delay his dream of bowling professionally until he secured a backup career as a lawyer.

After passing the California bar exam, Norton entered and won the 2009 PBA Regional Players Invitational, which earned him an exemption to bowl full-time on the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour during the 2010-11 season. At age 29, he then won the third event of the 2010-11 PBA Tour season, the Chameleon Championship, for his first title. He went on to lead all PBA Tour rookies in earnings, average and competition points and was elected Rookie of the Year by his fellow competitors.

“I encountered a number of obstacles due to my sexuality as a younger man,” Norton said, “but I had no wish then, nor any wish now, to cause turmoil within the sport. The issues that were in the past remain in the past. There were some serious impediments to my progression to becoming a professional bowler, but they only made me stronger and made me the person I am today.

“What I faced in the past only strengthened my belief that knowledge is vital in our path to acceptance,” he continued. “I will say that my experience on the PBA Tour last season surpassed everything I could have hoped for in terms of acceptance. The vast majority of bowlers on Tour have been accepting and welcoming, as the entire PBA staff has been, and that acceptance touched me deeply.

“I’m very proud and happy with who I am and who I have become as a person,” Norton said. “I would hope that the public acknowledgement of my sexuality will empower other gay athletes – past, present, or future – to come to terms with the truth about who they are and love themselves for who they are.

“For my part, I have always tried to conduct myself in a professional manner at all times and put forth a good reputation both for my community, my family and for the PBA and sport of bowling.”

In addition to his bowling activities and his work for his own law firm, Norton is working as an advisor with Compete Sports, a gay sports network involving publications, radio and television that will hopefully generate more exposure for bowling within the gay community, as well as more tolerance and acceptance within the sports community.

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Professional Bowling Stars Head to Chicago for GEICO PBA Team Shootout ESPN-televised summer series at 10pin bowling lounge is first Chicago PBA event in 47 years

CHICAGO (May 6, 2011) – A unique showcase blending the highest level of talent with the hottest trends in the recreational side of the sport will take place over Memorial Day weekend when 20 of the world's greatest bowlers return to downtown Chicago for a unique team competition at upscale 10pin bowling lounge in the landmark Marina City complex.

The GEICO PBA Team Shootout, the fifth annual PBA Summer Series special event, will result in more than 15 hours of national television on ESPN and ESPN2 over the summer months. It will be the first appearance by PBA players in Chicago proper in 47 years.

"The return of team bowling to the heart of the city where many of the greatest names in bowling history built their careers will present the sport in an entirely new light," said Professional Bowlers Association Deputy Commissioner Tom Clark.

The GEICO PBA Team Shootout, with the PBA Manufacturers Cup as its ultimate prize, will be conducted in a "boutique" bowling facility that calls House of Blues its next-door-neighbor and includes a Who's Who list of Chicago celebrities and business leaders among its clients. 10pin bowling lounge has hosted hundreds of special events, including high-profile fundraisers conducted by Chicago Cubs pitching star Kerry Wood, Chicago Bears defensive lineman Israel Idonije, Chicago Blackhawks defenseman Brent Seabrook and Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade, a Chicago native, among others.

The GEICO PBA Team Shootout will feature four teams of five PBA stars who will compete in a variety of singles, doubles and team matches, earning points toward the PBA Manufacturers Cup for their respective sponsoring companies. It will be the first PBA Tour event held in Chicago since the former Bowlmum hosted the 1963 Chicago Coca-Cola Open when the PBA Tour was only five years old.

Reigning PBA Manufacturers Cup winner Storm Products will defend its title against teams representing bowling ball manufacturing rivals Brunswick, Ebonite International and 900 Global. Among the PBA stars who will compete in Chicago are

PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J. (Brunswick); newly-named PBA Player of the Year Mika Kovuniemi of Hartland, Mich., and PBA Triple Crown winner Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas (Ebonite International); newly-crowned USBC Queens champion Missy Parkin of Lake Forest, Calif. (the only woman in the competition) and PBA Hall of Famer Brian Voss of Marietta, Ga. (900 Global); and PBA Hall of Famers Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., and Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo. (Storm).

Chicagoland will be represented by four-time PBA Tour champion Sean Rash of Montgomery (Brunswick) and seven-time Tour winner Steve Jaros of Yorkville (900 Global).

The special PBA Summer Series event will get underway with an upscale pro-am program on May 29 when Chicagoland league bowlers will be invited to bowl with PBA stars and Chicago sports celebrities for fun and prizes in a 9-pin no-tap event. Entry fees are \$99 for the 2 p.m. squad and \$125 for the special 6 p.m. "dinner" squad. Entry fees include free parking. All pro-am bowlers will compete for cash and merchandise prizes. For complete entry details, visit pba.com for a direct-entry link through e-Tix or call 206-654-6003.

The GEICO Team Shootout will feature a series of matches between the company teams on Tuesday and Wednesday lead up to a "Baker format" team stepladder final. In Baker team competition, all five players on each team will bowl two frames each to complete a full game. The winning team will claim the Manufacturers Cup.

Shows will begin on the hour both days, beginning at 1 p.m. A series of 15 30-minute telecasts will be recorded for airing on ESPN beginning on June 25, with re-broadcasts airing on ESPN2 beginning on July 9. Admission to all Team Shootout matches will be free.

GEICO PBA TEAM SHOOTOUT FACTS

10pin bowling lounge, 330 N. State St., Chicago, May 29, 31-June 1

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 29

2 p.m. - 9-pin no-tap pro-am squad (entry fee \$99)

6 p.m. - 9-pin no-tap pro-am "dinner" squad (entry fee \$125)

For entry information, rules and reservations, visit pba.com or call 206-654-6003.

Tuesday, May 31

1-10 p.m. - Eight 30-minute GEICO PBA Team Shootout matches (free admission)

Wednesday, June 1

1-9 p.m. - Seven 30-minute GEICO PBA Team Shootout matches (free admission)

GEICO PBA TEAM SHOOTOUT MANUFACTURERS CUP ROSTERS

Team Brunswick

Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J. (PBA Hall of Famer and 32-time title winner) Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio (eight-time TV finalist) Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill. (four-time PBA title winner including 2007 USBC Masters) Ronnie Russell, Indianapolis (three-time runner-up) Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich. (2009 PBA World Champion)

Team Ebonite International

Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas (PBA Triple Crown winner, 2011 PBA World Champion and 13-time titlist) Mike Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y. (two-time titlist) Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C. (13-time winner, and former PBA Player and Rookie of the Year) Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich. (native of Finland; reigning PBA Player of the Year and 2011 PBA Tournament of Champions winner) Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa. (2010 U.S. Open champion and three-time title winner)

Team 900 Global

Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz. (2008 PBA Tournament of Champions winner and two-time titlist) Missy Parkin, Lake Forest, Calif. (first woman to join PBA and 2011 USBC Queens champion) Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill. (2005 PBA Tournament of Champions winner and seven-time titlist) Robert Smith, Hong Kong (2000 U.S. Open champion and seven-time titlist) Brian Voss, Alpharetta, Ga. (PBA Hall of Famer and 25-time title winner)

Team Storm Products

Jason Belmonte, Australia (2009 PBA Rookie of the Year and first two-handed player to win PBA title) Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla. (PBA Hall of Famer, Grand Slam winner and 34-time titlist) Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas (2008-09 PBA Player of the Year and six-time title winner) Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y. (four-time titlist) Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo. (PBA Hall of Famer, Triple Crown winner and 35-time champion)

ESPN TELECAST SCHEDULE (all times ET; all shows will re-air on ESPN2) Saturday, June 25, noon – Four half-hour shows (ESPN) Sunday, June 26, 4 p.m. – Four half-hour shows (ESPN) Saturday, July 2, 4 p.m. – Four half-hour shows (ESPN) Sunday, July 3, 2:30 p.m. – Four half-hour shows (ESPN)

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About 10pin bowling lounge

10pin redefines the bowling experience by combining retro sport with an upscale lounge. Located adjacent to House of Blues in landmark Marina City, 10pin is 20,000 square feet of high-energy fun. 24 state-of-the art lanes are topped by a 128-foot, high-definition video wall supported by a nightclub quality audio system. Guests can enjoy all the action from plush sofas and intimate seating

areas of the lounge or can be served at laneside tables. This cutting edge bowling lounge offers an extensive martini list alongside a collection of small plates featuring innovative American cuisine designed to encourage sharing. 10pin is the preferred venue for Chicago's top Fortune 500 companies - hosting many private events a year - making it the perfect place to work and play.

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Finland's Mika Koivuniemi Wins PBA Player of the Year Award Californian Scott Norton is Rookie of the Year, New York's Jack Jurek wins Nagy Sportsmanship Award

SEATTLE (May 5, 2011) – Finland's Mika Koivuniemi, who won the richest first prize in Professional Bowlers Association history and became the first player ever to reach the television finals in all four PBA major championships in a single season, has been selected as 2010-11 PBA Player of the Year.

Koivuniemi, who won the \$250,000 first prize in the \$1 million PBA Tournament of Champions, also finished second in the U.S. Open, third in the Bayer USBC Masters and sixth in the PBA World Championship on his way to winning the PBA Tour earnings title with \$330,040 – the third-highest total in PBA Tour history. The 44-year-old right-hander, who also won Player of the Year honors for 2003-04, was the Tour's average leader with a 222.50 average for 292 games bowled.

The PBA also announced Scott Norton of Costa Mesa, Calif., is 2011 Harry Golden Rookie of the Year and Jack Jurek of Lackawanna, N.Y., has won the Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award for the second time.

Koivuniemi, who lives in Hartland, Mich., and Venezuela's Amleto Monacelli (1989 and 1990) are the only international players who have won PBA Player of the Year honors. Koivuniemi received 334 votes from his peers, easily out-distancing runner-up Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas (63) and Bill O'Neill of Southampton, Pa. (61).

"It's really a great honor," Koivuniemi said. "There are only 10 players who had won Player of the Year more than once, and to be the 11th member of that group is really special.

"It was an almost perfect season for me," he added. "Qualifying for TV for all four majors is a huge deal. No one had ever done that before, and to win the Tournament of Champions? That's the one everyone wanted."

Norton, a practicing California attorney, won his first PBA Tour title in the Pepsi Chameleon Championship. He was the only rookie to win a title during the 2010-11 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour season. Norton received 445 votes; no other player received more than 15.

Jurek, who also won the Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award in 2006, also was an overwhelming choice. His most visible act of sportsmanship came during the title match of the Bayer USBC Masters where he was top qualifier, and was on the verge of losing to first-time champion Tom Hess of Urbandale, Iowa. Jurek approached Hess, who had broken down in tears under the emotion of his victory, and helped him calm down enough to finish the match.

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PBA, Lumber Liquidators Team Up for "Winning Wednesday" Promotion PBA's Facebook, Twitter fans will have a chance to win \$500 flooring certificate

SEATTLE (May 3, 2011) – The Professional Bowlers Association and Lumber Liquidators, the PBA Tour's title sponsor, are teaming up for a special six-week social networking promotion to award a lucky fan a \$500 flooring certificate.

Lumber Liquidators Winning Wednesday will take place on Wednesdays from May 4 through June 8 on Facebook and Twitter, producing six weekly winners who will be eligible for the grand prize drawing.

On Wednesdays during the contest, PBA fans on Facebook and Twitter will be directed to the PBA's YouTube Channel to watch a Lumber Liquidators "Know the Wood" segment from PBA's ESPN television programs featuring expert bowling analyst Randy Pedersen. The first fan to correctly answer a trivia question in conjunction with the video will win an entry into the grand prize drawing.

"Lumber Liquidators is proud to partner with the PBA on this special six-week social networking promotion", said Juli Denike, Coordinator of Customer Relations and Social Media for Lumber Liquidators. "Lumber Liquidators Winning Wednesday will produce a \$500 winner for PBA fans who really know their wood."

Lumber Liquidators, the nation's leading retailer of affordable hardwood flooring, has more than 200 retail locations in 46 states. The Lumber Liquidators Winning Wednesday grand prize winner will be announced on June 8 and will be able to redeem the certificate at any Lumber Liquidators retail location.

PBA Winning Wednesday started as a social networking promotion at the beginning of the 2010-11 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour season. PBA product-registered companies and other sponsors provided weekly prizes to PBA's Facebook and Twitter fans during the season, including bowling balls and accessories, Brunswick Pro Bowling video games by Crave Games and Norm Duke's "Learn to Bowl Competitively" DVDs.

"PBA Winning Wednesday developed a strong following during the 2010-11 season thanks to our sponsors and product registered companies", said Mike Jakubowski, PBA's Cross Marketing and Multimedia Specialist. "Online contests help to promote traffic to both PBA and our sponsors' social networking and websites."

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Dick Allen Sweeps Chris Barnes to Win Dick Weber PBA Playoffs Title "X factor" rallies to win back-to-back games for third career victory

INDIANAPOLIS (April 17, 2011) – Dick Allen of Columbia, S.C., who called himself the "X factor" among the three finalists, swept favorite Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, in the "best-of-two-game" championship match to win the inaugural Dick Weber PBA Playoffs Sunday at Woodland Bowl.

Allen, who earned his third career PBA title and first in five years, threw the last five strikes in the first game in the championship round to overcome a 15-pin deficit and win, 237-218. He put together another strike of five strikes in the second game to take advantage of back-to-back pocket 7-10 splits by Barnes to win the second game, 221-193.

Allen immediately turned over the \$50,000 check to his wife Sarah, but held onto the crystal trophy. "The money comes and goes. I want the trophy and a banner in the bar at Woodland Bowl along with all of the great players who have won titles here," Allen said. "That means more to me than anything."

Allen said he came into the PBA Playoffs finals under the radar. "A lot of people were cheering for Randy (Weiss) to win his first title, and Barnes was the obvious favorite," Allen said. "So I was happy to be the X factor. I just kept my head down and tried to get one more pin than the other guys. That's all I did today."

Barnes and Allen advanced to the championship match by rolling 245 and 209 games, respectively, in the opening elimination match when Randy Weiss of Columbia, S.C., was eliminated when he finished third with a 200 game. Weiss, who was trying for his first PBA title, earned \$13,000.

Barnes threw strikes on six of his first seven shots in the first game against Allen, but Allen stayed close despite leaving the 10 pin on four of five shots in the middle of his game. When Barnes left the 4-6-7-10 split in the eighth frame, Allen capitalized with his closing string of strikes.

Allen was the victim of a pair of splits in the second game, helping Barnes take a 25-pin lead in the fifth frame, but the consecutive 7-10s "pretty much took the wind out of my sails," he said. "There were a few pocket 7-10s on the left lane

earlier in the tournament, so the first one wasn't a huge surprise. But the second one was a stunner. I thought I threw the ball well."

The Dick Weber PBA Playoffs was the final event of the 2010-11 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour season.

DICK WEBER PBA PLAYOFFS

Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, Sunday

Championship (best of two games):

Dick Allen, Columbus, S.C. (\$50,000) def. Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas (\$25,000), 237-218, 221-193.

Elimination Round (lowest score eliminated):

Barnes 245, Allen 209, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 200 (\$13,000).

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It's Barnes and "Battle of Columbia" in Dick Weber PBA Playoffs Finals Will one-ball roll-off decide \$50,000 top prize Sunday's PBA Tour season-finale on ESPN?

INDIANAPOLIS – Chris Barnes, the Professional Bowlers Association's newest member of the elite Triple Crown club, will take on the pride of Columbia, S.C., in the 2010-11 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour season finale Sunday in a unique contest that may be decided by a one-ball roll-off.

Barnes, a 13-time PBA Tour winner from Double Oak, Texas, will meet two-time Tour titlist Dick (formerly known as Ritchie) Allen and non-titlist Randy Weiss, both from Columbia, in the championship round of the Lumber Liquidators Dick Weber PBA Playoffs at Woodland Bowl at 1 p.m. ET on Sunday. All three won their Conference Championship matches to advance to the PBA Tour's end-of-season showdown.

Sunday's championship round will begin with a three-player, one-game eliminator round with the lowest scoring player eliminated. The top two will then bowl a "best-of-two-game" championship match that could result in a one-ball roll-off for the \$50,000 first prize if the two survivors split the two games. If one of the two wins both games, he'll win outright.

Weiss is the underdog. An eight-time PBA Regional title winner who made his national television debut in the PBA Playoffs, Weiss earned his place in the final round by nipping 13-time PBA Tour winner Tommy Jones, 239-238, and Ryan Shafer (207) in the Regional Championship round, and rallying for a 191-179 victory over Steve Jaros in the Eastern Conference Championship.

Allen is the unknown factor. He won his last title in 2006, but he was near-perfect in rolling a 289 in the Regional Championship round when he eliminated PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. (221) and leading 2010-11 Player of the Year candidate Mika Koivuniemi (201). He followed that win with a 222-198 victory over Jack Jurek in the Midwest Conference Championship.

Barnes is the favorite. Barnes, with a solid 217 game, survived his Regional Championship battle against Lonnie Waliczek (201) and Lennie Boresch Jr. (177) before posting an impressive 260-199 victory over Jason Belmonte in the Western Conference Championship.

Now the three finalists will re-convene at Woodland Bowl where Barnes, who won the PBA World Championship under similar circumstances in January, will be the favorite against his less experienced opponents. The reality is, however, that neither Weiss nor Allen care about Barnes' supposed advantages any more than they care about winning bragging rights in their home city.

"I'm not worried about any of it," the 37-year-old Weiss said. "So far it's been a fun ride, a lot of fun. I'm not worried about the money. That doesn't mean anything to me compared to the title. This is what I've dreamed about since I was a kid. I don't think I could be more excited. I'm just glad I performed as well as I have so far."

Weiss said a duel for Columbia bragging rights isn't a big motivator because neither is a Columbia native and they've never developed a hometown rivalry.

"I actually met Ritchie when he was 17, 18 and we shared a cab in Las Vegas when we were both bowling a high roller event. He didn't live here at the time and I didn't move here until after high school," Weiss said. "Plus we kind of have different schedules. He's married with a new baby; I'm six years divorced, and I spend most of my time on the other side of town because that's where my pro shop is. There's no more between us than anyone else I'd bowl against."

Regardless of where he finishes Sunday, Weiss will receive his biggest PBA paycheck. Second prize is \$25,000 and third place is \$13,000. His previous best finish in a PBA Tour event was ninth place, which he had achieved on four different occasions.

Allen, 32, is five years younger than Weiss, and both joined the PBA in 1999. But since then, Allen has had significantly more success in PBA Tour competition. In 150 national tournaments, Allen has advanced to match play 58 times and made it to television six times. Weiss has bowled in 137 PBA Tour events, but has only advanced to match play 17 times and had never qualified for TV before the PBA Playoffs.

Allen will return to Indianapolis after a delay between the preliminary rounds and Sunday's live ESPN finale, hoping to simply get back into the same groove he was in when he left town.

"I've experienced the delay (between TV shows)," Allen said, "so I'll come back to Indianapolis, and ask for the same room and try to repeat the same things I did when I was here before. I'll try to get in the same rhythm I had in March: relax, eat at the same places, that sort of thing. I'm not superstitious, but if I'm doing something good and I think it's because of what I'm eating, I'll keep eating it."

In the meantime, Allen's time at home has consisted of "bad practice and not enough sleep. The tournament has been pretty much an afterthought," he laughed. The lack of sleep, he admitted, has to do with the arrival of his first child, daughter Piper, in early March. The bad practice, he added, doesn't concern him. "I know what the problem is, so I'm not too worried about it."

He is eager to return to Indianapolis for the “battle of Columbia,” but it’s not the battle you might think.

“I’m a Columbia transplant,” Allen said. “I’ve only lived here about seven years. It’s the place where I reside. My real dad was in the Air Force, and stepdad ran bowling centers, so I moved every couple of years. I lived in 14 different states growing up. I was an Air Force brat in the summer, a bowling center punk in the fall.

“I see Randy more at regionals than I do around town, so there isn’t a Columbia rivalry thing between us. My thing is, I want Chris, who is a Columbia 300 staffer,” he continued. “I bowled Barnes a lot in regionals back in 2001, 2002 and I beat him then, so I’ll take it as a battle of me against Columbia 300.

“I know my game. I know my equipment,” Allen said. “If I make 36 quality shots Sunday, there’s a good chance I’ll be holding the trophy. I’m not going to worry about the guy from Columbia, or the guy who throws Columbia. You know the old clichés: it’ll just be me against the pins.”

Barnes has by far the most experience and the most success among the three. The one-time Wichita State University All-American joined the PBA a year earlier than Weiss and Allen – in 1998 – and earned Rookie of the Year honors. Since then, he has bowled in 273 Tour events, advanced to match play 199 times, made 74 television appearances and earned PBA Player of the Year honors in 2008.

More recently, Barnes returned to Las Vegas in January two months after qualifying for the PBA World Championship, and won that event to join Billy Hardwick, Johnny Petraglia, Pete Weber, Mike Aulby and Norm Duke as the PBA’s sixth Triple Crown winner.

“If you’re bowling on Sunday, it’s a pretty good place to be,” Barnes said about returning to Indianapolis. “I feel great about it. We did the same thing for the PBA World Championship. When we came back, I had a little different strategy. That break helped me out a lot.

“I’m bowling against two guys who are bowling really good,” he added. “I have more experience, but that doesn’t get you any pins. Someone will probably have to shoot 240, 250 to win.”

If Barnes wins the PBA Playoffs title, he’ll be the only player to win two titles during the 2010-11 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour season. If he doesn’t, 2010-11 will be the only season in PBA Tour history without a multi-title winner.

A “pre-game” preview of Sunday’s championship round can be seen on pba.com’s Xtra Frame. To subscribe to the PBA’s exclusive online video streaming service, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame logo.

LUMBER LIQUIDATORS DICK WEBER PBA PLAYOFFS CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis (ESPN, live Sunday, April 17, 1 p.m. ET)

Eliminator Round

Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C.; Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., and Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, will bowl one game; low score eliminated.

Championship Match

Match One survivors bowl a best-of-two-game match; if players split the two games, title will be decided in a one-ball roll-off.

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Underdog Weiss to Battle Allen, Barnes for Dick Weber PBA Playoffs Title Three Conference Champions return to Woodland Bowl for live ESPN finale Sunday at 1 p.m. ET

INDIANAPOLIS – Randy Weiss of Columbia, S.C., who made his national television debut in the Regional Championships Round of the inaugural Dick Weber PBA Playoffs, will have an opportunity to win his first Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour in the Championship Round of the PBA Playoffs next Sunday at Woodland Bowl.

Weiss, a 10-time PBA South Region title winner, defeated PBA Tour veteran Steve Jaros of Yorkville, Ill., 191-179, to win the East Conference Championship during Sunday's ESPN telecast. He will advance to the PBA Playoffs finale along with Midwest Conference champion Dick Allen, also of Columbia, S.C., and West Conference champion Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas.

Allen defeated Jack Jurek of Lackawanna, N.Y., 222-198, in a battle of two-time PBA Tour title winners while Barnes raced past Australia's Jason Belmonte, 260-199.

The inaugural Lumber Liquidators Dick Weber PBA Playoffs championship round will air live on ESPN at 1 p.m. ET Sunday. First prize is \$50,000.

Weiss trailed Jaros, a six-time PBA Tour winner, by 24 pins after five frames, but Jaros left a pocket 7-10 split in the sixth frame that turned the match around. A 2-8-10 split in the eighth frame cut Jaros' lead to two pins, and a 4-10 split in the 10th gave Weiss the opening he needed. With a strike in the 10th, Weiss advanced to his first championship round appearance.

"I didn't like my chances, that's for sure," Weiss said, "but I was fighting myself. I was more nervous this round than in the first round. My feet were a little quicker, but somehow things worked out."

Allen and Jurek both settled down after opening-frame splits, and their match could have been over in the seventh frame had not Allen converted the 1-2-4-6-10 "washout" to stay within 12 pins. But disaster struck Jurek in the 10th frame when he left and failed to convert the 3-4-6-7 split. Allen threw three strikes in the 10th frame to advance.

"My mechanics kinda went awry in the first frame, and again when I left the washout," Allen said, "but that's just nerves. It happens. You have to deal with it. I got back under control and made better shots."

"I got a little lucky on that washout. I hadn't left one all week, so I honestly didn't know how I wanted to shoot it. I decided to go straight at it and try to get as many pins as I could," he added, "and I nicked the headpin just enough. If I'd have been any farther right, I would have missed it."

Barnes, who broke up potential pocket 7-10s in the second and fourth frames, got lined up and made his match against Belmonte look easy despite the fact that Belmonte threw five strikes in a row after he failed to convert splits in the first two frames.

"I threw 12 shots in the pocket, but it was hard to get the ball through the pins on the left lane," Barnes said. "I made a little adjustment and it worked, and from that point on, I didn't have too much trouble. I figured it would take 220, 230 to beat Belmo and as it turned out, if he had thrown three strikes in the 10th, that's what he would have had."

Barnes said his lack of success on television over the past couple of years hasn't been an issue this season. He believes he proved his point when he won his 13th career title in the PBA World Championship in January, a victory that made him the sixth player in history to complete the PBA Triple Crown.

"I've bowled well on TV the last couple of years, but last year the four people I bowled against shot a combined 1,012 so no one gave me any breathing room," he said. "I've bowled pretty well, and the season before, at the end of the year, I won back-to-back titles and left a 8 pin on the money shot in the U.S. Open to win. The things that haunted me through those TV shows Mark Baker (Barnes' coach) addressed, and I fixed them, and when I get in those situations now there's no fear about what's going to happen. I know what I need to execute when I'm in those situations and it's gone pretty well since then."

In Sunday's opening match PBA Playoffs match, all three finalists will bowl one game with the lowest score in that match being eliminated. The two survivors will then bowl a "best of two games" match for the \$50,000 first prize. In one player wins both games, he'll win the title. If the two players split, they will bowl a one-ball roll-off to decide the championship.

A "pre-game" show will air on pba.com's exclusive Xtra Frame video streaming service beginning Monday and throughout the week. To subscribe to Xtra Frame, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

DICK WEBER PBA PLAYOFFS CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, Sunday

East Conference Championship: Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C. def. Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill. (\$7,000), 191-179. Weiss advances to Championship Round.

Midwest Conference Championship: Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C. def. Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y. (\$7,000), 222-198. Allen advances to Championship Round.

West Conference Championship: Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas def. Jason Belmonte, Australia (\$7,000), 260-199. Barnes advances to Championship Round.

LUMBER LIQUIDATORS DICK WEBER PBA PLAYOFFS CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis (ESPN, live Sunday, April 17, 1 p.m. ET)

Match One

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Championship Match

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RPC, RPI Champions Among 2010-11 PBA Regional Award Winners

SEATTLE, Wash. (April 8, 2011) - The Professional Bowlers Association has announced the season-ending award winners for its 2010-11 regional program. Each of the PBA's seven geographical regions annually recognizes a Player of the Year, Rookie of the Year and Patterson Award winner. Four regions that ran at least three Senior regional tournaments also recognized Senior Regional Players of the Year.

Among the Regional Players of the Year are 2010 PBA Regional Players Champion Riga Kalfas of Florence, Ky., in the PBA Central Region and PBA Regional Players Invitational winner Bryon Smith of Roseburg, Ore., in the PBA Northwest Region. The RPC, held in Allen Park, Mich., and the RPI, held in Reno, Nev., are the regional program's two "major" championship events.

Regional Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year awards are voted on by the regional managers and John Weber, Director of the Senior and Regional Tours. The Pat Patterson Awards, recognizing individual contributions to the regional program, are selected by the respective regional managers.

The PBA Regional competition season begins on April 1 and ends on March 31 of the following year.

PBA EAST REGION

The Professional Bowlers Association East Region has crowned Tommy Gollick of Oberlin, Pa., as its 2010-11 Player of the Year. Gollick bowled in 17 regional tournaments, winning one, finishing second once and third twice. He cashed in 13 events while posting a 216.66 average and earning \$11,265.

With five cashes in nine events, a best finish of sixth and two match play appearances, Jeremy Elder of Claymont, Del., earned Rookie of the Year honors. Gary Shultis of Levittown, N.Y., with two titles and four top-five finishes, in eight events, earned his first East Region Senior Player of the Year award.

Larry Woomer of State College, Pa., received the East Region's Pat Patterson award. Woomer is a familiar face at most PBA East Region tournaments, serving as Regional Manager Russ Mills' right-hand volunteer in a variety of capacities.

PBA SOUTH REGION

Former PBA Tour exempt player and one-time Tour titlist Chris Collins of Savannah, Ga., made it back-to-back PBA South Region Player of the Year honors an impressive three victories, three runner-up finishes and 13 top-five finishes in 16 events. Collins averaged 226.25, earned \$15,000 in PBA South Region competition and finished second in the PBA Regional Players Championship in Allen Park, Mich., during the 2010-11 season.

Rusty Minar of Atlanta was Rookie of the Year, cashing in nine of 12 events with a best finish of third place. Two-time PBA Tour title winner Jeff Bellinger of Columbia, S.C., won South Region Senior Player of the Year honors with a pair of titles and four top five finishes in the eight events he entered.

South Region tournament host Joey Cruz, general manager of Lightning Lanes in Marion, N.C., was the South Region's Pat Patterson Award winner.

PBA CENTRAL REGION

Riga Kalfas of Florence, Ky., was selected as PBA Central Region Player of the Year for the second year in a row, and third time in the past six years, after winning a pair of titles and cashing in nine of 16 events during the 2010-11 season. Kalfas, who also won the 2010 PBA Regional Players Championship in Allen Park, Mich., earned \$14,200 in regional competition and averaged 213.60.

Kenny Parks of Hammond, Ind., won three Central Region Senior titles and added another second place finish on his way to winning the region's Senior Player of the Year title for the first time. The Dan Ottman Rookie of the Year award was not awarded for 2010-11.

Jim Dilyard of Burbank, Ohio, who hosts the Central Region's Wooster, Ohio, tournament at Wayne Lanes, was the recipient of the Central Region's Pat Patterson Award.

PBA MIDWEST REGION

Tom Hess of Urbandale, Iowa, who had a break-through season with a PBA Tour "major" title along with two Midwest Region victories, was selected as PBA Midwest Region Player of the Year for 2010-11. Hess, who won the Bayer USBC Masters for his first national title, won had five top-five finishes in the Midwest Region while earning \$16,595 and averaging 215.00. Hess also finished second in the PBA Regional Players Invitational in Reno, Nev.

Dale Traber of Cedarburg, Wis., won his third Midwest Region Senior Player of the Year honor with two titles and five top-five finishes in nine Senior events. Ricky Beck of Box Elder, S.D. - home of Ellsworth Air Force Base - won PBA Midwest Rookie of the Year honors after cashing in five of eight events and finishing second once.

John Slavich IV of Schaumburg, Ill., who has helped organize sponsorships for several tournaments, was the Midwest Region's Pat Patterson Award recipient.

PBA SOUTHWEST REGION

Chris Hibbitts II of Fort Worth, Texas, won a tie-breaker over David Anthony of Austin, Texas, to win PBA Southwest Region Player of the Year honors for 2010-11. Hibbitts, the region's 2007-08 Rookie of the Year, didn't win a title in the region, but finished in the top five six times in 22 events with a pair of runner-up finishes. He edged Anthony for Player of the Year on the basis of winning the region's competition points race and topping Anthony in earnings (\$14,335).

Rookie of the Year honors went to Charles Vaughan of Pasadena, Texas, who cashed in three of seven events with a seventh-place best finish.

Dr. Paul Freudigman of Dallas was the winner of the Pat Patterson award in the Southwest Region. Freudigman, a long-time Southwest Region competitor, has sponsored regional events in three different Dallas centers over the past six years. Health problems have kept him from competing recently.

PBA WEST REGION

Former Phoenix resident Steven Black, now living in Anaheim, Calif., dominated the PBA West Region on his way to winning 2010-11 Player of the Year honors. Black won four titles and finished in the top five eight times in 19 attempts, posting a 213.03 season average and earning \$15,880 in regional competition.

Former Team USA member David Haynes of Las Vegas was selected as West Region Rookie of the Year. Haynes won his first PBA regional title and advanced to match play in four of the six tournaments he entered.

Former PBA Tour exempt player Dave Leverage of Peoria, Ariz., earned the region's Pat Patterson Award. Leverage organized a West Regional event that has now been running for five years and he helped the PBA add senior events in the same center where his regional runs.

PBA NORTHWEST REGION

In the Northwest Region, former PBA Tour exempt player Bryon Smith of Roseburg, Ore., was selected as Northwest Player of the Year after winning two titles and posting eight top-five finishes in 13 events. The 2010 PBA Regional Players Invitational champion also earned \$14,450 while posting a 216.92 average.

Northwest Region Rookie of the Year honors went to Eric McIver of Des Moines, Wash., who had a runner-up finish and three cashes in six events.

Richard Brown of Vancouver, Wash., was the Pat Patterson Award recipient. Brown, who has CPR training, is credited with keeping Northwest Region lane man Steve Stevens alive until medical personnel arrived after Stevens suffered a heart attack while conditioning the lanes in Reno for a regional event. Brown then stepped in and did the lanes to finish the event.

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Six Regional Champions Meet Sunday at 1 p.m. ET on ESPN to Determine Three Dick Weber PBA Playoffs Finalists

INDIANAPOLIS – Two of the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour's most successful players, three veterans hungry for another title and one inexperienced upstart from the PBA's regional ranks compose the cast of contenders who will do battle on Sunday's 1 p.m. ET ESPN telecast of the Dick Weber PBA Playoffs Conference Championships at Woodland Bowl.

Sunday's telecast, featuring six regional champions in three head-to-head matches, will determine the three players who will return to Woodland Bowl on Sunday, April 17, to compete for the \$50,000 first prize in the final telecast of the 2010-11 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour season.

In Sunday's opening Conference Championship match, East Region winner Steve Jaros of Yorkville, Ill., will meet South Region surprise winner Randy Weiss of Columbia, S.C. Jaros, who has now qualified for a PBA Tour television final in his 20th consecutive season, won a heart-stopping 258-257 contest against Tom Smallwood in the Go RVing Regional Championships Round when Smallwood left a 7 pin on his fill ball in the 10th frame. Scott Norton, who rolled a 224 game, finished third in the East Region finals.

Weiss, an eight-time PBA Regional title winner who had never before bowled on national television, pulled off a big-time upset in the South Region final, throwing the final five strikes to nip 13-time PBA Tour winner Tommy Jones, 239-238. Jones had rallied behind a string of five strikes to catch up to Weiss, but he left a 4 pin on his fill ball. Weiss then threw three strikes in his 10th frame for the win. In that match, third-place finisher Ryan Shafer saw his hopes dashed when he threw a pocket 7-10 split in his 10th frame.

In Sunday's second match, Central Region winner Dick Allen of Columbia, S.C., will meet Midwest Region champion Jack Jurek of Lackawanna, N.Y. Both are two-time PBA Tour champions. Allen, a nine-year Tour veteran, hasn't won since 2006. Jurek, a 22-year Tour veteran, won his second Tour title in Allen Park, Mich., in September of 2009, ending a PBA-record 14-year gap between titles.

Allen, following the birth of his first child (daughter Piper) on March 3, posted the most impressive victory in the Regional Championships, throwing a 289 game at

47-time PBA Tour champion Walter Ray Williams Jr. (221) and leading 2010-11 PBA Player of the Year candidate Mika Koivuniemi (201). A 10 pin on his second shot in the 10th frame ended Allen's bid for a nationally-televised perfect game.

Jurek also had a fairly easy time in eliminating Wes Malott and Bill O'Neill. Jurek used a string of four strikes in the middle of his game to build a significant lead against both struggling challengers, and finished with an error-free 221. Early errors were too much for Malott (206) and O'Neill (178) to overcome.

The final Conference Championships match will pit two of the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour's most visible stars, Australian two-handed player Jason Belmonte against 13-time PBA Tour titlist Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, in a matchup between Southwest and West/Northwest Region winners.

Belmonte, who won his only title in 2009 on his way to earning 2008-09 PBA Rookie of the Year honors, made his fourth TV appearance of the 2010-11 season in the Southwest Region championship match where he threw a pair of turkeys to overcome a pair of open frames on his way to a 211-202 victory over Brad Angelo. Dino Castillo finished third with a 160 game.

Barnes got a huge break in winning the West/Northwest Region title, rolling a solid 217, but he escaped defeat when former Wichita State University teammate Lonnie Waliczek left a pocket 7-10 in his ninth frame while working on a double. Waliczek finished with a 201. Veteran regional competitor Lennie Boresch Jr. finished third with a 177 in his national television debut.

Barnes, who won the PBA World Championship in January to join Billy Hardwick, Johnny Petraglia, Pete Weber, Mike Aulby and Norm Duke as the sixth member of the PBA Triple Crown club, is the only legitimate threat to Koivuniemi in the Player of the Year chase. Barnes, the only player who still has a chance to win two titles during the 2010-11 season, also had top 10 finishes in all four majors. In addition to winning the PBA World Championship, Barnes finished fifth in the \$1 million PBA Tournament of Champions, tied for ninth in the Bayer USBC Masters and seventh in the U.S. Open.

A "pre-game" preview of Sunday's Conference Championships can be seen on pba.com's Xtra Frame. To subscribe to the PBA's exclusive online video streaming service, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame logo.

DICK WEBER PBA PLAYOFFS CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis
(ESPN, Sunday, 1 p.m. ET)

East vs. South

Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., vs. Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C. (winner advances to Lumber Liquidators Championship Round)

Central vs. Midwest

Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., vs. Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y. (winner advances to Lumber Liquidators Championship Round)

Southwest vs. West/Northwest

Jason Belmonte, Australia, vs. Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas (winner advances to Lumber Liquidators Championship Round)

LUMBER LIQUIDATORS DICK WEBER PBA PLAYOFFS CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis (ESPN, live Sunday, April 17, 1 p.m. ET)

Match One

Three Conference Championships winners bowl one game; low score eliminated

Championship Match

Two Match One survivors bowl a best-of-two-game match; if players split the two games, title will be decided in a one-ball roll-off.

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Jurek, Belmonte, Barnes Advance to PBA Playoffs Conference Championships Head-to-head matches airing Sunday on ESPN will determine field for live April 17 finals in Indianapolis

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Two-time Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour champion Jack Jurek; 2008-09 PBA Rookie of the Year Jason Belmonte and Chris Barnes, the newest member of the PBA Triple Crown club, advanced to the Conference Championships in the Dick Weber PBA Playoffs after victories in the Lucas Oil Regional Championships Round at Woodland Bowl.

The Lucas Oil Regional Championships Round, which aired Sunday on ESPN, featured three three-player championship matches with the winner of each advancing to the Conference Championship Round while the two lowest scores in each match were eliminated. The Conference Championships will air Sunday, April 10, at 1 p.m. Eastern on ESPN.

Jurek, who finished second in the Bayer USBC Masters in February, used a string of four strikes and an otherwise clean game to top Wes Malott, 221-206, to win the Midwest Region championship. Bill O'Neill started with a pair of open frames and never got on track in finishing third with a 178.

Jurek dismissed the notion that his victory helped make up for his loss in the USBC Masters title match.

"I did have one guy come up and say that what he saw in the Masters (when Jurek helped calm a noticeably emotional Tom Hess in the 10th frame) was one of the nicest things he'd seen, so maybe good karma comes around," Jurek said. "It was a little tense, but when you get to TV and the lights affect the lanes a bit, and everyone is trying to get to that final spot, that all plays into keeping the scores down a bit and the excitement level up. That keeps the matches tight.

"I was pretty relaxed," he added. "That's my goal now when I get to TV – just relax and bowl, and let whatever happens happen. Too many times I've just been too uptight on TV and haven't performed well. I don't mind getting beat if a guy beats me, as long as I give myself a chance to perform. That's all I'm looking to do now."

Belmonte, seeking his second career title, had a pair of turkeys to overcome a pair of open frames in topping Brad Angelo, 211-202, in the Southwest Region

finale. Dino Castillo's bid for his first PBA Tour title was derailed by three missed spares in a 160 game for third place.

"I had a really good look," Belmonte said. "The three bad shots I made were really bad. I got a little rushed and a little ahead of myself. I wanted to close out the match and I should have been a little more patient. I'm a little eager to win, but I think everyone else is as well. I just have to realize that I can't think too far ahead of myself. I have to focus on what my job is, and that's frame by frame, as clichéd as that may sound."

There was a point in the match when Angelo was distracted by a noise Belmonte apparently made with his water bottle, causing a moment of tension. But Belmonte dismissed the issue after talking with Angelo.

"There's no issue," Belmonte said. "(Brad) said good luck for the next match. We discussed it and we're good. He and I are going for a drink later on; there are no hard feelings."

Barnes topped former Wichita State University teammate Lonnie Waliczek, 217-201, with a clean game and a pair of doubles in the West/Northwest championship game. Waliczek's hopes for a third PBA Tour title, and his first since 2003, ended when he followed a double with a pocket 7-10 in the ninth frame. Veteran PBA Midwest Region competitor Lennie Boresch Jr., making his PBA Tour television debut, threw only two strikes in finishing third with a 177 game.

"The pair was pretty choppy," Barnes said. "The right lane had a hook spot in the front of the lane and once you got past that, it didn't hook much at all. The left lane was better, but it was tighter down lane. I tried to make small moves because in practice, every time I had a bigger move I missed the headpin or left a split. When Lonnie got lined up, I thought I might be in trouble, but he was having some issues, too. But that 7-10 in the ninth was just a terrible break.

"I've always believed that good things happen to guys who work hard," Barnes added. "He's one of those guys, so I'm not surprised that Lonnie made the show. I'm disappointed for him, but if he had to lose to someone, I'm glad it was me."

On Sunday, April 10, the Conference Championships telecast at 1 p.m. Eastern will include East Region winner Steve Jaros against South winner Randy Weiss, Central champion Dick Allen vs. Midwest winner Jurek, and Southwest champ Belmonte vs. West/Northwest winner Barnes. The winners of those three matches will return to Woodland Bowl on Sunday, April 17, for the live ESPN finals at 1 p.m. Eastern.

First prize in the inaugural Dick Weber PBA Playoffs is \$50,000.

LUMBER LIQUIDATORS PBA TOUR
DICK WEBER PBA PLAYOFFS
Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, Sunday

LUCAS OIL REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS ROUND

Midwest Region Championship (winner advances to Conference Championships to meet Central Region winner Dick Allen on ESPN on Sunday, April 10, at 1 p.m. Eastern):

- 1, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 221.
- 2, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 206, \$6,000.
- 3, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 178, \$5,000.

Southwest Region Championship (winner advances to Conference Championships to meet West/Northwest Region winner Chris Barnes on ESPN on Sunday, April 10, at 1 p.m. Eastern):

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 211.
- 2, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 202, \$6,000.
- 3, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 160, \$5,000.

West/Northwest Region Championship (winner advances to Conference Championships to meet Southwest Region winner Jason Belmonte on ESPN on Sunday, April 10, at 1 p.m. Eastern):

- 1, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 217.
- 2, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 201, \$6,000.
- 3, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 177, \$5,000.

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Midwest, Southwest, West/Northwest Finalists Square Off Sunday on ESPN in Dick Weber PBA Playoffs' Lucas Oil Regional Championships

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Chris Barnes and Bill O'Neill will try to keep their long-shot bids for Professional Bowlers Association Player of the Year honors alive during Sunday's ESPN telecast of the Lucas Oil Regional Championship round of the inaugural Dick Weber PBA Playoffs at Woodland Bowl.

The ESPN telecast, featuring nine players competing for the final three berths in the April 10 PBA Playoffs Conference Championships, will air Sunday at 1 p.m. Eastern.

Barnes, who won the PBA World Championship in January to become the sixth member of the PBA Triple Crown club, and O'Neill, the 2010 Pepsi Viper Champion, are the only players who still have a chance to win two titles during the 2010-11 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour season, and put up a last-minute challenge to leading contender Mika Koivuniemi.

Koivuniemi won the \$250,000 top prize in the \$1 million PBA Tournament of Champions and became the first player in PBA history to appear in the television finals of all four PBA Tour major championships in a single season (PBA World Championship, Bayer USBC Masters and U.S. Open). Despite Koivuniemi's extraordinary season, Barnes and O'Neill also have had strong seasons and a second title could influence some voters.

O'Neill will bowl in the one-game Midwest Region championship match against Jack Jurek and Wes Malott after qualifying second in his region. Jurek, the 2011 Bayer USBC Masters runner-up, led the region's final elimination round. Malott, the 2008-09 PBA Player of the Year, grabbed the third spot and will try to end a two-year title drought.

Sunday's Lucas Oil Regional Championships round also will include the Southwest and West/Northwest Region finals. The Southwest Region final will include Dino Castillo, a former Exempt Tour player who is trying for his first PBA Tour title; Australian two-handed star Jason Belmonte and Tour veteran Brad Angelo. Castillo was runner-up in the 2010 Japan Cup. Belmonte, the 2008-09 Rookie of the Year,

and Angelo, the 2002-03 Rookie of the Year, both are trying for their second career titles.

Barnes will be the West/Northwest Region favorite in a match featuring Lennie Boresch Jr. and Barnes' former Wichita State University teammate, Lonnie Waliczek. The 48-year-old Boresch, a first-year Exempt Tour player, will make his national television debut in his bid for his first PBA Tour title. Waliczek is a two-time PBA Tour title winner who hasn't won since 2003.

A preview of Sunday's Regional Championships can be seen on pba.com's Xtra Frame. To subscribe to the PBA's exclusive online video streaming service, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame logo.

The Lucas Oil Regional Championships winners will advance to the Conference Championships airing on Sunday, April 10, at 1 p.m. Eastern, where they will join the winners of the Go RVing Regional Championship round. East Region winner Steve Jaros will bowl one game against the South Region winner Randy Weiss, Central Region winner Dick Allen will take on the Midwest Region winner, and the Southwest winner will meet the West/Northwest winner.

The three Conference Championship survivors will return to Indianapolis on Sunday, April 17, at 1 p.m. Eastern for the final live ESPN telecast of the 2010-11 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour season.

DICK WEBER PBA PLAYOFFS

Lucas Oil Regional Championships

Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis (ESPN, Sunday, 1 p.m. Eastern)

Midwest Region Finalists (highest score from one-game match advances to Conference Championships to meet Central Region winner Dick Allen in a one-game match on ESPN on Sunday, April 10, at 1 p.m. Eastern): Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y.; Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa.; Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas.

Southwest Region Finalists (highest score from one-game match advances to Conference Championships to meet West/Northwest Region winner in a one-game match on ESPN on Sunday, April 10, at 1 p.m. Eastern): Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas; Jason Belmonte, Australia; Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y.

West/Northwest Region Finalists (highest score from one-game match advances to Conference Championships to meet Southwest Region winner in a one-game match on ESPN on Sunday, April 10, at 1 p.m. Eastern): Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis.; Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas; Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan.

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Jaros, Weiss, Allen Advance to Conference Championships in PBA Playoffs Walter Ray Williams Jr.'s record for titles in consecutive seasons ends at 17

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Seven-time Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour champion Steve Jaros of Yorkville, Ill.; 10-time PBA Regional winner Randy Weiss of Columbia, S.C., and two-time PBA Tour titlist Dick Allen, also of Columbia, S.C., advanced to the Conference Championships in the Dick Weber PBA Playoffs after victories in the Go RVing Regional Championships Round at Woodland Bowl.

The Go RVing Regional Championships Round, which aired Sunday on ESPN, featured three three-player regional championship matches with the winners advancing to the Conference Championship Round, and the two lowest scores being eliminated. The Conference Championships will air Sunday, April 10, at 1 p.m. Eastern on ESPN.

Jaros, who has now made a television appearance in 20 consecutive seasons, nipped Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., 258-257, to win the East Region championship. Scott Norton of Costa Mesa, Calif., finished third in the three-player East Regional final with a 224.

Weiss, in his national television debut, threw five strikes in a row to end his game and stun 12-time PBA Tour champ Tommy Jones of Greenville, S.C., 239-238, in the South Region championship. Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., also was eliminated after rolling a 207 game.

Allen was nearly perfect in throwing a 289 game that eliminated Walter Ray Williams Jr. (221) of Ocala, Fla., and Mika Koivuniemi (201) of Hartland, Mich., in the Central Region finale.

In the East Region championship, Jaros started with seven strikes before leaving back-to-back 10 pins, but Smallwood battled Jaros into the 10th frame. Jaros finished first, throwing a strike on his first ball in the 10th and filling the frame with a 10 pin/spare. Smallwood needed the first strike to win, but left a 7 pin. After converting the spare, he then needed a strike to tie Jaros, but he left a 4 pin on his fill ball.

Jaros said he thought the match would be close, but "I figured it would be Tom or me versus Scott after the way he bowled in practice. But Scott just didn't look comfortable once the show started."

Weiss was the surprise of the day with his clutch finish to nip Jones after a horrible break ended Shafer's hopes. Shafer was very much in the hunt, but trying to extend a double in the eighth and ninth frames, the four-time PBA Tour winner left a 7-10 split on a pocket hit in the 10th frame to end his chances.

At the same time, Jones overcame the carry issues he had during the first half of his game, stringing five strikes before leaving a 4 pin on his fill ball in the 10th frame. That pin gave Weiss an opportunity to strike out in the 10th to win by one pin.

"I knew I was going to have to strike because these guys are really good," Weiss said, "but they are human, so I knew I had to stay in my world and see what happens.

"My thought in the last frame was that there is no way you could ask for anything better than an opportunity to win in the 10th, so I told myself to get a good shot off my hand and let the chips fall where they may.

"Mike Machuga may have given me the best advice when he said it'll be the fastest 10 minutes of your life, so slow it down in your mind as much as you can, and that's exactly what I did," Weiss added. "I just kept slowing my thoughts and not watching what they were doing, and I focused on what my job was."

In the Central Region match, Allen and Williams both started with five strikes while Koivuniemi struggled to strike after starting with a double. Williams' string ended when he also left a pocket 7-10 in the sixth frame, but Allen kept on striking until leaving a 10 pin on his 11th attempt. By that time, thanks to a 4-6-7-10 split by Williams in the ninth frame, the match was over.

"I followed all of the old clichés - keep your head down, don't watch what they're doing, make one shot at a time - and that's exactly what I did," Allen said. "I wasn't worried about anybody else. I know when I throw it good, I can strike with the best of them."

Allen has a history of being one of the PBA Tour's more volatile players, but after the birth of his first child in early March, "I came here with less negative thoughts," he said. "I've got some cool pictures on my phone, I'm smiling more because of (daughter Piper). My mind's in a different place and I'm not so upset if I make a bad shot. And I'm not making as many bad shots because of a grip change and a swing change I made, and those are probably the keys to success more than anything.

"I got away with about three bad shots," Allen added. "That was probably the highest 220 game I've ever shot; let's put it that way. Without a doubt I knew I was going for 300. When Walter got that second split in the ninth frame and I knew the match was over, I told myself to finish it off. Unfortunately I threw a really good shot in the 10th and they didn't fall."

The Lucas Oil Regional Championships Round will complete the field for the Conference Championships. The Lucas Oil Regional round, which airs Sunday on ESPN

at 1 p.m., will feature three finalists each in the Midwest (Jack Jurek, Wes Malott, Bill O'Neill), Southwest (Brad Angelo, Dino Castillo, Jason Belmonte) and West/Southwest (Chris Barnes, Lennie Boresch Jr., Lonnie Waliczek) Regions.

On Sunday, April 10, the Conference Championships telecast at 1 p.m. Eastern will include the East Region winner (Jaros) against the South (Weiss), the Central (Allen) vs. the Midwest winner, and the Southwest vs. the West/Northwest winner. Those three winners will return to Woodland Bowl on Sunday, April 17, for the live ESPN finals at 1 p.m. Eastern.

First prize in the inaugural Dick Weber PBA Playoffs is \$50,000.

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DICK WEBER PBA PLAYOFFS
Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, Sunday

GO RVING REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS ROUND

East Region Championship (winner advances to Conference Championships to meet South Region winner Randy Weiss on ESPN on Sunday, April 10, at 1 p.m. Eastern):
1, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 258.
2, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 257, \$6,000.
3, Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., 224, \$5,000.

South Region Championship (winner advances to Conference Championships to meet East Region winner Steve Jaros on ESPN on Sunday, April 10, at 1 p.m. Eastern):
1, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 239.
2, Tommy Jones, Greenville, S.C., 238, \$6,000.
3, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 207, \$5,000.

Central Region Championship (winner advances to Conference Championships to meet Midwest Region winner on ESPN on Sunday, April 10, at 1 p.m. Eastern):
1, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 289.
2, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 221, \$6,000.
3, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 201, \$5,000.

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East, South, Central Region Finalists Square Off in Dick Weber PBA Playoffs Three berths in Conference Championships to be decided in Sunday's Go RVing Regional Championships

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (March 22, 2011) – Walter Ray Williams Jr. will try to extend his Professional Bowlers Association record for winning at least one title in a season to 18 years during Sunday's ESPN telecast of the Go RVing Regional Championship round of the inaugural Dick Weber PBA Playoffs at Woodland Bowl.

The ESPN telecast, featuring nine players competing for three berths in the PBA Playoffs Conference Championships on April 10, will air Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Eastern.

Williams, who came into the final event of the 2010-11 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour season without a title, qualified second in the three-player Central Region field behind Dick Allen and ahead of Mika Koivuniemi. The 47-time PBA Tour champion from Ocala, Fla., must beat Allen and Koivuniemi in their one-game match to keep his titles streak alive. Allen is trying for his first PBA Tour title since winning the Motel 6 Classic in January 2006. Koivuniemi, who won the \$250,000 first prize in the \$1 million PBA Tournament of Champions in January, is trying for his second title of the season.

Sunday's Go RVing Regional Championships round also will include the East and South Region finals. The East Region final will include PBA Rookie of the Year candidate Scott Norton; seven-time PBA Tour champion Steve Jaros and 2009 PBA World Champion Tom Smallwood. Norton, a practicing attorney, won his first title in the PBA Chameleon Championship in Las Vegas earlier in the season. Jaros is making a television appearance for the 20th consecutive season. Smallwood is making his fourth TV appearance of the season.

The South Region championship will be decided among 13-time PBA Tour winner Tommy Jones, four-time PBA Tour titlist Ryan Shafer and regional qualifier Randy Weiss. Jones is making his fourth TV appearance of the season. Shafer is trying for his first title in seven years. Weiss, a 10-time PBA Regional title-winner and former PBA Tour exempt player, will make his national television debut in his bid for his first PBA Tour title.

A preview of Sunday's Go RVing Regional Championships round can be seen on pba.com's Xtra Frame. To subscribe to the PBA's exclusive online video streaming service, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame logo.

The Lucas Oil Regional Championship round which airs at 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 3, will feature the Midwest, Southwest and West/Northwest Region Championship matches. The Midwest Region finalists are Bill O'Neill, Jack Jurek and Wes Malott. Advancing to the Southwest Region finale are Dino Castillo, Jason Belmonte and Brad Angelo. West/Northwest finalists are Lennie Boresch Jr., Chris Barnes and Lonnie Waliczek.

In the Conference Championship airing on Sunday, April 10, at 1 p.m. Eastern, the East Region winner will bowl one game against the South Region winner, the Central Region winner will bowl against the Midwest winner, and the Southwest winner will meet the West/Northwest winner. The three Conference Championship winners will return to Indianapolis on Sunday, April 17, for the final live telecast of the 2010-11 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour season.

DICK WEBER PBA PLAYOFFS

Go RVing Regional Championships

Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis (ESPN, Sunday, 2:30 p.m. Eastern)

East Region Finalists (highest score from one-game match advances to Conference Championships to meet South Region winner in a one-game match on ESPN on Sunday, April 10, at 1 p.m. Eastern): Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif.; Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., and Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich.

South Region Finalists (highest score from one-game match advances to Conference Championships to meet East Region winner in a one-game match on ESPN on Sunday, April 10, at 1 p.m. Eastern): Tommy Jones, Greenville, S.C.; Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., and Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C.

Central Region Finalists (highest score from one-game match advances to Conference Championships to meet Midwest Region winner in a one-game match on ESPN on Sunday, April 10, at 1 p.m. Eastern): Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C.; Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., and Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich.

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Williams Among 18 Finalists for Dick Weber PBA Playoffs Five of six top seeds advance to Sunday's Regional, Conference Championships

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (March 11, 2011) – Walter Ray Williams Jr., trying to extend his Professional Bowlers Association record for winning at least one title in a season to 18 years, was among 18 players who advanced to Sunday's Regional Championships in the Dick Weber PBA Playoffs at Woodland Bowl Friday.

Williams, who owns the PBA Tour record for career titles with 47, finished second in the four-player Central Region, to keep his title hopes alive. The Dick Weber PBA Playoffs is the final tournament of the 2010-11 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour season, which means it's the last chance for the 51-year-old from Ocala, Fla.

The PBA Playoffs is six tournaments-in-one, featuring six regional groups bowling elimination rounds within their respective regions. Three players of four players from each Region remain in the hunt after Round Five, but like the NCAA basketball brackets, upsets took a toll on the inaugural event.

In Round Four, 2011 U.S. Open Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., became the third PBA Hall of Famer eliminated during Friday's action. Duke finished sixth in the South Region, missing the cut to the top four by 24 pins. Among the Tour's top six points leaders for 2010-11 who were seeded into the Regions for Round Four, only Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., failed to advance when he finished fifth in the East Region.

In Round Three earlier Friday, where the top five of eight advanced, bowlers eliminated included Rhino Page of Dade City, Fla., who had been the top qualifier in both previous rounds in the East Region, and Kelly Kulick of Union, N.J., who finished eighth in the Southwest Region after leading Round One and finishing fifth in Round Two. PBA Hall of Famers Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J. and Tom Baker of King, N.C. (South Region), and 2011 Bayer USBC Masters champion Tom Hess of Urbandale, Iowa (Midwest Region) also failed to survive Round Three.

In Round Five, Mika Koivuniemi of Hartland, Mich., who won the \$1 million PBA Tournament of Champions earlier in the season, but lost the U.S. Open title two weeks ago when he missed a 10 pin in the 10th frame, kept his hopes alive by converting the 2-8 in the 10th frame and striking on his fill ball to edge Dan

MacLelland of Saginaw, Mich., was three pins for the third spot in the Central Region. Dick Allen of Columbia, S.C., and Williams also advanced.

In the East Region, PBA Rookie of the Year candidate Scott Norton of Costa Mesa, Calif.; seven-time PBA Tour champion Steve Jaros of Yorkville, Ill., and 2009 PBA World Champion Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., advanced.

In the South Region, 13-time PBA Tour winner Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C.; four-time titlist Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., and regional qualifier Randy Weiss of Columbia, S.C., advanced. Weiss has never won a PBA Tour title.

Current season points leader Bill O'Neill of Southampton, Pa., moved on with a second-place finish in the Midwest Region along with six-game leader Jack Jurek of Lackawanna, N.Y., and third-place finisher Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas. Malott fired a 248 final game to overtake local favorite Ronnie Russell of Marion, Ind., for the final spot in the Midwest.

Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, the 2010 PBA World Champion, was second in the West/Northwest along with Round Five leader Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., and Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan. Boresch is trying for his first PBA Tour title. Waliczek, who won both of his titles during the 2002-03 season, rolled a 248 final game to knock Baltimore's Danny Wiseman out of the Regional Championship round.

Advancing in the Southwest Region were Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas; Australian two-handed star Jason Belmonte and Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y. Castillo is trying for his first title. Belmonte and Angelo each have won one title.

In Sunday's first Regional Championship at 9 a.m., the three East, South and Central Region survivors will bowl one game matches with the winner in each Region advancing to the Conference Championship at 3:30 p.m. In the second Regional Championship at 1 p.m., the three Midwest, Southwest and West/Northwest survivors will bowl one-game matches to determine the other three Conference Championship finalists.

In the Conference Championship, the East Region winner will bowl one game against the South Region winner, the Central Region winner will bowl against the Midwest winner, and the Southwest winner will meet the West/Northwest winner.

The Regional Championships will air on ESPN on Sunday, March 27, at 2:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 3, at 1 p.m. Eastern, respectively. The Conference Championship will air on Sunday, April 10, at 1 p.m. Eastern, respectively.

The three Conference Championship winners will return to Indianapolis on Sunday, April 17, for the final live telecast of the 2010-11 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour season. In the first match, the three finalists will bowl one game with the lowest score finishing third. The two survivors will bowl two one-game matches. If one player wins both, he will win the \$50,000 first prize. If they split the two games, a one-ball roll-off will decide the title.

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Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, Friday

ROUND FIVE (after 6 games, top 3 per region advance to Conference Championships Sunday at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Eastern)

East Region

1, Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., 1,402.

2, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 1,360.

3, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,350.

Did not advance:

4, John Nolen, Waterford, Mich., 1,244, \$3,000.

South Region

1, Tommy Jones, Greenville, S.C., 1,455.

2, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,368.

3, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 1,332.

Did not advance:

4, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 1,313, \$3,000.

Central Region

1, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,513.

2, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 1,479.

3, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 1,452.

Did not advance:

4, Dan MacLelland, Saginaw, Mich., 1,449, \$3,000.

Midwest Region

1, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 1,351.

2, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 1,272.

3, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,269.

Did not advance:

4, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,239, \$3,000.

Southwest Region

1, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 1,309.

2, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,296.

3, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,283.

Did not advance:

4, Mike Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., 1,221, \$3,000.

West/Northwest Region

1, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,342.

2, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,309.

3, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 1,295.

Did not advance:

4, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 1,283, \$3,000.

ROUND FOUR (after 6 games, top 4 per region advance to Round Five Friday night):

East Region

- 1, John Nolen, Waterford, Mich., 1,395.
 - 2, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,391.
 - 3, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 1,370.
 - 4, Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., 1,340.
- Did not advance:
- 5, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,299, \$2,500.
 - 6, Jeffrey Voght, Canojaharie, N.Y., 1,225, \$2,500.

South Region

- 1, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,467.
 - 2, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 1,418.
 - 3, Tommy Jones, Greenville, S.C., 1,414.
 - 4, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 1,362.
- Did not advance:
- 5, Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga., 1,355, \$2,500.
 - 6, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,338, \$2,500.

Central Region

- 1, Dan MacLelland, Saginaw, Mich., 1,523.
 - 2, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 1,410.
 - 3, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,396.
 - 4, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 1,384.
- Did not advance:
- 5, Billy Oatman, Chicago, 1,257, \$2,500.
 - 6, Brian Thompson, Flat Rock, Mich., 1,234, \$2,500.
- 300 game - Walter Ray Williams Jr.

Midwest Region

- 1, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 1,492.
 - 2, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 1,377.
 - 3, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,365.
 - 4, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,311.
- Did not advance:
- 5, Sean Swanson, Springfield, Mo., 1,304, \$2,500.
 - 6, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 1,271, \$2,500.

Southwest Region

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,471.
 - 2, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,312.
 - 3, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 1,307.
 - 4, Mike Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., 1,302.
- Did not advance:
- 5, Mike DeVaney, Murrieta, Calif., 1,301, \$2,500.
 - 6, D.J. Archer, Mineral Wells, Texas, 1,237, \$2,500.

West/Northwest Region

- 1, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 1,603.
 - 2, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,471.
 - 3, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 1,459.
 - 4, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,447.
- Did not advance:

- 5, Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz., 1,404, \$2,500.
- 6, Gregory Thompson Jr., Dublin, Calif., 1,220, \$2,500.
- 300 games - Danny Wiseman (2).

ROUND THREE (after 6 games, top 5 per region advance):

East Region

- 1, Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., 1,425.
- 2, Jeffrey Voght, Canojaharie, N.Y., 1,423.
- 3, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 1,410.
- 4, John Nolen, Waterford, Mich., 1,348.
- 5, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,347.

Did not advance:

- 6, Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y., 1,328, \$2,000.
- 7, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 1,308, \$2,000.
- 8, Jeff Zaffino, Warren, Pa., 1,300, \$2,000.
- 300 game - Jeffrey Voght.

South Region

- 1, Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga., 1,455.
 - 2, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,442.
 - 3, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 1,383.
 - 4, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,380.
 - 5, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 1,328.
- Did not advance:
- 6, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,310, \$2,000.
 - 7, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,299, \$2,000.
 - 8, Kip Roberts, Glenallen, Va., 1,290, \$0,000.

Central Region

- 1, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,501.
 - 2, Dan MacLelland, Saginaw, Mich., 1,459.
 - 3, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 1,458.
 - 4, Billy Oatman, Chicago, 1,385.
 - 5, Brian Thompson, Flat Rock, Mich., 1,360.
- Did not advance:
- 6, Troy Stus, South Lyon, Mich., 1,356, \$2,000.
 - 7, Brian Himmler, Cincinnati, 1,340, \$2,000.
 - 8, Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 1,320, \$2,000.
 - 300 game - Troy Stus.

Midwest Region

- 1, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 1,500.
 - 2, Sean Swanson, Springfield, Mo., 1,470.
 - 3, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 1,413.
 - 4, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,368.
 - 5, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,366.
- Did not advance:
- 6, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 1,356, \$2,000.
 - 7, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 1,305, \$2,000.
 - 8, Michael Steil, Wheeling, Ill., 1,234, \$2,000.

Southwest Region

- 1, Mike Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., 1,442.
- 2, D.J. Archer, Mineral Wells, Texas, 1,422.
- 3, Mike DeVaney, Murrieta, Calif., 1,400.
- 4, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 1,366.
- 5, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,343.

Did not advance:

- 6, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 1,340, \$2,000.
- 7, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,324, \$2,000.
- 8, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 1,244, \$2,000.

West/Northwest Region

- 1, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 1,530.
- 2, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,518.
- 3, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 1,500.
- 4, Gregory Thompson Jr., Dublin, Calif., 1,490.
- 5, Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz., 1,445.

Did not advance:

- 6, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 1,409, \$2,000.
- 7, Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., 1,398, \$2,000.
- 8, PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 1,334, \$2,000.

300 games - Lennie Boresch Jr., Michael Haugen Jr.

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Surprises Dominate Second Round of Dick Weber PBA Playoffs

Hall of Famers Amleto Monacelli, Pete Weber eliminated, local favorite Ronnie Russell rallies to advance

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (March 10, 2011) – In the grand tradition of basketball's March Madness, the Dick Weber PBA Playoffs staged its own series of dramatic surprises Thursday night at Woodland Bowl.

Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli of Venezuela, who earlier in the day dominated the South Region, was eliminated from the tournament in Round Two when he finished the six-game round in 10th place. The top seven of 10 players in each Region advance to Round Three. Mike Edwards of Tulsa, Okla., led the South Region in Round Two with a 1,407 pinfall total.

The Dick Weber PBA Playoffs is six-tournaments-in-one, featuring six independent regional groups bowling elimination rounds within their respective regions. The event is named in honor of the PBA Tour legend who grew up in Indianapolis.

In other Thursday night highlights, Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Ocala, Fla., the PBA Tour's all-time titles leader with 47, advanced in the Central Region in second place behind Region leader Dick Allen of Columbia, S.C. Williams needs to win the PBA Playoffs, the final event of the 2010-11 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour season, in order to extend his PBA record of winning at least one title per year to 18 years.

Also in the Central Region, Troy Stus of South Lyon, Mich., rolled a 224 game to win a one-game roll-off against PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber (197), Dick Weber's son, and Kenneth Kolberg Jr. (191) of Cleveland, Ohio, after they tied for seventh place. Weber and Kolberg were eliminated from the playoffs.

In the East Region, Rhino Page of Dade City, Fla., led his group after both rounds, finishing the second round with 1,421 pins, but 13-time PBA Tour champion Patrick Allen of Wesley Chapel, Fla., finished ninth in Round Two and was eliminated after a fourth-place finish earlier in the day.

In the Midwest, Tom Hess of Urbandale, Iowa, who won his first PBA Tour title in the Bayer United States Bowling Congress Masters in February, paced his Region with 1,402 pins, but the drama in Hess' group came from local favorite Ronnie Russell of Marion, Ind., who was last after two games, but rallied with a 239 final game to earn the sixth of seven spots advancing to Friday's Round Three.

Eugene McCune of Munster, Ind., led the Southwest Region with 1,400 pins after barely sneaking into Round Two. Round One leader Kelly Kulick of Union, N.J., advanced by placing fifth in Round Two.

Baltimore's Danny Wiseman, a 12-time PBA Tour winner, paced the West/Northwest Region with 1,440 pins.

In Friday's Round Three, the PBA Tour players who finished seventh through 12th on the 2010-11 points list will be seeded into the competition (Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., in the East; Dan MacLelland, Saginaw, Mich., in the Central; Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., in the South; Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, in the Midwest; Mike DeVaney, Murrieta, Calif., in the Southwest, and Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz., in the West/Northwest. After six games, the top five out of seven in each Region will advance to Round Four.

For Round Four, the six top seeds for the season – Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., East; Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., Central; Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., South; Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., Midwest; Jason Belmonte, Australia, Southwest, and Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, West/Northwest – will enter the tournament for another six-game round. The top four of six per Region will advance to Round Five.

After Friday night's Round Five, three survivors in each Region will advance to two Regional Championship and one Conference Championship television shows. The television rounds will be contested at 9 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Eastern on Sunday for for delayed telecast on ESPN on Sunday, March 27, at 2:30 p.m.; Sunday, April 3, at 1 p.m. Eastern, and Sunday, April 10, at 1 p.m. Eastern, respectively.

The six Conference Championship survivors will return to Indianapolis on Sunday, April 17, for the final live telecast of the 2010-11 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour season. ESPN will air the finals at 1 p.m. Eastern. First prize in the event is \$50,000.

All of the remaining elimination rounds are being covered live on Xtra Frame, pba.com's exclusive online video streaming service. To subscribe, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame logo.

All rounds also are being covered via special brackets on pba.com.

DICK WEBER PBA PLAYOFFS

Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, Thursday

ROUND TWO (after 6 games, top 7 per region advance to Round Three Friday morning):

East Region

- 1, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 1,421.
- 2, Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., 1,382.
- 3, Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y., 1,363.
- 4, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 1,356.
- 5, Jeffrey Voght, Canojaharie, N.Y., 1,331.
- 6, John Nolen, Waterford, Mich., 1,308.
- 7, Jeff Zaffino, Warren, Pa., 1,278.

Did not advance:

- 8, Tom Sorce, Blasdell, N.Y., 1,246, \$1,500.
- 9, Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1,194, \$1,500.
- 10, Eddie VanDaniker Jr., Essex, Md., 1,144, \$1,500.

South Region

- 1, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 1,407.
- 2, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,378.
- 3, Kip Roberts, Glenallen, Va., 1,347.
- 4, (tie) Tom Baker, King, N.C., and Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga., 1,345.

6, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 1,340.

7, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,331.

Did not advance:

8, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 1,320, \$1,500.

9, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,269, \$1,500.

10, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,204, \$1,500.

Central Region

1, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,488.

2, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 1,463.

3, Billy Oatman, Chicago, 1,368.

4, Brian Himmeler, Cincinnati, 1,353.

5, Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 1,326.

6, Brian Thompson, Flat Rock, Mich., 1,320.

7, x-Troy Stus, South Lyon, Mich., 1,284.

Did not advance:

8, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,284, \$1,500.

9, Kenneth Kolberg Jr., Cleveland, Ohio, 1,284, \$1,500.

10, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 1,255, \$1,500.

x-Stus (224) defeated Weber (197) and Kolberg (191) in a one-game roll-off for seventh place.

Midwest Region

1, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 1,402.

2, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 1,396.

3, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 1,356.

4, Michael Steil, Wheeling, Ill., 1,341.

5, Sean Swanson, Springfield, Mo., 1,298.

6, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,270.

7, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 1,265.

Did not advance:

8, Stuart Williams, England, 1,261, \$1,500.

9, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,251, \$1,500.

10, Jeff Carter, Springfield, Ill., 1,214, \$1,500.

Southwest Region

1, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 1,400.

2, Mike Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., 1,361.

3, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,348.

4, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,343.

5, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 1,307.

6, D.J. Archer, Mineral Wells, Texas, 1,305.

7, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 1,277.

Did not advance:

8, Brett Cooper, Fort Worth, Texas, 1,252, \$1,500.

9, Stevie Weber, Chalmette, La., 1,199, \$1,500.

10, Rick Lawrence, Waxahachie, Texas, 1,164, \$1,500.

West/Northwest Region

1, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 1,440.

2, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,391.

3, Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., 1,375.

4, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 1,357.

- 5, Gregory Thompson Jr., Dublin, Calif., 1,350.
- 6, PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 1,335.
- 7, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 1,333.

Did not advance

- 8, Thomas Ault Jr., Portland, Ore., 1,331, \$1,500.
- 9, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 1,280, \$1,500.
- 10, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 1,194, \$1,500.

ROUND ONE (after 15 games, top 9 per region advanced to Round Two Thursday evening):

East Region

- 1, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 3,564.
- 2, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 3,495.
- 3, Eddie VanDaniker Jr., Essex, Md., 3,408.
- 4, Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 3,388.
- 5, John Nolen, Waterford, Mich., 3,351.
- 6, Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y., 3,256.
- 7, Tom Sorce, Blasdell, N.Y., 3,235.
- 7, Jeffrey Voght, Canojaharie, N.Y., 3,235.
- 9, Jeff Zaffino, Warren, Pa., 3,211.

Did not advance:

- 10, John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y., 3,204, \$1,200.
- 11, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 3,202, \$1,150.
- 12, Terry Miller, York, Pa., 3,199, \$1,120.
- 13, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 3,198, \$1,100.
- 14, David Beres, Waukesha, Wis., 3,192.
- 15, Jason Stadtler, Cherry Hill, N.J., 3,142.
- 16, John Furey, East Windsor, N.J., 3,118.
- 17, Jim Tomek Jr., Camp Hill, Pa., 3,045.
- 18, Jason Weaver, Denver, Pa., 3,004.
- 19, Tommy Gollick, Oberlin, Pa., 2,988.
- 20, Charles Anderson, Sloatsburg, N.Y., 2,969.
- 21, Kevin Cartier, Beverly, N.J., 2,962.
- 22, Stephen Haas, Enola, Pa., 2,961.
- 23, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 2,888.
- 24, Michael Tweed Sr., Camp Hill, Pa., 2,743.

South Region

- 1, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,521.
- 2, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 3,442.
- 3, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3,394.
- 4, Kip Roberts, Glenallen, Va., 3,363.
- 5, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 3,329.
- 6, Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga., 3,318.
- 7, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 3,287.
- 8, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,255.
- 9, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3,247.

Did not advance:

- 10, Brian Voss, Alpharetta, Ga., 3,237, \$1,200.
- 11, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 3,220, \$1,150.
- 12, Bobby Hall II, Landover, Md., 3,203, \$1,120.
- 13, Dave Arnold, Dublin, Calif., 3,167.

- 14, Ronnie Horton, Christiansburg, Va., 3,165.
- 15, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 3,164.
- 16, Joseph Hostetler, Minerva, Ohio, 3,157.
- 17, Christopher Collins, Savannah, Ga., 3,089.
- 18, Dale Eagle, Tavares, Fla., 3,079.
- 19, Ron Schoenbachler, Indianapolis, 3,065.
- 20, Seby Silvestri, Louisville, Ky., 3,050.
- 21, (tie) Richard Chmura, Lumberton, N.C., and Steve Taylor, Madison Heights, Va., 3,017.
- 23, Josh Chambliss, Charleston, S.C., 3,015.

Central Region

- 1, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 3,404.
- 2, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 3,357.
- 3, Billy Oatman, Chicago, 3,327.
- 4, Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 3,314.
- 5, Brian Thompson, Flat Rock, Mich., 3,305.
- 6, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 3,302.
- 7, Troy Stus, South Lyon, Mich., 3,252.
- 8, Brian Himmeler, Cincinnati, 3,240.
- 9, Kenneth Kolberg Jr., Cleveland, Ohio, 3,212.

Did not advance:

- 10, Jack Laffey, Indianapolis, 3,211, \$1,200.
- 11, Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 3,207, \$1,150.
- 12, Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 3,201, \$1,120.
- 13, Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 3,161.
- 14, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 3,137.
- 15, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 3,128.
- 16, Rick Steelsmith, Wichita, Kan., 3,120.
- 17, Larry Verble, Mason, Mich., 3,063.
- 18, Tim Bell, Garden City, Mich., 3,061.
- 19, Paul Gibson, Brunswick, Ohio, 3,056.
- 20, Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio, 3,028.
- 21, Matt Freiberg, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,969.
- 22, Carleton Chambers, Detroit, 2,898.
- 23, Ted Rosenquist Jr., Valparaiso, Ind., 2,860.

Midwest Region

- 1, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 3,541.
- 2, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 3,540.
- 3, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 3,445.
- 4, Stuart Williams, England, 3,433.
- 5, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 3,409.
- 6, Michael Steil, Wheeling, Ill., 3,402.
- 7, Sean Swanson, Springfield, Mo., 3,333.
- 8, Jeff Carter, Springfield, Ill., 3,274.
- 9, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 3,271.

Did not advance:

- 10, Marc Heninger, Tonganoxie, Kan., 3,212, \$1,200.
- 11, Derek Sapp, Keokuk, Iowa, 3,198, \$1,150.
- 12, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 3,189, \$1,120.
- 13, Chad Maas, Waukesha, Wis., 3,168.
- 14, Mark London, Ingleside, Ill., 3,133.

- 15, Quinton Bohlen, Decorah, Iowa, 3,104.
 - 16, Dallas Baldridge, Lenexa, Kan., 3,061.
 - 17, Brian Menini, Brookfield, Mo., 2,987.
 - 18, Carmen Salvino, Schaumburg, Ill., 2,986.
 - 19, Tim Mack, Indianapolis, 2,957.
 - 20, Diandra Asbaty, Chicago, 2,946.
 - 21, John Slavich IV, Schaumburg, Ill., 2,898.
 - 22, Nick Weber, Foristell, Mo., 2,842.
 - 23, Jason Wojnar, Chicago, withdrew.
- 300 game – Jack Jurek.

Southwest Region

- 1, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 3,475.
- 2, Stevie Weber, Chalmette, La., 3,453.
- 3, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 3,401.
- 4, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 3,385.
- 5, D.J. Archer, Mineral Wells, Texas, 3,360.
- 6, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 3,322.
- 7, Brett Cooper, Fort Worth, Texas, 3,301.
- 8, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 3,187.
- 9, Rick Lawrence, Waxahachie, Texas, 3,182.

Did not advance:

- 10, Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan., 3,147, \$1,200.
 - 11, Bill Alexander, San Angelo, Texas, 3,133, \$1,150.
 - 12, Chris Hibbitts II, Ft Worth, Texas, 3,116, \$1,120.
 - 13, Jay Futrell, Derby, Kan., 3,108.
 - 14, Kurt Gengelbach, Carrollton, Texas, 3,088.
 - 15, Jim Carter, Keller, Texas, 3,075.
 - 16, Andy Patterson, Tyler, Texas, 3,036.
 - 17, Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 2,994.
 - 18, Andy Mortensen, Tulsa, Okla., 2,977.
 - 19, Danny Neill, Allen, Texas, 2,972.
 - 20, Kris Koeltzow, Wheat Ridge, Colo., 2,936.
 - 21, Robert McBride, Mesquite, Texas, 2,839.
 - 22, Darren Comardelle, Gretna, La., 2,750.
 - 23, Mike Keily, Littleton, Colo., 2,646.
- 300 game – Stevie Weber.

West/Northwest Region

- 1, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 3,576.
- 2, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 3,543.
- 3, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 3,524.
- 4, Gregory Thompson Jr., Dublin, Calif., 3,506.
- 5, Thomas Ault Jr., Portland, Ore., 3,435.
- 6, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 3,414.
- 7, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3,405.
- 8, Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., 3,364.
- 9, PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 3,351.

Did not advance:

- 10, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 3,322, \$1,200.
- 11, Mitch Beasley, Puyallup, Wash., 3,315, \$1,150.
- 12, Corey Husted, Milwaukie, Ore., 3,303, \$1,120.

- 13, Dave Wodka, Chatsworth, Calif., 3,302.
- 14, Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 3,275.
- 15, Jon Brandon, Santa Clarita, Calif., 3,207.
- 16, Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 3,111.
- 17, Justin Howard, Rushville, Ind., 3,018.
- 18, Andre Eubanks, Los Angeles, 3,005.
- 19, Ernie Schlegel, Vancouver, Wash., 2,972.
- 20, Kerry Fulford, Brownwood, Texas, 2,906.
- 21, John Wilcox, Kirkland, Wash., 2,576.
- 22, Dave D'Entremont, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, withdrew.

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Kulick Takes Charge Among First Round Dick Weber PBA Playoffs Leaders

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (March 9, 2011) – Kelly Kulick of Union, N.J., the only woman ever to win a Lumber Liquidators Professional Bowlers Association Tour title, took command of her regional group Wednesday after the first 10 of 15 games in the opening round of the Dick Weber PBA Playoffs at Western Bowl Wednesday.

Kulick, who won the 2010 PBA Tournament of Champions, averaged 247.2 for 10 games for a 2,472 pinfall total to not only lead the Southwest Region into Thursday's final five first-round games, but to pace the entire tournament field. Kulick, who was seeded into the Southwest Region after qualifying a disappointing 50th on the 2010-11 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour competition points standings, had 299, 290 and a pair of 278s games Wednesday.

Other regional leaders were Rhino Page of Dade City, Fla., the South Region leader with 2,471 pins – one behind Kulick; Lonnie Waliczek of Wichita, Kan., in the West/Northwest Region with a 2,358 total; Mike Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas, with a 2,399 total in the Midwest Region; Venezuela's Amleto Monacelli with a 2,324 total in the South Region, and Billy Oatman of Chicago paced the Central Region with a 2,246 total. Among the six regional leaders, Oatman is the only one without a PBA Tour title.

"I've known something was wrong for a while," Kulick said of her sub-par season. "The (Earl Anthony Memorial) in Dublin (Calif.) was frustrating, but the eye-opener was last week at the Mark Roth Plastic Ball Championship. It didn't matter if I was throwing plastic or urethane balls. I was getting the same reactions, so that re-confirmed my problem was physical rather than mechanical to get the ball to do what I wanted it to do.

"My arm swing bumped right at start and went behind my back," she continued. "My swing plane wasn't straight, so my hand couldn't repeat a consistent release. It magnified my misses. With Mike Machuga's help, I have created a different feel by pushing the ball left in my approach, which makes my swing straighter and my release effortless. And so far it's working; I'm not trying to over-analyze it. It's still a long week."

The PBA playoffs feature six independent regional groups bowling elimination rounds within their respective regions. The first round concludes Thursday morning with a final five-game session. After 15 games, the top nine from each Region will advance to the second round Thursday evening where they will be joined by six Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour players who finished 13th through 18th in 2010-11 competition points (Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind.; Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo.; Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla.; Mike Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y.; Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., and Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y.

Elimination rounds will continue Friday when 12 more seeded Exempt Tour players will enter the competition.

On Sunday, the three survivors in each Region will advance to two Regional Championship and one Conference Championship television shows. The television shows at 9 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Eastern will be taped for delayed telecast on ESPN on Sunday, March 27, at 2:30 p.m.; Sunday, April 3, at 1 p.m. Eastern, and Sunday, April 10, at 1 p.m. Eastern, respectively.

The six Conference Championship survivors will return to Indianapolis on Sunday, April 17, for the final live telecast of the 2010-11 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour season. ESPN will air the finals at 1 p.m. Eastern. First prize in the event is \$50,000.

All of the elimination rounds Wednesday, Thursday and Friday are being video streamed live on Xtra Frame, pba.com's exclusive online video streaming service. To subscribe, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame logo.

All rounds also are being covered via special brackets on pba.com.

DICK WEBER PBA PLAYOFFS

Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, March 9, 2011

ROUND ONE (after 10 of 15 games; final 5 games Thursday morning; top 9 per region after 15 games advance to Round Two):

East Region

- 1, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 2,471.
- 2, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 2,315.
- 3, Eddie VanDaniker Jr., Essex, Md., 2,266.
- 4, Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 2,260.
- 5, Jeffrey Voght, Canojaharie, N.Y., 2,220.
- 6, Tom Sorce, Blasdell, N.Y., 2,190.
- 7, John Nolen, Waterford, Mich., 2,187.
- 8, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 2,155.
- 9, John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y., 2,145.
- 10, Terry Miller, York, Pa., 2,130.
- 11, Jason Stadtler, Cherry Hill, N.J., 2,109.
- 12, Jeff Zaffino, Warren, Pa., 2,105.
- 13, David Beres, Waukesha, Wis., 2,089.
- 14, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 2,083.
- 15, Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y., 2,081.
- 16, Jim Tomek Jr., Camp Hill, Pa., 2,019.
- 17, Kevin Cartier, Beverly, N.J., 2,014.
- 18, Jason Weaver, Denver, Pa., 2,012.
- 19, Stephen Haas, Enola, Pa., 2,001.
- 20, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,985.
- 21, Tommy Gollick, Oberlin, Pa., 1,969.
- 22, John Furey, East Windsor, N.J., 1,962.
- 23, Charles Anderson, Sloatsburg, N.Y., 1,941.
- 24, Michael Tweed Sr., Camp Hill, Pa., 1,838.

South Region

- 1, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 2,324.
 - 2, Kip Roberts, Glenallen, Va., 2,323.
 - 3, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 2,321.
 - 4, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 2,320.
 - 5, Brian Voss, Alpharetta, Ga., 2,262.
 - 6, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 2,261.
 - 7, Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga., 2,240.
 - 8, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 2,209.
 - 9, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 2,186.
 - 10, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 2,178.
 - 11, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2,177.
 - 12, Bobby Hall II, Landover, Md., 2,151.
 - 13, Joseph Hostetler, Minerva, Ohio, 2,131.
 - 14, Christopher Collins, Savannah, Ga., 2,126.
 - 15, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 2,109.
 - 16, Ron Schoenbachler, Indianapolis, 2,096.
 - 17, Ronnie Horton, Christiansburg, Va., 2,086.
 - 18, Josh Chambliss, Charleston, S.C., 2,085.
 - 19, Dave Arnold, Dublin, Calif., 2,068.
 - 20, Seby Silvestri, Louisville, Ky., 2,067.
 - 21, Dale Eagle, Tavares, Fla., 2,057.
 - 22, Steve Taylor, Madison Heights, Va., 2,011.
 - 23, Richard Chmura, Lumberton, N.C., 2,002.
- 300 game – Bobby Hall II.

Central Region

- 1, Billy Oatman, Chicago, 2,246.
 - 2, Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 2,199.
 - 3, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 2,191.
 - 4, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 2,189.
 - 5, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 2,180.
 - 6, Brian Himmeler, Cincinnati, 2,176.
 - 7, Larry Verble, Mason, Mich., 2,152.
 - 8, Jack Laffey, Indianapolis, 2,148.
 - 9, Brian Thompson, Flat Rock, Mich., 2,144.
 - 10, Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 2,130.
 - 11, Troy Stus, South Lyon, Mich., 2,121.
 - 12, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 2,115.
 - 13, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 2,085.
 - 14, Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 2,065.
 - 15, Rick Steelsmith, Wichita, Kan., 2,064.
 - 16, Tim Bell, Garden City, Mich, 2,061.
 - 17, Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 2,059.
 - 18, Matt Freiberg, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,042.
 - 19, Kenneth Kolberg Jr., Cleveland, Ohio, 2,024.
 - 20, Paul Gibson, Brunswick, Ohio, 2,022.
 - 21, Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio, 2,004.
 - 22, Ted Rosenquist Jr., Valparaiso, Ind., 1,948.
 - 23, Carleton Chambers, Detroit, 1,843.
- 300 game – Anthony LaCaze.

Midwest Region

- 1, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 2,399.
 - 2, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 2,339.
 - 3, Stuart Williams, England, 2,309.
 - 4, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 2,288.
 - 5, Michael Steil, Wheeling, Ill., 2,260.
 - 6, Sean Swanson, Springfield, Mo., 2,253.
 - 7, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 2,222.
 - 8, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 2,211.
 - 9, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 2,145.
 - 10, Derek Sapp, Keokuk, Iowa, 2,123.
 - 11, Marc Heninger, Tonganoxie, Kan., 2,089.
 - 12, Jeff Carter, Springfield, Ill., 2,081.
 - 13, Mark London, Ingleside, Ill., 2,070.
 - 14, Dallas Baldridge, Lenexa, Kan., 2,057.
 - 15, Chad Maas, Waukesha, Wis., 2,023.
 - 16, Brian Menini, Brookfield, Mo., 2,017.
 - 17, Quinton Bohlen, Decorah, Iowa, 2,008.
 - 18, John Slavich IV, Schaumburg, Ill., 1,992.
 - 19, Carmen Salvino, Schaumburg, Ill., 1,990.
 - 20, Tim Mack, Indianapolis, 1,988.
 - 21, Nick Weber, Foristell, Mo., 1,977.
 - 22, Diandra Asbaty, Chicago, 1,972.
 - 23, Jason Wojnar, Chicago, 1,894.
- 300 game – Mike Steil.

Southwest Region

- 1, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 2,472.
- 2, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 2,304.
- 3, D.J. Archer, Mineral Wells, Texas, 2,299.
- 4, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2,275.
- 5, Stevie Weber, Chalmette, La., 2,207.
- 6, Brett Cooper, Fort Worth, Texas, 2,177.
- 7, Chris Hibbitts II, Ft Worth, Texas, 2,158.
- 8, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 2,132.
- 9, Kris Koeltzow, Wheat Ridge, Colo., 2,095.
- 10, Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan., 2,074.
- 11, Rick Lawrence, Waxahachie, Texas, 2,072.
- 12, Kurt Gengelbach, Carrollton, Texas, 2,070.
- 13, Jay Futrell, Derby, Kan., 2,069.
- 14, Danny Neill, Allen, Texas, 2,039.
- 15, (tie) Andy Patterson, Tyler, Texas, and Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 2,035.
- 17, Bill Alexander, San Angelo, Texas, 2,019.
- 18, Andy Mortensen, Tulsa, Okla., 1,979.
- 19, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 1,970.
- 20, Jim Carter, Keller, Texas, 1,922.
- 21, Robert McBride, Mesquite, Texas, 1,846.
- 22, Darren Comardelle, Gretna, La., 1,773.
- 23, Mike Keily, Littleton, Colo., 1,619.

West/Northwest Region

- 1, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 2,358.
- 2, Gregory Thompson Jr., Dublin, Calif., 2,331.

- 3, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 2,316.
- 4, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 2,298.
- 5, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 2,294.
- 6, Thomas Ault Jr., Portland, Ore., 2,284.
- 7, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 2,280.
- 8, (tie) Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., and Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 2,276.
- 10, Rick Francis, Linden, Calif., 2,263.
- 11, Corey Husted, Milwaukie, Ore., 2,224.
- 12, PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 2,199.
- 13, Dave Wodka, Chatsworth, Calif., 2,160.
- 14, Mitch Beasley, Puyallup, Wash., 2,147.
- 15, Ernie Schlegel, Vancouver, Wash., 2,104.
- 16, Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 2,083.
- 17, Jon Brandon, Santa Clarita, Calif., 2,080.
- 18, Justin Howard, Rushville, Ind., 1,998.
- 19, Kerry Fulford, Brownwood, Texas, 1,988.
- 20, Andre Eubanks, Los Angeles, 1,952.
- 21, John Wilcox, Kirkland, Wash., 1,680.
- 22, Dave D'Entremont, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, withdrew.

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Season's top PBA Tour, regional players ready for dramatic final event

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (March 8, 2010) – The final event of the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour's 2010-11 season gets underway Wednesday at Woodland Bowl when 156 PBA exempt players and PBA Regional competitors butt heads in a new Dick Weber PBA Playoffs.

The inaugural PBA Playoffs will feature three "elimination" television shows leading into the final live telecast of the 2010-11 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour season on Sunday, April 17, when the PBA Playoffs championship and its \$50,000 first prize will be decided.

Final seedings into the six regional pods for the playoffs were confirmed Tuesday. The new playoffs structure provides for up to three bye rounds for PBA Tour players based upon their points ranking. The top six players who have earned "byes" for three rounds are Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa.; Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich.; Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas; Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C.; Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., and Jason Belmonte, Australia. Players ranking seventh through 12th will enjoy two bye rounds while those who rank 13th through 18th in points earned one bye round.

The Dick Weber PBA Playoffs is named in honor of the PBA legend who was born and raised in Indianapolis.

DICK WEBER PBA PLAYOFFS

Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, Ind., March 8-13 (live TV finals on April 17)

REGIONAL POD ASSIGNMENTS

(Regional qualifiers are listed below. Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour Exempt Players have been seeded into pods based upon their positions on the PBA Tour competition points list as of March 6)

EAST POD

Charles Anderson, Sloatsburg, N.Y.

Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa.

Kevin Cartier, Beverly, N.J.

John Furey, East Windsor, N.J.

Tommy Gollick, Oberlin, Pa.

Stephen Haas, Enola, Pa.

Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y.

Terry Miller, York, Pa.

Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa.
Tom Sorce, Blasdel, N.Y.
Jason Stadtler, Cherry Hill, N.J.
John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y.
Jim Tomek Jr., Camp Hill, Pa.
Michael Tweed Sr., Camp Hill, Pa.
Eddie Van Daniker, Essex, Md.
Jeffrey Voght, Canojaharie, N.Y.
Jason Weaver, Denver, Pa.

Exempt Tour Players:

Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla.
Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill.
Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore.
Dave Beres, Waukesha, Wis.
Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla.
John Nolan, Waterford, Mich.
Jeff Zaffino, Warren, Pa.

Elimination Round One bye:

Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif.

Elimination Round One, Two byes:

Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich.

Elimination Round One, Two, Three byes:

Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill.

CENTRAL POD

Tim Bell, Garden City, Mich
Carleton Chambers, Detroit
Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio
Matt Freiberg, Simpsonville, S.C.
Paul Gibson, Brunswick, Ohio
Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich.
Brian Himmeler, Cincinnati
Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y.
Nick Kokenos, St. Clair Shores, Mich.
Kenneth Kolberg Jr., Cleveland, Ohio
Jack Laffey, Indianapolis
Billy Oatman, Cleveland
Ted Rosenquist Jr., Valparaiso, Ind.
Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio
Troy Stus, South Lyon, Mich.
Brian Thompson, Flat Rock, Mich.
Larry Verble, Mason, Mich.
Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio

Exempt Tour Players:

Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y.
Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C.
Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan.
Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla.
Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill.
Rick Steelsmith, Wichita, Kan.

Elimination Round One bye:

Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo.

Elimination Round One, Two byes:

Dan MacLelland, Saginaw, Mich.

Elimination Round One, Two, Three byes:

Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich.

SOUTH POD

Tom Baker, King, N.C.

Josh Chambliss, Charleston, S.C.

Richard Chmura, Lumberton, N.C.

Chris Collins, Savannah, Ga.

Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla.

Dale Eagle, Frisco, Texas

Ronnie Horton, Christiansburg, Va.

Joseph Hostetler, Minerva, Ohio

Scott Newell, Deland, Fla.

Kip Roberts, Glenallen, Va.

Ron Schoenbachler, Indianapolis

Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga.

Sebi Sylvestri, Louisville, Ky.

Steve Taylor, Madison Heights, Va.

Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C.

Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C.

Exempt Tour Players:

Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J.

Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela

Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio

Brian Voss, Alpharetta, Ga.

Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla.

Dave Arnold, Dublin, Calif.

Bobby Hall II, Landover, Md.

Elimination Round One bye:

Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y.

Elimination Round One, Two byes:

Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla.

Elimination Round One, Two, Three byes:

Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C.

MIDWEST POD

Diandra Asbaty, Chicago

Dallas Baldrige, Lenexa, Kan.

Quinton Bohlen, Decorah, Iowa

Marc Heninger, Tonganoxie, Kan.

Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa

Mark London, Ingleside, Ill.

Tim Mack, Indianapolis

Chad Maas, Waukesha, Wis.

Brian Menini, Brookfield, Mo.

Carmen Salvino, Schaumburg, Ill.

Derek Sapp, Keokuk, Iowa

John Slavich IV, Schaumburg, Ill.

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Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y.

Jeff Carter, Springfield, Ill.

Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas

Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind.

Stuart Williams, England

Elimination Round One bye:

Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind.

Elimination Round One, Two byes:

Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas

Elimination Round One, Two, Three byes:

Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa.

SOUTHWEST POD

Bill Alexander, San Angelo, Texas

D.J. Archer, Mineral Wells, Texas

Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan.

Jim Carter, Keller, Texas

Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas

Darren Comardelle, Gretna, La.

Brett Cooper, Fort Worth, Texas

Jay Futrell, Derby, Kan.

Kurt Gengelbach, Carrollton, Texas

Chris Hibbitts II, Ft. Worth, Texas

Mike Keily, Littleton, Colo.

Kris Koeltzow, Wheat Ridge, Colo.

Rick Lawrence, Waxahachie, Texas

Robert McBride, Mesquite, Texas

Andrew Mortensen, Tulsa, Okla.

Danny Neill, Allen, Texas

Andy Patterson, Tyler, Texas

Exempt Tour Players:

Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y.

Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind.

Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y.

Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J.

Stevie Weber, Chalmette, La.

Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio

Elimination Round One bye:

Mike Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y.

Elimination Round One, Two byes:

Mike DeVaney, Murrieta, Calif.

Elimination Round One, Two, Three byes:

Jason Belmonte, Australia

WEST/NORTHWEST POD

Thomas Ault Jr., Portland, Ore.

Mitch Beasley, Puyallup, Wash.

Jon Brandon, Santa Clarita, Calif.
Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore.
Andre Eubanks, Los Angeles
Rick Francis, Linden, Calif.
Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif.
PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif.
Justin Howard, Rushville, Ind.
Corey Husted, Milwaukie, Ore.
J.T. Jackson, Los Angeles
Ernie Schlegel, Vancouver, Wash.
Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore.
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Dave Wodka, Chatsworth, Calif.

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Danny Wiseman, Baltimore
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Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa.
Dave D'Entremont, Middleburg Heights, Ohio

Elimination Round One bye:

Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla.

Elimination Round One, Two byes:

Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz.

Elimination Round One, Two, Three byes:

Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas

PBA DICK WEBER PBA PLAYERS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 9

8 a.m. – East, South, Central Pods, five qualifying games (18 regional and 7 PBA Tour players per pod)
11 a.m. – Midwest, Southwest, West/Northwest Pods, five qualifying games (18 regional and 7 PBA Tour players per pod)
4 p.m. - Midwest, Southwest, West/Northwest Pods, five qualifying games
7 p.m. - East, South, Central Pods, five qualifying games

Thursday, March 10

8 a.m. – East, South, Central Pods, five qualifying games
11 a.m. – Midwest, Southwest, West/Northwest Pods, five qualifying games
Top nine from each pod after Qualifying Round (15 games) advance
6 p.m. – Elimination Round One (nine Qualifying Round survivors in each pod plus one PBA Tour player in 13-18 seeded group), six games
Top seven from each pod after Elimination Round One (6 games) advance

Friday, March 11

8 a.m. – Elimination Round Two (seven Elimination Round One survivors plus one PBA Tour player in 7-12 seeded group), six games
Top five from each pod after Elimination Round Two (6 games) advance
1 p.m. – Elimination Round Three (five Elimination Round Two survivors plus one PBA Tour player in 1-6 seeded group), six games
Top four from each pod after Elimination Round Three (6 games) advance

6 p.m. – Elimination Round Four (four Round Elimination Three survivors), six games
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Sunday, April 17

1 p.m. – Live Championship Round on ESPN

Match One: Three Finals Elimination Round winners, one game (lowest score finishes third).

Championship Match: Top two from Match One.

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Dick Weber PBA Playoffs to Conclude Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour Season Begins
Next Wednesday Season's top PBA Tour, regional players headed to Indianapolis for dramatic final event

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (March 3, 2010) – The Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour's 2010-11 season comes down to a dramatic season-finale next week at Woodland Bowl when 180 PBA exempt players and PBA Regional competitors will butt heads in a new Dick Weber PBA Playoffs starting Wednesday.

The inaugural PBA Playoffs will feature three "elimination" television shows leading into the final live telecast of the 2010-11 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour season on Sunday, April 17, when the PBA Playoffs championship and its \$50,000 first prize will be decided.

"The PBA staff, players, news media and other interested parties have talked a great deal over the past two or three years about the need for a special event to conclude our national tour season," said PBA Deputy Commissioner Tom Clark. "After a great deal of discussion, we arrived at the PBA Playoffs concept.

"It's new, it's different and it's going to be an exciting battle between the best of the PBA's national touring stars butting heads against the very best of our nationwide regional network. We think it's going to become one of the most anticipated events on tour."

Borrowing a chapter from end-of-season championship playoff series in virtually every other sport, the Dick Weber PBA Playoffs will provide a showdown for 108 top regional players who earned their way through competition points races within their respective regions, along with the top 72 players from the 2010-11 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour points list.

"It resembles the World Series of Poker," said PBA Vice President and Director-PBA Tour Kirk Von Krueger. "Each group of players has to win their way through out of their group to get to the final table where they'll play for all of the chips."

Because the playoffs structure provides for up to three bye rounds for PBA Tour players based upon their points ranking, it has been extremely important for every player to bowl at a high level during the season. The top six players on

the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour points list have earned "byes" for the first three rounds. Players ranking seventh through 12th will enjoy two bye rounds. Those who rank 13th through 18th in points at Sunday's conclusion of the Mark Roth Plastic Ball Championship in Cheektowaga, N.Y., will earn one bye round.

Going into the Plastic Ball Championship, the six top "seeds" based on points belong to Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa.; Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich.; Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas; Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C.; Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., and Jason Belmonte, Australia.

The Playoffs format will include six unique "regional pods" for 18 top PBA Regional players based upon competition points as of Nov. 30, 2010. Players within the East, South, Central, Southwest, Midwest and combined West/Northwest Region pods will remain in their respective pods throughout the event, heading into the television finals. Each pod also will be assigned seeded PBA Tour players based upon their 2010-11 points rankings. Exempt Tour players who rank between 19th and 72nd for the season will be assigned to pods, regardless of the players' home regions, for the opening qualifying round.

For the current, complete PBA competition points list, visit pba.com and click on the "statistics" tab.

The Dick Weber PBA Playoffs is named in honor of the PBA legend who was born and raised in Indianapolis.

DICK WEBER PBA PLAYOFFS

Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, Ind., March 8-13 (live TV finals on April 17)

REGIONAL POD ASSIGNMENTS (as of March 3) (Regional qualifiers are listed below. Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour Exempt Players will be seeded into pods based upon their positions on the PBA Tour competition points list at the conclusion of the Mark Roth Plastic Ball Championship on Sunday, March 6)

East Region Pod: Charles Anderson, Sloatsburg, N.Y.; Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa.; Kevin Cartier, Beverly, N.J.; John Furey, East Windsor, N.J.; Tommy Gollick, Oberlin, Pa.; Stephen Haas, Enola, Pa.; Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y.; Terry Miller, York, Pa.; Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa.; Tom Sorce, Blasdell, N.Y.; Jason Stadler, Cherry Hill, N.J.; John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y.; Jim Tomek Jr., Camp Hill, Pa.; Michael Tweed Sr., Camp Hill, Pa.; Eddie Van Daniker, Essex, Md.; Jeffrey Voght, Canojaharie, N.Y.; Jason Weaver, Denver, Pa.; plus Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour players seeded 20, 29, 32, 41, 44, 53, 56, 65, 68. Seeds earning bye rounds: 17 (one bye), 8 (two byes), 5 (three byes).

South Region Pod: Tom Baker, King, N.C.; Josh Chambliss, Charleston, S.C.; Richard Chmura, Lumberton, N.C.; Chris Collins, Savannah, Ga.; Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla.; Dale Eagle, Frisco, Texas; Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va.; Ronnie Horton, Christiansburg, Va.; Scott Newell, Deland, Fla.; Kip Roberts, Glenallen, Va.; Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga.; Troy Stus, South Lyon, Mich.; Steve Taylor, Madison Heights, Va.; Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C.; Larry Verble, Mason, Mich.; Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C.; plus Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour

players seeded 19, 30, 31, 42, 43, 54, 55, 66, 67. Seeds earning bye rounds: 18 (one bye), 7 (two byes), 6 (three byes).

Central Region Pod: Tim Bell, Garden City, Mich.; Carleton Chambers, Detroit; Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio; Matt Freiberg, Simpsonville, S.C.; Paul Gibson, Brunswick, Ohio; Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich.; Brian Himmler, Cincinnati; Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y.; Nick Kokenos, St. Clair Shores, Mich.; Kenneth Kolberg Jr., Cleveland, Ohio; Jack Laffey, Indianapolis; Dan MacLelland, Saginaw, Mich.; Billy Oatman, Cleveland; Jason Queen, Forsyth, Ill.; Ted Rosenquist Jr., Valparaiso, Ind.; Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio; Brian Thompson, Flat Rock, Mich.; Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio, plus Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour players seeded 23, 26, 35, 38, 47, 50, 59, 62, 71. Seeds earning bye rounds: 14 (one bye), 11 (two byes), 2 (three byes).

Midwest Region Pod: Diandra Asbaty, Chicago; Dallas Baldridge, Lenexa, Kan.; Quinton Bohlen, Decorah, Iowa; Don Breeden, Clive, Iowa; Marc Heninger, Tonganoxie, Kan.; Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa; Mark London, Ingleside, Ill.; Tim Mack, Indianapolis; Brian Menini, Brookfield, Mo.; Carmen Salvino, Schaumburg, Ill.; Derek Sapp, Keokuk, Iowa; John Slavich IV, Schaumburg, Ill.; Mike Steil, Wheeling, Ill.; Sean Swanson, Springfield, Mo.; Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill.; Nick Weber, Foristell, Mo.; Jason Wojnar, Chicago; plus Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour players seeded 24, 25, 36, 37, 48, 49, 60, 61, 72. Seeds earning bye rounds: 13 (one bye), 12 (two byes), 1 (three byes).

Southwest Region Pod: Bill Alexander, San Angelo, Texas; D.J. Archer, Mineral Wells, Texas; Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan.; Jim Carter, Keller, Texas; Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas; Darren Comardelle, Gretna, La.; Brett Cooper, Fort Worth, Texas; Jay Futrell, Derby, Kan.; Kurt Gengelbach, Carrollton, Texas; Chris Hibbitts II, Ft. Worth, Texas; Mike Keily, Littleton, Colo.; Kris Koeltzow, Wheat Ridge, Colo.; Rick Lawrence, Waxahachie, Texas; Robert McBride, Mesquite, Texas; Andrew Mortensen, Tulsa, Okla.; Danny Neill, Allen, Texas; Andy Patterson, Tyler, Texas; plus Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour players seeded 21, 28, 33, 40, 45, 52, 57, 64, 69. Seeds earning bye rounds: 16 (one bye), 9 (two byes), 4 (three byes).

West/Northwest Region Pod: Thomas Ault Jr., Portland, Ore.; Mitch Beasley, Puyallup, Wash.; Steven Black, Phoenix; Jon Brandon, Santa Clarita, Calif.; Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore.; Andre Eubanks, Los Angeles; Rick Francis, Linden, Calif.; Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif.; PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif.; Corey Husted, Milwaukie, Ore.; J.T. Jackson, Los Angeles; Ernie Schlegel, Vancouver, Wash.; Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore.; Greg Thompson Jr., Dublin, Calif.; John Wilcox, Kirkland, Wash.; Dave Wodka, Chatsworth, Calif.; plus Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour players seeded 22, 27, 34, 39, 46, 51, 58, 63, 70. Seeds earning bye rounds: 15 (one bye), 10 (two byes), 3 (three byes).

PBA DICK WEBER PBA PLAYERS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 8

9 a.m. – Practice session (108 regional and 72 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour qualifiers)

Wednesday, March 9

8 a.m. - East, South, Central Pods, five qualifying games (18 regional and 7 PBA Tour players per pod)
11 a.m. - Midwest, Southwest, West/Northwest Pods, five qualifying games (18 regional and 7 PBA Tour players per pod)
4 p.m. - Midwest, Southwest, West/Northwest Pods, five qualifying games
7 p.m. - East, South, Central Pods, five qualifying games

Thursday, March 10

8 a.m. - East, South, Central Pods, five qualifying games
11 a.m. - Midwest, Southwest, West/Northwest Pods, five qualifying games
Top nine from each pod after Qualifying Round (15 games) advance
6 p.m. - Elimination Round One (nine Qualifying Round survivors in each pod plus one PBA Tour player in 13-18 seeded group), six games
Top seven from each pod after Elimination Round One (6 games) advance

Friday, March 11

8 a.m. - Elimination Round Two (seven Elimination Round One survivors plus one PBA Tour player in 7-12 seeded group), six games
Top five from each pod after Elimination Round Two (6 games) advance
1 p.m. - Elimination Round Three (five Elimination Round Two survivors plus one PBA Tour player in 1-6 seeded group), six games
Top four from each pod after Elimination Round Three (6 games) advance
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Mika Koivuniemi's Missed 10 Pin Hands Norm Duke Lumber Liquidators U.S. Open Title

Stunning final frame gives PBA Hall of Famer his 34th career major, \$80,000 top prize

NORTH BRUNSWICK, N.J. (Feb. 27, 2011) – Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., won his 34th Professional Bowlers Tour title and seventh career major in the 68th Lumber Liquidators U.S. Open at Brunswick Zone-Carolier Sunday with a stunning 225-216 victory over Mika Koivuniemi of Hartland, Mich., when Koivuniemi missed a 10 pin spare in the 10th frame.

Duke, the tournament's top qualifier, closed his game with four consecutive strikes, to force Koivuniemi to mark in the 10th, but the Finnish native, one of the best spare-shooters in professional bowling, uncharacteristically missed the single-pin spare attempt.

With his victory, Duke earned \$80,000 and moved into a tie for fourth place on the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour's list of all-time title-winners with fellow PBA Hall of Famer Mark Roth.

"You'd like to say to yourself I just won the U.S. Open, and maybe I'll grow into that, but right this minute, I feel like Mika lost the U.S. Open," Duke said. "But I'm sitting here, holding the trophy. I had conceded the match. I knew the last four strikes were important, because you never know what'll happen. But missing the 10 pin is like having your ace pitcher on the mound and he throws four straight balls, and you lose."

Duke knew exactly how Koivuniemi felt on his spare attempt because in 2008, when Duke won his first U.S. Open title to complete the PBA Triple Crown and Grand Slam, he had to convert the 2-4-5-8 "bucket" in the 10th frame to win.

"I couldn't feel my legs on the approach on that shot," Duke said. "That's what happens under pressure. That's why guys miss three-foot putts. And it's fatigue. I'm exhausted. If I had to make a 10 pin to win, it would be suspect at best.

"It's not like I didn't deserve to win," Duke added. "I was the top qualifier. I did throw four strikes in a row, after leaving a solid 8 pin in the eighth frame. I did what I needed to do"

Koivuniemi, the No. 3 qualifier for the U.S. Open stepladder finals, eliminated Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., 236-222, in Sunday's first match. The key shot in that match was a pocket 7-10 split by Shafer in the eighth frame, following a double that ended his hopes for his first major title in a record 12 appearances in major championship television finals.

Koivuniemi, the only player in PBA history to reach the television finals in all four PBA major championships in a single year, eliminated Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., in the semifinal match, 241-158. Jones left splits and failed to convert in the fourth, sixth and eighth frames.

"Duke is one of the greatest players ever. I knew it was going to be a tough match," Koivuniemi said. "I took the biggest shot of my life in the 10th frame and left the 10 pin, but unfortunately I didn't make my spare. It was my nerves, I guess. I was thinking about the wrong things. This is the first time in my life I've lost a title like that."

"I sat there stunned, shocked," Duke said. "I can't remember ever winning a PBA title sitting on the bench. I knew I had just won the U.S. Open, but at that moment, my only thought was Mika had lost. I was just like a fan watching in the living room. How could you not feel badly for him?"

"Mika will be fine, he'll bounce back. He's going to be our Player of the Year," Duke said. "But he'll never forget that one."

Over the past five years, PBA Tour players have a 95.9% success rate in converting the 10 pin on 710 attempts on national television.

The Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour's next event is the Mark Roth Plastic Ball Championship which begins Wednesday at AMF Thruway Lanes in Cheektowaga, N.Y. The four-player stepladder finals will air live on ESPN Sunday, March 6, at 1 p.m. Eastern. Brian Ziesig of Levittown, N.Y., is the defending champion. Live coverage of qualifying and match play will be webcast on Xtra Frame, pba.com's exclusive video streaming service. For subscription information, visit pba.com.

68TH LUMBER LIQUIDATORS U.S. OPEN

Brunswick Zone-Carolier, North Brunswick, N.J., Sunday

FINAL STANDINGS:

- 1, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., one game, 225 pins, \$80,000.
- 2, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., three games, 693 pins, \$40,000.
- 3, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., one game, 158 pins, \$20,000.
- 4, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., two games, 415 pins, \$13,000.
- 5, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., two games, 387 pins, \$11,000.
- 6, Dan MacLelland, Saginaw, Mich., one game, 150 pins, \$10,000.

PLAYOFF RESULTS:

Match One (Saturday night): O'Neill def. MacLelland, 204-150.

Match Two (Saturday night): Shafer def. O'Neill, 193-183.

Match Three: Koivuniemi def. Shafer, 236-222.

Semifinal Match: Koivuniemi def. Jones, 241-158.

Championship: Duke def. Koivuniemi, 225-216.

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Shafer eliminates defending champion O'Neill; Koivuniemi makes history

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Mika Koivuniemi of Hartland, Mich., made PBA history by advancing to the nationally-televised finals in all four major championships during the 2010-11 season. Koivuniemi finished sixth in the eight-man stepladder field in the PBA World Championship in January, won the \$250,000 first prize in the \$1 million PBA Tournament of Champions a week later and finished third in the Bayer United States Bowling Congress Masters in mid-February. The Finland native qualified third with 10,993.

Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., earned the fourth spot in the stepladder finals with a 10,982 total and then advanced to Sunday's championship round when he defeated defending champion and No. 5 qualifier Bill O'Neill of Southampton, Pa., 193-183, in Saturday's night stepladder round. O'Neill jumped out to a 40-pin lead after five frames, but back-to-back open frames let Shafer back into the match. Shafer struck out in the 10th frame to force O'Neill to mark, but when O'Neill left a 4-6-7 split in the 10th frame, his hopes for back-to-back titles vanished.

Shafer, a four-time PBA Tour champion, will bowl Koivuniemi in Sunday's first championship round match. Shafer is trying for his first major title. ESPN will air the finals live at 3 p.m. Eastern.

In Saturday night's first stepladder match, O'Neill defeated Dan MacLelland of Saginaw, Mich., 204-150.

Duke, who needs one more victory to tie PBA legend Mark Roth for fourth place on the list of all-time PBA Tour title winners, said he left Florida six days ago with a specific goal in mind "and now it's attainable.

"I'm exhausted. I'm out of gas. My hand's killing me. I'm in excellent shape, but I'm tired," Duke said. "But it's a new tournament now. Everything up to now is gone. Forget it. It's all new tomorrow.

"You always want to bowl one match. It's a 50-50 chance to win the title if you only have to bowl one game. It's 25 percent or worse if you aren't. And you can't win if you aren't in the title match – and I'm in the title match.

"I worked harder today than I have ever worked. I had a little cushion this morning and I need every single pin. I think I bowled horrible today and I'm in the lead, so think about what the other guys are feeling? It was very, very difficult.

"The money means nothing," Duke added. "I just want the trophy. Two years ago I had the lead and I lost. You don't get over it. In 2000 I lost the U.S. Open title by a pin to Robert Smith, and that one still hurts. You don't forget. I hate finishing second."

The Shafer-Koivuniemi winner will advance to the semifinal match to meet No. 2 Jones. The semifinal match winner will bowl one game against Duke for the \$80,000 first prize and the final major title of the 2010-11 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour season.

68TH LUMBER LIQUIDATORS U.S. OPEN

Brunswick Zone-Carolier, North Brunswick, N.J., Saturday

FINAL MATCH PLAY STANDINGS (after 50 games, including match play bonus pins; top six advanced to stepladder finals):

- 1, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 13-10-1, 11,098.
- 2, Tommy Jones, Greenville, S.C., 11-13, 11,027.
- 3, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 15-9, 10,993.
- 4, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 15-9, 10,982.
- 5, Dan MacLelland, Saginaw, Mich., 15-9, 10,920.
- 6, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 10-14, 10,849.
- 7, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 13-10-1, 10,844, \$7,000.
- 8, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 16-8, 10,823, \$6,000.
- 9, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 11-12-1, 10,799, \$5,500.
- 10, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 14-10, 10,783, \$5,000.
- 11, Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., 13-10-1, 10,750, \$4,500.
- 12, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 12-12, 10,739, \$4,300.
- 13, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 10-12-2, 10,734, \$4,100.
- 14, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 13-11, 10,668, \$4,000.
- 15, a-Marcus Berndt, Sweden, 13-11, 10,658, \$3,900.
- 16, a-Mark Clark, Naperville, Ill., 15-9, 10,572, \$3,800.
- 17, John Furey, East Windsor, N.J., 11-13, 10,570, \$3,800.
- 18, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 11-12-1, 10,565, \$3,600.
- 19, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 11-13, 10,561, \$3,500.
- 20, a-E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 7-16-1, 10,422, \$3,400.
- 21, John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y., 8-15-1, 10,408, \$3,300.
- 22, a-Fero Williams, Fairfield, Ohio, 9-15, 10,334, \$3,200.
- 23, a-Matthew O'Grady, South Amboy, N.J., 9-15, 10,319, \$3,100.
- 24, Mike Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., 8-15-1, 10,298, \$3,000.

a = amateur

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND SCHEDULE

Saturday, Feb. 26, 10 p.m. Eastern (televised live on ESPN2)

Match One – Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., def. Dan MacLelland, Saginaw, Mich. (\$10,000), 204-150.

Match Two – Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., def. O'Neill (\$11,000), 193-183. (Shafer advances to Sunday's Match Three).

Sunday, Feb. 27, 3 p.m. Eastern (televised live on ESPN)

Match Three – Shafer vs. No. 3 Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich. (loser earns \$13,000).

Semifinal Match – Winner of Match Three vs. No. 2 Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C. (loser earns \$20,000).

Championship – Winner of Semifinal Match vs. No. 1 Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla. (winner earns \$80,000, loser earns \$40,000).

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(Editor's Note: The first two matches in the stepladder finals of the U.S. Open will be contested tonight, live on ESPN2 at 10 p.m. The PBA will file an updated final release at or around midnight Eastern including tonight's match results).

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NORTH BRUNSWICK, N.J. (Feb. 26, 2011) – Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., will bowl for his 34th career title and seventh major championship Sunday as the top qualifier in the 68th Lumber Liquidators U.S. Open at Brunswick Zone-Carolier.

Duke, 46, battled Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., through 16 games of match play Saturday before winning the final match to finish with a 13-10-1 match play record and 50-game total of 11,098 pins, including match play bonus pins, locking up the top berth in Sunday's ESPN finals by 71 pins. Jones earned the second spot in the finals with 11,027 pins.

Mika Koivuniemi of Hartland, Mich., made PBA history by advancing to the nationally-televised finals in all four major championships during the 2010-11 season. Koivuniemi finished sixth in the eight-man stepladder field in the PBA World Championship in January, won the PBA Tournament of Champions a week later and finished third in the Bayer United States Bowling Congress Masters in mid-February. The Finland native qualified third with 10,993.

Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., earned the fourth spot in the finals with a 10,982 total followed by Dan MacLelland of Saginaw, Mich., and defending champion Bill O'Neill of Southampton, Pa. MacLelland, a Canadian citizen who is completing his college education at Saginaw Valley State where he was a three-time Collegiate All-American, is bowling for his first PBA Tour title. He met fellow Saginaw Valley State alum O'Neill, who advanced from eighth place to sixth in the final game, in Saturday night's first stepladder match.

Duke, who needs one more victory to tie PBA legend Mark Roth for fourth place on the list of all-time PBA Tour title winners, said he left Florida six days ago with a specific goal in mind "and now it's attainable.

"I'm exhausted. I'm out of gas. My hand's killing me. I'm in excellent shape, but I'm tired," Duke said. "But it's a new tournament now. Everything up to now is gone. Forget it. It's all new tomorrow.

"You always want to bowl one match. It's a 50-50 chance to win the title if you only have to bowl one game. It's 25 percent or worse if you aren't. And you can't win if you aren't in the title match – and I'm in the title match.

"I worked harder today than I have ever worked. I had a little cushion this morning and I need every single pin. I think I bowled horrible today and I'm in the lead, so think about what the other guys are feeling? It was very, very difficult.

"The money means nothing," Duke added. "I just want the trophy. Two years ago I had the lead and I lost. You don't get over it. In 2000 I lost the U.S. Open title by a pin to Robert Smith, and that one still hurts. You don't forget. I hate finishing second."

The top six players after 50 games of qualifying and match play advanced to the two-day stepladder finals which began with the two matches on ESPN2 at 10 p.m. Eastern Saturday. The MacLelland-O'Neill winner met Shafer for the right to advance to Sunday's championship round.

Saturday night's winner will bowl a game against Koivuniemi in the first of Sunday's three matches at 3 p.m. Eastern on ESPN. That winner advances to the semifinal match to meet No. 2 Jones. The semifinal match winner will bowl one game against Duke, the top qualifier, for the \$80,000 first prize and the final major title of the 2010-11 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour season.

68TH LUMBER LIQUIDATORS U.S. OPEN

Brunswick Zone-Carolier, North Brunswick, N.J., Saturday

FINAL MATCH PLAY STANDINGS (after 50 games, including match play bonus pins; top six advanced to stepladder finals):

- 1, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 13-10-1, 11,098.
- 2, Tommy Jones, Greenville, S.C., 11-13, 11,027.
- 3, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 15-9, 10,993.
- 4, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 15-9, 10,982.
- 5, Dan MacLelland, Saginaw, Mich., 15-9, 10,920.
- 6, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 10-14, 10,849.
- 7, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 13-10-1, 10,844, \$7,000.
- 8, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 16-8, 10,823, \$6,000.
- 9, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 11-12-1, 10,799, \$5,500.
- 10, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 14-10, 10,783, \$5,000.
- 11, Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., 13-10-1, 10,750, \$4,500.
- 12, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 12-12, 10,739, \$4,300.
- 13, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 10-12-2, 10,734, \$4,100.
- 14, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 13-11, 10,668, \$4,000.
- 15, a-Marcus Berndt, Sweden, 13-11, 10,658, \$3,900.
- 16, a-Mark Clark, Naperville, Ill., 15-9, 10,572, \$3,800.
- 17, John Furey, East Windsor, N.J., 11-13, 10,570, \$3,800.
- 18, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 11-12-1, 10,565, \$3,600.
- 19, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 11-13, 10,561, \$3,500.
- 20, a-E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 7-16-1, 10,422, \$3,400.
- 21, John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y., 8-15-1, 10,408, \$3,300.
- 22, a-Fero Williams, Fairfield, Ohio, 9-15, 10,334, \$3,200.
- 23, a-Matthew O'Grady, South Amboy, N.J., 9-15, 10,319, \$3,100.
- 24, Mike Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., 8-15-1, 10,298, \$3,000.

a = amateur

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND SCHEDULE

Saturday, Feb. 26, 10 p.m. Eastern (televised live on ESPN2)

Match One – No. 6 O'Neill vs. No. 5 MacLelland (loser earns \$10,000).

Match Two – Winner of Match One vs. No. 4 Shafer (loser earns \$11,000; winner advances to Sunday's finals).

Sunday, Feb. 27, 3 p.m. Eastern (televised live on ESPN)

Match Three – Winner of Match Two vs. No. 3 Koivuniemi (loser earns \$13,000).

Semifinal Match – Winner of Match Three vs. No. 2 Jones (loser earns \$20,000).

Championship – Winner of Semifinal Match vs. No. 1 Duke (winner earns \$80,000, loser earns \$40,000).

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Fast Start Propels Duke into Lumber Liquidators U.S. Open Lead

33-time PBA Tour champion relishes challenge of pressure-packed final day

NORTH BRUNSWICK, N.J. (Feb. 25, 2011) – Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., won his first six matches and lost his next two, but his strong start was enough for him to overtake defending champion Bill O'Neill and Southampton, Pa., and take the lead in the 68th Lumber Liquidators U.S. Open at Brunswick Zone-Carolier Friday.

Duke, a 33-time Professional Bowlers Association champion and one of two players (Mike Aulby, Indianapolis) to complete the PBA Grand Slam of major championships, advanced from third to first with a 34-game total of 7,662 pins, including match play bonus pins. Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., was second 83 pins behind Duke, with O'Neill third at 7,527 pins.

Also leading the bid for six spots in the stepladder finals were Australian two-handed star Jason Belmonte in fourth place, amateur Marcus Berndt of Sweden – a Wichita State University student – in fifth and Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., in sixth place.

Duke was in control of the round until the final two matches which were televised live on ESPN2 for the first time in PBA Tour history.

"The television lights were a bother, blinding at times," Duke said. "I applaud the PBA for putting this element into the event. We need to do things like this, but you also have to make perfect shots at US Open. It was hard to do, for all of us. We bowl our finals on TV and those of us who have done that have some experience with the lights, but those lights were blinding at times. I'd never experienced anything quite like it.

"But we do this for a living and we know about it. Next time, I'll know to bring sun glasses."

Despite closing with two losses, Duke was pleased to be the leader of the pack.

"When you start an event with 380 people and with one day left, you're in lead, I'll take it," he said. "In my position at 46 years of age, it's all about winning. I've done a lot in my career. I'm building a legacy and winning another U.S. Open would add to that. I see myself with multiple U.S. Open titles, even though I don't have them yet. You have to believe, and I believe.

"The majors are everything to me. The majors cement your place in history, and this is the hardest title, bar none, to win. I won the U.S. Open in 2008 and it took me 27 years to do it. That one was for

everything: the grand slam, the triple crown. I'm glad I don't have that hanging over my head any more. The only thing bothering me now is, can you win or can't you?

"Tomorrow the pressure increases exponentially," Duke added. "Your hands sweat. The players will be scared, confident, excited. They'll run the gamut of all of the emotions. When the day is done, they will be physically and mentally drained, and that's how I like it."

Following Saturday's final two eight-game match play rounds, the top six will advance to the stepladder finals. The first two matches will air live on ESPN2 Saturday at 10 p.m. Eastern when the No. 5 qualifier will bowl against the No. 6 qualifier, with the winner taking on the No. 4 player.

Saturday's winner will join the top three finalists for Sunday's championship round at 3 p.m. Eastern on ESPN. First prize in the final major championship of the 2010-11 PBA Tour season is \$80,000.

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68TH LUMBER LIQUIDATORS U.S. OPEN Brunswick Zone-Carolier, North Brunswick, N.J., Friday

FIFTH ROUND (after 34 games, including match play records and bonus pins):

- 1, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 6-2, 7,662.
 - 2, Tommy Jones, Greenville, S.C., 4-4, 7,579.
 - 3, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 4-4, 7,527.
 - 4, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 6-2, 7,420.
 - 5, a-Marcus Berndt, Sweden, 7-1, 7,413.
 - 6, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 4-4, 7,379.
 - 7, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 4-4, 7,352.
 - 8, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 4-4, 7,323.
 - 9, Dan MacLelland, Saginaw, Mich., 4-4, 7,306.
 - 10, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 7-1, 7,285.
 - 11, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 4-4, 7,275.
 - 12, a-Mark Clark, Naperville, Ill., 5-3, 7,250.
 - 13, John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y., 3-4-1, 7,228.
 - 14, John Furey, East Windsor, N.J., 6-2, 7,214.
 - 15, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 3-5, 7,198.
 - 16, Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., 3-5, 7,171.
 - 17, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 4-4, 7,141.
 - 18, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1-7, 7,140.
 - 19, a-Matthew O'Grady, South Amboy, N.J., 3-5, 7,134.
 - 20, a-E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1-6-1, 7,102.
 - 21, Mike Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., 3-5, 7,099.
 - 22, a-Fero Williams, Fairfield, Ohio, 3-5, 7,087.
 - 23, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 4-4, 7,082.
 - 24, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 2-6, 7,059.
- a=amateur

Other Cashers (after 26 games):

- 25, David Beres, Waukesha, Wis., 5,440, \$2,500.
- 26, x-Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 5,434, \$2,640.
- 27, Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 5,433, \$2,300.

28, Manuel Otalora, Colombia, 5,413, \$2,200.
 29, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 5,401, \$2,100.
 30, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 5,398, \$2,000.
 31, Juhani Tonteri, Finland, 5,392, \$1,900.
 32, Ritchie Allen, Columbia, S.C., 5,390, \$1,850.
 33, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 5,389, \$1,800.
 34, Blaine Weninger, Grapevine, Texas, 5,375, \$1,750.
 35, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 5,373, \$1,700.
 36, Jack Laffey, Indianapolis, 5,372, \$1,650.
 37, Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 5,371, \$1,600.
 38, Patrick Girard, Canada, 5,369, \$1,580.
 39, (tie) Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., and Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 5,364, \$1,555.
 41, Brian Voss, Alpharetta, Ga., 5,358, \$1,540.
 42, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 5,357, \$1,530.
 43, Jeff Carter, Springfield, Ill., 5,349, \$1,520.
 44, Alex Aguiar, Dartmouth, Mass., 5,348, \$1,510.
 45, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 5,345, \$1,500.
 46, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 5,342, \$1,490.
 47, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 5,335, \$1,480.
 48, Robert Klann, San Antonio, Texas, 5,330, \$1,470.
 49, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 5,329, \$1,460.
 50, Mitch Beasley, Puyallup, Wash., 5,326, \$1,450.
 51, Tim Mack, Indianapolis, 5,325, \$1,440.
 52, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 5,313, \$1,430.
 53, (tie) Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., and Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 5,306, \$1,415.
 55, Joshua McBride, Wichita, Kan., 5,297, \$1,395.
 55, Dave Arnold, Dublin, Calif., 5,297, \$1,395.
 57, Stuart Williams, England, 5,294, \$1,380.
 58, Raymond Eddy III, Saginaw, Mich., 5,291, \$1,370.
 59, Santiago Mejia, Colombia, 5,288, \$1,360.
 60, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 5,286, \$1,350.
 61, Christopher Collins, Savannah, Ga., 5,284, \$1,340.
 62, Jimmy Cook, Indianapolis, 5,281, \$1,330.
 63, Mason Brantley, Detroit, 5,278, \$1,320.
 64, Kevin Maurice, Canada, 5,269, \$1,310.
 65, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 5,262, \$1,300.
 66, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 5,255, \$1,290.
 67, Joseph Hostetler, Minerva, Ohio, 5,249, \$1,280.
 68, Josh Blanchard, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 5,247, \$1,270.
 69, Ryan Abel, Bel Aire, Kan., 5,245, \$1,260.
 70, Ernest Lukacs Jr., Manville, N.J., 5,237, \$1,250.
 71, Jacob Peters, Decatur, Ill., 5,236, \$1,240.
 72, P.J. Sondag, Luzerne, Pa., 5,233, \$1,230.
 73, Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz., 5,225, \$1,220.
 74, Shannon Buchan, Waterloo, Iowa, 5,224, \$1,210.
 75, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 5,223, \$1,200.
 76, Rocio Restrepo, Colombia, 5,220, \$1,190.
 77, John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 5,219, \$1,180.
 78, Gregory Thompson Jr., Dublin, Calif., 5,218, \$1,170.
 79, Michael Steil, Wheeling, Ill., 5,215, \$1,160.
 80, Steve Harman, Indianapolis, 5,213, \$1,150.
 81, Quinton Bohlen, Decorah, Iowa, 5,201, \$1,140.

- 82, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 5,200, \$1,130.
- 83, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 5,199, \$1,120.
- 84, Miguel Lopez, Wichita, Kan., 5,198, \$1,110.
- 85, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 5,191, \$1,100.
- 86, James Roberts, Richmond, Va., 5,175, \$1,090.
- 87, Bryson Rogers, Durham, N.C., 5,174, \$1,080.
- 88, Charles Anderson, Sloatsburg, N.Y., 5,167, \$1,070.
- 89, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 5,160, \$1,060.
- 90, Jeremy Boyer, Desloge, Mo., 5,142, \$1,050.
- 91, Corey Husted, Milwaukie, Ore., 5,111, \$1,040.
- 92, Joe Green, Maplewood, Ohio, 5,103, \$1,030.
- 93, Greg Stahora, West Hazelton, Pa., 5,096, \$1,020.
- 94, Tom Carter, Rockford, Ill., 4,986, \$1,010.
- 95, Brian Himmler, Cincinnati, 4,352, \$1,000.

x = alternate to match play

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Defending Champ O'Neill Charges into Lumber Liquidators U.S. Open Lead

Non-titlist Dan MacLelland joins four former U.S. Open champions in top five after three rounds

NORTH BRUNSWICK, N.J. (Feb. 24, 2011) – Defending champion Bill O'Neill of Southampton, Pa., charged into the third round lead in the 68th Lumber Liquidators U.S. Open at Brunswick Zone-Carolier Thursday, hoping to turn a month of mourning into a week of celebration.

O'Neill, who sat in fifth place after 12 games, fired games of 247, 214, 254, 266, 237 and 257 on the demanding U.S. Open lane condition during Thursday's third round to finish qualifying with 4,094 pins and a 103-pin lead over 2006 U.S. Open champion Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C.

Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., was in third place with 3,983 pins followed by Canadian citizen Dan MacLelland of Saginaw, Mich., at 3,944, and Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, with 3,901 pins. Duke is the 2008 U.S. Open champion. Barnes won the event in 2005. MacLelland, who is finishing his final year of college at Saginaw Valley State University, is trying for his first professional title.

O'Neill, who won the Pepsi Viper Championship in October for his third career title, exercised his newly-discovered patience to advance into the lead.

"There are a lot of guys here who can have a good day, but stringing them together is the hard part," O'Neill said. "I had a really good day. Whenever I hit the pocket, I struck, which is telling me my ball is doing the right thing.

"Basically I used the same ball for this same squad last year (in Indianapolis)," he continued. "I'm very confident right now. Things have been going well. Now that I've been around for a few years, I'm starting to figure things out."

O'Neill admitted that he stumbled briefly Wednesday night when he started thinking about the recent death of his grandfather.

"Last night the first couple of games were a little rough," he said. "My whole family was here. I started thinking about my grandfather who passed away the day we started bowling in the Tournament of Champions (in late January), so it was tough to get out of my own way for those couple of games. I was super close to my grandpop, so I'm trying not to think about him because I get a bit emotional. I'm trying to focus on my bowling, but I'm definitely dedicating this tournament to him."

The field of 383 has been cut to the top 95 players for Friday morning's eight-game cashers' round. After the cashers' round, the top 24 will advance to the round-robin match play finals, bowling three eight-game rounds Friday night, Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon. ESPN2 will provide live coverage of Friday night's final two games of match play at 6 p.m. Eastern.

After a total of 50 games, the top six will advance to the stepladder finals which will begin with two matches live on ESPN2 Saturday at 10 p.m. Eastern. The No. 5 qualifier will bowl against the No. 6 qualifier, with the winner taking on the No. 4 player. Saturday's winner will join the top three finalists for Sunday's championship round at 3 p.m. Eastern on ESPN. First prize in the final major championship of the 2010-11 PBA Tour season is \$80,000.

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Brunswick Zone-Carolier, North Brunswick, N.J., Thursday

THIRD ROUND (after 18 games; top 95 advance to cashers' round)

- 1, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 4,094.
- 2, Tommy Jones, Greenville, S.C., 3,991.
- 3, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,983.
- 4, Dan MacLelland, Saginaw, Mich., 3,944.
- 5, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 3,901.
- 6, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 3,886.
- 7, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3,879.
- 8, Matthew O'Grady, South Amboy, N.J., 3,878.
- 9, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,873.
- 10, Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 3,869.
- 11, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 3,858.
- 12, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 3,855.
- 13, (tie) John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y., and Andres Gomez, Colombia, 3,849.
- 15, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,839.
- 16, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3,838.
- 17, Mike Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., 3,826.
- 18, (tie) Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., and Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 3,823.
- 20, Fero Williams, Fairfield, Ohio, 3,817.
- 21, John Furey, East Windsor, N.J., 3,810, \$100.
- 22, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 3,803.
- 23, Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., 3,799.
- 24, Jeff Carter, Springfield, Ill., 3,786.
- 25, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 3,785.
- 26, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 3,783.
- 27, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 3,781.
- 28, Alex Aguiar, Dartmouth, Mass., 3,779.
- 29, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 3,777.
- 30, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 3,776.
- 31, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 3,768.
- 32, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 3,764.
- 33, Juhani Tonteri, Finland, 3,763.
- 34, Mark Clark, Naperville, Ill., 3,762.
- 35, Shannon Buchan, Waterloo, Iowa, 3,760.

- 36, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 3,758.
 - 37, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 3,756.
 - 38, Robert Klann, San Antonio, Texas, 3,752.
 - 39, Kevin Maurice, Canada, 3,750.
 - 40, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 3,743.
 - 41, (tie) Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, and Manuel Otalora, Colombia, 3,738.
 - 43, (tie) Jack Laffey, Indianapolis, and Blaine Weninger, Grapevine, Texas, 3,735.
 - 45, Michael Steil, Wheeling, Ill., 3,725.
 - 46, Stuart Williams, England, 3,723.
 - 47, (tie) David Beres, Waukesha, Wis., and Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 3,721.
 - 49, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 3,719.
 - 50, Raymond Eddy III, Saginaw, Mich., 3,713.
 - 51, (tie) Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., and Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 3,711.
 - 53, Mitch Beasley, Puyallup, Wash., 3,708.
 - 54, Bryson Rogers, Durham, N.C., 3,706.
 - 55, Brian Himmler, Cincinnati, 3,705.
 - 56, Christopher Collins, Savannah, Ga., 3,703.
 - 57, John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 3,699.
 - 58, Mason Brantley, Detroit, 3,696.
 - 59, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 3,695.
 - 60, Ernest Lukacs Jr., Manville, N.J., 3,692.
 - 61, Dave Arnold, Dublin, Calif., 3,691.
 - 62, Brian Voss, Alpharetta, Ga., 3,690.
 - 63, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3,686.
 - 64, (tie) Patrick Girard, Canada, and Marcus Berndt, Sweden, 3,684.
 - 66, Miguel Lopez, Wichita, Kan., 3,683.
 - 67, Josh Blanchard, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 3,679.
 - 68, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 3,677.
 - 69, (tie) Corey Husted, Milwaukie, Ore., and Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3,674.
 - 71, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 3,673.
 - 72, (tie) Joseph Hostetler, Minerva, Ohio; Rocio Restrepo, Colombia, and Joshua McBride, Wichita, Kan., 3,670.
 - 75, P.J. Sondag, Luzerne, Pa., 3,668.
 - 76, Ryan Abel, Bel Aire, Kan., 3,665.
 - 77, Tim Mack, Indianapolis, 3,661.
 - 78, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 3,658.
 - 79, Santiago Mejia, Colombia, 3,657.
 - 80, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3,647.
 - 81, Jimmy Cook, Indianapolis, 3,646.
 - 82, Ritchie Allen, Columbia, S.C., 3,640.
 - 83, Jacob Peters, Decatur, Ill., 3,635.
 - 84, James Roberts, Richmond, Va., 3,634.
 - 85, Tom Carter, Rockford, Ill., 3,631.
 - 86, Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz., 3,630.
 - 87, (tie) Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, and Quinton Bohlen, Decorah, Iowa, 3,629.
 - 89, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3,625.
 - 90, Greg Stahora, West Hazelton, Pa., 3,619.
 - 91, Gregory Thompson Jr., Dublin, Calif., 3,614.
 - 92, Joe Green, Maplewood, Ohio, 3,613.
 - 93, (tie) Steve Harman, Indianapolis, and Charles Anderson, Sloatsburg, N.Y., 3,610.
 - 95, x-Jeremy Boyer, Desloge, Mo., 3,604.
- x – Boyer def. Wojnar, 256-237, in a one-game roll-off after they tied for 95th place.

Failed to advance:

- 96, Jason Wojnar, Chicago, 3,604.
- 97, (tie) Kip Roberts, Glenallen, Va., and Stevie Weber, Chalmette, La., 3,602.
- 99, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 3,599.
- 100, Jaime Gonzalez, Colombia, 3,597.
- 101, Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 3,596.
- 102, Adam Chase, Seaford, N.Y., 3,595.
- 103, John Nolen, Waterford, Mich., 3,593.
- 104, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 3,590.
- 105, Derek Petty, Potomac Falls, Va., 3,588.
- 106, Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland, 3,585.
- 107, Tommy Dakouvanos, Manalapan, N.J., 3,579.
- 108, Christopher Blackmore, Fairfax, Va., 3,578.
- 109, Matt Gasn, Laurel, Md., 3,575.
- 110, Rusty Thomsen, Morgan, N.J., 3,574.
- 111, Austin Boulds, Cereal Springs, Ill., 3,570.
- 112, (tie) James Wallace, Hicksville, N.Y.; Jeff Lizzi, Sandusky, Ohio, and Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 3,569.
- 115, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 3,566.
- 116, Brad Muri, Billings, Mont., 3,564.
- 117, Mike Cordeiro, Walpole, Mass., 3,560.
- 118, (tie) Dean Richards, Tacoma, Wash., and Jason Rasinske, Diamondale, Mich., 3,556.
- 120, Erik Gulbrandson, Wichita, Kan., 3,555.
- 121, David Boyd, Coconut Creek, Fla., 3,552.
- 122, (tie) Jeff Zaffino, Warren, Pa., and Sean Riccardi, Piscataway, N.J., 3,549.
- 124, Dan Furman, Amsterdam, N.Y., 3,548.
- 125, Jeremy Elder, Claymont, Del., 3,547.
- 126, (tie) Duane Steinmetz, Evans, Colo., and Sean Wilson, Naperville, Ill., 3,546.
- 128, (tie) Frankie Calca, Elmont, N.Y., and David Simard, Canada, 3,545.
- 128, (tie) Travis Celmer, Wernersville, Pa., and Chris Kramer, Richlandtown, Pa., 3,545.
- 132, Cory Nichols, Hudson Falls, N.Y., 3,544.
- 133, Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 3,543.
- 134, Carleton Chambers, Detroit, 3,541.
- 135, Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Keller, Texas, 3,539.
- 136, Tony Ament, Bedminster, N.J., 3,538.
- 137, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,536.
- 138, (tie) Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., and Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,535.
- 140, (tie) Eddie VanDaniker Jr., Essex, Md., and Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan., 3,533.
- 142, Jazreel Tan, Singapore, 3,530.
- 143, (tie) Matt McNeil, Chanhassen, Minn.; Chris Tomlinson, Franklin, Tenn., and Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 3,528.
- 146, Bobby Hall II, Landover, Md., 3,526.
- 147, Tim McAuliffe, Staten Island, N.Y., 3,522.
- 148, (tie) Ken Jessee, Huber Heights, Ohio; Joe Goldstein Sr., Hayward, Calif., and Stephen Hardy, Manchester, N.H., 3,513.
- 151, Junia Yoshida, Japan, 3,512.
- 152, Brett Cunningham, Clay, N.Y., 3,510.
- 153, J.R. Raymond, Saginaw, Mich., 3,508.
- 154, Chris Larsen, Norwich, Conn, 3,499.
- 155, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 3,497.
- 156, Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., 3,495.
- 157, (tie) Peter Spreadbury, Oak Forest, Ill.; Robert Mockenhaupt, Rutherford, N.J., and Diandra Asbaty,

Chicago, 3,493.

- 160, (tie) Chris Forry, Bridgeport, Conn., and Mike Rose Jr., West Henrietta, N.Y., 3,490.
- 162, Ron Dixon, Boynton Beach, Fla., 3,488.
- 163, George Gohagan III, Austell, Ga., 3,487.
- 164, Louis Gaudio, Staten Island, N.Y., 3,486.
- 165, Matthew Zasowski, Buffalo, N.Y., 3,476.
- 166, Jessica Baker, Wichita, Kan., 3,475.
- 167, Vinny D'Ambrosio III, Staten Island, N.Y., 3,472.
- 168, Greg Rottengen, Washington, N.J., 3,470.
- 169, Anggie Ramirez, Colombia, 3,469.
- 170, Tony Reynaud, Harwinton, Conn., 3,467.
- 171, Chris Arcaro, Wilmington, N.C., 3,465.
- 172, Eric Cornog, Cherry Hill, N.J., 3,464.
- 173, (tie) Jeremy Mooney, West Palm Beach, Fla., and Billy Asbury, Odenton, Md., 3,462.
- 175, Billy Oatman, Chicago, 3,459.
- 176, Rob Sperling, Livingston, N.J., 3,457.
- 177, Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 3,456.
- 178, (tie) Bob Hale, Louisville, Ky.; Joe Krajcovich, North Brunswick, N.J.; Maria Rodriguez, Colombia, and Jeremy Merriner, Winchester, Va., 3,451.
- 182, Michael Cimba, Monroeville, Pa., 3,450.
- 183, Richard Wolfe, Culpepper, Va., 3,449.
- 184, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 3,447.
- 185, (tie) Chico Santiago, Tuckahoe, N.Y., and Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 3,444.
- 187, Darryl Carreon, Alexandria, Va., 3,440.
- 188, Buddy Kelch, Pearl River, La., 3,437.
- 189, Jason Weaver, Denver, Pa., 3,435.
- 190, Mark McNear, Altamonte Springs, Fla., 3,430.
- 191, Thomas McLane, Lusby, Md., 3,429.
- 192, PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 3,425.
- 193, (tie) Stephen Haas, Enola, Pa., and Matthew Priore, North Arlington, N.J., 3,420.
- 195, Jason Baker, Sharon Springs, N.Y., 3,415.
- 196, Michelle Arrington, Philadelphia, 3,413.
- 197, Thomas Wall III, Fayetteville, N.C., 3,412.
- 198, Aaron Williams, Pennsauken, N.J., 3,411.
- 199, Eric Copping, Websterville, Vt., 3,404.
- 200, Daniel Hannagan, Mt. Juliet, Tenn., 3,403.
- 201, Matt Freiberg, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,402.
- 202, Adam Voth, Danville, Ky., 3,399.
- 203, Michael Healy, Yonkers, N.Y., 3,393.
- 204, (tie) Joe Novara, Holtsville, N.Y., and John Katsaros, Bartonsville, Pa., 3,392.
- 206, Robert Butler Jr., Staten Island, N.Y., 3,391.
- 207, Darren Andretta, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 3,390.
- 208, (tie) Anibal Marin Rivera, Puerto Rico; Geoff Wetzler, Vernon, Conn. and Seby Silvestri, Louisville, Ky., 3,387.
- 211, (tie) Jamie Ceasar, Columbus, Ohio, and Ryan Evans, Acton, Mass., 3,384.
- 213, Michael Robey, Morrisville, Pa., 3,374.
- 214, Michael Marsico, Chesapeake Beach, Md., 3,372.
- 215, Kyle Bigelow, Troy, Ohio, 3,370.
- 216, Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 3,368.
- 217, Jeffrey Voght, Canojaharie, N.Y., 3,366.
- 218, Michael Santonastaso, Lebanon, N.J., 3,361.
- 219, Doug Gassman Jr., Dwight, Ill., 3,360.

220, Chris Deemer, Hamilton, N.J., 3,359.
 221, (tie) Alex Cavagnaro, Massapequa, N.Y., and William Ludwig, Logan, Ohio, 3,356.
 223, Scott Boyle, Salida, Calif., 3,355.
 224, B.J. Moore III, Raleigh, N.C., 3,351.
 225, Jason Freeman, Maple Shade, N.J., 3,350.
 226, Tim Gillick, Milford, Conn., 3,349.
 227, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 3,348.
 228, Jim Price, Harrisburg, N.C., 3,342.
 229, (tie) Ken Schneider, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., and Justin Sloan, Fair Lawn, N.J., 3,338.
 231, (tie) Billy Trudell, Coventry, R.I., 3,335, and Andrew Bohn, Freehold, N.J., 3,335.
 233, (tie) Jonathan Crowder, Edison, N.J., and Tom Martino, Old Bridge, N.J., 3,334.
 235, Sun Kim, Flushing, N.Y., 3,331.
 236, Bryan Paul, Brooklyn, N.Y., 3,327.
 237, Dakota Jordan, Andersen, S.C., 3,326.
 238, Stephen Fiume, Fiskdale, Mass., 3,315.
 239, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.V., 3,301.
 240, (tie) Will Jackson, Philadelphia, and Nick Yakas, Joliet, Ill., 3,293.
 242, Kevin Cartier, Beverly, N.J., 3,291.
 243, Andrew Martin, Gilbertsville, Pa., 3,290.
 244, Craig Spencer, Tempe, Ariz., 3,284.
 245, Joe Ambrosini, Lockport, Ill., 3,282.
 246, Anthony Colangelo, Helmetta, N.J., 3,280.
 247, Norm Ginsberg Jr., West Babylon, N.Y., 3,277.
 248, Yon-Gyo Phark, Flushing, N.Y., 3,274.
 249, Greg Ostrander, Howell, N.J., 3,273.
 250, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 3,270.
 251, Robert Wade, Winter Park, Fla., 3,269.
 252, Ray Edwards, Middle Island, N.Y., 3,268.
 253, Chad Vendeville, North Richland Hills, Texas, 3,265.
 254, (tie) Thomas Grunwald, Astoria, N.Y., and Gregory Harris, Greenwood, Ind., 3,264.
 256, Ryan Friend, Staten Island, N.Y., 3,263.
 257, Jeff Kirk, Easton, Pa., 3,262.
 258, Austin Kircher, Orangevale, Calif., 3,259.
 259, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 3,257.
 260, Paul Manozzi Jr., Great Meadows, N.J., 3,256.
 261, Peter Diemer, Staten Island, N.Y., 3,255.
 262, Scott Brown, Ft. Collins, Colo., 3,254.
 263, Tyler Wilds, Three Rivers, Mich., 3,249.
 264, (tie) Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, and Tony Myers, Pensacola, Fla., 3,241.
 266, (tie) Daniel Wright, Blandon, Pa., and Richard Barton Jr., Detroit, 3,235.
 268, Gregory Matera, Staten Island, N.Y., 3,234.
 269, (tie) Douglas Lakey, O'Fallon, Mo., and Christian Evensen, Norway, 3,232.
 271, Nick Weber, Fristell, Mo., 3,230.
 272, Todd Klinko, Oil City, Pa., 3,229.
 273, (tie) Eric Malone, Brewster, N.Y., 3,227; Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, and Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 3,227.
 276, Taylor Swartz, Windsor, N.Y., 3,225.
 277, Chun Bae, Cedarhurst, N.Y., 3,224.
 278, Stephen Hardy Jr., Manchester, N.H., 3,220.
 279, Don Amorosi, Piscataway, N.J., 3,219.
 280, Dean Brooks, Mountville, Pa., 3,218.
 281, Rob Robertson, Jackson, N.J., 3,215.

282, (tie) Dustin Karp, Herndon, Va.; Johnny Petraglia Jr., Jackson, N.J., and Ethan Gray, North East, Md., 3,214.
 285, Marty Kirsten Jr., Greentown, Pa., 3,213.
 286, (tie) Phil Schintler, Kalona, Iowa, and Terrance Bright, Atlanta, 3,212.
 288, (tie) Michael Zanghi, Delran, N.J., and Eric Stangle, Ballston Spa, N.Y., 3,211.
 290, Jon Heimann, St. Peters, Mo., 3,210.
 291, Michael Shipley, Ringgold, Ga., 3,209.
 292, Justin Warhol, Sound Beach, N.Y., 3,202.
 293, Frank Bellavia Jr., Niagara Falls, N.Y., 3,197.
 294, Ramon Estrada, San Diego, 3,196.
 295, (tie) Joel Eyssen, Manville, N.J.; Ron Glick, Morganville, N.J., and Mark Sleeper, Clearwater, Fla., 3,194.
 298, Michael LoBianco, Brick, N.J., 3,189.
 299, Phillip Watson, Cahokia, Ill., 3,185.
 300, (tie) Tom Lemanski, Hazlet, N.J., and Shawn Boyd, Southampton, Pa., 3,180.
 302, Jason Timmermann, Breese, Ill., 3,178.
 303, Michael Berube Jr., Fall River, Mass., 3,177.
 304, Roger Shell, New York City, 3,173.
 305, Jose Cepin, Corona, N.Y., 3,170.
 306, Thomas Schlomann, Saddle Brook, N.J., 3,169.
 307, Andrew Mortensen, Tulsa, Okla., 3,166.
 308, John DiSantis, Wilmington, Del., 3,165.
 309, (tie) Michael Dutkiewicz, Nicholson, Pa., and Mark Cornelius, Peru, Ind., 3,162.
 311, Judge Abruzzese, Bronx, N.Y., 3,157.
 312, Lawrence Scalzo, Secaucus, N.J., 3,152.
 313, Michael Hutchens, New Castle, Ind., 3,150.
 314, Jonathan Wilhelm, Middletown, N.Y., 3,142.
 315, Matt Taylor, Knightdale, N.C., 3,140.
 316, Christopher Knappenberger, Slatington, Pa., 3,136.
 317, Michael Ciardulli Jr., Valley Stream, N.Y., 3,131.
 318, Matthew Carelock, Monroe, N.C., 3,128.
 319, Michael Young, Smyrna, Ga., 3,123.
 320, Joseph Rabbia, Oradell, N.J., 3,122.
 321, Mathieu Beaudoin, Canada, 3,115.
 322, Danny Eremias, Edison, N.J., 3,110.
 323, Michael Tessier Jr., Woonsocket, R.I., 3,105.
 324, Hubert Register, Philadelphia, 3,104.
 325, Terry Wiley, Vienna, Va., 3,099.
 326, Charles Bonis Jr., Port Chester, N.Y., 3,091.
 327, Russell Russo, Barnegat, N.J., 3,057.
 328, Carl Scott, Hazleton, Pa., 3,052.
 329, (tie) Art Swain Jr., Philadelphia, and Joseph LoVullo, Absecon, N.J., 3,050.
 331, David Rosengarten, Gardendale, Ala., 3,049.
 332, Joseph Gentile, Huntington Station, N.Y., 3,047.
 333, Michael Llorca, Orlando, Fla., 3,045.
 334, Mark McCreary, Livermore, Calif., 3,041.
 335, Steven Maruffi, Brooklyn, N.Y., 3,036.
 336, Scott Weber, La Salle, Ill., 3,030.
 337, Gary Dodd, Portsmouth, Va., 3,016.
 338, Chris Liotta, Dix Hills, N.Y., 3,004.
 339, Jim Dilyard, Burbank, Ohio, 3,003.
 340, Vincent Balisky, Elmhurst, N.Y., 3,001.

- 341, Patrick Donohoe Jr., Hampstead, N.H., 2,991.
- 342, Patrick Weiss, Winfield, N.J., 2,987.
- 343, Francis Mazzella, Staten Island, N.Y., 2,973.
- 344, Jason Groce, Williamstown, N.J., 2,972.
- 345, Bob Walker IV, South Plainfield, N.J., 2,966.
- 346, Christopher Boyd, Brick, N.J., 2,965.
- 347, (tie) Philip Johnson, Plymouth Meeting, Pa., and Adrian Albu, Bear, Del., 2,960.
- 349, Chris Jove, Port Jefferson Station, N.Y., 2,951.
- 350, Rami Ahmed, Staten Island, N.Y., 2,931.
- 351, Michael Sucena, Philadelphia, 2,919.
- 352, Bob Andretta Jr., New Hyde Park, N.Y., 2,911.
- 353, Chris Riolo, Springfield, N.J., 2,899.
- 354, Frank Gray Jr., North East, Md., 2,895.
- 355, Brian Gaunt, Huntington, Ind., 2,871.
- 356, (tie) Christopher Lee, Brooklyn, N.Y., and Gregory Smith, Baltimore, 2,862.
- 358, Ralph Ehrlich, N.Massapequa, N.Y., 2,837.
- 359, Henry Fee, Saginaw, Mich., 2,836.
- 360, Matt Rosenbeck, Prospect, Conn., 2,821.
- 361, Terry Kern, Mt. Pleasant, Pa., 2,818.
- 362, Shaun Riggins, Millville, N.J., 2,776.
- 363, Jerry Bohlman, Milton, Fla., 2,716.
- 364, Raymond Melone, North Haledon, N.J., 2,683.
- 365, Joe Coleman, Bordentown, N.J., 2,669.
- 366, Henry Van Engel, Bayside, N.Y., 2,665.
- 367, Marcus Jeter, Belleville, N.J., 2,659.
- 368, Vadim Erenburg, Brooklyn, N.Y., 2,618.
- 369, John Santalucia, North Brunswick, N.J., 3,302.
- 370, Thomas Ruggiero, Buffalo, N.Y., 2,976.
- 371, Joseph Costanzo, Bethpage, N.Y., 2,956.
- 372, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 2,553.
- 373, David Fantl, Springfield, N.J., 2,361.
- 374, Mike Centrone, Carmel, N.Y., 2,322.
- 375, Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 2,306.
- 376, David Shirk, Philadelphia, 2,024.
- 377, Mike DeVaney, Murrieta, Calif., withdrew.
- 378, Travis Seawell, Virginia Beach, Va., withdrew.
- 379, Joe Trainor, Massapequa Park, N.Y., withdrew.
- 380, Christopher Dmytriw, Lakewood, N.J., withdrew.
- 381, Michael Shaw, Maple Shade, N.J., withdrew.
- 382, Dave D'Entremont, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, withdrew.
- 383, Yuusuke Nakamura, Japan, withdrew.

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: Because qualifying competition today may not be completed in time for your early deadlines, we are providing you with an early lead and top 50 standings with one-third of the field still on the lanes. Use the early results at your discretion. A final release with complete standings will be sent at the conclusion of each round - est. 11 p.m. Eastern)

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Defending Champ O'Neill Advances into Early Third Round Lead in U.S. Open Second-round leader Fero Williams among bowlers yet to complete Thursday's final qualifying round

NORTH BRUNSWICK, N.J. (Feb. 24, 2011) - Defending champion Bill O'Neill of Southampton, Pa., steadily advanced into the early third round lead in the 68th Lumber Liquidators U.S. Open at Brunswick Zone-Carolier Thursday, hoping to turn a month of mourning into a week of celebration.

O'Neill, who sat in fifth place behind leader Fero Williams of Fairfield, Ohio, after 12 games, averaged 227.44 for 18 games to finish qualifying with 4,094 pins and a 103-pin lead over 2006 U.S. Open champion Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C. Williams was among the one-third of field that had not yet completed its third round.

The field will be cut to the top 95 at the conclusion of Thursday night's final squad.

O'Neill, who won the Pepsi Viper Championship earlier in the season for his third career title, wasn't in a hurry to take the lead.

"There are a lot of guys here who can have a good day, but stringing them together is the hard part," O'Neill said. "I had a really good day. Whenever I hit the pocket, I struck, which is telling me my ball is doing the right thing.

"Basically I used the same ball for this same squad last year," he continued. "I'm very confident right now. Things have been going well. Now that I've been around for a few years, I'm starting to figure things out."

O'Neill admitted, however, that he stumbled briefly Wednesday night when he started thinking about the recent death of his grandfather.

"Last night the first couple of games were a little rough," he said. "My whole family was here. I started thinking about my grandfather who passed away the day we started bowling in the Tournament of Champions (in late January), so it was tough to get out of my own way for a couple of games. I was super close to my grandpop, so I'm trying not to think about him. I'm trying to focus on my bowling, but I'm definitely dedicating this tournament to him."

The top 95 after 18 games will advance to Friday morning's eight-game cashers' round. The top 24 will then advance to the round-robin match play finals, bowling three more eight-game rounds Friday night, Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon. ESPN2 will provide live coverage of Friday night's final two games of match play at 6 p.m. Eastern.

After a total of 50 games, the top six will advance to the stepladder finals which will begin with two matches live on ESPN2 Saturday at 10 p.m. Eastern. The No. 5 qualifier will bowl against the No. 6 qualifier, with the winner taking on the No. 4 player. Saturday's winner will join the top three finalists for Sunday's championship round at 3 p.m. Eastern on ESPN. First prize in the event is \$80,000.

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Brunswick Zone-Carolier, North Brunswick, N.J., Thursday

EARLY THIRD ROUND (top 50 after 18 games; one-third of the field had not yet completed its final qualifying round) 1, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 4,094.

- 2, Tommy Jones, Greenville, S.C., 3,991.
- 3, Dan MacLelland, Saginaw, Mich., 3,944.
- 4, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3,879.
- 5, Matthew O'Grady, South Amboy, N.J., 3,878.
- 6, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,873.
- 7, Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 3,869.
- 8, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 3,858.
- 9, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 3,855.
- 10, John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y., 3,849.
- 11, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,839.
- 12, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3,838.
- 13, Mike Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., 3,826.
- 14, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 3,823.
- 15, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 3,823.
- 16, John Furey, East Windsor, N.J., 3,810.
- 17, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 3,803.
- 18, Jeff Carter, Springfield, Ill., 3,786.
- 19, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 3,785.
- 20, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 3,781.
- 21, Alex Aguiar, Dartmouth, Mass., 3,779.
- 22, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 3,768.
- 23, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 3,764.

- 24, Juhani Tonteri, Finland, 3,763.
- 25, Shannon Buchan, Waterloo, Iowa, 3,760.
- 26, Robert Klann, San Antonio, Texas, 3,752.
- 27, Kevin Maurice, Canada, 3,750.
- 28, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 3,743.
- 29, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 3,738.
- 30, Stuart Williams, England, 3,723.
- 31, Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 3,721.
- 32, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 3,719.
- 33, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 3,711.
- 34, Bryson Rogers, Durham, N.C., 3,706.
- 35, Brian Himmeler, Cincinnati, 3,705.
- 36, Christopher Collins, Savannah, Ga., 3,703.
- 37, Mason Brantley, Detroit, 3,696.
- 38, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 3,695.
- 39, Ernest Lukacs Jr., Manville, N.J., 3,692.
- 40, (tie) Patrick Girard, Canada, and Marcus Berndt, Sweden, 3,684.
- 42, Miguel Lopez, Wichita, Kan., 3,683.
- 43, Josh Blanchard, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 3,679.
- 44, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 3,677.
- 45, Corey Husted, Milwaukie, Ore., 3,674.
- 46, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3,674.
- 47, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 3,673.
- 48, Joseph Hostetler, Minerva, Ohio, 3,670.
- 49, P.J. Sondag, Luzerne, Pa., 3,668.
- 50, Ryan Abel, Bel Aire, Kan., 3,665.

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Ohio Amateur Fero Williams Overcomes 141 Game to Retain U.S. Open Lead Michigan's Dan MacLelland advances from 25th place to second

NORTH BRUNSWICK, N.J. (Feb. 23, 2011) – Amateur Fero Williams of Fairfield, Ohio, stumbled briefly, but maintained the composure of a veteran Wednesday to retain the second round lead in the 68th Lumber Liquidators U.S. Open at Brunswick Zone-Carolier by 83 pins over Canadian citizen Dan MacLelland of Saginaw, Mich.

The 30-year-old Williams, bowling in his sixth U.S. Open, survived a 141 game that helped drop his 12-game average by 20 pins to 228.41, but he still finished with a 2,741 pinfall total to fend off MacLelland's charge out of 25th place. Williams and MacLelland, a college student at Saginaw Valley State University where he starred as a collegiate bowler, are both trying for their first Professional Bowlers Association titles.

Three pins behind MacLelland was 33-time PBA Tour winner Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla. Duke, who won the 2008 U.S. Open at Carolier, entered Wednesday's second round in 22nd place. Duke had 2,655 pins while Martin Larsen of Sweden was fourth at 2,622 and defending U.S. Open champion Bill O'Neill of Southampton, Pa., rounded out the top five with a 2,619 total.

"I had a bad game, but it was more because I was lost on that pair of lanes," Williams said. "I just took what I could and moved on.

"The lanes played real tight today. I had keep my arm swing tight and be very close to my target to make things happen. If I got just a little fast, I could tell. The ball rolled past break point and couldn't get back to the pocket.

"But I feel great where I'm at," he continued. "I went plus 50 today (50 pins over a 200 average), and I probably should have been higher, but I threw the ball good. I have a good idea of what the lanes are going to give me tomorrow, so I'll be ready."

Williams, a former Team USA member, is bowling in his sixth U.S. Open, but has yet to qualify among the top 24 for match play. Past experience, he said, has taught him to not look too far ahead.

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68TH LUMBER LIQUIDATORS U.S. OPEN
Brunswick Zone-Carolier, North Brunswick, N.J., Wednesday

SECOND ROUND (after 12 games)

- 1, Fero Williams, Fairfield, Ohio, 2,741.
- 2, Dan MacLelland, Saginaw, Mich., 2,658.
- 3, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,655.
- 4, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 2,622.
- 5, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 2,619.
- 6, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,609.
- 7, Manuel Otalora, Colombia, 2,605.
- 8, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 2,604.
- 9, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 2,602.
- 10, (tie) Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, and John Furey, East Windsor, N.J., 2,600.
- 12, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 2,597.
- 13, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 2,589.
- 14, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 2,588.
- 15, Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 2,586.
- 16, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2,583.
- 17, Juhani Tonteri, Finland, 2,575.
- 18, Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., 2,574.
- 19, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2,572.
- 20, Matthew O'Grady, South Amboy, N.J., 2,571.
- 21, Tim Mack, Indianapolis, 2,566.
- 22, (tie) Stuart Williams, England, and Tom Carter, Rockford, Ill., 2,562.
- 24, Blaine Weninger, Grapevine, Texas, 2,560.
- 25, Tommy Jones, Greenville, S.C., 2,559.

26, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 2,555.
 27, Mike Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., 2,549.
 28, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 2,545.
 29, (tie) Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, and Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 2,544.
 31, Jeff Carter, Springfield, Ill., 2,541.
 32, Alex Aguiar, Dartmouth, Mass., 2,539.
 32, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 2,539.
 34, (tie) Jack Laffey, Indianapolis, and Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 2,538.
 36, Mitch Beasley, Puyallup, Wash., 2,535.
 37, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 2,528.
 38, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 2,526.
 39, Bryson Rogers, Durham, N.C., 2,525.
 40, Brian Himmeler, Cincinnati, 2,522.
 41, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 2,520.
 42, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 2,518.
 43, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 2,516.
 44, David Beres, Waukesha, Wis., 2,512.
 45, John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y., 2,509.
 46, Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 2,507.
 47, (tie) Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., and Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 2,505.
 49, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,504.
 50, Mason Brantley, Detroit, 2,503.
 51, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 2,498.
 52, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 2,492.
 53, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 2,486.
 54, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2,485.
 55, Stevie Weber, Chalmette, La., 2,481.
 56, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 2,480.
 57, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 2,478.
 58, Marcus Berndt, Sweden, 2,476.
 59, Derek Petty, Potomac Falls, Va., 2,475.
 60, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2,474.
 61, Shannon Buchan, Waterloo, Iowa, 2,469.
 62, Ernest Lukacs Jr., Manville, N.J., 2,467.
 63, John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 2,466.
 64, Gregory Thompson Jr., Dublin, Calif., 2,462.
 65, Mark Clark, Naperville, Ill., 2,453.
 66, Kevin Maurice, Canada, 2,452.
 67, (tie) Ritchie Allen, Columbia, S.C., and Jacob Peters, Decatur, Ill., 2,451.
 69, Kip Roberts, Glenallen, Va., 2,450.
 70, Santiago Mejia, Colombia, 2,448.
 71, (tie) Jeremy Boyer, Desloge, Mo., and Jeremy Elder, Claymont, Del., 2,446.
 73, Joshua McBride, Wichita, Kan., 2,445.
 74, (tie) P.J. Sondag, Luzerne, Pa., and Dave Arnold, Dublin, Calif., 2,440.
 76, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 2,439.
 77, Rocio Restrepo, Colombia, 2,438.
 78, Josh Blanchard, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 2,436.
 79, Jason Wojnar, Chicago, 2,434.
 80, John Nolen, Waterford, Mich., 2,433.
 81, Jason Rasinske, Diamondale, Mich., 2,432.

82, (tie) Charles Anderson, Sloatsburg, N.Y., and Jaime Gonzalez, Colombia, 2,426.
 84, (tie) Chris Kramer, Richlandtown, Pa., and Erik Gulbrandson, Wichita, Kan., 2,424.
 86, (tie) Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Keller, Texas; Miguel Lopez, Wichita, Kan., and Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 2,423.
 89, Christopher Blackmore, Fairfax, Va., 2,422.
 90, Robert Klann, San Antonio, Texas, 2,421.
 91, (tie) Joseph Hostetler, Minerva, Ohio, and Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz., 2,419.
 93, Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 2,416.
 94, Raymond Eddy III, Saginaw, Mich., 2,414.
 95, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2,413.
 96, PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 2,412.
 97, Bobby Hall II, Landover, Md., 2,410.
 98, (tie) Travis Celmer, Wernersville, Pa., and Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 2,409.
 100, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 2,408.
 101, (tie) Billy Asbury, Odenton, Md., and Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan., 2,406.
 103, (tie) Christopher Collins, Savannah, Ga., and Ron Dixon, Boynton Beach, Fla., 2,405.
 105, Ryan Abel, Bel Aire, Kan., 2,403.
 106, Mike Cordeiro, Walpole, Mass., 2,402.
 107, Adam Chase, Seafood, N.Y., 2,401.
 108, Diandra Asbaty, Chicago, 2,399.
 109, Dan Furman, Amsterdam, N.Y., 2,397.
 110, Vinny D'Ambrosio III, Staten Island, N.Y., 2,396.
 111, Sean Riccardi, Piscataway, N.J., 2,395.
 112, Corey Husted, Milwaukie, Ore., 2,394.
 113, Tony Ament, Bedminster, N.J., 2,393.
 114, Jazreel Tan, Singapore, 2,392.
 115, (tie) Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va.; Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas; Brian Voss, Alpharetta, Ga., and Buddy Kelch, Pearl River, La., 2,391.
 119, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 2,388.
 120, Michael Steil, Wheeling, Ill., 2,387.
 121, (tie) Brad Muri, Billings, Mont., and Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., 2,386.
 123, Jeremy Merriner, Winchester, Va., 2,385.
 124, Michelle Arrington, Philadelphia, 2,379.
 125, (tie) Thomas Wall III, Fayetteville, N.C., and Stephen Hardy, Manchester, N.H., 2,378.
 127, Sean Wilson, Naperville, Ill., 2,376.
 128, Jimmy Cook, Indianapolis, 2,375.
 129, Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 2,373.
 130, Quinton Bohlen, Decorah, Iowa, 2,372.
 131, (tie) Steve Harman, Indianapolis; Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., and Chris Arcaro, Wilmington, N.C., 2,370.
 134, Maria Rodriguez, Colombia, 2,368.
 135, Mike Rose Jr., West Henrietta, N.Y., 2,367.
 136, Duane Steinmetz, Evans, Colo., 2,365.
 137, (tie) Matthew Priore, North Arlington, N.J., and Eddie VanDaniker Jr., Essex, Md., 2,364.

139, Robert Mockenhaupt, Rutherford, N.J., 2,363.
 140, James Roberts, Richmond, Va., 2,362.
 141, David Simard, Canada, 2,357.
 142, Rob Sperling, Livingston, N.J., 2,353.
 143, (tie) Frankie Calca, Elmont, N.Y.; Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., and Greg Stahora, West Hazelton, Pa., 2,351.
 146, (tie) Jeff Lizzi, Sandusky, Ohio, and Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 2,348.
 148, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 2,345.
 149, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 2,342.
 150, (tie) Matthew Zasowski, Buffalo, N.Y., and Joe Goldstein Sr., Hayward, Calif., 2,341.
 152, Matt Freiberg, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,336.
 153, Carleton Chambers, Detroit, 2,334.
 154, (tie) Dean Richards, Tacoma, Wash., and Tim McAuliffe, Staten Island, N.Y., 2,333.
 156, (tie) Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland, and John Santalucia, North Brunswick, N.J., 2,332.
 158, (tie) Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y.; Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., and Tony Reynaud, Harwinton, Conn., 2,330.
 161, Jessica Baker, Wichita, Kan., 2,329.
 162, Michael Cimba, Monroeville, Pa., 2,328.
 163, Rusty Thomsen, Morgan, N.J., 2,325.
 164, (tie) David Boyd, Coconut Creek, Fla.; James Wallace, Hicksville, N.Y., and Mike Centrone, Carmel, N.Y., 2,322.
 167, (tie) Tommy Dakouvanos, Manalapan, N.J., and Kyle Bigelow, Troy, Ohio, 2,319.
 169, (tie) Chris Tomlinson, Franklin, Tenn., and Eric Cornog, Cherry Hill, N.J., 2,318.
 171, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 2,314.
 172, (tie) Greg Rottengen, Washington, N.J., and Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 2,312.
 174, Ryan Evans, Acton, Mass., 2,311.
 175, (tie) J.R. Raymond, Saginaw, Mich., and Louis Gaudio, Staten Island, N.Y., 2,310.
 177, (tie) Matt Gasn, Laurel, Md., and George Gohagan III, Austell, Ga., 2,307.
 179, (tie) Chad Vendeville, North Richland Hills, Texas, and Jeff Zaffino, Warren, Pa., 2,306.
 181, Austin Boulds, Cereal Springs, Ill., 2,305.
 182, (tie) Chris Deemer, Hamilton, N.J., and Kevin Cartier, Beverly, N.J., 2,303.
 184, (tie) Patrick Girard, Canada, and Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 2,300.
 186, Eric Copping, Websterville, Vt., 2,299.
 187, Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 2,298.
 188, Peter Spreadbury, Oak Forest, Ill., 2,294.
 189, (tie) Adam Voth, Danville, Ky., and Jeremy Mooney, West Palm Beach, Fla., 2,290.
 191, Anggie Ramirez, Colombia, 2,289.
 192, Jim Price, Harrisburg, N.C., 2,288.
 192, Chico Santiago, Tuckahoe, N.Y., 2,288.
 194, (tie) Aaron Williams, Pennsauken, N.J., and Daniel Hannagan, Mt. Juliet, Tenn., 2,286.

196, Joseph Costanzo, Bethpage, N.Y., 2,284.
 197, Richard Wolfe, Culpepper, Va., 2,283.
 198, Jason Freeman, Maple Shade, N.J., 2,282.
 199, Seby Silvestri, Louisville, Ky., 2,280.
 200, (tie) Matt McNeil, Chanhassen, Minn., and William Ludwig, Logan, Ohio, 2,279.
 202, Robert Butler Jr., Staten Island, N.Y., 2,275.
 203, Justin Sloan, Fair Lawn, N.J., 2,273.
 204, Jason Weaver, Denver, Pa., 2,271.
 205, Michael Healy, Yonkers, N.Y., 2,270.
 206, Brett Cunningham, Clay, N.Y., 2,268.
 207, Thomas McLane, Lusby, Md., 2,266.
 208, Michael Santonastaso, Lebanon, N.J., 2,264.
 209, Greg Ostrander, Howell, N.J., 2,263.
 210, Dakota Jordan, Andersen, S.C., 2,262.
 211, (tie) Ken Jessee, Huber Heights, Ohio, and Darryl Carreon, Alexandria, Va., 2,259.
 213, Joe Green, Maplewood, Ohio, 2,258.
 214, Joe Krajckovich, North Brunswick, N.J., 2,253.
 215, (tie) Chris Larsen, Norwich, Conn, and Cory Nichols, Hudson Falls, N.Y., 2,252.
 217, Anthony Colangelo, Helmetta, N.J., 2,250.
 218, Jason Baker, Sharon Springs, N.Y., 2,248.
 219, (tie) Robert Wade, Winter Park, Fla.; Joe Ambrosini, Lockport, Ill.; Craig Spencer, Tempe, Ariz., and Ken Schneider, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., 2,246.
 223, (tie) John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., and Andrew Bohn, Freehold, N.J., 2,245.
 225, (tie) Junia Yoshida, Japan, and John Katsaros, Bartonsville, Pa., 2,244.
 227, (tie) Nick Yakas, Joliet, Ill., and Chris Forry, Bridgeport, Conn., 2,240.
 229, (tie) Darren Andretta, New Hyde Park, N.Y., and Mark McNear, Altamonte Springs, Fla., 2,238.
 231, (tie) Geoff Wetzler, Vernon, Conn.; Michael Marsico, Chesapeake Beach, Md., and Thomas Ruggiero, Buffalo, N.Y., 2,236.
 234, (tie) B.J. Moore III, Raleigh, N.C., 2,235; Joe Novara, Holtsville, N.Y., and Stephen Fiume, Fiskdale, Mass., 2,235.
 237, Michael Robey, Morrisville, Pa., 2,234.
 238, (tie) Andrew Mortensen, Tulsa, Okla.; Jon Heimann, St. Peters, Mo., and Bob Hale, Louisville, Ky., 2,232.
 241, Scott Boyle, Salida, Calif., 2,231.
 242, Jeffrey Voght, Canojaharie, N.Y., 2,225.
 243, Jose Cepin, Corona, N.Y., 2,224.
 244, (tie) Alex Cavagnaro, Massapequa, N.Y., 2,223; Tony Myers, Pensacola, Fla., and Will Jackson, Philadelphia, 2,223.
 247, (tie) Marty Kirsten Jr., Greentown, Pa., and Justin Warhol, Sound Beach, N.Y., 2,220.
 249, Stephen Haas, Enola, Pa., 2,219.
 250, Billy Oatman, Chicago, 2,217.
 251, Ray Edwards, Middle Island, N.Y., 2,216.
 252, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 2,215.
 253, Ethan Gray, North East, Md., 2,214.
 254, Christian Evensen, Norway, 2,212.
 255, Johnny Petraglia Jr., Jackson, N.J., 2,209.

256, Anibal Marin Rivera, Puerto Rico, 2,204.
 257, John DiSantis, Wilmington, Del., 2,202.
 258, Yon-Gyo Phark, Flushing, N.Y., 2,197.
 259, Sun Kim, Flushing, N.Y., 2,196.
 260, Michael Shipley, Ringgold, Ga., 2,195.
 261, Jeff Kirk, Easton, Pa., 2,193.
 262, Tim Gillick, Milford, Conn., 2,190.
 263, Austin Kircher, Orangevale, Calif., 2,189.
 264, (tie) Gregory Matera, Staten Island, N.Y., and Richard Barton Jr., Detroit, 2,187.
 266, (tie) Chun Bae, Cedarhurst, N.Y., and Jason Timmermann, Breese, Ill., 2,185.
 268, Tom Martino, Old Bridge, N.J., 2,184.
 269, Jamie Ceasar, Columbus, Ohio, 2,181.
 270, Christopher Knappenberger, Slatington, Pa., 2,174.
 271, (tie) Norm Ginsberg Jr., West Babylon, N.Y., and Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 2,173.
 273, (tie) Don Amorosi, Piscataway, N.J., and Dean Brooks, Mountville, Pa., 2,168.
 275, Peter Diemer, Staten Island, N.Y., 2,167.
 276, Terrance Bright, Atlanta, 2,165.
 277, Stephen Hardy Jr., Manchester, N.H., 2,163.
 278, (tie) Jonathan Crowder, Edison, N.J., and Michael Hutchens, New Castle, Ind., 2,162.
 280, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.V., 2,158.
 281, Michael Young, Smyrna, Ga., 2,157.
 282, (tie) Billy Trudell, Coventry, R.I., 2,156; Frank Bellavia Jr., Niagara Falls, N.Y., and Dustin Karp, Herndon, Va., 2,156.
 285, Ramon Estrada, San Diego, 2,150.
 286, (tie) Hubert Register, Philadelphia, and Doug Gassman Jr., Dwight, Ill., 2,146.
 288, (tie) Nick Weber, Fristell, Mo., and Michael LoBianco, Brick, N.J., 2,145.
 290, (tie) Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, and Mark Sleeper, Clearwater, Fla., 2,141.
 292, Terry Wiley, Vienna, Va., 2,140.
 293, Andrew Martin, Gilbertsville, Pa., 2,139.
 294, David Fantl, Springfield, N.J., 2,136.
 295, (tie) Danny Eremias, Edison, N.J., 2,133; Michael Tessier Jr., Woonsocket, R.I., 2,133; Eric Malone, Brewster, N.Y., 2,133, and Todd Klinko, Oil City, Pa., 2,133.
 299, (tie) Phil Schintler, Kalona, Iowa, and Taylor Swartz, Windsor, N.Y., 2,127.
 301, (tie) Bryan Paul, Brooklyn, N.Y., and Michael Berube Jr., Fall River, Mass., 2,126.
 303, (tie) Ron Glick, Morganville, N.J., and Eric Stangle, Ballston Spa, N.Y., 2,124.
 305, (tie) Bob Walker IV, South Plainfield, N.J., and Joseph LoVullo, Absecon, N.J., 2,123.
 307, Scott Brown, Ft. Collins, Colo., 2,120.
 308, (tie) Shawn Boyd, Southampton, Pa., and Phillip Watson, Cahokia, Ill., 2,118.
 310, Daniel Wright, Blandon, Pa., 2,117.
 311, Paul Manozzi Jr., Great Meadows, N.J., 2,115.

312, Judge Abruzzese, Bronx, N.Y., 2,111.
 313, (tie) Lawrence Scalzo, Secaucus, N.J., and Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 2,109.
 315, Joseph Rabbia, Oradell, N.J., 2,103.
 316, Thomas Schlomann, Saddle Brook, N.J., 2,100.
 317, Ryan Friend, Staten Island, N.Y., 2,095.
 318, (tie) Joel Eyssen, Manville, N.J., and Roger Shell, New York City, 2,093.
 320, Gregory Harris, Greenwood, Ind., 2,089.
 321, (tie) Tyler Wilds, Three Rivers, Mich., and Mark Cornelius, Peru, Ind., 2,087.
 323, Michael Zanghi, Delran, N.J., 2,083.
 324, Joseph Gentile, Huntington Station, N.Y., 2,079.
 325, David Rosengarten, Gardendale, Ala., 2,077.
 326, Rob Robertson, Jackson, N.J., 2,075.
 327, Russell Russo, Barnegat, N.J., 2,071.
 328, Michael Ciardulli Jr., Valley Stream, N.Y., 2,063.
 329, Thomas Grunwald, Astoria, N.Y., 2,058.
 330, Tom Lemanski, Hazlet, N.J., 2,054.
 331, (tie) Chris Jove, Port Jefferson Station, N.Y., and Douglas Lakey, O'Fallon, Mo., 2,053.
 333, Charles Bonis Jr., Port Chester, N.Y., 2,050.
 334, (tie) Gary Dodd, Portsmouth, Va., and Christopher Boyd, Brick, N.J., 2,047.
 336, Matt Taylor, Knightdale, N.C., 2,046.
 337, Carl Scott, Hazleton, Pa., 2,045.
 338, Michael Dutkiewicz, Nicholson, Pa., 2,044.
 339, Matthew Carelock, Monroe, N.C., 2,037.
 340, Jonathan Wilhelm, Middletown, N.Y., 2,026.
 341, David Shirk, Philadelphia, 2,024.
 342, Steven Maruffi, Brooklyn, N.Y., 2,023.
 343, Art Swain Jr., Philadelphia, 2,022.
 344, Scott Weber, La Salle, Ill., 2,016.
 345, Patrick Donohoe Jr., Hampstead, N.H., 2,003.
 346, Patrick Weiss, Winfield, N.J., 2,002.
 347, Vincent Balisky, Elmhurst, N.Y., 1,997.
 348, Michael Sucena, Philadelphia, 1,992.
 349, Henry Fee, Saginaw, Mich., 1,990.
 350, Mathieu Beaudoin, Canada, 1,987.
 351, Jason Groce, Williamstown, N.J., 1,983.
 352, Michael Llorca, Orlando, Fla., 1,980.
 353, Frank Gray Jr., North East, Md., 1,976.
 354, (tie) Adrian Albu, Bear, Del., and Jim Dilyard, Burbank, Ohio, 1,961.
 356, Francis Mazzella, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,960.
 357, Philip Johnson, Plymouth Meeting, Pa., 1,956.
 358, Mark McCreary, Livermore, Calif., 1,951.
 359, Matt Rosenbeck, Prospect, Conn., 1,949.
 360, Shaun Riggins, Millville, N.J., 1,931.
 361, Chris Riolo, Springfield, N.J., 1,919.
 362, Rami Ahmed, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,913.
 363, Gregory Smith, Baltimore, 1,907.
 364, (tie) Ralph Ehrlich, N. Massapequa, N.Y., and Chris Liotta, Dix Hills, N.Y., 1,905.

366, Christopher Lee, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1,886.
367, Brian Gaunt, Huntington, Ind., 1,863.
368, Terry Kern, Mt. Pleasant, Pa., 1,857.
369, Bob Andretta Jr., New Hyde Park, N.Y., 1,842.
370, Henry Van Engel, Bayside, N.Y., 1,801.
371, Raymond Melone, North Haledon, N.J., 1,794.
372, Jerry Bohlman, Milton, Fla., 1,772.
373, Joe Coleman, Bordentown, N.J., 1,768.
374, Vadim Erenburg, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1,713.
375, Marcus Jeter, Belleville, N.J., 1,662.
376, Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 2,306.
377, Mike DeVaney, Murrieta, Calif., 1,902.
378, Travis Seawell, Virginia Beach, Va., 1,158.
379, Joe Trainor, Massapequa Park, N.Y., 1,136.
380, Christopher Dmytriw, Lakewood, N.J., 1,096.
381, Michael Shaw, Maple Shade, N.J., 1,019.
382, Dave D'Entremont, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, withdrew.
383, Yuusuke Nakamura, Japan, withdrew.

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: Because qualifying competition today and Thursday may not be completed in time for your early deadlines, we are providing you with an early lead and top 50 standings with one-third of the field still on the lanes. Use the early results at your discretion. A final release with complete standings will be sent at the conclusion of each round)

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Ohio Amateur Fero Williams Retains Early Second Round Lead in U.S. Open Bad game helps 2008 U.S. Open champion Norm Duke close to within 86 pins

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The 30-year-old Williams, bowling in his sixth U.S. Open, survived a 141 game that helped drop his 12-game average by 20 pins to 228.41, but he still finished with a 2,741 pinfall total to fend off Duke's charge. Duke, who won the 2008 U.S. Open at Carolier, entered Wednesday's second round in 22nd place, 173 pins behind Williams.

With one-third of the field yet to complete its second six-game qualifying round Wednesday, Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, had moved into third place with 2,609 pins followed by Manuel Otalora of Colombia with a 2,605 total and American two-handed player Brian Valenta of Lockport, Ill., at 2,604. Barnes, who won the 2005 U.S. Open, won the PBA World Championship in January to become the sixth player in PBA history to complete the PBA Triple Crown. Duke also is also one of the six.

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"If I make it, I make it," he added. "If not, I'm learning a lot. I learn a lot every time I bowl this tournament. You won't learn much when you're bowling good; you learn when you're bowling bad."

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The top six after 50 games will advance to the stepladder finals which will begin with two games live on ESPN2 Saturday at 10 p.m. Eastern. Saturday's winner will then join the top three finalists for Sunday's championship round at 3 p.m. Eastern on ESPN. First prize in the event is \$80,000.

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Brunswick Zone-Carolier, North Brunswick, N.J., Wednesday

EARLY SECOND ROUND (top 50 after 12 games; one-third of the field had yet to complete the second round) 1, Fero Williams, Fairfield, Ohio, 2,741.

2, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,655.

3, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,609.

4, Manuel Otalora, Colombia, 2,605.

5, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 2,604.

6, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 2,602.

7, (tie) Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, and John Furey, East Windsor, N.J., 2,600.

9, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 2,589.

10, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 2,588.

11, Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 2,586.

12, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2,583.

13, Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., 2,574.

14, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2,572.

15, Tim Mack, Indianapolis, 2,566.

16, (tie) Stuart Williams, England, and Tom Carter, Rockford, Ill., 2,562.

18, Blaine Weninger, Grapevine, Texas, 2,560.

19, Tommy Jones, Greenville, S.C., 2,559.

20, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 2,545.

21, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 2,544.

22, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 2,544.

- 23, Jeff Carter, Springfield, Ill., 2,541.
- 24, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 2,539.
- 25, (tie) Jack Laffey, Indianapolis, and Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 2,538.
- 27, Mitch Beasley, Puyallup, Wash., 2,535.
- 28, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 2,528.
- 29, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 2,526.
- 30, Bryson Rogers, Durham, N.C., 2,525.
- 31, Brian Himmler, Cincinnati, 2,522.
- 32, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 2,520.
- 33, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 2,518.
- 34, Nathan Bohrer, Wichita, Kan., 2,516.
- 35, David Beres, Waukesha, Wis., 2,512.
- 36, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2,505.
- 37, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 2,505.
- 38, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 2,486.
- 39, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2,485.
- 40, Stevie Weber, Chalmette, La., 2,481.
- 41, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 2,480.
- 42, Marcus Berndt, Sweden, 2,476.
- 43, Derek Petty, Potomac Falls, Va., 2,475.
- 44, Ernest Lukacs Jr., Manville, N.J., 2,467.
- 45, John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 2,466.
- 46, Gregory Thompson Jr., Dublin, Calif., 2,462.
- 47, Mark Clark, Naperville, Ill., 2,453.
- 48, Kevin Maurice, Canada, 2,452.
- 49, Jacob Peters, Decatur, Ill., 2,451.
- 50, Kip Roberts, Glenallen, Va., 2,450.

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Ohio Amateur Fero Williams Takes First Round Lead in U.S. Open Williams averages 248.17 to lead South America's Gomez, Ruiz by 105 pins

NORTH BRUNSWICK, N.J. (Feb. 22, 2011) – Amateur Fero Williams of Fairfield, Ohio, averaged 248.17 to race away with the first round lead in the 68th Lumber Liquidators U.S. Open at Brunswick Zone-Carolier Tuesday by 105 pins over a pair of South American players, Andres Gomez of Colombia and Ildemaro Ruiz of Venezuela.

Williams, a 30-year-old former Team USA member, rolled games of 269, 234, 268, 266, 194 and 258 on the most demanding lane conditions of the 2010-11 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour season, finishing his opening round with a 1,489 total. Williams has never won a PBA title and an amateur has never won the U.S. Open.

"I want to win," Williams said. "I didn't come out here just to say I bowled with the great ones. Twenty years from now, it would be great to look back and say I won the U.S. Open. That's what we all want as bowlers – to win a PBA title, to say that I was the best guy that one day."

Williams has bowled in the U.S. Open the past six years, making the cashers' round cut five times, but never finishing among the top 24. But he also has been learning.

"What I've learned bowling against the pros is take your time, stay calm, every shot is critical, relax and repeat shots," Williams said. "When you're an amateur, most of the conditions you bowl on are a lot softer. When you bowl these guys, you have to take your time and think about what you need to do. Patience is a virtue."

Gomez and Ruiz, who averaged an impressive 230.67, were tied with 1,384 pinfall totals. Like Williams, both are also trying for their first PBA titles. Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., the winner of the 2010 PBA World Championship and runner-up in the 2011 PBA Tournament of Champions in January, was one pin behind Gomez and Ruiz.

All 383 players in the field will bowl two additional six-game qualifying rounds Wednesday and Thursday before the field is cut to the top 95 for an eight-game cashers' round Friday morning. The top 24 after a total of 26 games will then

advance to three eight-game round-robin match play rounds Friday night and Saturday.

The top six players after 50 games will advance to the unique six-player stepladder finals, starting with two games live on ESPN2 Saturday at 10 p.m. Eastern. Saturday's winner will then join the top three finalists for Sunday's championship round at 3 p.m. Eastern on ESPN. First prize in the event is \$80,000.

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Brunswick Zone-Carolier, North Brunswick, N.J., Tuesday

FIRST ROUND (after 6 games)

- 1, Fero Williams, Fairfield, Ohio, 1,489.
- 2, (tie) Andres Gomez, Colombia, and Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 1,384.
- 4, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,383.
- 5, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 1,367.
- 6, (tie) Jack Laffey, Indianapolis, and Martin Larsen, Sweden, 1,361.
- 8, Manuel Otalora, Colombia, 1,348.
- 9, David Beres, Waukesha, Wis., 1,343.
- 10, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,342.
- 11, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 1,340.
- 12, Mitch Beasley, Puyallup, Wash., 1,339.
- 13, (tie) John Furey, East Windsor, N.J., and Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 1,335.
- 15, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,333.
- 16, (tie) Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, and Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1,330.
- 18, Matthew O'Grady, South Amboy, N.J., 1,324.
- 19, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,323.
- 20, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,321.
- 21, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,318.
- 22, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,316.
- 23, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,314.
- 24, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 1,306.
- 25, Dan MacLelland, Saginaw, Mich., 1,303.
- 26, Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., 1,302.
- 27, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,296.
- 28, Jacob Peters, Decatur, Ill., 1,295.
- 29, Blaine Weninger, Grapevine, Texas, 1,293.
- 30, Bobby Hall II, Landover, Md., 1,291.
- 31, (tie) Mark Clark, Naperville, Ill., and Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,290.
- 33, Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz., 1,289.
- 34, Dave Arnold, Dublin, Calif., 1,288.
- 35, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,286.
- 36, (tie) Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., and Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 1,282.
- 38, Jason Freeman, Maple Shade, N.J., 1,278.

39, Tim Mack, Indianapolis, 1,274.
 40, Daniel Hannagan, Mt. Juliet, Tenn., 1,273.
 41, Santiago Mejia, Colombia, 1,270.
 42, (tie) Jason Wojnar, Chicago, and Jeremy Elder, Claymont, Del., 1,267.
 44, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 1,266.
 45, (tie) Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., and John Nolen, Waterford, Mich., 1,264.
 47, Mike Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., 1,262.
 48, (tie) Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., and Kip Roberts, Glenallen, Va., 1,259.
 50, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 1,254.
 51, Jaime Gonzalez, Colombia, 1,253.
 52, Johnny Petraglia Sr., Jackson, N.J., 1,250.
 53, Mike Rose Jr., West Henrietta, N.Y., 1,248.
 54, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 1,247.
 55, Charles Anderson, Sloatsburg, N.Y., 1,246.
 56, Mike Cordeiro, Walpole, Mass., 1,244.
 57, (tie) Shannon Buchan, Waterloo, Iowa; Buddy Kelch, Pearl River, La., and Rocio Restrepo, Colombia, 1,243.
 60, Tommy Jones, Greenville, S.C., 1,242.
 61, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 1,239.
 62, (tie) Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan., and Juhani Tonteri, Finland, 1,238.
 64, Vinny D'Ambrosio III, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,236.
 65, (tie) Ernest Lukacs Jr., Manville, N.J., and Tom Carter, Rockford, Ill., 1,235.
 67, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,233.
 68, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,232.
 69, (tie) John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y.; Erik Gulbrandson, Wichita, Kan.; Ritchie Allen, Columbia, S.C., and Josh Blanchard, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 1,231.
 73, (tie) Joseph Hostetler, Minerva, Ohio; Eric Cornog, Cherry Hill, N.J., and Gregory Thompson Jr., Dublin, Calif., 1,227.
 76, (tie) Brian Himmler, Cincinnati, and Greg Stahora, West Hazelton, Pa., 1,226.
 79, (tie) Joshua McBride, Wichita, Kan., and Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 1,225.
 81, (tie) Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla.; Michelle Arrington, Philadelphia, and Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,224.
 84, Dan Furman, Amsterdam, N.Y., 1,222.
 85, Alex Aguiar, Dartmouth, Mass., 1,221.
 86, (tie) Will Jackson, Philadelphia, and Mason Brantley, Detroit, 1,219.
 88, Ron Dixon, Boynton Beach, Fla., 1,216.
 89, (tie) Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., and Brian Voss, Alpharetta, Ga., 1,215.
 91, Quinton Bohlen, Decorah, Iowa, 1,214.
 92, (tie) Chris Arcaro, Wilmington, N.C., and Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 1,210.
 94, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 1,209.
 95, Stephen Hardy, Manchester, N.H., 1,206.
 96, (tie) Mike Centrone, Carmel, N.Y., and Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 1,205.
 98, Jeremy Boyer, Desloge, Mo., 1,204.
 99, (tie) Danny Wiseman, Baltimore; Derek Petty, Potomac Falls, Va.; Kyle Bigelow, Troy, Ohio, and Jazreel Tan, Singapore, 1,203.

103, (tie) Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, and Anthony Colangelo, Helmetta, N.J., 1,202.
 105, Mike DeVaney, Murrieta, Calif., 1,201.
 106, (tie) Jeff Carter, Springfield, Ill., and Corey Husted, Milwaukie, Ore., 1,199.
 108, Ethan Gray, North East, Md., 1,198.
 109, (tie) Marcus Berndt, Sweden; Eddie VanDaniker Jr., Essex, Md.; Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., and Chris Kramer, Richlandtown, Pa., 1,197.
 113, (tie) Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., and Billy Asbury, Odenton, Md., 1,194.
 115, (tie) Jason Rasinske, Diamondale, Mich., and Stephen Fiume, Fiskdale, Mass., 1,193.
 117, Adam Chase, Seaford, N.Y., 1,192.
 118, (tie) Sean Wilson, Naperville, Ill.; Chris Forry, Bridgeport, Conn.; George Gohagan III, Austell, Ga., and Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,191.
 122, (tie) Michael Steil, Wheeling, Ill., and Raymond Eddy III, Saginaw, Mich., 1,189.
 124, (tie) Robert Klann, San Antonio, Texas; Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, and Rob Sperling, Livingston, N.J., 1,188.
 127, (tie) Christopher Collins, Savannah, Ga., and James Roberts, Richmond, Va., 1,186.
 129, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 1,185.
 130, Thomas Wall III, Fayetteville, N.C., 1,183.
 131, Brad Muri, Billings, Mont., 1,182.
 132, Tony Reynaud, Harwinton, Conn., 1,180.
 133, Jeff Zaffino, Warren, Pa., 1,176.
 134, Stevie Weber, Chalmette, La., 1,175.
 135, (tie) Joseph Costanzo, Bethpage, N.Y., and Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 1,173.
 137, (tie) Ken Schneider, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., and PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 1,172.
 139, Patrick Girard, Canada, 1,170.
 140, (tie) Kevin Cartier, Beverly, N.J., and Jimmy Cook, Indianapolis, 1,168.
 142, (tie) Bob Hale, Louisville, Ky.; Matt Gasn, Laurel, Md.; Sean Riccardi, Piscataway, N.J., and Miguel Lopez, Wichita, Kan., 1,167.
 146, Michael Healy, Yonkers, N.Y., 1,166.
 147, (tie) Carleton Chambers, Detroit, and Louis Gaudio, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,165.
 149, (tie) John Santalucia, North Brunswick, N.J.; Robert Mockenhaupt, Rutherford, N.J.; James Wallace, Hicksville, N.Y.; P.J. Sondag, Luzerne, Pa., and Jeremy Mooney, West Palm Beach, Fla., 1,164.
 154, Austin Boulds, Cereal Springs, Ill., 1,163.
 155, Scott Boyle, Salida, Calif., 1,162.
 156, (tie) Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland, and Greg Ostrander, Howell, N.J., 1,161.
 158, (tie) Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., and Tony Ament, Bedminster, N.J., 1,160.
 158, Robert Butler Jr., Staten Island, N.Y., 1,160.
 161, Ryan Abel, Bel Aire, Kan., 1,159.
 162, (tie) Duane Steinmetz, Evans, Colo., and Adam Voth, Danville, Ky., 1,158.
 164, (tie) Matthew Priore, North Arlington, N.J. and Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 1,156.
 166, (tie) Mark McNear, Altamonte Springs, Fla., and Chris Tomlinson, Franklin, Tenn., 1,155.

168, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 1,154.
 169, Cory Nichols, Hudson Falls, N.Y., 1,153.
 170, (tie) Chris Larsen, Norwich, Conn.; Jessica Baker, Wichita, Kan.; Diandra Asbaty, Chicago; Joe Goldstein Sr., Hayward, Calif., and Joe Novara, Holtsville, N.Y., 1,152.
 175, Chico Santiago, Tuckahoe, N.Y., 1,151.
 176, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 1,150.
 177, (tie) Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., and Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 1,148.
 179, Stuart Williams, England, 1,147.
 180, Dean Brooks, Mountville, Pa., and Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 1,146.
 182, (tie) Joe Ambrosini, Lockport, Ill.; Andrew Bohn, Freehold, N.J., and Craig Spencer, Tempe, Ariz., 1,145.
 185, (tie) Brett Cunningham, Clay, N.Y., and Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 1,144.
 185, Don Amorosi, Piscataway, N.J., 1,144.
 188, (tie) Johnny Petraglia Jr., Jackson, N.J., and Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,142.
 190, Darren Andretta, New Hyde Park, N.Y.; Christopher Blackmore, Fairfax, Va., 1,141, and Eric Copping, Websterville, Vt., 1,141.
 193, (tie) Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., and Peter Spreadbury, Oak Forest, Ill., 1,139.
 195, Tim McAuliffe, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,138.
 196, Frankie Calca, Elmont, N.Y., 1,135.
 197, (tie) Thomas Ruggiero, Buffalo, N.Y., and Mark Sleeper, Clearwater, Fla., 1,134.
 199, (tie) Justin Sloan, Fair Lawn, N.J.; Stephen Haas, Enola, Pa., and David Boyd, Coconut Creek, Fla., 1,133.
 202, Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 1,132.
 203, (tie) Billy Oatman, Chicago, and John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 1,130.
 205, Yon-Gyo Phark, Flushing, N.Y., 1,129.
 206, (tie) Travis Celmer, Wernersville, Pa.; Rusty Thomsen, Morgan, N.J., and Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,128.
 209, Richard Barton Jr., Detroit, 1,126.
 210, Jeffrey Voght, Canojaharie, N.Y., 1,125.
 211, William Ludwig, Logan, Ohio, 1,124.
 212, Matt Freiberg, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,122.
 213, (tie) Richard Wolfe, Culpepper, Va.; Michael Santonastaso, Lebanon, N.J., and Jeremy Merriner, Winchester, Va., 1,121.
 216, (tie) Joseph LoVullo, Absecon, N.J.; Kevin Maurice, Canada, and Ray Edwards, Middle Island, N.Y., 1,119.
 216, Jeff Lizzi, Sandusky, Ohio, 1,119.
 220, (tie) Maria Rodriguez, Colombia, and Michael Shipley, Ringgold, Ga., 1,118.
 222, (tie) Jason Weaver, Denver, Pa., and Dean Richards, Tacoma, Wash., 1,117.
 224, (tie) Steve Harman, Indianapolis; Jon Heimann, St. Peters, Mo., and Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,116.
 227, Thomas McLane, Lusby, Md., 1,115.
 228, (tie) Michael Marsico, Chesapeake Beach, Md.; Terrance Bright, Atlanta; David Simard, Canada, and Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 1,114.
 232, (tie) Michael Cimba, Monroeville, Pa., and Christopher Knappenberger, Slatington, Pa., 1,113.

234, Greg Rottengen, Washington, N.J., 1,112.
 235, (tie) J.R. Raymond, Saginaw, Mich., and Matt McNeil, Chanhassen, Minn., 1,110.
 237, Sun Kim, Flushing, N.Y., 1,109.
 238, John Katsaros, Bartonsville, Pa., 1,107.
 239, (tie) Justin Warhol, Sound Beach, N.Y.; Joe Green, Maplewood, Ohio; Matthew Zasowski, Buffalo, N.Y., and Stephen Hardy Jr., Manchester, N.H., 1,106.
 243, Todd Klinko, Oil City, Pa., 1,101.
 244, (tie) Jim Price, Harrisburg, N.C.; Tim Gillick, Milford, Conn.; David Fantl, Springfield, N.J., and Cristian Azcona, Puerto Rico, 1,100.
 248, (tie) Tony Myers, Pensacola, Fla., and Michael Berube Jr., Fall River, Mass., 1,099.
 250, Tommy Dakouvanos, Manalapan, N.J., 1,098.
 251, Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Keller, Texas, 1,097.
 252, Michael Hutchens, New Castle, Ind., 1,095.
 253, (tie) Michael Robey, Morrisville, Pa.; Marty Kirsten Jr., Greentown, Pa., and Darryl Carreon, Alexandria, Va., 1,093.
 256, (tie) Jose Cepin, Corona, N.Y., 1,092, and Geoff Wetzler, Vernon, Conn., 1,092.
 258, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 1,089.
 259, (tie) Dustin Karp, Herndon, Va.; Dakota Jordan, Andersen, S.C., and Junia Yoshida, Japan, 1,088.
 262, Eric Malone, Brewster, N.Y., 1,087.
 263, (tie) Rob Robertson, Jackson, N.J., and Alex Cavagnaro, Massapequa, N.Y., 1,086.
 265, (tie) Jonathan Crowder, Edison, N.J.; Charles Bonis Jr., Port Chester, N.Y., and Doug Gassman Jr., Dwight, Ill., 1,085.
 268, John DiSantis, Wilmington, Del., 1,084.
 269, Christian Evensen, Norway, 1,083.
 270, Frank Bellavia Jr., Niagara Falls, N.Y., 1,082.
 271, (tie) Anibal Marin Rivera, Puerto Rico; Michael Ciardulli Jr., Valley Stream, N.Y., and Seby Silvestri, Louisville, Ky., 1,081.
 274, (tie) Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va.; Jeff Kirk, Easton, Pa., and Joe Krajckovich, North Brunswick, N.J., 1,079.
 277, (tie) Scott Brown, Ft. Collins, Colo.; Michael Young, Smyrna, Ga., 1,076, and Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 1,076.
 280, B.J. Moore III, Raleigh, N.C., 1,075.
 281, Ken Jessee, Huber Heights, Ohio, 1,074.
 282, Chad Vendeville, North Richland Hills, Texas, 1,073.
 283, (tie) Jason Timmermann, Breese, Ill., and Tom Martino, Old Bridge, N.J., 1,072.
 285, (tie) Norm Ginsberg Jr., West Babylon, N.Y.; Chun Bae, Cedarhurst, N.Y., and Jamie Ceasar, Columbus, Ohio, 1,069.
 288, (tie) Ryan Evans, Acton, Mass., and Lawrence Scalzo, Secaucus, N.J., 1,064.
 290, Joseph Gentile, Huntington Station, N.Y., 1,061.
 291, Andrew Martin, Gilbertsville, Pa., 1,058.
 292, Robert Wade, Winter Park, Fla., 1,055.
 293, Michael Tessier Jr., Woonsocket, R.I., 1,052.
 294, Judge Abruzzese, Bronx, N.Y., 1,051.
 295, (tie) Anggie Ramirez, Colombia; Terry Wiley, Vienna, Va., and Chris Deemer, Hamilton, N.J., 1,048.

298, Billy Trudell, Coventry, R.I., 1,047.
 299, Gregory Matera, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,046.
 300, Bryan Paul, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1,044.
 301, (tie) Henry Fee, Saginaw, Mich., and Jason Baker, Sharon Springs, N.Y., 1,043.
 303, (tie) Art Swain Jr., Philadelphia, and Michael LoBianco, Brick, N.J., 1,042.
 305, (tie) Thomas Schlomann, Saddle Brook, N.J., and Andrew Mortensen, Tulsa, Okla., 1,041.
 307, Austin Kircher, Orangevale, Calif., 1,040.
 308, (tie) Nick Yakas, Joliet, Ill., and Joseph Rabbia, Oradell, N.J., 1,038.
 310, Hubert Register, Philadelphia, 1,036.
 310, Michael Dutkiewicz, Nicholson, Pa., 1,036.
 312, Phillip Watson, Cahokia, Ill., 1,034.
 313, (tie) Daniel Wright, Blandon, Pa., and Frank Gray Jr., North East, Md., 1,033.
 315, Aaron Williams, Pennsauken, N.J., 1,031.
 316, Roger Shell, New York City, 1,030.
 317, Gregory Harris, Greenwood, Ind., 1,027.
 318, (tie) Peter Diemer, Staten Island, N.Y., and Mark Cornelius, Peru, Ind., 1,025.
 320, Bob Walker IV, South Plainfield, N.J., 1,024.
 321, (tie) Taylor Swartz, Windsor, N.Y., and Christopher Boyd, Brick, N.J., 1,021.
 323, (tie) Scott Weber, La Salle, Ill.; Francis Mazzella, Staten Island, N.Y., and Jason Groce, Williamstown, N.J., 1,018.
 326, Tyler Wilds, Three Rivers, Mich., 1,017.
 327, Steven Maruffi, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1,016.
 328, Eric Stangle, Ballston Spa, N.Y., 1,013.
 329, David Rosengarten, Gardendale, Ala., 1,012.
 330, Phil Schintler, Kalona, Iowa, 1,011.
 331, (tie) Michael Sucena, Philadelphia; Michael Zanghi, Delran, N.J., and Vincent Balisky, Elmhurst, N.Y., 1,010.
 334, Paul Manozzi Jr., Great Meadows, N.J., 1,005.
 335, (tie) Patrick Donohoe Jr., Hampstead, N.H., and Ryan Friend, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,003.
 337, Patrick Weiss, Winfield, N.J., 1,002.
 338, Danny Eremias, Edison, N.J., 1,001.
 339, Ron Glick, Morganville, N.J., 1,000.
 340, Carl Scott, Hazleton, Pa., 999.
 341, (tie) Philip Johnson, Plymouth Meeting, Pa., and Douglas Lakey, O'Fallon, Mo., 998.
 343, Ramon Estrada, San Diego, 994.
 344, Mark McCreary, Livermore, Calif., 991.
 345, (tie) Mathieu Beaudoin, Canada, and Shawn Boyd, Southampton, Pa., 990.
 347, Tom Lemanski, Hazlet, N.J., 989.
 348, Jonathan Wilhelm, Middletown, N.Y., 986.
 349, Christopher Dmytriw, Lakewood, N.J., 985.
 350, (tie) Russell Russo, Barnegat, N.J., and Chris Riolo, Springfield, N.J., 982.
 352, (tie) Thomas Grunwald, Astoria, N.Y., and Matt Taylor, Knightdale, N.C., 981.

354, Gary Dodd, Portsmouth, Va., 975.
 355, (tie) Adrian Albu, Bear, Del., and Jim Dilyard, Burbank, Ohio, 972.
 357, Michael Llorca, Orlando, Fla., 971.
 358, Shaun Riggins, Millville, N.J., 969.
 359, Joel Eyssen, Manville, N.J., 965.
 360, Chris Jove, Port Jefferson Station, N.Y., 954.
 361, (tie) David Shirk, Philadelphia, and Terry Kern, Mt. Pleasant, Pa., 950.
 363, Nick Weber, Fristell, Mo., 947.
 364, (tie) Chris Liotta, Dix Hills, N.Y., and Rami Ahmed, Staten Island, N.Y., 945.
 366, Gregory Smith, Baltimore, 944.
 367, Matt Rosenbeck, Prospect, Conn., 939.
 368, Matthew Carelock, Monroe, N.C., 938.
 369, Raymond Melone, North Haledon, N.J., 937.
 370, Ralph Ehrlich, N. Massapequa, N.Y., 935.
 371, Vadim Erenburg, Brooklyn, N.Y., 926.
 372, Christopher Lee, Brooklyn, N.Y., 902.
 373, Henry VanEngle, Bayside, N.Y., 901.
 374, Bob Andretta Jr., New Hyde Park, N.Y., 889.
 375, Michael Shaw, Maple Shade, N.J., 882.
 376, (tie) Joe Coleman, Bordentown, N.J., and Travis Seawell, Virginia Beach, Va., 877.
 378, Joe Trainor, Massapequa Park, N.Y., 868.
 379, Jerry Bohlman, Milton, Fla., 849.
 380, Brian Gaunt, Huntington, Ind., 826.
 381, Marcus Jeter, Belleville, N.J., 737.
 382, Dave D'Entremont, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, withdrew.
 383, Yuusuke Nakamura, Japan, withdrew.
 300 Game - John Furey

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: Because competition for the full day of qualifying today, Wednesday and Thursday may not be completed in time for your early deadlines, we are providing you with an early lead and top 64 standings with one-third of the field still on the lanes. Use the early results at your discretion. A final results and full standings will be sent after each round is completed)

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Ohio Amateur Fero Williams Takes Early First Round Lead in U.S. Open Williams averages 248.17 to lead South America's Gomez, Ruiz by 105 pins

NORTH BRUNSWICK, N.J., (Feb. 22, 2011) - Amateur Fero Williams of Fairfield, Ohio, averaged 248.17 to claim the early first round lead in the 68th Lumber Liquidators U.S. Open at Brunswick Zone-Carolier Tuesday by 105 pins over a pair of South American players, Andres Gomez of Colombia and Ildemaro Ruiz of Venezuela.

Williams, a 30-year-old former Team USA member, rolled games of 269, 234, 268, 266, 194 and 258 on the most demanding lane conditions of the 2010-11 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour season, finishing his opening round with a 1,489 total. Williams has never won a PBA title and an amateur has never won the U.S. Open.

"I want to win," Williams said. "I didn't come out here just to say I bowled with the great ones. Twenty years from now, it would be great to look back and say I won the U.S. Open. That's what we all want as bowlers - to win a PBA title, to say that I was the best guy that one day."

Williams has bowled in the U.S. Open the past six years, making the cashers' round cut five times, but never finishing among the top 24. But he also has been learning.

"What I've learned bowling against the pros is take your time, stay calm, every shot is critical, relax and repeat shots," Williams said. "When you're an amateur, most of the conditions you bowl on are a lot softer. When you bowl these guys, you have to take your time and think about what you need to do. Patience is a virtue."

With one-third of the field yet to complete the first round Tuesday, Gomez and Ruiz were tied with 1,384 totals. Like Williams, both are also trying for their first PBA titles. Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., winner of the 2010 PBA World

Championship and runner-up in the 2011 PBA Tournament of Champions, was one pin behind Gomez and Ruiz.

All 384 players in the field will bowl two additional six-game qualifying rounds Wednesday and Thursday before the field is cut to the top 95 after 18 games for Friday morning's eight-game cashers' round. The top 24 after 26 games will then advance to three eight-game round-robin match play rounds Friday night and Saturday.

The top six players after 50 games will advance to the unique six-player stepladder finals, starting with two games live on ESPN2 Saturday at 10 p.m. Eastern. Saturday's winner will then join the top three finalists for Sunday's championship round at 3 p.m. Eastern on ESPN. First prize in the event is \$80,000.

During U.S. Open week, pba.com's Xtra Frame video streaming service will provide more than 70 hours of live coverage of qualifying and match play rounds. To subscribe to Xtra Frame, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame logo.

68TH LUMBER LIQUIDATORS U.S. OPEN

Brunswick Zone-Carolier, North Brunswick, N.J., Tuesday

EARLY FIRST ROUND (top 64 after 6 games; one-third of the field had yet to complete the first round) 1, Fero Williams, Fairfield, OH, 1,489.

2, (tie) Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, and Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,384.

4, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,383.

5, (tie) Jack Laffey, Indianapolis, and Martin Larsen, Sweden, 1,361.

7, Manuel Otalora, Colombia, 1,348.

8, David Beres, Waukesha, Wis., 1,343.

9, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,342.

10, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 1,340.

11, Mitch Beasley, Puyallup, Wash., 1,339.

12, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 1,335.

13, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,333.

14, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,330.

15, Matthew O'Grady, South Amboy, N.J., 1,324.

16, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,323.

17, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,321.

18, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,318.

19, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,316.

20, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,314.

21, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 1,306.

22, Dan MacLelland, Saginaw, Mich., 1,303.

23, Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., 1,302.

24, Jacob Peters, Decatur, Ill., 1,295.

25, Blaine Weninger, Grapevine, Texas, 1,293.

26, Bobby Hall II, Landover, Md., 1,291.

27, Mark Clark, Naperville, Ill., 1,290.

28, Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz., 1,289.

29, Dave Arnold, Dublin, Calif., 1,288.

30, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,286.

- 31, (tie) Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., and Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 1,282.
- 33, Jason Freeman, Maple Shade, N.J., 1,278.
- 34, Santiago Mejia, Colombia, 1,270.
- 35, (tie) Jeremy Elder, Claymont, Del., and Jason Wojnar, Chicago, 1,267.
- 37, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 1,266.
- 38, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 1,264.
- 39, Mike Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., 1,262.
- 40, Kip Roberts, Glenallen, Va., 1,259.
- 41, Jaime Gonzalez, Colombia, 1,253.
- 42, John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 1,250.
- 43, Mike Rose Jr., West Henrietta, N.Y., 1,248.
- 44, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 1,247.
- 45, Charles Anderson, Sloatsburg, N.Y., 1,246.
- 46, (tie) Shannon Buchan, Waterloo, Iowa, and Rocio Restrepo, Colombia, 1,243.
- 48, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 1,239.
- 49, (tie) Juhani Tonteri, Finland, and Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan., 1,238.
- 51, Vinny D'Ambrosio III, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,236.
- 52, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,233.
- 53, (tie) Josh Blanchard, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.; Ritchie Allen, Columbia, S.C., and John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y., 1,231.
- 56, (tie) Gregory Thompson Jr., Dublin, Calif., and Eric Cornog, Cherry Hill, N.J., 1,227.
- 58, Joshua McBride, Wichita, Kan., 1,225.
- 59, (tie) Michelle Arrington, Philadelphia; Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., and Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,224.
- 62, Alex Aguiar, Dartmouth, Mass., 1,221.
- 63, (tie) Will Jackson, Philadelphia, and Mason Brantley, Detroit, 1,219.

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Three Days of Live TV Set as U.S. Open Returns to New Jersey PBA's final major of 2010-11 features six-player stepladder finals on ESPN and ESPN2

NORTH BRUNSWICK, N.J. (Feb. 15, 2011) – After a one-year absence, the 68th Lumber Liquidators U.S. Open will return to Brunswick Zone Carolier in North Brunswick, N.J., Feb. 21-27, with the addition of a unique three-day schedule of live television coverage, an \$80,000 guaranteed first prize and maybe a decisive role in the 2010-11 PBA Player of the Year race.

The fourth and final major championship on the 2010-11 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour schedule, the U.S. Open is considered by many to be the most challenging title in all of bowling to win. It is an extreme test of bowling skill, patience and perseverance. What makes the U.S. Open special is that non-professionals, men or women, international and domestic, are invited to compete against the world's top professionals on difficult lane conditions that place a high premium on accuracy and precise shot-making.

Heading into the U.S. Open, Mika Koivuniemi of Hartland, Mich., is the odds-on favorite to win Player of the Year after winning the \$1 million PBA Tournament of Champions in Las Vegas on Jan. 22 to go along with a sixth-place finish in the PBA World Championship and a third-place finish Sunday in the Bayer United States Bowling Congress Masters. The 43-year-old native of Finland was PBA Player of the Year for the 2003-04 season.

Koivuniemi's closest challenger is his close friend and tour roommate, Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, who won the PBA World Championship, finished fifth in the Tournament of Champions and tied for ninth in the Masters (thanks to an 804-698 loss to Koivuniemi that bounced him out of the double-elimination match play tournament). Barnes was Player of the Year for the 2007-08 season.

Chasing Koivuniemi and Barnes is defending U.S. Open champion Bill O'Neill of Southampton, Pa., who won the Pepsi Viper Championship, finished second in the PBA World Championship and ninth in the Tournament of Champions. O'Neill advanced to the 64-player match play field in the Bayer USBC Masters, but was eliminated quickly with two losses. A win the season's final major championship could put him back into the race.

There are a lot of other players who hope to make a statement in North Brunswick, including Kelly Kulick of nearby Union, N.J., who became the PBA Tour's first woman champion when she won the 2010 PBA Tournament of Champions, and Mike Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas, who won the 2009 U.S. Open at Brunswick Zone-Carolier. Kulick, who earned the right to bowl on the PBA Tour this season as an exempt player after her Tournament of Champions victory, is coming into the U.S. Open after a 29th place finish among 256 competitors in last week's USBC Masters in Reno, Nev.

In addition to Scroggins, other U.S. Open champions who won at Carolier include Barnes (2005), Tommy Jones (2006), Pete Weber (2007) and Norm Duke (2008). Prior to moving to Indianapolis for the 2010 event, Carolier had hosted five consecutive U.S. Opens between 2005 and 2009. Weber will be trying for a record fifth U.S. Open title.

Also at stake in North Brunswick will be competition points affecting the end-of-season Dick Weber PBA Playoffs March 8-14 in Indianapolis and the inaugural World Tenpin Bowling Association World Bowling Tour Finals next fall in Las Vegas.

For the PBA Playoffs, players are competing for points that will determine the top 72 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour players who will qualify for the event as well as how many "bye" rounds the points leaders can earn. As far as the World Bowling Tour Finals is concerned, the U.S. Open is one of seven international tournaments awarding qualifying points toward that event. The international connection is expected to attract some of the world's premier men and women players to New Jersey.

Unique to the 2011 event will be three days of live television coverage, including an expanded six-player stepladder final, with two matches airing live on ESPN2 on Saturday, Feb. 26, at 10 p.m. Eastern. Saturday's winner will advance to the four-player stepladder final field for Sunday's ESPN telecast at 3 p.m. where the winner of the \$80,000 top prize will be decided.

The first telecast will provide live coverage of several matches during the opening round of match play on Friday, Feb. 25, at 6 p.m. on ESPN2.

Saturday's telecast will feature the No. 6 qualifier bowling the No. 5 qualifier. The winner will then meet the No. 4 qualifier to complete the one-hour show.

The 68th U.S. Open will begin with 18 qualifying games for all players. The top 25 percent of the field will advance to an eight-game cashers' round, and the top 24 will then bowl three eight-game match play rounds to determine the six finalists.

Bowling fans will be able to follow the U.S. Open from start to finish on pba.com's Xtra Frame video streaming service. More than 70 hours of live coverage of U.S. Open qualifying and match play will be aired on Xtra Frame. For subscription information, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame logo.

68TH U.S. OPEN SCHEDULE

Brunswick Zone Carolier, North Brunswick, N.J., Feb. 21-27 (all times are Eastern)

Monday, Feb. 21

8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. - Practice squads
4 and 7 p.m. - Pro-Am squads

Tuesday, Feb. 22

8 a.m. - A Squad qualifying (6 games)
Noon - B Squad qualifying (6 games)
6 p.m. - C Squad qualifying (6 games)

Wednesday, Feb. 23

8 a.m. - B Squad qualifying (6 games)
Noon - C Squad qualifying (6 games)
6 p.m. - A Squad qualifying (6 games)

Thursday, Feb. 24

8 a.m. - C Squad qualifying (6 games)
Noon - A Squad qualifying (6 games)
6 p.m. - B Squad qualifying (6 games)
Top 25 percent of field advances to Cashers' Round

Friday, Feb. 25

8 a.m. - Cashers' Round (8 games)
Top 24 advance to match play
3 p.m. - Match Play Round 1 (6 games)
6 p.m. - Live ESPN2 coverage, final two games of Round 1 matches

Saturday, Feb. 26

8 a.m. - Match Play Round 2 (8 games)
1:30 p.m. - Match Play Round 3 (8 games; top six advance to stepladder finals)
10 p.m. - Live ESPN2 coverage
Match One: No. 6 qualifier vs. No. 5 qualifier
Match Two: Winner of Match One vs. No. 4 qualifier

Sunday, Feb. 27

3 p.m. - Live ESPN stepladder finals
Match Three: Winner of Saturday's Match Two vs. No. 3 qualifier
Semifinal: Winner of Match Three vs. No. 2 qualifier
Championship: Winner of Semifinal Match vs. No. 1 qualifier

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PBA to Host WTBA World Bowling Tour Finals During 2011 World Series Bayer USBC Masters, Lumber Liquidators U.S. Open will be part of new international bowling series

SEATTLE, Wash. (Feb. 8, 2011) – The Professional Bowlers Association will host the inaugural World Bowling Tour Finals as part of the 2011 PBA World Series of Bowling in a cooperative venture with the World Tenpin Bowling Association, PBA Commissioner and CEO Fred Schreyer has announced.

The new WTBA World Bowling Tour is an international series of tournaments for men and women, with competition points determining the top three men and top three women who will qualify for the World Bowling Tour finals. The Bayer United States Bowling Congress Masters and 68th Lumber Liquidators U.S. Open will be two of the events included on the WTBA World Bowling Tour schedule.

"The PBA is proud to present the World Bowling Tour Finals as the culminating event for the top male and female points earners on the WBT" said Tom Clark, PBA Deputy Commissioner and Chief Operating Officer. "The PBA is a strong supporter of the growth of international bowling and hosted one of the greatest collections of international talent at the PBA World Series of Bowling earlier in our 2010-11 season. It's a great sign of unity among the world's leading bowling organizations that the WTBA World Bowling Tour Finals presented by the PBA will be an ESPN telecast emanating from next season's PBA World Series of Bowling."

The World Bowling Tour Finals will be a one-hour event with a \$40,000 prize fund, taped for broadcast during the PBA's World Series of Bowling next fall.

"Holding this special season-ending event adds even more value to those tournaments that are on board with the Tour," WTBA President Kevin Dornberger said. "It also presents incentive to all of the world's top bowlers to compete in all of the World Bowling Tour events for a chance to qualify for this special event."

"The addition of the Lumber Liquidators U.S. Open to the World Bowling Tour schedule should encourage several of the world's premier players to participate in the most prestigious open field tournament in the sport," Schreyer said. "American bowling fans got a pretty good look at some of the great international players during our World Series. We're hoping the attraction of a U.S. Open

title, a tremendous prize fund and the new WTBA points competition will encourage the international community to join us in New Jersey.”

The first event in the series was the Brunswick Ballmaster Open in Helsinki, Finland, in early January. Finnish native Mika Koivuniemi won that event, defeating fellow Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour star Sean Rash in the title match, 236-191. Finland’s Krista Pollanen was the top woman finisher in the event.

The preliminary WBT schedule also includes events in France, Kuwait, Thailand, and Australia.

“Having seven events in our inaugural year is very encouraging,” Dornberger said. “It’s my hope that we will add more events before the year is over.”

The WTBA, recognized as the world tenpin governing body by the International Olympic Committee, is made up of more than 100 bowling federations.

For more information about the WTBA’s World Bowling Tour, lists of points leaders, rules and more, visit worldtenpinbowling.com.

The Bayer USBC Masters got underway Tuesday at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nev., and concludes Sunday with a four-player stepladder final live on ESPN at 3 p.m. Eastern/noon Pacific. The tournament will be covered live online by pba.com’s Xtra Frame video streaming service. First prize will be \$50,000.

2011 WTBA WORLD BOWLING TOUR SCHEDULE

Jan. 1-9 – Brunswick Ballmasters Open, Helsinki, Finland (winner: Mika Koivuniemi) Feb. 7-13 – USBC Masters, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev. Feb. 21-27 – Lumber Liquidators U.S. Open, Brunswick Zone-Carolier, North Brunswick, N.J.

March 4-13 – Brunswick Euro Challenge, Saint Maximin, France March 18-22 – Kuwait Open, Kuwait City, Kuwait Sept. 24-30 – World Bowling Tour Thailand, Bangkok, Thailand Oct. 10-22 – AMF Australian Open, Sydney, Australia tba – World Bowling Tour Finals presented by the PBA, to be announced

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Belmonte, Paul Repeat as Chris Paul PBA Celebrity Invitational Champs New Orleans Hornets star provides key shots in victory over Lil Wayne, Norm Duke

NEW ORLEANS, La. – Australia’s Jason Belmonte and NBA All-Star point guard Chris Paul successfully defended their Chris Paul PBA Celebrity Invitational Doubles title at Riverboat Lanes at the Naval Airbase Station in Belle Chasse, La., thanks to a big-time assist from the New Orleans Hornets’ assist leader.

Belmonte, the two-handed power player from Down Under, and his tournament host/NBA superstar partner combined to win the “Baker format” doubles event, 155-128, over PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke and his partner, Grammy Award-winning rap artist Lil Wayne. After plenty of high-scoring fireworks in the earlier matches, the championship match wasn’t pretty, but it came down to a strike and three spares by Paul that decided the outcome.

The special Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour event, conducted in December, aired on ESPN Sunday in advance of the Super Bowl. In Baker doubles competition, each player alternates frames to complete a full game.

“This one was not by the hand of Belmo; it was all Chris Paul,” Belmonte said. “Last year I got three strikes in 10th to win. This time it was him. Next time hopefully we’ll both get it together.”

The third annual Chris Paul Invitational, conducted on behalf of the CP3 Foundation, featured Lil Wayne bowling with Duke, hip-hop superstar Nelly with PBA Hall of Fame partner Pete Weber, and New Orleans Saints running back Reggie Bush teamed up with Wes Malott. Rhino Page also joined his fellow Storm Products staff players by participating in a “Super Clash” preliminary event.

The stage for a wild day of bowling action was set early when Page took on the four celebrity stars in the “Super Clash” where each player bowled a frame and the lowest score was eliminated. Ironically, after all four celebrities struck in the first frame, Page was the first player eliminated when he left a 6-8 split on his first attempt. Eventually, Nelly won the contest by throwing five consecutive strikes to out-last Paul.

Nelly, a “thumbless” bowler, then teamed up with Weber for a stunning 280-169 romp over Bush and Malott in the first Baker doubles match. The only shot that prevented a perfect game was Weber’s 10 pin in the second frame.

“There was a lot of excitement,” Weber said. “Nelly got a couple Brooklyns in the Clash event, but after that, he had 10 in the pit. He uses two fingers, no thumb and shoots his spares the same way.

“I used to bowl in the same league with him (in St. Louis),” Weber added. “I knew if he had a good ball reaction he’d be all right. It was hard for us to miss the pocket.”

For their next match against Lil Wayne and Duke, however, Duke decided to confuse Nelly.

“Lil Wayne and I were sitting there, hoping the scoring pace would be low,” Duke said. “Then Nelly gets a five-bagger to knock out everyone out of the Clash, including Rhino, and he throws five more in the first match. He hadn’t missed for 10 shots, so things were not looking good for Lil Wayne and me. Nelly not only can bowl, but he was on a severe roll.”

“Norm made us switch lanes,” Weber said. “Nelly had lane 2 figured out, so Norm made Nelly bowl on lane 1 and he didn’t have a clue as to what to do.”

“I figured 200 would be over-achieving for us,” Duke added. “Lil Wayne needs some work. But right before we started, I had him move to the right and straighten his delivery. He threw five shots that looked like they’re going to the gutter, but they all came back to strike and we’ve got 245. That was stratospheric.”

The strategic move helped Lil Wayne and Duke eliminate Nelly and Weber, 245-205, and advance to the title match, where Lil Wayne’s luck ran out, and Duke’s five strikes weren’t enough to save the team.

“You can only get lucky for so long,” Duke said. “That first game was all we had. We had no more magic after that.”

“Chris did a lot better than last year,” Belmonte said of Paul. “He’s not bowling as much as he’d like, but he’s just a talented sports person. If he gets his hand on a ball, no matter what game, he’ll be pretty good at it.

“If you watch him on the basketball court, you can see how competitive he is. He takes the same intensity to the lanes and so do I. It doesn’t matter if it’s hoops or skee ball or whatever. It’s especially sweet when you do this against friends. I know he likes to beat his friends.”

For the PBA stars, the experience of bowling with the celebrity stars in front of a packed audience of invited guests from the military community was a thrill.

“We had fun last year, but this year was especially fun, and I think it was because of the diversity of athletes and musicians and pro bowlers,” Duke said.

“It just added another level. The reaction by the military people to Lil Wayne was just amazing. He has a huge, huge following.”

“Reggie (Bush) and I had a 280 shot at us, but it was just a neat experience to be able to hang out with those guys,” Malott said. “Every year the competition gets better, but I honestly don’t know how (Paul) is going to top this one. It’s a fun event and it’s for a good cause.”

The Invitational benefits Paul’s CP3 Foundation which was founded in 2005 as a tribute to his late grandfather and the Winston-Salem, N.C., community where he grew up. The CP3 foundation has provided funding for activities ranging from a scholarship program to food drives to recreational support programs for underprivileged children in both Winston-Salem and New Orleans.

The Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour returns to competition Feb. 8-13 with the Bayer/United States Bowling Congress Masters at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nev. The third major championship of the 2010-11 season will pay the winner \$50,000. ESPN will air the finals live at 3 p.m. Eastern/noon Pacific on Sunday, Feb. 13.

Qualifying and match play rounds will be webcast live on pba.com’s Xtra Frame video streaming service. To subscribe, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame logo.

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Chris Paul PBA Celebrity Invitational Airs Sunday on ESPN Lil Wayne, Nelly, Reggie Bush join PBA stars for super Sunday telecast at 4 p.m. Eastern

NEW ORLEANS, La. - What happens when four of the biggest stars in sports and entertainment match up with the best bowlers in the world?

Find out Sunday when the Chris Paul PBA Celebrity Invitational bowling tournament airs at 4 p.m. Eastern on ESPN.

You can't get much hotter than the four celebrities who are matched with PBA stars in the third annual doubles event to benefit the CP3 Foundation.

- Host Chris Paul of the New Orleans Hornets last week was named a starting guard in this year's NBA All-Star Game.
- Rapper Lil Wayne is on the cover of the current issue of Rolling Stone magazine.
- Hip-hop star Nelly's single "Just a Dream" recently climbed to No. 1 on the pop charts.
- New Orleans Saints tailback Reggie Bush is still basking in the glow of his team's 2010 Super Bowl triumph.

But how do they roll?

They will join Lumber Liquidations PBA Tour superstars and Storm Products staffers Pete Weber, Norm Duke, Wes Malott and Jason Belmonte to form teams for a doubles competition at Riverboat Lanes at the Naval Air Station in nearby Belle Chasse. The celebrities also face former PBA Tour Rookie of the Year Rhino Page in a special "Super Clash" match in a unique format. Each player rolls one ball each round, with the lowest scoring player eliminated until one champion is left standing.

The event, airing prior to the Super Bowl on ESPN for the second consecutive year, is to benefit Paul's CP3 Foundation, which was founded in 2005 as a tribute to his late grandfather and the Winston-Salem, N.C., community where he grew up and starred at Wake Forest. The foundation has provided funding for activities

ranging from a scholarship program to food drives to recreational support programs for underprivileged children in both Winston-Salem and New Orleans.

Paul and Belmonte are defending champions, having defeated the team of Norm Duke and Pittsburgh Steeler Lamarr Woodley when Belmonte struck out in the 10th frame to win. Woodley's team had defeated Steelers teammate Hines Ward and Wes Malott to reach the final. Woodley and Ward will play key roles in the Super Bowl this year when Pittsburgh faces the Green Bay Packers.

The first Chris Paul PBA Celebrity Invitational in 2008 was won by the team of LeBron James and Jason Couch over Paul and Chris Barnes. Other celebrities who have competed in the Invitational include Ludacris, Dwyane Wade, Kevin Durant and Rudy Gay.

For a short video promo of Sunday's event, click on the Chris Paul PBA Celebrity Invitational video screen on pba.com.

SUNDAY'S ESPN TELECAST AT A GLANCE

Chris Paul PBA Celebrity Invitational

Where: Naval Air Station in Belle Chasse, La.

TV: ESPN

Date: Sunday, Feb. 6, 2011

Time: 4 p.m. Eastern (3 p.m. Central, 1 p.m. Pacific)

Tournament Format (Baker doubles - teammates bowl alternate frames):

Match 1: Pete Weber/Nelly vs. Wes Malott/Reggie Bush Semifinal Match: Winner of Match 1 vs. Norm Duke/Lil Wayne Championship Match: Winner of Semifinal Match vs. Jason Belmonte/Chris Paul

Bonus event: Rhino Page, Chris Paul, Lil Wayne, Nelly and Reggie Bush in a Super Clash (lowest score each frame is eliminated until one player survives).

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PBA's Tournament of Champions Again Delivers Amazing Moments Koivuniemi's near-perfect 299-100 victory over Daugherty captures international news media attention

SEATTLE, Wash. (Jan. 28, 2011) - From ESPN SportsCenter to Sports Illustrated. From Jim Rome's TV show to Norman Chad's syndicated column. Mainstream sports media heavyweights have used time and space to re-tell the unforgettable story of the richest tournament in Professional Bowlers Association history, the \$1 million PBA Tournament of Champions, which concluded Saturday, Jan. 22, at Red Rock Lanes in Las Vegas.

Native Finlander Mika Koivuniemi won the biggest first prize in PBA history (\$250,000) when he defeated Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., 269-207, for the title. The victory, and Koivuniemi's remarkable, record-setting 299-100 semifinal win over Tom Daugherty of Wesley Chapel, Fla., was historic on a number of levels.

It marked the return of pro bowling to its longtime network home on ABC-TV after a 14-year absence, with the first-ever PBA telecast in high-definition garnering the largest audience of the 2010-11 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour season (averaging more than 1.1 million viewers), plus a sold-out crowd including a "who's who" of bowling industry leaders.

In the wake of the telecast, Koivuniemi's near-perfect game was re-visited as one of the "Top Plays of the Weekend" on ESPN's SportsCenter while Daugherty's 100 game made the show's "Not Top 10 Plays of the Week." Daugherty also was a guest on Scott Van Pelt's ESPN Radio show, earned a mention in Sports Illustrated, The Jim Rome Show, a feature story on AOL's FanHouse website among others. ESPN's Pardon the Interruption and ESPN's Around the Horn personalities debated the tournament, while SportsCenter ran highlights for three days across ESPN, ESPN2 and ESPNNews. Additionally, Norman Chad's nationally-syndicated "Couch Slouch" column plus hundreds of daily newspapers, local radio stations and web sites all covered the PBA's signature event.

The PBA also showed growth in its digital media coverage of the tournament week. Its pba.com live scoring and multifaceted coverage generated an average of more than 40,000 unique visits per day (up from an average of 25,000 per day for the previous month) with a peak of 77,750 unique visits for the final round of match

play on Friday night. In January - including the PBA World Championship a week earlier - pba.com had nearly 3.5 million page views, including 692,650 on Friday, Jan. 21, alone.

Additionally, 50 hours of live qualifying and match play round coverage of the TOC on pba.com's "Xtra Frame" online video service resulted in a 15 percent increase in subscriptions from the start of the week. Dozens of critical games were webcast live on Xtra Frame including the final position round, but one of the key shots only Xtra Frame fans saw was a 7-10 split conversion by Andres Gomez that eventually helped him secure the fourth spot in the stepladder finals by 18 pins over Chris Barnes.

Grammy-nominated "Bowling for Soup" made a "halftime show" appearance to perform its new single "S-S-S-Saturday." In the wake of their performance, band manager Mike Swinford wrote to fans on Facebook: "You guys were so excited to download our new song you broke our BandPage."

The telecast also brought the return of Nelson Burton Jr., the long-time color analyst for Pro Bowlers Tour telecasts on ABC, to the broadcast team.

The entire TOC production, including the PBA Hall of Fame ceremonies which capped the week, drew praise from PBA CEO and Commissioner Fred Schreyer.

"Today truly was a great day for the PBA and bowling," Schreyer said. "I don't know where this show ranks in the history of the PBA Tour, but I easily can say it was the greatest show I have been associated with in my 10 years with the organization. Everything was spectacular, including Tom Daugherty's 100, and we should all feel proud about what we accomplished. We demonstrated to the industry, and our television audience, how good bowling can be."

The telecast also was the first event in a new three-year relationship to air the TOC finals on ABC.

"We are happy with the start of a new Tournament of Champions tradition on Saturday on ABC, and encouraged by the increase in viewers over the course of the show," said PBA COO and Deputy Commissioner Tom Clark, noting an increase of 400,000 viewers from the first half hour to the pinnacle of 1.3 million viewers tuning in. "Moving extremely fast, we have already built an anxious audience for what will become appointment TV in coming years. The high-definition telecast produced stunning images and the electricity generated by the record-setting purse and packed Red Rock crowd created the perfect stage for the best players in the world.

"The biggest NFL games of the year were played on Sunday, but because of the moments only our sport can create, the PBA was right there in water cooler discussions along with the NFL on Monday morning," Clark added. "This unforgettable event and the resulting media attention gave us a great deal to build on. We are already looking forward to next year's TOC on ABC, just like everyone else."

At the heart of the discussion in the wake of the tournament was the 299-100 match. Daugherty, a 35-year-old pro shop operator and four-time PBA Regional champion, was making his first television appearance. Conversely, Koivuniemi, who now owns three PBA major titles, was making his 31st career Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour television appearance.

Daugherty, who had lead the field in average for 58 games (225.26), promptly left seven splits in 10 frames en route to his 100 game: the 2-8-10 in the first, 4-6-7-10 “big four” in the third, 4-6-7-9-10 “Greek church” in the fifth, 4-6-10 in the sixth, 3-4-6-7-10 in the eighth, 2-10 in the ninth and another “big four” in the 10th. Daugherty’s 100 shattered the previous PBA record for lowest game on television, a 129 bowled by Steve Jaros in the 1992 Brunswick Memorial World Open finals in Lake Zurich, Ill.

Meanwhile only a wobbling 10-pin left standing on his final ball prevented Koivuniemi from becoming the first PBA Tour player to roll two 300 games on national TV (his previous 300 came in 2003). The near perfect game reminded all bowling historians of the 299 bowled by Don Johnson at the 1970 Tournament of Champions.

Koivuniemi’s resulting 199-pin margin of victory over Daugherty is a PBA record that likely will never be broken.

Other notables from the finals:

- Daugherty finished third in the Tournament of Champions and earned \$50,000 (Smallwood’s second-place finish netted him \$100,000). In his only full-time season as a Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour exempt player (2005-06), Daugherty earned \$43,600 for the entire 20-tournament campaign.
- Koivuniemi, who has lived in Hartland, Mich., since 2002, won \$250,000. During the 2003-04 season, when he won two titles and was selected as PBA Player of the Year, he earned a personal-best \$238,590.
- For his 100 game, Daugherty earned \$500 per pin. Koivuniemi, for his three-game 792 series, earned “only” \$315.65 per pin.

The next Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour event, the One A Day Earl Anthony Memorial at Earl Anthony’s Dublin Bowl in Dublin, Calif., will air live Sunday at 2 p.m. Eastern/11 a.m. Pacific on ESPN2.

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Smallwood Re-Lives Fairytale as PBA Tournament of Champions' Top Qualifier
Stunning match play performance puts unemployed auto worker in position to win \$250,000 prize

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (Jan. 21, 2011) – Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., who captured the hearts of thousands of unemployed American workers a year ago, re-lived his fairytale journey Friday by advancing to the finals of the \$1 million Professional Bowlers Association Tournament of Champions at Red Rock Lanes.

Just over a year ago, Smallwood was one of thousands of Michigan auto workers who were laid off by General Motors. He decided to try his luck in professional bowling, earned an exemption to bowl the full season on the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour, and converted that opportunity into a victory in the 2009 PBA World Championship.

Smallwood's first PBA Tour title earned him a \$50,000 prize and a guarantee of two more years as a full-time professional bowler, but the 32-year-old right-hander's remarkable performance in Friday's match play rounds gave him an opportunity to dwarf last year's accomplishment.

Smallwood is one win away from a PBA-record \$250,000 first prize in Saturday's live stepladder finals on ABC at 2:30 p.m. Eastern (11:30 a.m. Pacific).

Also advancing to Saturday's finals are Tom Daugherty of Wesley Chapel, Fla.; Mika Koivuniemi of Hartland, Mich., and Andres Gomez, a Colombian citizen who lives in Weston, Fla. Daugherty is a four-time PBA Regional title winner. Koivuniemi, a native of Finland, owns eight PBA Tour titles including two major championships. Gomez is trying for his first PBA Tour title.

Smallwood finished the 58-game qualifying portion of the tournament with a 19-5 match play record and 13,606 total pins, including match play bonus pins, to top Daugherty's 13,545 total by 61 pins. Koivuniemi finished with 13,424 pins and Gomez with a 13,376 total to claim the fourth position by 18 pins over Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, who won last Sunday's PBA World Championship.

In addition to the \$250,000 first prize, Saturday's other prizes are \$100,000 for second place, \$50,000 for third and \$40,000 for fourth.

After entering match play Thursday night in 16th place, 435 pins behind qualifying leader Dan MacLelland, Smallwood lost his first two matches, won the next five and lost his final first-round match to move up to 13th place. Friday afternoon, he swept all eight opponents to advance to sixth place, seven pins out of the stepladder field.

"The breaks started going my way today," Smallwood said. "It seemed like when my opponent stepped up in the 10th needing a strike, he missed. Or I'd get the strike I needed."

Smallwood's run of good fortune continued into the final round. He won his ninth straight match when Daugherty failed to double in the 10th frame, and No. 10 when Parker Bohn III opened in his 10th frame. He made it 11 in a row by throwing a 298 game at Norm Duke, taking the tournament lead for the first time.

Smallwood won his 12th straight match thanks in part to Bill O'Neill's three consecutive splits, and he threw strikes on nine of his first 10 shots to cruise to victory No. 13 in a row over Mike Edwards. Australian two-handed star Jason Belmonte finally ended Smallwood's streak, 249-224, but he came right back, securing his position in Saturday's finals by defeating Finland's Osku Palermaa, 264-214. Smallwood finished the night with a 258-236 loss to Daugherty that didn't impact his standing.

While Smallwood hasn't won a title since his PBA World Championship, "I'm not disappointed with the way things have been going," he said. "You just try to make the show every week and give yourself a chance."

Nor has Smallwood thought much about the magnitude of winning the Tournament of Champions. "I've never thrown a ball in the first frame of a tournament worrying about whether first prize is \$10,000 or \$250,000," he said. "It doesn't make any difference. The thing I've learned over the past year is that great bowlers know they are going to throw a great shot when they need one. A good bowler has doubts. I'm still a good bowler, not a great one."

Saturday's PBA Tournament of Champions finals will return to ABC Television for the first time in 14 years. The PBA Tour has been televised live on ESPN since 1980.

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Red Rock Lanes, Las Vegas, Nev., Friday, Jan. 21

FINAL MATCH PLAY STANDINGS (after 58 games, including won-lost records and match play bonus pins; top four advance to stepladder finals live on ABC Saturday at 2:30 p.m. Eastern/11:30 a.m. Pacific) 1, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 19-5, 13,606.

2, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 16-8, 13,545.

3, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 13-11, 13,424.

4, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 15-9, 13,376.

5, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 14-10, 13,358, \$35,000.

6, Dan MacLelland, Saginaw, Mich., 11-13, 13,347, \$30,000.

- 7, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 11-13, 13,314, \$26,000.
- 8, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 14-10, 13,212, \$24,000.
- 9, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 11-13, 13,175, \$23,000.
- 10, Mike Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., 10-14, 13,144, \$22,000.
- 11, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 12-12, 13,140, \$21,000.
- 12, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 10-14, 13,092, \$20,100.
- 13, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 11-12-1, 13,053, \$19,000.
- 14, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 12-12, 12,969, \$18,000.
- 15, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 14-10, 12,949, \$17,000.
- 16, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 10-14, 12,879, \$16,000.
- 17, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 15-9, 12,855, \$15,100.
- 18, Jeff Carter, Springfield, Ill., 11-12-1, 12,854, \$14,000.
- 19, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 7-17, 12,748, \$13,000.
- 20, Robert Smith, Hong Kong, 12-12, 12,686, \$12,000.
- 21, Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan., 10-14, 12,614, \$11,000.
- 22, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 10-14, 12,543, \$10,000.
- 23, Tyler Jensen, Ft. Worth, Texas, 8-16, 12,535, \$9,000.
- 24, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 11-13, 12,483, \$8,000.

300 Game: Doug Kent

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Koivuniemi Wins PBA Tournament of Champions, \$250,000 First Prize “Major Mika” nearly perfect in becoming first international Tournament of Champions winner

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (Jan. 22, 2011) – Finnish native Mika Koivuniemi of Hartland, Mich., defeated top qualifier Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., 269-207, Saturday to win the \$250,000 first prize in the \$1 million Professional Bowlers Association Tournament of Champions at Red Rock Lanes.

After rolling a 299 game against Tom Daugherty of Wesley Chapel, Fla., in the semifinal match, Koivuniemi threw another 10 strikes on 12 tries against Smallwood to become the first international player ever to win the PBA’s signature tournament.

“I can’t even say what this title means right now,” Koivuniemi said. “It was my third major and I have nine titles now. I hope I can win a few more and secure a spot in the hall of fame. And my oldest daughter is starting college next year, so the money will help.

“It helped to get past my first match,” he added. “I haven’t had a lot of breaks on TV lately. Even after I shot the 299, I held myself back and stayed focused. It would have been nice to shoot 300, but it’s more important to win the title.”

Koivuniemi earned the nickname “Major Mika” after winning the 2000 United States Bowling Congress Masters and the 2001 U.S. Open – both major championships – for his first two PBA titles after a highly successful international career where he won titles in 15 different countries.

“Mika bowled great. He won,” said Smallwood, who earned \$100,000 as runner-up. “He out-bowled all of us. He had a great look at the lane condition and he made the shots. And winning \$100,000 can make you a good loser.”

In the semifinal match, Koivuniemi came within a wobbling 10 pin of becoming the first player in PBA history to shoot two nationally-televised 300 games. The 42-year-old right-hander rolled a perfect game against Jason Couch of Clermont, Fla., in Windsor Locks, Conn., in 2003.

Koivuniemi easily defeated Daugherty, 299-100, because Daugherty’s television debut was a disaster. The 35-year-old Floridian left seven difficult – if not

unmakeable - splits in rolling the lowest nationally-televvised game in PBA history. Daugherty converted two pins after leaving the 4-6-7-10 split in the 10th frame to shoot an even 100, erasing the 129 bowled by Steve Jaros in Lake Zurich, Ill., in 1992. Despite his record low score, Daugherty took home \$50,000 for third place.

"I destroyed Jaros' record," Daugherty grinned. "I would have been more upset if I'd shot 260 and lost. I really wasn't nervous. I just threw the wrong ball and made some bad shots. Once I was down 50 pins and threw another split, I was just trying to get out of Mika's way.

"But I still had the most fun I've ever had in my life this week, including today. I'd rather shoot 100 today than earlier in the week. I made \$500 a pin today. That's more than Mika made, pin for pin."

Koivuniemi began his march to the title with a 224-220 win over Gomez in the opening match when Gomez failed to double in the 10th frame. Both players showed early jitters - Koivuniemi leaving a pocket 7-10 split on his first shot and Gomez missing a 7 pin in his second frame - but both recovered with strings of strikes. Gomez used his string of five in a row to take the lead heading into the ninth frame, but made his biggest mistake, leaving and missing the 3-4-6-7 split to hand the lead back to the Finnish native.

Koivuniemi had a chance to lock up the match with a strike on his first shot in the 10th frame, but left a 10 pin to give Gomez a chance. Gomez earned \$40,000 for his fourth place finish.

The first prize and total prize fund were the richest in bowling history. The finals, which aired in high-definition for the first time in PBA history, returned to ABC for the first time in 14 years.

The Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour's next event is the One A Day Earl Anthony Memorial which begins Wednesday at Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl in Dublin, Calif.

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Red Rock Lanes, Las Vegas, Nev., Saturday, Jan. 22

FINAL STANDINGS

- 1, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., three games, 792 pins, \$250,000.
- 2, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., one game, 207, \$100,000.
- 3, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., one game, 100, \$50,000.
- 4, Andres Gomez, Colombia, one game, 200, \$40,000.

PLAYOFF RESULTS

Match One:

Koivuniemi def. Gomez, 224-220.

Semifinal Match:

Koivuniemi def. Daugherty, 299-100.

Championship Match:

Koivuniemi def. Smallwood, 269-207.

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Ex-Collegiate Star MacLelland Clings to PBA Tournament of Champions Lead
Smallwood has perfect round to challenge for top four positions for Saturday's ABC stepladder finals

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (Jan. 21, 2011) - Former collegiate bowling star Dan MacLelland of Saginaw, Mich., carried a 94-pin lead into Friday night's final round of match play in the \$1 million Professional Bowlers Association Tournament of Champions at Red Rock Lanes, but the biggest move during Friday's early round was made by fellow Saginaw resident Tom Smallwood who advanced from 13th place to sixth.

MacLelland, who took the lead at the end of qualifying Thursday afternoon and has remained in front ever since, finished with an 8-8 match play record and a 50-pin total of 11,620 pins. Smallwood, the fairytale story of the 2009-10 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour season, swept all eight matches Friday afternoon to close to within seven pins of advancing to Saturday's final four.

The top four players after Friday night's eight-game match play round will compete for the PBA-record \$250,000 first prize in Saturday's live stepladder finals on ABC at 2:30 p.m. Eastern (11:30 a.m. Pacific).

Tom Daugherty of Wesley Chapel, Fla., was in second place with 11,526 pins followed by Mika Koivuniemi of Hartland, Mich., at 11,511 and Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, at 11,499. Barnes, who is trying to win back-to-back PBA major titles, won the PBA World Championship last Sunday. Colombia's Andres Gomez was five pins behind Barnes and two pins ahead of Smallwood. Finland's Osku Palermaa and Bill O'Neill of Southampton, Pa. - Sunday's PBA World Championship runner-up - also were within striking distance of the top four spots.

"I thought I threw the ball better today than I did yesterday," MacLelland said. "My scores might not show it, but my timing and the way I threw the ball was better. I'm happy with the results."

"I'm definitely (feeling the pressure)," the three-time Saginaw Valley State University collegiate All-American said. "When you're trying to maintain a 100-pin lead over second and you see guys getting close, you start to feel it a little in the arm swing."

Smallwood is the former General Motors auto worker who won last season's PBA World Championship just months after being laid off during the economic downturn. He needs to finish in the top four Friday night for a chance to win his second career PBA Tour title.

"The breaks started going my way today," Smallwood said. "It seemed like when my opponent stepped up in the 10th needing a strike, he missed. Or I'd get the strike I needed. The lanes felt pretty good to me all day. All week when I played a deeper angle and I didn't feel like I could strike. I played farther right today and it felt much better."

While Smallwood has only advanced to the television finals one time since his fairytale victory, he isn't disappointed or concerned about being in position to bowl for a \$250,000 prize.

"I'm not disappointed with the way things have been going," he said. "You just try to make the show every week and give yourself a chance. I've never thrown a strike first frame worrying about whether first prize is \$10,000 or \$250,000. It doesn't make any difference."

"The thing I've learned is that great bowlers know they are going to throw a great shot when they need one. A good bowler has doubts. I'm still a good bowler, not a great one."

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EIGHTH ROUND (after 50 games, including won-lost records and match play bonus pins)

- 1, Dan MacLelland, Saginaw, Mich., 8-8, 11,620.
- 2, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 10-6, 11,526.
- 3, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 10-6, 11,511.
- 4, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 9-7, 11,499.
- 5, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 10-6, 11,494.
- 6, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 13-3, 11,492.
- 7, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 9-7, 11,476.
- 8, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 8-8, 11,463.
- 9, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 10-6, 11,360.
- 10, Mike Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., 6-10, 11,287.
- 11, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 8-7-1, 11,219.
- 12, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 7-9, 11,175.
- 13, Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan., 8-8, 11,128.
- 14, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 8-8, 11,124.
- 15, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 11-5, 11,111, \$100.
- 16, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 4-12, 11,089, \$100.
- 17, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 9-7, 11,081.
- 18, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 6-10, 11,019.
- 19, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 4-12, 10,992.
- 20, Robert Smith, Hong Kong, 7-9, 10,958.
- 21, Jeff Carter, Springfield, Ill., 7-8-1, 10,951.
- 22, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 7-9, 10,873.
- 23, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 8-8, 10,838.

24, Tyler Jensen, Ft. Worth, Texas, 4-12, 10,751.

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Former Collegiate Star MacLelland Leads PBA Tournament of Champions Sixteen matches remain to determine top four for Saturday's ABC stepladder finals

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (Jan. 20, 2011) – Former two-time Collegiate Bowler of the Year Dan MacLelland of Saginaw, Mich., held an 86-pin lead over Finland's Osku Palermaa after the first round of match play in the \$1 million Professional Bowlers Association Tournament of Champions at Red Rock Lanes Thursday night.

The 24 players still in contention will bowl two more eight-game match play rounds Friday to determine the four players who will compete for the PBA-record \$250,000 first prize in Saturday's live stepladder finals on ABC at 2:30 p.m. Eastern (11:30 a.m. Pacific).

MacLelland, a Windsor, Ontario native who has returned to Saginaw Valley State University to complete his sociology degree, advanced from fourth place to first at the end of qualifying earlier Thursday, and posted a 4-4 match play record Thursday night to retain his lead with a 42-game total of 9,773 pins. Palermaa and Tom Daugherty of Wesley Chapel, Fla., also had 4-4 records to finish the round in second and third place with 9,687 and 9,644 totals, respectively. Colombia's Andres Gomez rode back-to-back 279 games into a jump into fourth place with a 9,634 pinfall total.

"It's overwhelming, really," the 25-year-old right-hander said of his first-place status. "I'm trying to not look too far ahead.

"Right now, I'm frustrated with the way I threw the ball tonight," he added. "I'm not very happy. I have to make better shots tomorrow and watch the players on the next pair of lanes so I can keep track of the transition in conditions better.

"Guys are closing in," MacLelland added. "There's a little more pressure with every shot. I'm trying to keep a clear head and have fun. I'm not even thinking about (the \$250,000 first prize and title). I'm just trying to make the top four."

MacLelland, a three-time Collegiate All-American at Saginaw Valley State between 2007 and 2009, qualified for the Tournament of Champions by winning his only PBA Regional title in Michigan in June of 2010. He has never won a Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour national title, but he came close during the PBA World Series of Bowling

in November when he was the GEICO Shark Championship leader before losing in the title match to Finland's Osku Palermaa, 173-149.

"I kind of feel like I left something behind in that one," MacLelland said. "I was disappointed in the Shark final. It just didn't pan out," he added, "but I want to be back on that stage again. Bowling full-time on the PBA Tour has been my dream my whole life."

Among players who remain in contention are Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, winner of last Sunday's PBA World Championship, in sixth place, and PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Ocala, Fla., a 47-time PBA champion who needs to win a Tournament of Champions title to become the third player in history to complete the PBA Triple Crown and Grand Slam. Williams was in 17th place after 42 games and faces an uphill climb with only 16 games to go on Friday.

Defending champion Kelly Kulick of Union, N.J., finished the tournament in 49th place.

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SEVENTH ROUND (after 42 games, including won-lost records and match play bonus pins) 1, Dan MacLelland, Saginaw, Mich., 4-4, 9,773.

2, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 4-4, 9,687.

3, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 4-4, 9,644.

4, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 7-1, 9,634.

5, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 5-3, 9,610.

6, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 4-4, 9,576.

7, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 5-3, 9,561.

8, Mike Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., 4-4, 9,533.

9, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 4-4, 9,494.

10, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 4-3-1, 9,429.

11, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 3-5, 9,424.

12, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2-6, 9,417.

13, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 5-3, 9,407.

14, Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan., 5-3, 9,404.

15, Robert Smith, Hong Kong, 4-4, 9,307.

16, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3-5, 9,265.

17, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 5-3, 9,238.

18, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 3-5, 9,233.

19, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 3-5, 9,231.

20, Jeff Carter, Springfield, Ill., 4-3-1, 9,225.

21, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 3-5, 9,202.

22, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 6-2, 9,176.

23, Tyler Jensen, Ft. Worth, Texas, 2-6, 9,069.

24, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 2-6, 8,980.

Other Cashers (after 34 games):

25, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 7,377, \$7,000.

26, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 7,370, \$6,500.

27, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 7,367, \$6,000.

- 28, (tie) Jason Wojnar, Chicago, and Stuart Williams, England, 7,365, \$5,350.
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- 45, Bob Learn Jr., Macomb, Mich., 7,168, \$3,300.
- 46, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 7,159, \$3,200.
- 47, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 7,152, \$3,100.
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MacLelland Leads PBA Tournament of Champions Survivors into Match Play Finals
24 head-to-head matches to determine top four for Saturday's ABC stepladder finals

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (Jan. 20, 2011) – Dan MacLelland of Saginaw, Mich., averaged 253.2 for his final seven qualifying games Thursday afternoon to lead the top 24 qualifiers into the match play finals of the \$1 million Professional Bowlers Association Tournament of Champions at Red Rock Lanes Thursday.

The leaders after 34 qualifying games will bowl 24 additional head-to-head matches in three eight-game rounds Thursday night and Friday to determine the four players who will compete for the PBA-record \$250,000 first prize in Saturday's live stepladder finals on ABC at 2:30 p.m. Eastern (11:30 a.m. Pacific).

MacLelland, a Canadian citizen who is completing his sociology degree at Saginaw Valley State University, advanced from fourth place to first with a total of 7,894 pins, to take an 86-pin lead over Finland's two-handed star, Osku Palermaa, and a 94-pin edge over fifth-round leader Tom Daugherty of Wesley Chapel, Fla.

"I drilled a new ball for the fresh condition today," MacLelland said. "I had been struggling on the fresh oil and wanted to make sure I had a ball that would work. After I shot 235 the first game, I was ecstatic.

"It's overwhelming, really," the 25-year-old right-hander said. "I'm trying to not look too far ahead. I'm just trying to take it one frame, one match at a time."

MacLelland, a three-time collegiate All-American at Saginaw Valley State, has never won a Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour national title, but he came close during the PBA World Series of Bowling in early November when he led the GEICO Shark Championship qualifying only to lose the title to Palermaa, 173-149.

"I kind of feel like I left something behind in that one," MacLelland said. "I learned a lot during the World Series about match play and the amount of games we're bowling this week, which is about the same as it was during the World Series. It helped my physical and mental outlook, just being prepared for what to

expect this week. But I was disappointed in the Shark final. It didn't pan out, but I want to be back on that stage again."

Among players who survived the cut to match play were Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, winner of last Sunday's PBA World Championship, and Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Ocala, Fla., the PBA Tour's all-time titles leader with 47. Williams, who rolled a 254 in his final qualifying game to remain in contention, needs a Tournament of Champions title to become the third player in history to complete the PBA Triple Crown and Grand Slam.

Defending champion Kelly Kulick of Union, N.J., finished the tournament in 49th place.

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SIXTH ROUND (after 34 games; top 24 advance to match play) 1, Dan MacLelland, Saginaw, Mich., 7,894.

2, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 7,808.

3, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 7,800.

4, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 7,715.

5, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 7,709.

6, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 7,657.

7, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 7,647.

8, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 7,625.

9, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 7,618.

10, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 7,613.

11, Mike Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., 7,612.

12, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 7,529.

13, Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan., 7,498.

14, (tie) Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., and Robert Smith, Columbus, Ohio, 7,495.

16, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 7,459.

17, Jeff Carter, Springfield, Ill., 7,454.

18, Tyler Jensen, Ft. Worth, Texas, 7,428.

19, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 7,416.

20, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 7,404.

21, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 7,402.

22, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 7,392.

23, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 7,384.

24, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 7,379.

Other Cashers (after 34 games):

25, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 7,377, \$7,000.

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Florida's Tom Daugherty Charges into PBA Tournament of Champions Lead Finland's Palermaa second by 21 pins as 53 surviving players head toward match play cut

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (Jan. 19, 2011) – Tom Daugherty of Wesley Chapel, Fla., charged into a 21-pin lead over Finland's Osku Palermaa after five rounds of the \$1 million Professional Bowlers Association Tournament of Champions at Red Rock Lanes Wednesday.

The field of 53 survivors is closing in on four berths in the Saturday's stepladder finals which will air live on ABC at 2:30 p.m. Eastern (11:30 a.m. Pacific). First prize is a PBA-record \$250,000.

Daugherty, a 35-year-old former touring player, averaged 228.96 for the first 27 games of the richest tournament in Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour history in overtaking Palermaa. He finished the fifth round with a total of 6,182 pins. Palermaa had a 6,161 total. Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., was in third place with 6,127 pins followed by Canadian citizen Dan MacLelland of Saginaw, Mich., at 6,121, and Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., at 6,094.

Daugherty, a four-time PBA Regional title winner, has never won a national title. His best finish was sixth place in the 2006 Earl Anthony Classic.

"I'm here because it's a \$1 million tournament," Daugherty said. "There's no better place to be than first. I have the most confidence I've ever had. I've been bowling a lot at home and winning everything. I couldn't be more confident. It's an amazing feeling to know if you throw a good shot, you'll strike and right now I feel like I can repeat shots.

"In years past, I'd throw a few good shots and then I'd get in my own way. It was a combination of lack of confidence, losing focus, not thinking about the right things. But now I'm staying focused, staying in the moment and bowling the best I've ever bowled in my life," he added. "If I keep doing that, everything will take care of itself."

The 6-foot-1, 235-pound Daugherty generates extraordinary strike power by not using his thumb to grip the ball. Palermaa is also a power player, but he generates his revolutions with a two-handed delivery.

Palermmaa was the leader after three qualifying rounds. He slowed his scoring pace on Wednesday, but said he wasn't concerned.

"There is no point in getting stressed out at this point," Palermmaa said. "We're only about halfway through. I've won tournaments by being at the top of the standings the whole way and I've come back from being farther down in the standings. The key is to be consistent. In a long format, you can't do anything with one good round."

Palermmaa is trying to become the first international player to win the Tournament of Champions. The 27-year-old Finn is only the fifth international player to win a Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour title. Sweden's Mats Karlsson, Venezuela's Amleto Monacelli, Finland's Mika Koivuniemi and Australia's Jason Belmonte (also a two-handed player) are the other international players who have won PBA Tour titles. Monacelli, a 19-time PBA Tour title winner and member of the PBA Hall of Fame, is the only player in that group to reach a Tournament of Champions title match, losing to David Ozio of Vidor, Texas, 236-203, in 1991.

MacLelland, Belmonte, Koivuniemi, Colombia's Andres Gomez and England's Stuart Williams also remain in contention for the title.

Defending champion Kelly Kulick of Union, N.J., is in danger of missing the match play cut, dropping into a tie for 45th place with seven games to go Thursday morning. Kulick, the first and only woman to win a PBA Tour title, is one of three women who remain in contention. Liz Johnson of Cheektowaga, N.Y., was in 37th place and Diandra Asbaty of Chicago was tied for 48th.

The 53 cashers will bowl a final seven-game qualifying round Thursday morning, after which the field will be cut to the top 24 for head-to-head match play.

After three eight-game match play rounds Thursday evening and Friday - a total of 58 games - the top four will advance to Saturday's live stepladder finals.

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FIFTH ROUND (after 27 games)

- 1, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 6,182.
- 2, Osku Palermmaa, Finland, 6,161.
- 3, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 6,127.
- 4, Dan MacLelland, Saginaw, Mich., 6,121.
- 5, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 6,094.
- 6, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 6,068.
- 7, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 6,062.
- 8, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 6,060.
- 9, Mike Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., 6,052.
- 10, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 6,031.
- 11, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 5,970.
- 12, Robert Smith, Columbus, Ohio, 5,967.
- 13, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 5,955.
- 14, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 5,942.

- 15, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 5,940.
- 16, Jeff Carter, Springfield, Ill., 5,931.
- 17, Sean Swanson, Springfield, Mo., 5,920.
- 18, Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan., 5,918.
- 19, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 5,916.
- 20, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 5,913.
- 21, Todd Book, Wapakoneta, Ohio, 5,910.
- 22, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 5,903.
- 23, Tyler Jensen, Ft. Worth, Texas, 5,897.
- 24, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 5,895.
- 25, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 5,876.
- 26, Stuart Williams, England, 5,875.
- 27, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 5,858.
- 28, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 5,857.
- 29, Paul Gibson, Brunswick, Ohio, 5,852.
- 30, Tony Reyes, San Bruno, Calif., 5,831.
- 31, Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 5,826.
- 32, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 5,815.
- 33, Jason Wojnar, Chicago, 5,812.
- 34, Tim Criss, Bel Air, Md., 5,793.
- 35, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 5,792.
- 36, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 5,782.
- 37, Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 5,774.
- 38, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 5,768.
- 39, Brian Ziesig, Levittown, N.Y., 5,765.
- 40, Eddie VanDaniker Jr., Essex, Md., 5,760.
- 41, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 5,751.
- 42, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 5,739.
- 43, Bob Learn Jr., Macomb, Mich., 5,734.
- 44, Mike Miller, Albuquerque, N.M., 5,729.
- 45, (tie) Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., and Eric Forkel, Las Vegas, 5,728.
- 47, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 5,722.
- 48, (tie) Diandra Asbaty, Chicago, and Rick Steelsmith, Wichita, Kan., 5,709.
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Florida's Tom Daugherty Charges into PBA Tournament of Champions Lead Finland's Palermaa second by one pin as 53 surviving players advance into cashers' round

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (Jan. 19, 2011) – Tom Daugherty of Tampa, Fla., rolled a 269 final game Wednesday afternoon to take a one-pin lead over Finland's Osku Palermaa as the field in the \$1 million Professional Bowlers Association Tournament of Champions was trimmed to 53 survivors at Red Rock Lanes.

The field of 53 will now pursue four spots in the live stepladder finals Saturday at 2:30 p.m. Eastern (11:30 a.m. Pacific) on ABC. First prize is a PBA-record \$250,000.

Daugherty, a 35-year-old former touring player, averaged 230.4 for the 20-game qualifying portion of the richest tournament in PBA history to overtake Palermaa. Daugherty, a four-time PBA Regional title winner, has never won a national title. His best finish was sixth place in the 2006 Earl Anthony Classic.

"I'm here because it's a \$1 million tournament," Daugherty said. "There's no better place to be than first. I have the most confidence I've ever had. I've been bowling a lot at home and winning everything. I couldn't be more confident. It's an amazing feeling to know if you throw a good shot, you'll strike and right now I feel like I can repeat shots.

"I'm staying focused, staying in the moment and bowling the best I've ever bowled in my life," he added. "If I keep doing that, everything will take care of itself."

Daugherty, who generates extraordinary strike power by not using his thumb, leads Palermaa, who generates his power with a two-handed delivery. After leading the first three qualifying rounds, Palermaa slowed his pace on the freshly-oiled condition Wednesday morning, but he wasn't concerned.

"Even though bowling in the morning on a fresh condition is not my favorite, I had a cushion," Palermaa said. "I was just taking it easy and getting the strikes when they came.

"There is no point in getting stressed out at this point," he added. "We're still only about one-third of the way through. I've won tournaments by being at the top

of the standings the whole way through and I've come back from being farther down in the standings. The key is to be consistent. In a long format, you can't do anything with one good block."

Palermmaa is trying to become the first international player ever to win the Tournament of Champions. The 37-year-old two-handed player is only the fifth international player to win a Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour title. Sweden's Mats Karlsson, Venezuela's Amleto Monacelli, Finland's Mika Koivuniemi and Australia's Jason Belmonte (also a two-handed player) also have won PBA Tour titles, but Monacelli, a 19-time PBA Tour title winner and member of the PBA Hall of Fame, is the only international player ever to reach a Tournament of Champions title match, losing to David Ozio of Vidor, Texas, 236-203, in 1991.

Belmonte, Koivuniemi, Colombia's Andres Gomez and England's Stuart Williams also advanced to the cashers' round.

Defending champion Kelly Kulick of Union, N.J., advanced in 29th place with 4,340 pins. Kulick, the first and only woman to win a PBA Tour title, was one of three women who advanced among the top 53. Liz Johnson of Cheektowaga, N.Y., finished qualifying in 30th place, five pins behind Kulick and Diandra Asbaty of Chicago qualified 49th with 4,267 pins.

The 53 cashers will bowl two seven-game rounds Wednesday night and Thursday morning to narrow the field to 24 for head-to-head match play.

After three eight-game match play rounds Thursday evening and Friday - a total of 58 games - the top four will advance to Saturday's stepladder finals live.

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ROUND FOUR; FINAL QUALIFYING STANDINGS (after 20 games) 1, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 4,608.

- 2, Osku Palermmaa, Finland, 4,607.
- 3, Mike Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., 4,576.
- 4, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 4,539.
- 5, Dan MacLelland, Saginaw, Mich., 4,519.
- 6, Robert Smith, Columbus, Ohio, 4,503.
- 7, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 4,493.
- 8, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 4,484.
- 9, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 4,482.
- 10, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 4,479.
- 11, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 4,477.
- 12, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 4,471.
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- 14, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 4,432.
- 15, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 4,409.
- 16, Stuart Williams, England, 4,392.
- 17, Tony Reyes, San Bruno, Calif., 4,380.
- 18, Sean Swanson, Springfield, Mo., 4,379.
- 19, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 4,369.

20, (tie) Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind.; Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., and Rick Steelsmith, Wichita, Kan., 4,358.
23, Eric Forkel, Las Vegas, 4,357.
24, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 4,354.
25, Jason Wojnar, Chicago, 4,350.
26, (tie) Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., and Ritchie Allen, Columbia, S.C., 4,348.
28, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 4,347.
29, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 4,340.
30, Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 4,335.
31, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 4,333.
32, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 4,332.
33, Bob Learn Jr., Macomb, Mich., 4,330.
34, Brian Ziesig, Levittown, N.Y., 4,329.
35, (tie) Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan., and Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 4,328.
37, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 4,327.
38, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 4,320.
39, Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 4,317.
40, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 4,314.
41, Jeff Carter, Springfield, Ill., 4,312.
42, Tim Criss, Bel Air, Md., 4,309.
43, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 4,298.
44, Mike Miller, Albuquerque, N.M., 4,290.
45, Todd Book, Wapakoneta, Ohio, 4,286.
46, Eddie VanDaniker Jr., Essex, Md., 4,281.
47, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 4,275.
48, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 4,268.
49, Diandra Asbaty, Chicago, 4,267.
50, (tie) Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz., and Paul Gibson, Brunswick, Ohio, 4,265.
52, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 4,262.
53, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 4,260.

FAILED TO ADVANCE:

54, Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., 4,259.
55, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 4,258.
56, Dave Wodka, Chatsworth, Calif., 4,257.
57, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 4,250.
58, David Ruder, Edmond, Okla., 4,248.
59, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 4,242.
60, Tim Mack, Indianapolis, 4,240.
61, Christopher McSwain, Kings Mountain, N.C., 4,236.
62, Stevie Weber, Chalmette, La., 4,233.
63, Rick Minier, Houston, 4,227.
64, (tie) Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, and Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 4,220.
66, Brian Himmler, Cincinnati, 4,219.
67, Josh Chambliss, Charleston, S.C., 4,216.
68, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 4,215.
69, Brian Voss, Alpharetta, Ga., 4,214.
70, Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga., 4,203.

71, (tie) Missy Parkin, Lake Forest, Calif., and Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 4,196.
73, Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 4,187.
74, Robert Lawrence, Austin, Texas, 4,175.
75, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 4,173.
76, Mitch Beasley, Puyallup, Wash., 4,172.
77, Kip Roberts, Glenallen, Va., 4,166.
78, Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., 4,157.
79, Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Keller, Texas, 4,154.
80, John May, Lincolnton, N.C., 4,152.
81, Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 4,145.
82, Nick Kokenos, St. Clair Shores, Mich., 4,141.
83, Rudy Kasimakis, Baldwyn, Miss., 4,137.
84, Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 4,125.
85, Curtis Woods Jr., Santa Rosa, Calif., 4,117.
86, Christopher Collins, Savannah, Ga., 4,114.
87, Brian Waliczek, Birch Run, Mich., 4,112.
88, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 4,109.
89, Tommy Gollick, Oberlin, Pa., 4,105.
90, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 4,103.
91, Tommy Jones, Greenville, S.C., 4,102.
92, Dale Eagle, Frisco, Texas, 4,101.
93, Tom Crites, Loveland, Colo., 4,089.
94, Dave Arnold, Dublin, Calif., 4,086.
95, Mike DeVaney, Murrieta, Calif., 4,077.
96, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 4,073.
97, Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev., 4,068.
98, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 4,057.
99, David Beres, Waukesha, Wis., 4,056.
100, Wayne Webb, Columbus, Ohio, 4,051.
101, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 4,048.
102, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 4,046.
103, Jeff Zaffino, Warren, Pa., 4,040.
104, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 4,027.
105, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 4,025.
106, Corey Husted, Milwaukie, Ore, 4,006.
107, Tom Milton, St. Petersburg, Fla., 4,005.
108, David Traber, Hebron, Ill., 3,980.
109, Doug Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 3,961.
110, Gary Skidmore, Albuquerque, N.M., 3,956.
111, Dennis Horan Jr., Temecula, Calif., 3,930.
112, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3,929.
113, Warren Nelson, Madera, Calif., 3,904.
114, Aaron Pawloski, Brentwood, Calif., 3,898.
115, Bobby Hall II, Landover, Md., 3,888.
116, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 3,855.
117, Steven Black, Phoenix, 3,845.
118, Palmer Fallgren, Bradenton, Fla., 3,832.
119, Matt Freiberg, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,823.
120, Carmen Salvino, Schaumburg, Ill., 3,820.
121, John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 3,764.

122, Corey Atkinson, Montgomery, Texas, 3,746.
123, William Wilson, Anaheim, Calif., 3,701.
124, John Nolen, Waterford, Mich., 2,842.
125, Dave D'Entremont, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, 1,067

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Confident Palermaa Builds His Lead in PBA Tournament of Champions Finland's two-handed star averages 234.6 to lead Duke by 65 pins after three qualifying rounds

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (Jan. 18, 2011) – Finland's Osku Palermaa maintained a 234.6 average and expanded his lead after the third of four qualifying rounds in the \$1 million Professional Bowlers Association Tournament of Champions at Red Rock Lanes Tuesday.

Palermaa, Europe's premier two-handed bowler, led PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., by one pin after Monday's opening round, built his edge to 18 pins over Hong Kong's Robert Smith after 10 games, and increased his advantage to 65 pins over Duke after 15 games, finishing the day with a total of 3,519 pins. Duke had a 3,454 total.

Palermaa is making his Tournament of Champions debut after winning the GEICO Shark Championship during the PBA's World Series of Bowling in early November to qualify for the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour's richest event.

Prior to the Tournament of Champions, Palermaa competed in Sunday's PBA World Championship stepladder finals at South Point Bowling Center on the south side of Las Vegas, where he was eliminated by eventual champion Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas. As a one-time PBA title winner, he then raced to the northwest side of Las Vegas to bowl the 14-game Champions Field round where he finished in a tie for 12th to advance into the Tournament of Champions' Elite Field.

"I've been busy the last couple of days, but now it doesn't matter," Palermaa said. "I didn't bowl have to 100 percent in the Champions Field – just enough to get used to my equipment and to get into the Elite field.

"Monday night I got a lot of good breaks," he said. "This morning I used the same ball and I made good adjustments when I needed to. The lanes were a little tougher and I had a few bad breaks, but I wasn't worried. And tonight was my best block so far.

"Tonight was a fresh condition, which is tougher for me. I was all over the place at the start," Palermaa said. "A few bad shots turned into splits, but I bowled the best overall of any block.

"My confidence is getting better, too. Even if I would have started with a bad game, I had a cushion, and I finished with a good game - a 278 - so I feel good about making the first (cashers') cut with only five more qualifying games to go," he added. "Now my eyes are on the match play cut (top 24). That's when the tournament will really begin."

With one qualifying round to go Wednesday morning before the field is cut to the top 53 cashers, Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., was in third place with 3,443 pins followed by Mike Fagan of Patchogue, N.Y., with 3,436 pins and Mike Edwards of Tulsa, Okla., at 3,418.

Defending champion Kelly Kulick of Union, N.J., slipped to 42nd place with 3,226 pins, 26 pins above the cut to the cashers' round. Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, was the player on the cut line in 53rd place with 3,200 pins.

The 53 cashers will bowl two seven-game rounds Wednesday night and Thursday morning to narrow the field to 24 for head-to-head match play.

After three eight-game match play rounds Thursday evening and Friday - a total of 58 games - the top four will advance to Saturday's stepladder finals live on ABC at 2:30 p.m. Eastern. The winner of the PBA's first telecast on ABC in 14 years will earn a record \$250,000 first prize.

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THIRD ROUND QUALIFYING (after 15 games)

- 1, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 3,519.
- 2, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,454.
- 3, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3,443.
- 4, Mike Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., 3,436.
- 5, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 3,418.
- 6, Robert Smith, Columbus, Ohio, 3,413.
- 7, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 3,412.
- 8, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 3,402.
- 9, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 3,384.
- 10, (tie) Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., and Tony Reyes, San Bruno, Calif., 3,374.
- 12, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 3,357.
- 13, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 3,354.
- 14, Dan MacLelland, Saginaw, Mich., 3,351.
- 15, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 3,350.
- 16, (tie) Eric Forkel, Las Vegas, and Brian Ziesig, Levittown, N.Y., 3,322.
- 18, Tyler Jensen, Ft. Worth, Texas, 3,321.
- 19, Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan., 3,314.
- 20, Bob Learn Jr., Macomb, Mich., 3,300.
- 21, Ritchie Allen, Columbia, S.C., 3,295.
- 22, Rick Steelsmith, Wichita, Kan., 3,294.
- 23, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 3,289.
- 24, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3,286,
- 25, (tie) Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., and Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 3,273.

27, Jason Wojnar, Chicago, 3,272.
 28, Tim Mack, Indianapolis, 3,270.
 29, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 3,265.
 30, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 3,263.
 31, Josh Chambliss, Charleston, S.C., 3,254.
 32, Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 3,253.
 33, Sean Swanson, Springfield, Mo., 3,248.
 34, Brian Himmler, Cincinnati, 3,245.
 35, (tie) Jeff Carter, Springfield, Ill., and Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 3,242.
 37, Christopher McSwain, Kings Mountain, N.C., 3,241.
 38, Eddie VanDaniker Jr., Essex, Md., 3,240.
 39, Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 3,238.
 40, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 3,229.
 41, Paul Gibson, Brunswick, Ohio, 3,227.
 42, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 3,226.
 43, Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 3,224.
 44, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,219.
 45, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 3,218.
 46, Mike Miller, Albuquerque, N.M., 3,217.
 47, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 3,215.
 48, Rick Minier, Houston, 3,214.
 49, (tie) Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., and Mitch Beasley, Puyallup, Wash., 3,210.
 51, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 3,209.
 52, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3,206.
 53, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 3,200.
 54, (tie) Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., and Diandra Asbaty, Chicago, 3,199.
 56, Tim Criss, Bel Air, Md., 3,195.
 57, Kip Roberts, Glenallen, Va., 3,190.
 58, Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz., 3,188.
 59, Stuart Williams, England, 3,186.
 60, (tie) Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., and Todd Book, Wapakoneta, Ohio, 3,184.
 62, Dave Wodka, Chatsworth, Calif., 3,176.
 63, Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., 3,175.
 64, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 3,174.
 65, (tie) Brian Voss, Alpharetta, Ga., and Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,170.
 67, Stevie Weber, Chalmette, La., 3,167.
 68, (tie) Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., and Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,165.
 70, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 3,161.
 71, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 3,141.
 72, Robert Lawrence, Austin, Texas, 3,131.
 73, Nick Kokenos, St. Clair Shores, Mich., 3,128.
 74, Wayne Webb, Columbus, Ohio, 3,114.
 75, Dave Arnold, Dublin, Calif., 3,111.
 76, Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga., 3,109.
 77, Tommy Jones, Greenville, S.C., 3,102.
 78, Tommy Gollick, Oberlin, Pa., 3,100.
 79, (tie) Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., and Brian Waliczek, Birch Run, Mich., 3,099.
 81, Curtis Woods Jr., Santa Rosa, Calif., 3,095.
 82, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 3,094.

83, (tie) David Ruder, Edmond, Okla.; John May, Lincolnton, N.C., 3,092, and Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev., 3,092.

86, (tie) Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, and Christopher Collins, Savannah, Ga., 3,089.

88, Missy Parkin, Lake Forest, Calif., 3,081.

89, Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Keller, Texas, 3,074.

90, Gary Skidmore, Albuquerque, N.M., 3,072.

91, (tie) Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., and David Beres, Waukesha, Wis., 3,067.

93, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3,065.

94, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,064.

95, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 3,061.

96, Corey Husted, Milwaukie, Ore, 3,059.

97, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 3,055.

98, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3,049.

99, Tom Crites, Loveland, Colo., 3,048.

100, Mike DeVaney, Murrieta, Calif., 3,030.

101, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 3,027.

102, David Traber, Hebron, Ill., 3,026.

103, Jeff Zaffino, Warren, Pa., 3,008.

104, Matt Freiberg, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,005.

105, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 3,002.

106, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 2,994.

107, Rudy Kasimakis, Baldwyn, Miss., 2,992.

108, (tie) Doug Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, and Tom Milton, St. Petersburg, Fla., 2,987.

110, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 2,952.

111, Warren Nelson, Madera, Calif., 2,949.

112, (tie) Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., and Dennis Horan Jr., Temecula, Calif., 2,944.

114, (tie) Dale Eagle, Frisco, Texas, and Aaron Pawloski, Brentwood, Calif., 2,930.

116, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 2,922.

117, Bobby Hall II, Landover, Md., 2,912.

118, Palmer Fallgren, Bradenton, Fla., 2,889.

119, John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 2,870.

120, John Nolen, Waterford, Mich., 2,842.

121, Carmen Salvino, Schaumburg, Ill., 2,830.

122, William Wilson, Anaheim, Calif., 2,823.

123, Corey Atkinson, Montgomery, Texas, 2,818.

124, Steven Black, Phoenix, 2,816.

125, Dave D'Entremont, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, withdrew.

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Palermaa Retains Second Round Lead in PBA Tournament of Champions Finland's two-handed star averages 235.5 to lead Hong Kong's Robert Smith by 18 pins

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (Jan. 18, 2011) – Finland's Osku Palermaa maintained a 235.5 average and retained the lead after the second qualifying round in the \$1 million Professional Bowlers Association Tournament of Champions at Red Rock Lanes Tuesday.

Palermaa, Europe's premier two-handed bowler, led PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., by one pin after Monday's opening qualifying round and he expanded his lead to 18 pins over California native Robert Smith, who now lives in Hong Kong. Palermaa finished the second round with a 10-game total of 2,355 pins while Smith had a 2,337 total.

Palermaa is making his Tournament of Champions debut after winning the GEICO Shark Championship during the PBA's World Series of Bowling in early November to qualify for the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour's richest event.

Prior to the Tournament of Champions, Palermaa bowled in Sunday's PBA World Championship stepladder finals at South Point Bowling Center on the south side of Las Vegas, where he lost to eventual champion Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas. As a one-time PBA title winner, he then raced to the northwest side of Las Vegas to bowl the 14-game Champions Field round where he finished in a tie for 12th to remain in contention for the Tournament of Champions' title.

"I've been busy the last couple of days, but now it doesn't matter," Palermaa said. "I didn't bowl have to 100 percent in the Champions Field – just enough to get used to my equipment and to get into the Elite field.

"Monday night I got a lot of good breaks," he said. "Today I used the same ball and I made good changes when I needed to. The lanes were a little tougher, and I had a few bad breaks, but I wasn't worried.

"Making the first cut is the first thing on your mind. And this is only 10 games out of 58," Palermaa added.

After 10 games, Dan MacLelland of Saginaw, Mich., was in third place with 2,330 followed by Bob Learn Jr. of Macomb, Mich., with a 2,300 total and Tom Daugherty of Wesley Chapel, Fla., at 2,293.

Defending champion Kelly Kulick of Union, N.J., was in 31st place after 10 games, solidly in contention to advance to the 53-player cashers' round which will be determined after 10 additional qualifying games Tuesday night and Wednesday morning. The 53 cashers will bowl two seven-game rounds Wednesday night and Thursday morning to trim the field to 24 for head-to-head match play.

After three eight-game match play rounds Thursday evening and Friday, the four leading players will advance to Saturday's stepladder finals which will air live on ABC at 2:30 p.m. Eastern. The winner of the PBA's first telecast on ABC in 14 years will earn a record \$250,000 first prize.

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SECOND ROUND QUALIFYING (after 10 games) 1, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 2,355.

2, Robert Smith, Columbus, Ohio, 2,337.

3, Dan MacLelland, Saginaw, Mich., 2,330.

4, Bob Learn Jr., Macomb, Mich., 2,300.

5, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 2,293.

6, Brian Ziesig, Levittown, N.Y., 2,291.

7, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,289.

8, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 2,286.

9, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,284.

10, (tie) Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., and Andres Gomez, Colombia, 2,273.

12, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,266.

13, Tyler Jensen, Ft. Worth, Texas, 2,265.

14, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 2,228.

15, Diandra Asbaty, Chicago, 2,225.

16, Mike Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., 2,222.

17, (tie) Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, and Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2,211.

19, Josh Chambliss, Charleston, S.C., 2,208.

20, Jeff Carter, Springfield, Ill., 2,204.

21, Ritchie Allen, Columbia, S.C., 2,203.

22, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 2,202.

23, Tony Reyes, San Bruno, Calif., 2,200.

24, Eric Forkel, Las Vegas; Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., and Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 2,189.

27, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 2,187.

28, Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan., 2,186.

29, Tim Criss, Bel Air, Md., 2,184.

30, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 2,183.

31, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 2,180.

32, Christopher McSwain, Kings Mountain, N.C., 2,178.

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 41, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 2,158.
 42, Sean Swanson, Springfield, Mo., 2,156.
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 44, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 2,153.
 45, Kip Roberts, Glenallen, Va., 2,150.
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 51, Nick Kokenos, St. Clair Shores, Mich.; Brian Voss, Alpharetta, Ga., and Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz., 2,136.
 54, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 2,135.
 55, (tie) Missy Parkin, Lake Forest, Calif., and Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2,133.
 57, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 2,132.
 58, David Beres, Waukesha, Wis., 2,130.
 59, (tie) Stevie Weber, Chalmette, La., and Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 2,125.
 61, Tim Mack, Indianapolis, 2,119.
 62, Brian Waliczek, Birch Run, Mich., 2,116.
 63, Eddie VanDaniker Jr., Essex, Md., 2,113.
 64, (tie) Todd Book, Wapakoneta, Ohio, and Rick Minier, Houston, 2,109.
 66, (tie) Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., and Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 2,108.
 68, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 2,099.
 69, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2,097.
 70, Curtis Woods Jr., Santa Rosa, Calif., 2,096.
 71, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 2,094.
 72, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 2,083.
 73, (tie) Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, and Mike Miller, Albuquerque, N.M., 2,082.
 75, Corey Husted, Milwaukie, Ore, 2,080.
 76, Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev., 2,078.
 77, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 2,073.
 77, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 2,073.
 79, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 2,070.
 80, (tie) Jeff Zaffino, Warren, Pa., and Gary Skidmore, Albuquerque, N.M., 2,067.
 82, Stuart Williams, England, 2,062.
 83, Robert Lawrence, Austin, Texas, 2,060.
 84, Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 2,059.
 85, John May, Lincolnton, N.C., 2,058.
 86, David Ruder, Edmond, Okla., 2,056.
 87, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 2,055.
 88, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 2,045.
 89, Tom Milton, St. Petersburg, Fla., 2,038.
 90, (tie) Dave Wodka, Chatsworth, Calif., and Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Keller, Texas, 2,031.
 92, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 2,026.

- 93, Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., 2,023.
- 94, Mike DeVaney, Murrieta, Calif., 2,020.
- 95, Dave Arnold, Dublin, Calif., 2,018.
- 96, Tom Crites, Loveland, Colo., 2,016.
- 97, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 2,013.
- 98, (tie) Christopher Collins, Savannah, Ga., and Tom Baker, King, N.C., 2,012.
- 100, Tommy Jones, Greenville, S.C., 2,008.
- 101, Tommy Gollick, Oberlin, Pa., 1,988.
- 102, Warren Nelson, Madera, Calif., 1,987.
- 103, Rudy Kasimakis, Baldwyn, Miss., 1,981.
- 104, (tie) Dennis Horan Jr., Temecula, Calif., and Palmer Fallgren, Bradenton, Fla., 1,978.
- 106, Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 1,977.
- 107, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 1,971.
- 108, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 1,967.
- 109, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 1,960.
- 110, John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 1,959.
- 111, Matt Freiberg, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,950.
- 112, (tie) William Wilson, Anaheim, Calif., and Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga., 1,946.
- 114, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 1,935.
- 115, Bobby Hall II, Landover, Md., 1,921.
- 116, John Nolen, Waterford, Mich., 1,917.
- 117, David Traber, Hebron, Ill., 1,915.
- 118, Aaron Pawloski, Brentwood, Calif., 1,904.
- 119, Dale Eagle, Frisco, Texas, 1,896.
- 120, Doug Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 1,886.
- 121, Corey Atkinson, Montgomery, Texas, 1,874.
- 122, Carmen Salvino, Schaumburg, Ill., 1,873.
- 123, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 1,835.
- 124, Steven Black, Phoenix, 1,792.
- 125, Dave D'Entremont, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, withdrew.

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Finland's Palermaa Takes First Round Lead in PBA Tournament of Champions European two-handed star averages 235.8 to lead PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke by one pin

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (Jan. 17, 2010) – Finland's Osku Palermaa averaged 235.8 to take the first round lead in the \$1 million Professional Bowlers Association Tournament of Champions at Red Rock Lanes Monday by one pin over 33-time Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour titlist Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla.

Palermaa, Europe's premier two-handed bowler, earned the chance to compete in the Tournament of Champions when he won the GEICO Shark Championship during the PBA's World Series of Bowling in early November.

During the World Series, Palermaa also qualified for Sunday's PBA World Championship stepladder finals at South Point Bowling Center, but after he lost his match to eventual champion Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, he had to race across Las Vegas to bowl the 14-game Champions Field round in order to remain in the hunt for the Tournament of Champions' title.

Palermaa finished in a tie for 12th among the 50 Champions Field qualifiers who advanced into the Elite Field and he then finished the first qualifying round with a five-game total of 1,179 pins to nip Duke, a PBA Hall of Famer and the 1994 Tournament of Champions winner, for the early lead. Steve Jaros of Yorkville, Ill., and Bob Learn Jr. of Macomb, Mich., were tied for third with 1,165 totals, and Robert Smith of Hong Kong was fifth at 1,161.

"I've been busy the last couple of days, but now it doesn't matter," Palermaa said. "I didn't bowl have to 100 percent in the Champions Field – just enough to get used to my equipment and to get into the Elite field. Tonight I got a lot of good breaks, but that's what you need. I'll take it."

"Making the first cut is the first thing on your mind. And this is only five games out of 58," he added. "You can only lose the tournament today, not win it."

Defending champion Kelly Kulick of Union, N.J., the first woman ever to win a Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour title, was in 38th place, solidly in contention to advance to the 53-player cashers' round which will be determined after 15 additional qualifying games Tuesday and Wednesday. The 53 cashers will bowl two

seven-game rounds Wednesday night and Thursday morning to further prune the field to 24 for head-to-head match play.

After three eight-game match play rounds Thursday evening and Friday, the four leading players will advance to Saturday's stepladder finals which will air live on ABC at 2:30 p.m. Eastern. The winner of the PBA's first telecast on ABC in 14 years will earn a record \$250,000 first prize.

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Red Rock Lanes, Las Vegas, Nev., Monday, Jan. 17

FIRST ROUND QUALIFYING (after 5 games)

- 1, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,179.
- 2, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,178.
- 3, (tie) Bob Learn Jr., Macomb, Mich., and Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 1,165.
- 5, Robert Smith, Hong Kong, 1,161.
- 6, (tie) Mitch Beasley, Puyallup, Wash., and Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,157.
- 8, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 1,156.
- 9, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,153.
- 10, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,151.
- 11, Mike Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., 1,146.
- 12, Tim Criss, Bel Air, Md., 1,139.
- 13, Brian Ziesig, Levittown, N.Y., 1,136.
- 14, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,133.
- 15, Rick Steelsmith, Wichita, Kan., 1,131.
- 16, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 1,124.
- 17, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,123.
- 18, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,122.
- 19, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1,121.
- 20, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 1,118.
- 21, (tie) Paul Gibson, Brunswick, Ohio, and Kip Roberts, Glenallen, Va., 1,115.
- 23, Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 1,112.
- 24, Rick Minier, Houston, 1,111.
- 25, Dan MacLelland, Saginaw, Mich., 1,110.
- 26, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 1,109.
- 27, (tie) Gary Skidmore, Albuquerque, N.M., and Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 1,108.
- 29, Diandra Asbaty, Chicago, 1,105.
- 30, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,102.
- 31, (tie) Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., and Eddie VanDaniker Jr., Essex, Md., 1,098.
- 33, Sean Swanson, Springfield, Mo., 1,097.
- 34, Tim Mack, Indianapolis, 1,096.
- 35, Christopher McSwain, Kings Mountain, N.C., 1,093.
- 36, Dave Arnold, Dublin, Calif., 1,091.
- 37, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 1,090.
- 38, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 1,086.
- 39, Ritchie Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,085.
- 40, (tie) Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., and Eric Forkel, Las Vegas, 1,083.
- 42, Stuart Williams, England, 1,081.
- 43, Jeff Carter, Springfield, Ill., 1,077.

44, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,069.
 45, (tie) Rudy Kasimakis, Baldwin, Miss.; Dave D'Entremont, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, and Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 1,067.
 48, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,066.
 49, (tie) Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., and Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 1,064.
 51, (tie) Tyler Jensen, Ft. Worth, Texas, and Tony Reyes, San Bruno, Calif., 1,062.
 53, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 1,060.
 54, (tie) Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y.; Stevie Weber, Chalmette, La., and Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan., 1,059.
 57, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,058.
 58, Brian Himmeler, Cincinnati, 1,055.
 59, (tie) Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz., and Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,052.
 61, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 1,051.
 62, Jason Wojnar, Chicago, 1,050.
 63, (tie) Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., and Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Keller, Texas, 1,047.
 65, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,044.
 66, Jeff Zaffino, Warren, Pa., 1,038.
 67, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 1,037.
 68, Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., 1,036.
 69, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 1,035.
 70, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 1,034.
 71, Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev., 1,033.
 72, (tie) Tom Milton, St. Petersburg, Fla., and John May, Lincolnton, N.C., 1,032.
 74, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,031.
 75, Todd Book, Wapakoneta, Ohio, 1,030.
 76, Brian Voss, Alpharetta, Ga., 1,029.
 77, Corey Husted, Milwaukie, Ore., 1,028.
 78, Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga., 1,025.
 79, (tie) Palmer Fallgren, Bradenton, Fla., and Mike DeVaney, Murrieta, Calif., 1,024.
 81, Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 1,011.
 82, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 1,010.
 83, Josh Chambliss, Charleston, S.C., 1,009.
 84, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,007.
 85, Brian Waliczek, Birch Run, Mich., 1,004.
 86, Nick Kokenos, St. Clair Shores, Mich., 1,002.
 87, Curtis Woods Jr., Santa Rosa, Calif., 1,000.
 88, Missy Parkin, Lake Forest, Calif., 999.
 89, (tie) David Beres, Waukesha, Wis.; Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, and Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 998.
 92, (tie) Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis.; David Ruder, Edmond, Okla., 995 and Christopher Collins, Savannah, Ga., 995.
 95, (tie) Robert Lawrence, Austin, Texas, and Wayne Webb, Columbus, Ohio, 991.
 97, Bobby Hall II, Landover, Md., 990.
 98, Dennis Horan Jr., Temecula, Calif., 989.
 99, Matt Freiberg, Simpsonville, S.C., 988.

100, William Wilson, Anaheim, Calif., 987.
101, Warren Nelson, Madera, Calif., 984.
102, (tie) Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., and Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 982.
104, John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 981.
105, Doug Davidson, Versailles, Ohio, 979.
106, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 973.
107, Corey Atkinson, Montgomery, Texas, 968.
108, (tie) Tom Crites, Loveland, Colo.; Tommy Jones, Greenville, S.C., and Dave Wodka, Chatsworth, Calif., 966.
111, Aaron Pawloski, Brentwood, Calif., 963.
112, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 961.
113, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 959.
114, Mike Miller, Albuquerque, N.M., 955.
115, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 954.
116, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 953.
117, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 949.
118, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 948.
119, David Traber, Hebron, Ill., 941.
120, Tommy Gollick, Oberlin, Pa., 937.
121, Dale Eagle, Frisco, Texas, 931.
122, Steven Black, Phoenix, 929.
123, John Nolen, Waterford, Mich., 909.
124, Carmen Salvino, Schaumburg, Ill., 890.
125, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 880.
300 Games: Jason Belmonte

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Chris Barnes Wins PBA World Championship, Completes Triple Crown No. 4 qualifier upsets Bill O'Neill for 13th career title, \$50,000 first prize

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (Jan. 16, 2011) – Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, exorcised his television demons Sunday, upsetting top qualifier Bill O'Neill of Southampton, Pa., 267-237, to win the Professional Bowlers Association World Championship at South Point Bowling Center and become the sixth player in PBA history to complete the sport's Triple Crown.

Along with his 13th career title, the 40-year-old Barnes won a \$50,000 first prize. He previously had won the 2005 U.S. Open and the 2006 PBA Tournament of Champions, the other two legs in the PBA Triple Crown. The only other Triple Crown winners are Billy Hardwick, Johnny Petraglia, Pete Weber, Mike Aulby and Norm Duke – all PBA Hall of Famers.

Barnes, the No. 4 qualifier, came into the PBA World Championship with a 7-14 record on television in major championships, but he won four consecutive matches for the title to improve his record to 11-14. He defeated Michael Haugen Jr. of Carefree, Ariz., in Saturday night's elimination round, 243-172, to reach Sunday's finals where he eliminated Finland's Osku Palermaa, 246-176, and Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., 237-161, for the chance to meet O'Neill for the title.

In the title match, Barnes started with six strikes to build a 31-pin lead after seven frames, but O'Neill refused to back down, finishing with a string of four strikes to force Barnes to mark in the 10th frame. Barnes' strike on his first shot in the clinched the title.

"I feel bad for Bill," Barnes said. "He was the best bowler in the PBA World Series to get here, but I've been in his shoes a few times and I'm not going to give the trophy back.

"There are a lot of guys who have won the PBA World Championship, but it's a short and distinguished list of guys who have won the Triple Crown," he added. "Right after I won, Billy Hardwick called my wife and told her to welcome me to the club."

"I'm not unhappy with my performance," O'Neill said. "I threw all but one shot on line. When I needed shots to make Chris show up in 10th, they were all good.

That's something I've struggled with out here. I think it's a good sign of things to come."

The Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour immediately moved to Red Rock Lanes in northwest Las Vegas later Sunday for the opening qualifying round for the Champions Field in the \$1 million PBA Tournament of Champions. Following a second qualifying round Monday morning, half of the Champions Field will join the elite field for the duration of the Tournament of Champions.

The richest tournament in PBA history concludes Saturday when a record \$250,000 first prize will be decided live on ABC at 2:30 p.m. Eastern. Kelly Kulick of Union, N.J., is defending champion.

PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Nev., Sunday

Match 5:

Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, def. Osku Palermaa, Finland (\$12,000), 246-176.

Semifinal Match:

Barnes def. Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill. (\$14,000), 237-161.

Championship:

Barnes (\$50,000) def. Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa. (\$25,000), 267-237.

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Chris Barnes Bids for Triple Crown in Sunday's PBA World Championship Finals
\$50,000 first prize, major title on the line in Sunday's ESPN finals

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (Jan. 15, 2011) – Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, kept his bid to complete the Professional Bowlers Association Triple Crown alive Saturday night when he defeated Michael Haugen Jr. of Carefree, Ariz., 243-172, to advance to Sunday's finals in the PBA World Championship at South Point Bowling Center.

In eliminating Haugen, Barnes also avenged his 215-214 loss to Haugen in the 2008 PBA Tournament of Champions title match.

"My focus wasn't revenge. My focus was on getting a lead and building on it. I can't remember the last time I was up by 20 pins early in a match," Barnes said. "Part of my mood tonight was a matter of choice; you can get wrapped up in what you're doing, super-focused, or you can relax and enjoy what you're doing. Tonight I decided to just enjoy what I was doing and whatever happened, happened. I may not always look like I'm having fun, but I was tonight."

Barnes, a 12-time Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour titlist, will meet No. 3 qualifier Osku Palermaa, Europe's leading two-handed player, in Sunday's first championship round match. The winner of that match will bowl against No. 2 Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., for the right to meet leading qualifier Bill O'Neill of Southampton, Pa., for the \$50,000 first prize and the first major championship of the 2010-11 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour season.

"I don't expect the lanes to play the same way tomorrow because we've got guys with high rev rates and they'll break down the lane condition differently than we played on tonight," Barnes said. "If the scoring pace comes down and it becomes a shot-makers match, that's fine with me. We'll see who can make the best shots."

The World Championship will air live on ESPN Sunday at 1 p.m. Eastern. The finals are being contested on the PBA's Viper lane condition, selected by O'Neill as the tournament's top qualifier over 60 games bowled during the PBA World Series of Bowling earlier in the season at South Point.

Barnes, who won the 2005 U.S. Open and 2006 PBA Tournament of Champions, must win three matches Sunday to become the sixth player to complete the PBA Triple Crown. Barnes qualified in fourth position for the World Championship stepladder finals.

In Saturday's first elimination match, Haugen nipped No. 5 qualifier Mika Koivuniemi of Hartland, Mich., 233-232, when Koivuniemi left a 10 pin on his final ball in the 10th frame after converting a seven-count spare on his first shot in the final frame.

"I just made a bad shot," Koivuniemi said. "It was my mistake and I have to live with it. I thought the fill ball was a good shot. If it carried, we would have tied. But if I hadn't made such a bad shot on the first one in the 10th, I wouldn't have had to worry about the second one."

In Friday's first two matches in the three-day, eight-player stepladder finale, Australia's Jason Belmonte, the No. 8 qualifier, defeated No. 7 Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, 222-186, and No. 6 Michael Haugen Jr. of Carefree, Ariz., then eliminated Belmonte, 233-220, to advance to Saturday's elimination round.

PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Nev., Saturday

Match 3:

Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz., def. Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich. (\$10,000), 233-232.

Match 4:

Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, def. Haugen (\$11,000), 243-172.

SUNDAY, 1 P.M. EASTERN/10 A.M. PACIFIC LIVE ON ESPN Match 5:

No. 3 Osku Palermaa, Finland, vs. Barnes (loser earns \$12,000).

Semifinal Match:

No. 2 Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., vs. winner of Match 5 (loser earns \$14,000).

Championship Match

No. 1 Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., vs. winner of Semifinal Match (winner earns \$50,000, loser earns \$25,000).

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Haugen Advances to Saturday's Round in PBA World Championship Top three qualifiers waiting in the wings for \$50,000 showdown in Sunday's ESPN finals

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (Jan. 14, 2011) – Michael Haugen Jr. of Carefree, Ariz., admittedly got out-bowled Friday, but he defeated Australia's Jason Belmonte, 233-220, to advance to Saturday's elimination round in the PBA World Championship at South Point Bowling Center.

Haugen, who entered the unique three-day, eight-player stepladder final as the No. 6 qualifier, converted a "crossover" strike into a turkey in the sixth frame and threw another pivotal crossover strike to build a string of four to end the game, eliminating Belmonte from contention for the \$50,000 first prize.

Haugen advances to Saturday's Match 3 where he'll bowl No. 5 Mika Kovuniemi of Hartland, Mich. The winner of that match meets No. 4 qualifier Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas. Saturday's second stepladder round begins at 8:30 p.m. Eastern on ESPN2. Saturday's winner advances to the PBA World Championship final round Sunday at 1 p.m. Eastern on ESPN.

Sunday's finalists include No. 3 Osku Palermaa of Finland, No. 2 Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., and leading qualifier Bill O'Neill of Southampton, Pa. The PBA World Championship, the first major championship of the 2010-11 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour season, is being contested on the PBA's Viper lane condition, selected by O'Neill as the tournament's top qualifier over 60 games bowled during the PBA World Series of Bowling earlier in the season at South Point.

"I definitely didn't bowl the better game, but the score says I won," Haugen said. "I threw a couple of shots poorly, but they struck. I'm not proud of them, but I'll take them.

"I was having a little trouble with my thumb hole," Haugen said of his crossover strike in the 10th frame. "I hung up a little and flat out pulled the shot. Luckily I got a great break."

Belmonte, one of the world's premier two-handed players, advanced to his match against Haugen by eliminating Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, in the first game, 222-186. Belmonte started that match with four strikes and rolled into an

early 50-pin advantage when Malott left splits and opened in his first two frames.

Belmonte started with a double against Haugen, and added two more strikes in the fifth and sixth frames, but a string of three consecutive 10 pins gave Haugen a chance to get back into the match. Belmonte missed the pocket only once in the game, but he lost his ability to carry strikes as the match progressed.

"I knew I was going to get into trouble with the ball I was using," Belmonte said. "The disadvantage of using a urethane ball is you're not going to kick 10 pins out all the time. But I'm not upset. I bowled a good game. Normally I'm pretty stubborn, but today I played what the lanes were telling me to do. I slowed down. I thought 220 would be good enough on that lane condition.

"But I'm not blind," Belmonte added. "When (Haugen) threw it bad, he threw it bad enough to carry. When I threw it bad, I just missed. I know what it's like. I've had my share of breaks, too - not always on TV, but sometimes you get the breaks that allow you to get to the TV show, too."

Haugen expects the lane conditions to play a little differently Saturday when he meets Koivuniemi because "I have a feeling Mika and Chris (Barnes) will want to play more toward the area where I was playing the lanes today. But I don't care; I'm going to play whatever is there. My job is to knock down 10 pins and not worry about anyone else.

"I just try to keep things simple. Things have worked out OK for me when I do that."

PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Nev., Friday

Match 1:

Jason Belmonte, Australia, def. Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas (\$8,000), 222-186.

Match 2:

Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz., def. Belmonte (\$9,000), 233-220.

SATURDAY, 8:30 P.M. EASTERN/5:30 P.M. PACIFIC LIVE ON ESPN2 Match 3:

No. 5 Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., vs. Haugen (loser earns \$10,000) Match 4:

No. 4 Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, vs. winner of Match 3 (loser earns \$11,000)

SUNDAY, 1 P.M. EASTERN/10 A.M. PACIFIC LIVE ON ESPN Match 5:

No. 3 Osku Palermaa, Finland, vs. winner of Match 4 (loser earns \$12,000)

Semifinal Match:

No. 2 Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., vs. winner of Match 5 (loser earns \$14,000)

Championship Match No. 1 Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., vs. winner of Semifinal Match (winner earns \$50,000, loser earns \$25,000)

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Chris Barnes Sets Past Aside, Focuses on Winning PBA's Richest Prize Despite past disappointments, 2010 runnerup is eager for \$1 million Tournament of Champions to begin

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (Jan. 13, 2011) – Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, was the second-biggest story in the 2010 Professional Bowlers Association Tournament of Champions. As the leading qualifier and odds-on favorite heading into the title match at Red Rock Lanes in Las Vegas, Barnes found himself on the losing end of a 265-195 thrashing administered by Kelly Kulick of Union, N.J.

Not only did Barnes become the first male in PBA Tour history to lose a title to a woman, but it was the second time he had a Tournament of Champions title snatched out of his hands. In 2008 – also at Red Rock – Barnes saw a 52-pin lead disappear as Michael Haugen Jr. of Carefree, Ariz., rallied to win, 215-214.

Despite the disappointments, Barnes is a glass-half-full guy. He'd rather focus on 2006, when he did win the Tournament of Champions, defeating Steve Jaros of Yorkville, Ill., 234-227, at Mohegan Sun Casino in Uncasville, Conn. And on his plan to be back on the PBA's largest stage on Saturday, Jan. 22, when the PBA and the Tournament of Champions returns to ABC for the first time in 14 years to decide the winner of the \$250,000 first prize – the richest in PBA history. The live telecast of the TOC finals begins at 2:30 p.m. Eastern/11:30 a.m. Pacific.

"I'm looking forward to the TOC," the 40-year-old Barnes said. "I think my worst finish ever at Red Rock is sixth place. It's our biggest tournament. I'm looking forward to bowling for the richest prize in our sport.

"I don't have the pressure of defending a title or anything like that," he said. "Losing last year caused no more pain than any of the other times I've lost. I don't like losing, period, whether it's to Kelly, my wife Lynda, my friend Mika (Koivuniemi) or Bill O'Neill, or anyone else. You want to win, even though there are some times where you feel like you gave a title away on the last day.

"Looking back to last year, I didn't make the right adjustments," Barnes said, "but as long as I keep getting to the TV shows and giving myself opportunities, things will eventually even out. It just happens that I have a couple of Tournament of Champions moments that are ready to be evened out."

Barnes' critics are quick to point out his television record. He owns 12 titles, but he has finished second 22 times. His critics would note that means 22 loses; Barnes would note that means he's reached the title match 34 times. He owns two majors, including the 2005 U.S. Open and his 2006 TOC title; he was PBA Player of the Year in 2007-08, and he proved he can win big money when he won back-to-back \$200,000 winner-take-all prizes in the 2006 and 2007 Motel 6 Roll to Riches special events.

Barnes will make his final tune-up appearance prior to the Tournament of Champions on Saturday night as the No. 4 qualifier in the PBA World Championship finals which will air on ESPN2 starting at 8:30 p.m. Eastern/5:30 p.m. Pacific from South Point Bowling Center on the south side of Las Vegas. Barnes has a shot at the \$50,000 first prize and the title he needs to complete the PBA Triple Crown if he can win Saturday night and advancing to Sunday's World Championship finals, where he would need to win three more matches.

Following the PBA World Championship finals at 1 p.m. Eastern/10 a.m. Pacific Sunday on ESPN, all of the attention shifts to the northwest side of Las Vegas and Red Rock Lanes where the Tournament of Champions will be getting underway.

"The TOC is the tournament I've always liked. I like what it stands for. It's all about champions," he added. "I remember in 2009, when the PBA celebrated its 50th anniversary, I got to cross with Nelson Burton Jr. during qualifying and I sat next to (PBA Hall of Famer) Harry Smith at the hall of fame dinner.

"It's a very special event, the highlight of my year."

Whether Barnes will be among the top four competing for the record \$250,000 first prize on ABC on remains to be seen. Tune in on Saturday, Jan. 22, at 2:30 p.m. Eastern/11:30 a.m. Pacific to find out.

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Belmonte, Malott Face Uphill Battle to Win PBA World Championship Starting Friday, No. 8 vs. No. 7 qualifiers must win seven consecutive matches to win major title

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (Jan. 10, 2011) – Bill O’Neill needs to win one game Sunday for \$50,000 and his second Professional Bowlers Association major title.

But beginning Friday, Australia’s Jason Belmonte and Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, face staggering odds if they hope to upset the 2011 PBA World Championship’s leading qualifier and deny O’Neill’s bid for one of the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour’s most prized titles.

The thing is, neither Belmonte nor Malott is intimidated by the long odds. Nor are the other five guys who are waiting in line for a shot at the title.

The first PBA major championship of the 2010-11 season will be decided in a first-ever three-day, eight-man stepladder final that will air live on ESPN2 and ESPN beginning Friday at South Point Bowling Center and concluding Sunday, Jan. 16, at 1 p.m. Eastern (10 a.m. Pacific) when the surviving finalist meets O’Neill to decide the title.

The eight PBA World Championship finalists qualified for the finals over a span of five days and 60 games on five different PBA lane conditioning patterns during the PBA World Series of Bowling in October at South Point. The live ESPN2/ESPN finals will wrap up the PBA World Championship and conclude the World Series of Bowling.

In order for Belmonte or Malott to win the title, one or the other will have to win seven consecutive matches over a span of three days, bowling on the PBA Viper lane condition selected by O’Neill. O’Neill, who won the Pepsi Viper Championship earlier in the World Series, earned the right to select the lane condition as the leading qualifier over 60 games.

In the 52-year history of the PBA Tour, and nearly 1,000 nationally-televvised finals, only three bowlers have emerged from the No. 7 or No. 8 starting positions to win a title – and none of those three faced a road inclined quite as steeply as the one Belmonte and Malott face.

In the purest of bowling traditions dating back 50 years, the true “stepladder” format calls for the lowest qualifying bowler to bowl a game against the next highest qualifier. The winner of each match continues to “climb the ladder” against the next highest qualifier with one survivor eventually meeting the tournament’s qualifying leader in a match to decide the title.

During the 2000 season, the PBA experimented with a variation of the stepladder format involving “shootout” matches with three players bowling one game, and the top player advancing. That version of the stepladder allowed for eight players in the “stepladder” instead of the traditional five.

In the 2000 “shootout” format, Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., and Dennis Horan Jr. of Temecula, Calif., advanced from No. 8 to victory in the 2000 Chattanooga Open and PBA Touring Players Championship, respectively. Doug Kent of Newark, N.Y., advanced from seventh to first in the Indianapolis Open. In each case, the three had to win four matches.

This time, making it from the No. 8 or No. 7 position all the way to the top will require Belmonte or Malott to win seven matches without a loss.

The Belmonte vs. Malott contest will get the PBA World Championship finals underway at 5 p.m. Eastern (2 p.m. Pacific) on Friday, live on ESPN2. The winner will meet No. 6 qualifier Michael Haugen Jr. of Carefree, Ariz., to complete the first one-hour telecast.

Saturday at 9 p.m. Eastern/6 p.m. Pacific, also live on ESPN2, Friday’s survivor will bowl No. 5 Mika Koivuniemi of Hartland, Mich., with No. 4 Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, awaiting the winner in a second one-hour telecast.

Sunday’s PBA World Championship finals move back to ESPN for the live conclusion at 1 p.m. Eastern. Saturday’s survivor will meet No. 3 qualifier Osku Palermaa of Finland. No. 2 Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., will bowl the winner in the semifinal match. O’Neill will then take on that winner in a one-game battle for \$50,000 and the season’s first major title.

That’s how the plot for the PBA World Championship is laid out. Here’s the role each of the cast of characters will play starting Friday:

NO. 8 JASON BELMONTE, AUSTRALIA

Belmonte, a two-handed player, was 2008-09 PBA Rookie of the Year after winning his first title in the 2009 Bowling Foundation Long Island Classic. He finished in a tie for 115th place in the Pepsi Viper Championship qualifying portion of the World Series of Bowling.

“The Viper pattern is one of my weaker patterns,” Belmonte said. “Everyone on Tour knows this, so I plan to use this as my advantage. I will have to bowl much smarter and let my natural game fit around the pattern.

“From the bottom spot, I have nothing to lose and everything to gain. To win this event I will have to focus on each frame and just have fun. I bowl my best when I have a smile on my face.

"To win any event is very special, but majors have that little extra 'special' about them. Considering I came back from over 400 pins just to make this show, to win it will prove to me that I can come back and win from anywhere against the best bowlers in the world."

NO. 7 WES MALOTT, PFLUGERVILLE, TEXAS

The 2008-09 PBA Player of the Year is a six-time Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour titlist. He finished second in the 2009 PBA World Championship to Tom Smallwood, and he finished 38th in the Pepsi Viper qualifying round of the World Series of Bowling.

"I don't know if there's a pattern I don't like," Malott said. "I didn't match up well at South Point, but the Viper also was at the beginning of the week and I was just starting to get a good feel for my game. I have an open mind about the pattern going into the TV show."

"Obviously it's going to be difficult winning from the No. 7 position, but it's possible. If you look at the sport, a couple of years ago I ran through the field and beat the best of the best. It's just one match at a time, so I'll try to grind through it and hopefully get to the title match."

"The World Championship is one of those things on my checklist of goals," Malott added. "It's going to be a little different format this time, but it's even more of a major because we had to bowl on five patterns to get there. It's at the top of my list. Winning it is one of those things I need to check off sooner rather than later. But if it doesn't happen, I'm not going to get excited. I've done quite a bit already in my career."

NO. 6 MICHAEL HAUGEN JR., CAREFREE, ARIZ.

Haugen owns two PBA Tour titles including the 2008 PBA Tournament of Champions. Haugen qualified for match play in the Pepsi Viper Championship in 11th place, but dropped to 16th after the match play portion of the event.

"The TV lights and the amount of practice we bowl before we actually start competing will turn the Viper pattern into something different, so the pattern itself really doesn't matter," Haugen said. "It comes down to who wants it the most and bowls the best."

"I'm the sixth seed, so there's nothing too hard to figure out here. I need to bowl better than the other guys and win lots of matches."

"Winning the World Championship would mean another major for me and a nice run against a very talented top eight field."

NO. 5 MIKA KOIVUNIEMI, HARTLAND, MICH.

The eight-time PBA Tour champion won the 2000 USBC Masters and 2001 U.S. Open, but he hasn't won a title since the 2007 DyDo Japan Cup. Koivuniemi finished eighth in the Pepsi Viper Championship after qualifying for match play in second place.

"The Viper pattern is what I would be picking if I was the No. 1 seed," Koivuniemi said, "so I like it in that building (South Point) with the oil they are using."

"I need to bowl good and use whatever opportunities I might get, but everything is possible. All I can do is make great shots and do the right moves when needed."

"Winning the World Championship would be a very big deal. To win any tournament is good, and it's more special to win a major - even more so one like this with a long format. It has been too long since my last win, so I think it will be my turn."

NO. 4 CHRIS BARNES, DOUBLE OAK, TEXAS

The 12-time PBA Tour titlist owns the 2005 U.S. Open and 2006 Tournament of Champions titles, but didn't win last season for the first time in 10 years.

"I just missed making match play in the Viper Championship," Barnes said. "One of the things I figured out as we went along during the World Series was that I needed to gear my equipment more to cleaner cover stocks and weaker drilling layouts. I got caught a little bit toward the end of the Viper with balls that weren't quite clean enough. That won't be an issue on the TV show this time because we're not bowling that many games."

"By qualifying fourth, it gets me past the first day of matches. Getting a bye for a few rounds isn't a bad thing. All I have to do is win one match to get to Sunday, and that's when the fun will begin."

"Winning the World Championship means the Triple Crown for me," he added. "That's a big one on my bucket list. It's huge, but it won't add any more pressure than anything else. The same goals have been around for a long time, so it's not an oh-my-gosh moment."

NO. 3 OSKU PALERMAA, FINLAND

Europe's top two-handed player won his first PBA title in the GEICO Shark Championship, the final "animal pattern" event of the World Series. Palermaa finished in a tie for 30th in the qualifying portion of the Pepsi Viper Championship.

"The Viper is, if not the toughest, then the second toughest of the animal patterns," Palermaa said. "For me it definitely is not the easiest one. But when I stay on top of my game and bowl good, it should do good."

"I'm seeded No. 3, so I'm bowling in the first match of Sunday's show," he added. "If I just get through that match, I'm going to have the advantage of being on the lanes before my matches against Sean (Rash) and then Bill (O'Neill)."

"I just won my first title, and that was awesome, but a major would just be even more. And actually, because I am not being exempt or qualified for the Elite Field for the PBA Tournament of Champions, I'm gonna have a hectic Sunday. I first have to bowl the World Championship show at 10 a.m. (Las Vegas time) and then bowl the first round of the Champions Field in the Tournament of Champions."

at 1 p.m. at Red Rock Lanes. So having to bowl in the biggest tournament ever straight after the World Championship with barely time to eat in between is gonna feel even better when I win it.”

NO. 2 SEAN RASH, MONTGOMERY, ILL.

The four-time PBA Tour champion won the first seven matches he bowled on television, but he hasn’t won a title since the 2007 USBC Masters. He finished the match play portion of the Pepsi Viper Championship in 10th place.

“I think the Viper pattern fits my game really well,” Rash said. “There are multiple ways to play this pattern, either from the right or when the lane transitions, you can move in and hook it. Over the last few years I have had a lot of success on it.

“The thing that has to happen for me is to win my first match and just let things happen. If it’s meant to be, it’s meant to be. I need to just bowl like I did on the Chameleon show. If I have fun and enjoy the moment like I did when I first got on Tour, the pins will fall the way they need to fall.

“Winning the World Championship will help start the year off right and give me momentum going into the TOC. Major championships are what players are remembered by and winning this will add to the 2007 USBC Masters I won.”

NO. 1 BILL O’NEILL, SOUTHAMPTON, PA.

O’Neill won his third PBA Tour title in the Pepsi Viper Championship, winning four straight matches after qualifying No. 4 for the ESPN finals. O’Neill, the 2010 U.S. Open champion, finished third in the 2009 PBA World Championship.

“I bowled four matches on TV on the Viper pattern and had a great ball reaction. We’ll be bowling on the same pair of lanes for the World Championship finals, so I’ll take my chances.

“Last year I spent the whole three months between qualifying and bowling in the finals wondering what it would be like to win, and it kinda negatively impacted me. I put too much pressure on myself. This time, I’m going to be more relaxed and just do what I’m going to do. I’ve got one game to bowl and I’m going to try to make every shot count.

“This is why we all came to the World Series to Bowling – to win the World Championship.”

2011 PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS SCHEDULE South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Nev., Jan. 14-16

FRIDAY, JAN. 14 (ESPN2)

2 p.m. (5 p.m. Eastern, 2 p.m. Pacific) – PBA World Championship, Stepladder Round One (No. 8 Jason Belmonte, Australia, vs. No. 7 Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas; winner bowls No. 6 Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz.)

SATURDAY, JAN. 15 (ESPN2)

6 p.m. (9 p.m. Eastern, 6 p.m. Pacific) - PBA World Championship, Stepladder Round Two (Friday winner vs. No. 5 Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich.; winner bowls No. 4 Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas)

SUNDAY, JAN. 16 (ESPN)

10 a.m. (1 p.m. Eastern, 11 a.m. Pacific) - PBA World Championship (Saturday winner vs. No. 3 Osku Palermaa, Finland; winner bowls No. 2 Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill.; winner bowls No. 1 Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., for title)

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International Players Top U.S.A. in PBA World Series of Bowling Team Event Live ESPN2/ESPN finals of PBA World Championship set for Jan. 14-16 at South Point Bowling Center

LAS VEGAS, Nev. – For two weeks, nearly 250 of the world's best bowlers battled each other in a grueling series of individual events during the Professional Bowlers Association's World Series of Bowling at South Point Bowling Center. On the final day, the best from America met the best from the rest of the world, and the World defeated the U.S.A.

The special six-player U.S.A. vs. The World team competition aired Sunday on ESPN.

The PBA World Series of Bowling's special team event pitted the six American bowlers who had finished highest in the 60-game qualifying session against the six international bowlers who had fared best while bowling 12 games per day on five different lane conditions. The six-man team event awarded one point for each of six head-to-head matches, plus three points to the team with the highest total pinfall.

While the head-to-head matches wound up in a 3-3 tie, The World won the team total battle and decisive three points, 1,251-1,208.

"It was fun," said Australia's Jason Belmonte, who defeated Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, 254-215, in their head-to-head match. "But fun or not, we're competitors. We don't like to lose."

Michael Haugen Jr. of Carefree, Ariz., gave the U.S. a healthy lead when he defeated Finland's Kimmo Lehtonen, 246-161, in the first match. Canada's Dan MacLelland trimmed the American lead in Match Two when he topped Ronnie Russell of Camby, Ind., 192-169. Belmonte then put The World into the overall lead, and fellow two-handed specialist Osku Palermaa of Finland padded the international team's lead with his easy 227-150 victory over Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill.

Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, tried to get the U.S. back into the match, but a late surge of four strikes by opponent Mika Koivuniemi, the third Finn on The World team, closed Barnes' margin of victory to a modest three pins, 227-224. International anchor bowler Amleto Monacelli of Venezuela started his game with

four strikes and held off a rally by U.S. anchor Bill O'Neill of Southampton, Pa., who won the point, 201-193, but it wasn't enough to overcome The World's overall lead.

"It was a long, tiring two weeks," O'Neill said. "The team match was a good way to end the World Series, even though we lost. I hope we get to do it again next year."

The team competition was the prelude to the final event of the PBA World Series of Bowling – the PBA World Championship. On Thursday, Jan. 14, the 2010-11 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour season kicks into high gear with a "first" – three days of live stepladder final action featuring the top eight qualifiers in a battle for a \$50,000 first prize and the PBA Tour's first major title of the year. The eight players who will battle for the PBA World Championship will return to South Point Bowling Center where they qualified by bowling 12 games on each of five different PBA lane conditioning patterns during the PBA World Series of Bowling in late October.

The eight-man stepladder final begins with No. 7 qualifier Malott bowling a one-game match against No. 8 Belmonte on Friday, Jan. 14, at 5 p.m. Eastern on ESPN2. The winner will bowl No. 6 qualifier Haugen.

On Saturday, Jan. 15, Friday's winner will meet No. 5 qualifier Koivuniemi in the opening match at 9 p.m. Eastern on ESPN2. That winner will meet No. 4 Barnes.

The PBA World Championship finals shift to ESPN on Sunday at 1 p.m. Eastern, when Saturday night's survivor will start the show against No. 3 Palermmaa. The winner advances to the semifinal match against No. 2 Rash. O'Neill, the PBA World Championship's top qualifier, will then take on the semifinal match survivor in a one-game battle for the \$50,000 top prize and the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour's first major title of the 2010-11 season.

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"Thumbless" Mike Miller and Daughter Adrienne to Make History in \$1 Million PBA Tournament of Champions Quest for \$250,000 first prize gets underway Sunday, Jan. 16, at Red Rock Lanes

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (Jan. 7, 2011) - After nearly eight years of retirement, Mike Miller of Albuquerque, N.M., will return to Professional Bowlers Association competition in the \$1 million PBA Tournament of Champions. One of his competitors - for the first time in PBA Tour history - will be his daughter.

On Monday, Jan. 17 - three days before his 50th birthday - Mike Miller will return to Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour competition for the first time since 2003 when he joins the Elite Field in the \$1 million PBA Tournament of Champions at Red Rock Lanes.

On Sunday, Jan. 16, he'll be in the audience, cheering on his 25-year-old daughter Adrienne Miller as she tries to bowl her way through the Champions Field to join Dad in the Elite Field.

The historic opportunity came their way when the PBA opened eligibility into the 2011 Tournament of Champions to any player who has ever won a PBA title: national, regional, senior or PBA Women's Series. Mike Miller is not only a three-time PBA Tour winner, but earned Elite Field status because he owns a major title. Adrienne, a three-time collegiate All-American at the University of Nebraska and a former PBA Women's Series competitor, earned her ticket into the TOC with her victory in a PBA West Regional event in Las Vegas in November.

It has been nearly 20 years since Mike Miller became an "overnight success," ending his 10-year quest to win a PBA Tour title with a stunning 218-214 victory over Norm Duke in the 1991 PBA National Championship in Toledo, Ohio. At the time, Miller's surprising victory created a shock wave every bit as dramatic as Jason Belmonte's and Osku Palermaa's more contemporary PBA Tour victories as two-handed players.

Mike Miller, a journeyman PBA Tour player, turned his career around when he took his thumb out of the ball. His radical "thumbless" delivery created revolutions on a bowling ball he had never before attained. It became a technique hundreds of other bowlers attempted to copy - just like today's bowlers are trying to master the Belmonte/Palermmaa two-handed delivery - to generate more hooking power.

Miller subsequently won two more titles and bowled a nationally-televised 300 game in the 1999 National Bowling Stadium Open in Reno, Nev., before he retired, in part because of chronic wrist problems associated with his unique delivery and in part because it was his time to retire.

The 2011 Tournament of Champions, with its record \$1 million prize fund and \$250,000 first prize, enticed Miller to return to PBA Tour action. When his daughter also earned an opportunity to bowl in the historic event, the decision to enter was easy.

"The tournament has changed so much from when I was bowling on tour, but having an opportunity to bowl is very nice," Miller said. "I've been having some wrist problems, but I'm sure it's some muscle problems. I just have to take care of it.

"I haven't bowled anything in PBA competition since 2003. Hopefully my wrist will get better and I'll bowl a few more games. I'm still in reasonably good shape; I haven't let things get away."

Miller reflected on what it meant to qualify for the Tournament of Champions back in 1991, and what it still means to him.

"It was a huge deal to qualify for the TOC back in my day," he said. "The first time I bowled it was something I'll never, ever forget. It was such an awesome event. But with all of the money and effort the PBA is putting into it this year, I'm sure it also will be awesome.

"Obviously that (\$250,000 first prize) is a chunk of change," Miller continued. "I'd love to be in a position to have a shot at it. I have no idea what things will hold for me. I try to keep my options open. If I get on something I like? I know how to win.

"But I have a tremendous amount of respect for players who are at the top of their games. I know what it's like. I never forgot what Marshall Holman told me after I won for second time, that it's one thing to get to the top, another to stay there...and how right he was.

"I remember the day I threw my last game on Tour," Miller said. "I left a ringing 10 pin to miss the cut and I told the guys, I'll see you later - and I haven't seen them since. That was it. I chose a different path for my family and my own health, and I'm fine with that."

Since his retirement, Miller has been involved in the family-run Tenpins and More bowling center in suburban Albuquerque.

"Now that I'm turning 50, I plan to bowl a few PBA Senior Tour events," he added, "if I can keep up with Walter Ray Williams."

Bowling in the same event with his daughter is going to be a special treat, Miller said.

"I'm very happy for her. I think she's a realist as well," he said. "It's going to be a little longer road for her (trying to get out of the Champions Field qualifying round), but I'm really proud of her. She's put in a lot of work. You never know. It happened for Kelly Kulick. Why not my daughter?"

That's Adrienne Miller's thought as well. No one in the world expected Kulick to upset a field of 63 male champions in winning the 2010 PBA Tournament of Champions, but she did it.

"I'm so ready. I'm totally pumped," Adrienne beamed. "It's really cool to have a chance to bowl with my dad.

"I've lost 20 pounds, I've been doing yoga, getting in shape, working hard on my bowling," she said, "and just by getting in shape, I'm bowling a lot better. I'm ready to do it. I want to pull a Kelly Kulick and make the show. Why not? I never thought I'd be able to bowl in the TOC in the first place, so it just goes to show you should never give up."

Adrienne also notes that people shouldn't overlook her father, either. He has been nursing his sore wrist, she said, but recently he was at home "moving a couch and his wrist popped. Whatever it was, now everything's good. He's been bowling awesome."

And he's still not using his thumb.

The PBA Tournament of Champions gets underway with two seven-game qualifying rounds for nearly 100 Champions Field competitors on Sunday and Monday, Jan. 16-17, at Red Rock Lanes. The top half of the Champions Field will then join the Elite Field for qualifying and match play rounds Monday through Friday. The top four after 60 games will advance to the live stepladder finals on ABC Saturday, Jan. 22, at 2:30 p.m. Eastern/11:30 a.m. Pacific.

All of the preliminary round action will be covered live, exclusively on pba.com's Xtra Frame video streaming service. To subscribe, visit pba.com.

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Top Qualifier O'Neill Picks "Viper" for PBA World Championship Finals Unique eight-man stepladder final gets underway at South Point on Friday, Jan. 14

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (Jan. 4, 2011) – Bill O'Neill of Southampton, Pa., who won his third career Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour title in the Pepsi Viper Championship in the 2010 PBA World Series of Bowling in October, has selected the Viper lane condition for the 2011 PBA World Championship finals as the PBA Tour launches the live television portion of its schedule Jan. 14-16 at South Point Bowling Center.

The first-ever three-day, eight-player stepladder finals will air on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 14-16, on ESPN2 and ESPN. O'Neill, the top qualifier after 60 World Series games bowled on five different PBA lane conditions, earned the right to select which lane condition would be used for the championship finals and to no one's surprise, he selected the lane condition he dominated in winning four matches to win the Viper title.

The Viper pattern is considered a medium to high-scoring condition that involves oiling the lane to a distance of 37 feet, and allows for multiple angles of attack for those who can successfully read the changes in conditions as competitors break down the original application of oil.

In winning the Pepsi Viper Championship, O'Neill averaged 242.75 in easily defeating PBA Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli, Mike DeVaney, Tommy Jones and Andres Gomez. In all four matches, O'Neill rarely missed the pocket while all four of his opponents struggled.

O'Neill also knew that none of the other seven PBA World Championship finalists – No. 8 Jason Belmonte, Australia; No. 7 Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas; No. 6 Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz.; No. 5 Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich.; No. 4 Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas; No. 3 Osku Palermaa, Finland, and No. 2 Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill. – made it to the Viper championship round.

"I didn't want to bowl on the Cheetah pattern for a major title," O'Neill said in explaining his lane pattern choice. "The Cheetah condition is too easy. I don't want to get into a shootout. I didn't want to bowl on the Shark because that

pattern plays to the advantage of Sean (Rash) and Osku (Palermmaa), who have higher rev rates than I do.

"I made the show on the Scorpion pattern, but I didn't have a good look," O'Neill continued. "And I won my first title on the Chameleon a year ago in Detroit, but on the Viper, I bowled four games and had a really good ball reaction. I bowled four matches on TV and we'll be bowling on the same pair of lanes for the World Championship finals, so I'll take my chances."

The PBA World Championship finals will be the first ever to include eight players and air over a span of three days. The finals will begin at 5 p.m. Eastern on ESPN2 on Friday, Jan. 14, when the No. 8 World Series qualifier (Belmonte) bowls a one-game match against the No. 7 qualifier (Malott). The winner will then meet No. 6 Haugen.

Friday's winner will advance to Saturday's 9 p.m. Eastern telecast, also on ESPN2, for a one-game match against No. 5 qualifier Koivuniemi. That winner will meet No. 4 Barnes.

Saturday's winner moves into the championship field on the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour's traditional home, ESPN, for the 1 p.m. Eastern finals on Sunday. The first match will involve Saturday's survivor against No. 3 qualifier Palermmaa. Next up will be the semifinal match against Rash. O'Neill will await the final survivor in a showdown for the \$50,000 first prize and the season's first major title.

O'Neill has experienced the waiting game before. He was a finalist in the 2009 PBA World Championship where he also had to wait three months between qualifying in suburban Detroit and the live finals in December in Wichita, Kan.

"I spent the whole three months between qualifying and bowling in the finals last year wondering what it would be like to win," he said, "and it kinda negatively impacted me. I put too much pressure on myself."

In Wichita, O'Neill lost his semifinal round match to eventual champion Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., 211-159.

"This time, I'm going to be more relaxed and just do what I'm going to do," O'Neill said. "I've got one game to bowl and I'm going to try to make every shot count. I'm going to try not to get too worked up, or think too far ahead or worry about winning."

Tickets for the PBA World Championship television shows are available at South Point Bowling Center or online at pba.com. A three-day television pass is \$50; tickets for the three individuals shows are \$20 each.

2011 PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Nev., Jan. 14-16

FRIDAY, JAN. 14 (ESPN2)

2 p.m. (5 p.m. Eastern, 2 p.m. Pacific) - PBA World Championship, Stepladder Round One (No. 8 Jason Belmonte, Australia, vs. No. 7 Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas; winner bowls No. 6 Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz.)

SATURDAY, JAN. 15 (ESPN2)

6 p.m. (9 p.m. Eastern, 6 p.m. Pacific) - PBA World Championship, Stepladder Round Two (Friday winner vs. No. 5 Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich.; winner bowls No. 4 Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas)

SUNDAY, JAN. 16 (ESPN)

10 a.m. (1 p.m. Eastern, 11 a.m. Pacific) - PBA World Championship (Saturday winner vs. No. 3 Osku Palermaa, Finland; winner bowls No. 2 Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill.; winner bowls No. 1 Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., for title)

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Can Kelly Kulick Repeat History in 2011 PBA Tournament of Champions?
First woman ever to win a PBA Tour title admits her confidence isn't what it should be

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (Jan. 3, 2011) – On Monday, January 17, Kelly Kulick of Union, N.J., will begin defense of the most prestigious title a woman bowler has ever won. Defeating an otherwise all-male field of 63 Professional Bowlers Association champions to win the 2010 PBA Tournament of Champions was one of the most extraordinary achievements in women's sports history.

But now the question is, can the first woman ever to bowl in the PBA Tournament of Champions win it again?

When Kulick returns to Red Rock Lanes this time, the stakes will be enormous and the pressure more intense than any she has ever faced. This time, a victory is worth \$250,000, the richest first prize in the richest event in PBA Tour history. This time, she'll have to out-last a larger and more diverse field of nearly 200 PBA title winners. This time, the finals will air live in high-definition on ABC on Saturday, Jan. 22, at 2:30 p.m. Eastern, marking the PBA's return to ABC for the first time in 14 years.

Adding to the anticipation is the fact that Kulick isn't sure if she's ready.

"I've thought about the TOC a lot," the 33-year-old right-hander said during a holiday-season charity exhibition in Chicago. "It's our biggest prize fund (\$1 million). But I really don't feel like I'm ready for it. I didn't feel ready for this (charity exhibition) and it's a recreational event.

"I'm trying to do the best I can with the time that's allotted to me, but I'm definitely looking forward to the future."

Between August 2009 and July 2010, Kulick had the most successful 12 months in women's bowling history. Not only did she win the TOC for a PBA Tour major championship (and a two-year exemption to continue bowling on the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour through the 2011-12 season), but she also won all three women's major titles contested: the PBA Women's World Championship, USBC Queens and U.S. Women's Open. While she relished the attention she was able to bring to women's bowling, she also suffered the consequences.

"Winning the TOC has called for a lot of sacrifices in several areas, and my bowling is one of them," she said. "I'm going into Las Vegas and the TOC with a lot of eyes on my back - again - and probably some greater expectations. All I can do is my best, but I really wish I was better prepared than I am."

"Then again, I bowled pretty well in the PBA World Series of Bowling (in October), and I didn't feel like I was prepared then, either."

During the World Series, Kulick finished 80th among 252 players in the Brunswick Pro Bowling Cheetah Championship, 84th in the Pepsi Viper Championship, 73rd in the Chameleon Championship, 35th in the Scorpion Championship and 15th in the GEICO Shark Championship. For the combined 60-game qualifying stage of the PBA World Championship, she finished 34th.

The World Series was Kulick's first 2010-11 appears as a PBA Tour exempt player, but it wasn't the first time she has bowled against the men. She also was the first woman ever to win a PBA Tour exemption back in 2006, but her 2006-07 experience as a full-time PBA Tour competitor wasn't what she hoped, and she wasn't able to earn enough points to retain the exemption. What she did in the aftermath was diagnose her weaknesses, practice harder, get in better physical condition and try again.

That's why "it kinda surprises me that I don't have the confidence in myself that someone like Bill (O'Neill) has," she said of the PBA World Championship's leading qualifier. "You can watch him swing the ball and see how confident he is. I still don't feel that way, even though I've had the most successful year I've ever had. I feel like I'm still working at it. I made an adjustment in my grip and it's still not perfect."

"I'm supposed to be the best woman bowler in the world, and right now I'm not feeling all that confident. I don't know if that's good or bad."

Whether or not Kulick is able to pull off another miracle, her "can do" spirit has spread among some other women bowlers who aspire to duplicate her feat. Also entered in the Tournament of Champions are Diandra Asbaty, Chicago; Missy Bellinder, Lake Forest, Calif.; Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Keller, Texas; Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., and Adrienne Miller, Albuquerque, N.M. - all of whom have either won a PBA Regional or PBA Women's Series title to earn their spots in the 2011 event.

2011 PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS SCHEDULE Red Rock Lanes, Las Vegas, Nev., Jan. 15-22 (all times Pacific)

Saturday, Jan. 15

9 and 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m. - Pro-Am squads

4:30 p.m. - Autograph sessions

6:30 p.m. - Champions field practice

Sunday, Jan. 16

9 a.m. - Elite field practice

1 p.m. - Champions field, 7 qualifying games

Monday, Jan. 17

8 a.m. - Champions field, 7 qualifying games

Top 50% after 14 games advance to Elite field

4 p.m. - Squad A, 5 qualifying games

7 p.m. - Squad B, 5 qualifying games

Tuesday, Jan. 18

8 a.m. - Squad B, 5 qualifying games

11 a.m. - Squad A, 5 qualifying games

4 p.m. - Squad B, 5 qualifying games

7 p.m. - Squad A, 5 qualifying games

Wednesday, Jan. 19

8 a.m. - Squad A, 5 qualifying games

11 a.m. - Squad B, 5 qualifying games

Top 54 (based on 216 entries) after 20 games advance to Cashers Round

5 p.m. - Cashers Round 1, 8 qualifying games

Thursday, Jan. 20

10 a.m. - Cashers Round 2, 8 qualifying games

Top 24 after 36 games advance to round robin match play

5 p.m. - Top 24, 8 match play games

Friday, Jan. 21

11 a.m. - Top 24, 8 match play games

5 p.m. - Top 24, 8 match play games

Top 4 after 60 games advance to stepladder finals

Saturday, Jan. 22

11:30 a.m. - Top 4, live stepladder finals, ABC

7 p.m. - PBA Hall of Fame dinner

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