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More than 2.3 million unique fans visit PBA's official website

SEATTLE (Dec. 31, 2012) – More than 2.3 million fans visited pba.com, the official website of the Professional Bowlers Association, during 2012 and based upon the number of visits, ranked Pete Weber's historic fifth U.S. Open title as the year's top story.

According to statistics gathered pertaining to pba.com, PBA fans visited the website just over 6.1 million times, with 2,354,715 unique visits. A total of more than 20.3 million pages were viewed during the course of the year. The most-frequented pages, in order, were the home page, PBA Regional Tours page, PBA Player Profiles page, and PBA Tour tournament information page.

The most-visited news stories on pba.com for the year were:

- 1) Pete Weber's fifth U.S. Open title to surpass the record he shared with his late father Dick Weber and his late father's famous Budweiser teammate, Don Carter. Pete Weber's post-victory exclamation, "Who do you think you are? I am," also added to the legacy of his record title.
- 2) Former PBA Tour competitor Tony Reyes' tragic death after an automobile accident in late September.
- 3) The PBA's announcement of its "super-sized" 2012-13 season, expanding the PBA Tour season to 14 months to allow the PBA to return to calendar year scheduling effective Jan. 1, 2014.
- 4) Rhino Page's selection as the No. 1 player picked in the inaugural PBA League Draft.
- 5) Kamron Doyle locking up a "cashing" finish in the U.S. Open at age 14, making him the youngest player ever to cash in a PBA Tour event (his earnings were deposited in his scholarship account).
- 6) Mike Fagan secures the top rung for the U.S. Open stepladder finals over Australia's Jason Belmonte, Ryan Shafer and Pete Weber.
- 7) The media coverage surrounding the U.S. Open, reaching millions of newspaper readers, internet followers and social media fans, became one of the year's biggest stories.
- 8) Chris Barnes earning the top berth for the Alka Seltzer Plus Liquid Gels USBC Masters finals.
- 9) Norm Duke wins PBA Detroit Open for his 35th career title.
- 10) Eugene McCune successfully defending his PBA Cheetah Open title.
- 11) Historic team bowling concept to debut with 2013 PBA League.
- 12) Chris Barnes bowls 300 one game too early as Jason Belmonte wins Shark Open.
- 13) Mike Fagan defeats Chris Barnes to win first major title in Alka Seltzer Plus Liquid Gels USBC Masters.
- 14) Sean Rash ends five-year title drought in winning PBA Tournament of Champions.
- 15) Ryan Shafer leads U.S. Open; Missy Parking becomes first woman to make match play finals.
- 16) Two-handed stars Jason Belmonte, Osku Palermaa eliminated in Dick Weber PBA Playoffs.
- 17) Mike Wolfe averages 253 to earn top berth for Cheetah Championship finals.

- 18) Jason Belmonte keeps PBA World Series of Bowling IV “three-peat” hopes alive as top qualifier for PBA World Championship.
- 19) Comedian/podcast star Chris Hardwick joins lineup of PBA League celebrity owners.
- 20) Original PBA superstar Don Carter dies at age 85.

More detailed insight into the year’s top PBA stories will be provided by blogger Jason Thomas, “The Bowling Guy,” on pba.com.

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Angelo Ends Four-Year Title Slump with PBA Viper Championship Victory

Two clutch strikes, eight-count in 10th frame lock up second career title

LAS VEGAS – Brad Angelo of Lockport, N.Y., with two strikes and an eight-count in the 10th frame, ended four years of frustration with a 233-232 victory over Finland's Mika Koivuniemi to win the Professional Bowlers Association Viper Championship at South Point Hotel and Casino.

Angelo, who won his only PBA Tour title in the 2008 Viper Championship in Omaha, Neb., came into the Viper Championship finals as the top qualifier, but got help from Koivuniemi in the final frame before pulling off his clutch victory.

The Viper Championship, the second of five PBA Tour events held as part of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IV at South Point, aired Sunday on ESPN.

"The finals are airing on my birthday, and I guarantee there will be an absolute blow-out Christmas party, slash birthday party, slash victory number two party at Brad Angelo Lanes," the now 43-year-old Angelo said.

Koivuniemi started the title match with a 4-10 split and an open frame. Angelo returned the favor in the third frame when he left a 4-6-7 split and opened. Neither bowler missed the pocket after those errors, although each left and converted a single-pin spare.

The contest came down to the 10th frame where Koivuniemi, working on a string of four strikes, added a fifth on his first shot. Needing nine pins and a spare to lock up the title, Koivuniemi left the 3-6-9-10 to give Angelo a chance to win with a double and eight pins, and that's exactly what the 11-year PBA Tour veteran got.

"Mika gave me a chance, but I feel for him," Angelo said. "I've bowled against him for 25 years and he's about as classy as they come. He made some great shots to virtually shut me out, and the next thing I know, he got six (pins).

"All you ever want is a chance. That's what I kept saying to myself, give me a chance," Angelo continued. "I thought I needed nine pins to win. I guess it didn't register that he got six pins, not seven, but I didn't look at the score. That's the first time in my career I didn't look to see what I really needed; I just got up and tried to make three quality shots."

The victory was redemption for four years of extreme frustration for Angelo.

"My slow years were certainly not for lack of effort," he said. "I dealt with the evolution of the sport. Bowling with so much friction on the lanes here in Las Vegas, a guy like me without the speed and rev rate some of the power guys have, is pretty much nullified.

"Some of these guys – and they're great players – have an advantage over guys like me. My weak 10 pin is their messenger 10-pin strike. My 2-10 split could be another strike for them because they can send the headpin off the wall.

"It's been a struggle, but today I feel great. Great," he said with a grin. "Hopefully I've silenced some of the people who decided that my career is over. Hopefully I've shoved that right in their mouths."

Koivuniemi advanced to the title match with a 214-150 victory over Mike Fagan of Dallas in the first match, and a 258-180 win over reigning PBA Player of the Year Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., in the semifinal match.

The GEICO World Series of Bowling continues on ESPN next Sunday at 1 p.m. ET with the finals of the Chameleon Championship. Finalists will include Bahrain's Fawaz Abdulla, the first Middle Eastern player to reach the nationally-televised finals of a PBA Tour event; 2010-11 PBA Rookie of the Year Scott Norton of Costa Mesa, Calif.; PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr., of Ocala, Fla., the winningest player in PBA history with 47 PBA Tour titles, and top qualifier Jason Belmonte of Australia, a two-handed player who won three titles during World Series of Bowling III in 2011.

Pre- and post-telecast shows for all PBA-ESPN telecasts will be available on Xtra Frame, PBA's online bowling channel.

VIPER CHAMPIONSHIP **South Point Exhibition Hall, Las Vegas**

Final Standings: 1, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., \$20,000. 2, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, \$10,000. 3, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., \$7,000. 4, Mike Fagan, Dallas, \$5,000.

Stepladder Results: Match One – Koivuniemi def. Fagan, 214-150. Semifinal Match – Koivuniemi def. Rash, 258-180. Championship – Angelo def. Koivuniemi, 233-232.

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Koivuniemi Wins Qatar Open, Adds 19th Nation to International Titles List

DOHA, Qatar (Dec. 15, 2012) – Two-time Professional Bowlers Association Player of the Year Mika Koivuniemi, a native of Finland now living in the United States, continued to expand his unprecedented international bowling portfolio when he won the 12th annual Qatar Open Saturday at Qatar Bowling Center, making Qatar the 19th different country in which he has won a bowling title.

Koivuniemi defeated fellow Finn Tony Ranta, 544-471, in the two-game total pinfall title match to win a first prize of US\$39,480.

The tournament was part of the growing World Tenpin Bowling Association-PBA International Tour series, and it was the final event of the 2012 European Bowling Tour season.

Koivuniemi, who led the Qatar field of 142 players from 26 countries through the preliminary qualifying rounds, defeated Sweden's Martin Larsen, 442-385, to advance to the title match while Ranta eliminated 13-time PBA Tour titlist Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., 389-361.

"This is my first title in this part of the world and I'm glad I finally broke that jinx," the 45-year-old Koivuniemi said.

Koivuniemi, a long-time member of Finland's national bowling team before joining the PBA and moving to Hartland, Mich., had previously won titles in his home country, Sweden, Denmark, Japan, Singapore, Korea, Thailand, Malaysia, Canada, China, Colombia, Spain, France, The Netherlands, Slovenia, England and Germany as well as the United States. The 2003-04 and 2010-11 PBA Player of the Year and Venezuela's Amleto Monacelli (1989 and 1990) are the only international players to win Player of the Year honors twice.

The WTBA-PBA International Tour's next tournament will be the International Bowling Championships presented by DHC in Aichi-ken, Japan, Jan. 17-19.

QATAR OPEN

Qatar Bowling Center, Doha, Qatar, Dec. 16

Championship (two games total pinfall): Mika Koivuniemi, Finland (\$39,480) def. Tony Ranta, Finland (\$18,950), 544-471.

Semifinal Round (two games total pinfall, losers earned \$6,580): Koivuniemi def. Martin Larsen, Sweden, 442-385. Ranta def. Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 389-361.

Other PBA Finalists (after 6 games): 5, Mike Fagan, Dallas, 1,330, \$3,290. 6, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,325, \$3,290. 7, Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 1,324, \$3,290. 8, Yousif Falah, Bahrain, 1,318, \$3,290. 10, Dom Barrett, England, 1,299, \$3,290.

13, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,283, \$2,360. 15, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,268, \$2,360. 16, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,254, \$2,360. 17, Jesper Agerbo, Denmark, 1,248, \$2,360. 18, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,242, \$2,360.

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O'Neill Wins Fourth Title in PBA Alka Seltzer Plus Cold Cheetah Championship

Pennsylvania pro completes dramatic performance to end two-year title slump

LAS VEGAS – Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., completed a dramatic performance to win his fourth Professional Bowlers Association Tour title in the Alka Seltzer Plus Cold Cheetah Championship, the opening tournament in the 2012-13 PBA Tour season, at South Point Hotel and Casino.

O'Neill, who won his last title in the 2010 Pepsi Viper Championship, started the title match with seven strikes and cruised to a 243-192 victory over top qualifier Mike Wolfe of New Albany, Ind.

The title match concluded an uphill battle that began when O'Neill barely made it into the Round of 16 in 16th place by two pins. After sneaking into the Round of 16, he advanced 12 positions to qualify fourth for the four-man stepladder finals by 28 pins.

In the stepladder finals, O'Neill eliminated Chris Loschetter of Avon, Ohio, 248-223, and Jeff Roche of Dearborn, Mich., 246-177, to advance to the title match where he raced to an easy victory over Wolfe.

The Cheetah Championship finals, conducted as part of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IV, aired Sunday on ESPN.

"I was definitely confident today," O'Neill said. "I wanted to get off to a good start. I knew what I needed to do. I had to stay mentally right and keep focused on my game, and make sure I wasn't throwing errant shots."

In his opening match, Loschetter started with five strikes before leaving a 10 pin and missing the spare. O'Neill answered with a string of six strikes after converting a single-pin spare in his first frame, taking a 23-pin lead after seven frames which Loschetter couldn't overcome.

He had an easier time against Roche, who missed three spare attempts in the first five frames of his national television debut. O'Neill led by only 11 pins after four frames, but started a string of eight strikes in the fifth frame and ran away with the victory.

"When Jeff started off slow, I got a little complacent and I almost threw one shot in the gutter," O'Neill said, "but I made the spare, and took a deep breath, and tried not to look ahead to the championship match.

"Winning again was definitely important. After not making any TV shows last season, I just wanted to bowl well. I wanted to compete again, and be in the hunt to make shows," O'Neill added. "I made a lot of

top 10s last season, but I never even threatened for a show. That's what I wanted to do coming into the World Series. I worked really hard on my game over the summer and it's paying off."

In the title match, O'Neill admitted thoughts of bowling a nationally-televised 300 games began dancing in his head after building a big lead with seven strikes to start the contest. Wolfe, who didn't throw consecutive strikes until the seventh and eighth frames, was all but eliminated after six frames.

"When I got the strike in the seventh frame, I knew I just needed one more mark to lock up the title," he said. "I got to thinking it would be really cool to shoot 300, because Tony Reyes bowled 300 for his first title on this lane condition, and that was kind of going through my mind. I got a little jittery in the eighth and threw it a little quick, and left the 2-8-10. That's what happened."

Reyes, a close friend, died in late September of injuries sustained in a traffic accident near his northern California home.

"Tony was on all of our minds," O'Neill said. "There was a masking unit with his picture on it in the bowling center and every time you saw it, it was sad, but you have to put it out of your mind. You just had to know he'd want you to do well. We all wish he was here."

The 2012-13 PBA Tour season on ESPN continues next Sunday at 1 p.m. ET with the finals of the Viper Championship. Stepladder finalists will include Mike Fagan of Dallas; Finnish native Mika Koivuniemi of Hartland, Mich.; reigning PBA Player of the Year Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., and top qualifier Brad Angelo of Lockport, N.Y.

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ALKA SELTZER PLUS COLD CHEETAH CHAMPIONSHIP **South Point Exhibition Hall, Las Vegas**

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PBA Returns to Milwaukee for Multi-Event Summer Swing in May

Four tournaments to be conducted in three bowling centers

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (Dec. 10, 2012) – After a five-year absence, the Professional Bowlers Association will return to the Milwaukee area with a unique four-tournament, three bowling center Summer Swing in late May, PBA Commissioner Tom Clark announced today.

The PBA Summer Swing will include two-day tournaments at AMF Waukesha just west of Milwaukee, AMF West in Milwaukee proper and AMF Bowlero in suburban Wauwatosa. Each of the three events will produce a five-player stepladder final which will be televised on a tape-delayed basis, and the qualifying rounds of the three preliminary events will serve as a foundation for a fourth championship tournament which also will be conducted at Bowlero. Tournament names will be announced later.

"Milwaukee has been the home to some of the most important events in bowling history," Clark said, "and we hope the PBA Summer Swing will add to that legacy. It's a great bowling community with great bowling fans, and we couldn't be happier to be coming back to town."

The PBA Tour's last Milwaukee appearance was in 2007 when qualifying and match play rounds for the United States Bowling Congress Masters were held at AMF Bowlero Lanes before the ESPN finals were conducted on specially-constructed lanes in Miller Park, the home of the Milwaukee Brewers, for the second time. That tournament was won by reigning PBA Player of the Year Sean Rash.

In October of 2004, the USBC and PBA made history when the Masters finals were conducted in Miller Park for the first time. That was the first time a championship bowling event had ever been staged in a major league baseball stadium. Danny Wiseman of Baltimore won that edition of the Masters. In between those historic events, USBC (which formerly made its home in suburban Greendale, Wis.) and the PBA conducted Masters finals in U.S. Cellular Arena in downtown Milwaukee in 2005 (won by Mike Scroggins) and the Wisconsin Exposition Center at Wisconsin State Fair Park in 2006 (won by Doug Kent).

Prior to those USBC Masters tournaments, Milwaukee had long been an annual stop on the PBA Tour, beginning in 1966 when USBC Hall of Famer Bill Lillard won his lone PBA Tour title in the Miller High Life Open.

The entry fee package for all four tournaments will be \$600 for PBA members and \$700 for non-members. The tournament field will be limited to 192 players. Entries open March 15. PBA Touring I and Touring II members will have first priority followed by non-touring members. Non-members will be confirmed on a first-come basis.

Tentatively called the Summer Classics I, II and III, each will offer a \$50,000 prize fund. Classic IV will pay \$100,000 in prize money. All four winners will earn berths in the 2014 PBA Tournament of Champions.

All four tournaments will be covered by PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel (for subscription information, visit pba.com and look for the Xtra Frame logo).

PBA SUMMER SWING SCHEDULE

SUMMER CLASSIC I, AMF WAUKESHA, WAUKESHA, WIS.

Sunday, May 19

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. – Practice sessions

tba – Pro-am squad

Monday, May 20

8 a.m. – Squad A, 5 qualifying games

11 a.m. – Squad B, 5 qualifying games

3:30 p.m. – Squad A, 5 qualifying games

6:30 p.m. – Squad B, 5 qualifying games

Top 24 after 10 games advance to round robin match play (qualifying scores for all players carry over to Summer Classic IV)

Tuesday, May 21

11 a.m. – Top 24, 8 games round robin match play

5:30 p.m. – Top 24, 8 games round robin match play

Top 5 after 26 games advance to stepladder finals

SUMMER CLASSIC II, AMF WEST, MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Wednesday, May 22

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. – Practice sessions

tba – Pro-am squad

Thursday, May 23

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

Top 24 after 10 games advance to round robin match play (qualifying scores for all players carry over to Summer Classic IV)

Friday, May 24

11 a.m. – Top 24, 8 games round robin match play

5:30 p.m. – Top 24, 8 games round robin match play

Top 5 after 26 games advance to stepladder finals

Saturday, May 25

No competition

SUMMER CLASSIC III, AMF BOWLERO, WAUWATOSA, WIS.

Sunday, May 26

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. – Practice sessions

tba – Pro-am squad

Monday, May 27

8 a.m. – Squad A, 5 qualifying games

11 a.m. – Squad B, 5 qualifying games

4 p.m. – Squad A, 5 qualifying games

7 p.m. – Squad B, 5 qualifying games

Top 24 after 10 games advance to round robin match play (qualifying scores for all players carry over to Summer Classic IV)

Tuesday, May 28

11 a.m. – Top 24, 8 games round robin match play

5:30 p.m. – Top 24, 8 games round robin match play

Top 5 after 26 games advance to stepladder finals

SUMMER CLASSIC IV, AMF BOWLERO, WAUWATOSA, WIS.

(Field will consist of cashers based on 30 game-totals from Classic I, II and III qualifying rounds)

Wednesday, May 29

11 a.m. – 5 qualifying games (top 24 after 35 games advance to match play)

5:30 p.m. – Top 24, 8 games round robin match play

Thursday, May 30

11 a.m. – Top 24, 8 games round robin match play

5:30 p.m. – Top 24, 8 games round robin match play

Friday, May 31

No competition

SUMMER SWING TELEVISION FINALS, AMF BOWLERO, WAUWATOSA, WIS.

Saturday, June 1

1 p.m. – Summer Classic I, five-player stepladder finals

4 p.m. – Summer Classic II, five-player stepladder finals

Sunday, June 2

1 p.m. – Summer Classic III, five-player stepladder finals

4 p.m. – Summer Classic IV, five-player stepladder finals

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Barnes, Parkin Kick Off 2012-13 PBA Season with World Bowling Tour Titles

Two-year international journey ends with victories during PBA World Series of Bowling IV

LAS VEGAS – Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, and Missy Parkin of Lake Forest, Calif., successfully concluded two years of international travel when they captured Bayer Advanced Aspirin World Bowling Tour men's and women's finals titles to kick off the 2012-13 Professional Bowlers Association television season at South Point Hotel and Casino.

Barnes, a 14-time PBA Tour champion, defeated reigning WBT men's champion Mika Koivuniemi of Finland, 244-228, while Parkin defeated Liz Johnson of Cheektowaga, N.Y., 238-190, in the women's finals during the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling. Both finals, which featured three players who qualified by earning points in World Tenpin Bowling Association-PBA International Tour events over a span of two years, aired Sunday on ESPN. Both champions earned \$20,000.

Barnes, who won the Columbia 300 Vienna Open in Austria in October to lock up his berth in the WBT men's finals, edged Mike Fagan of Dallas, 258-244, in the semifinal match before closing with a string of six strikes for a come-from-behind victory over his close friend, Koivuniemi, in the title match.

"Any win feels good," Barnes said. "Mika and I always have good matches. I've been fortunate the last three times, but I'm pretty sure it'll even out whether I like it or not."

The key to Barnes' victory was three 10 pins left by his long-time international rival on the right lane in the third, seventh and ninth frames.

"I left a couple of solid 10s on that lane myself," Barnes said. "I knew that lane was tighter. I threw one shot that I thought was pretty good that didn't even get back to the pocket."

Forced to finish his game on the tricky right lane after Koivuniemi's misfortune in the ninth frame gave him an opening, Barnes made a critical adjustment and threw three strikes in the 10th frame. The first strike was the one that iced the title.

"I knew I was going to move right and have to stay firm with the shot," Barnes said. "Earlier on in my career I didn't commit to that shot very well, but I committed to it, and made the shot I wanted to throw. It didn't quite get up to high flush, but it was good enough today."

As part of their ongoing rivalry on television, Barnes and Koivuniemi make a side bet that has involved things like the gaudy Madras plaid pair of pants Koivuniemi was forced to wear on television the last time he lost.

"We had a jersey bet on this one," Barnes said of his WBT win. "I, or my fans, or his daughters will get to design a jersey that he'll get to wear on a future TV show. And pretty much anything goes as long as it's legal for TV."

In the women's finals, Johnson advanced to the title match after a thrilling 267-260 victory over PBA Tour titlist Kelly Kulick of Union, N.J. But Johnson's strike shot evaporated in the title match. A 4-6-7 split in the second frame and a 4-6 in the fourth put her in a hole she couldn't escape.

"I've come in second a lot lately," said Parkin, who lost to Chicago's Diandra Asbaty in the Australian Masters title match prior to the WSOB and finished second to Kulick in the U.S. Women's Open earlier in the year. "Today I wasn't going to let that happen again. I kind of went out with a mindset that I was going to make the pins strike. I know you can't do that, but it was the mindset I had."

"I only had one game, and I needed to throw 10 really good shots, and I feel like I did. Luckily the pins fell my way and it was enough to win."

But for Parkin, the victory made her international travels worth the effort.

"This year all of the travel has been particularly hard being away from family and friends," she said. "It's really hard; a lot of people don't understand how much we travel. Winning this tournament after two years and having to accumulate all those points means so much."

The second annual Bayer Advanced Aspirin WBT Finals presented by the PBA also signaled the start of a new points cycle for the international series. Points earned in WTBA-PBA International Tour events over the next 12 months will replace points earned in the first year of the qualifying cycle, leading into the third WBT Finals which will be part of PBA WSOB V in November 2013.

The 2012-13 PBA Tour season on ESPN continues next Sunday at 1 p.m. ET with the finals of the Alka Seltzer Plus Cold Cheetah Championship. Stepladder finalists will include Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa.; Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio; Jeff Roche, Dearborn, Mich., and top qualifier Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind.

Pre- and post-telecast shows for all PBA-ESPN telecasts will be available on Xtra Frame, PBA's online bowling channel.

BAYER ADVANCED ASPIRIN WORLD BOWLING TOUR FINALS presented by the PBA

South Point Exhibition Hall, Las Vegas

Women's Final Standings: 1, Missy Parkin, Lake Forest, Calif., \$20,000. 2, Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., \$10,000. 3, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., \$5,000.

Stepladder Results: Semifinal Match – Johnson def. Kulick, 267-260. Championship – Parkin def. Johnson, 238-190.

Men's Final Standings: 1, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, \$20,000. 2, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, \$10,000. 3, Mike Fagan, Dallas, \$5,000

Stepladder Results: Semifinal Match – Barnes def. Fagan, 258-244. Championship – Koivuniemi, 244-228.

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PBA Regional Players Invitational Winners to Bowl for Tournament of Champions Berth on ESPN

PBA adds new incentives to end-of-season "regional major championship" tournaments

SEATTLE (Nov. 27, 2012) – The Professional Bowlers Association has added new incentives to its inaugural Regional Players Invitational program, including a special ESPN telecast for the six RPI champions and a berth in the 2014 PBA Tournament of Champions.

The new RPI program, which will introduce affordable, closer-to-home regional "major" championship events to the PBA's East, South, Central, Midwest, Southwest and West/Northwest combined regions at the conclusion of the 2012-13 season, will provide six regional champions with \$6,000 guaranteed first prize checks, paid entries into PBA World Series of Bowling V in the fall of 2013, and a chance to bowl in front of a national television audience on a special ESPN telecast. The winner of the ESPN telecast will earn a berth in the Tournament of Champions.

Each RPI will offer a \$25,000 prize fund based on 48 entries, a 1:2 payoff ratio, a Friday pro-am and two six-game qualifying rounds on Saturday with the top 16 qualifiers advancing to five rounds of elimination matches on Sunday. Each of the six RPIs also will be webcast live, exclusively on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame.

"This is one of the most exciting initiatives for the PBA Regional program ever and shows the PBA's commitment to developing great players on the regional level," said PBA Commissioner Tom Clark. "It makes the races for the RPI spots in each region even more compelling and the resulting Xtra Frame and TV exposure for the regional program will shed more light on one of the most important foundations of the PBA."

The 2012-13 RPI program is based upon competition points earned by players within each region between Sept. 1, 2012, and July 15, 2013. A total of 48 players within each of the six regions (including the combined West and Northwest Regions) will be eligible for the RPI finals, with preferred entry status awarded to the points leaders in each area.

For complete format, schedule and entry information, visit pba.com.

The newly-announced ESPN-TOC incentives add another dimension to the program. The six RPI winners will compete in a one-hour ESPN-televised event. The East, Central and South RPI winners will bowl in the first one-game match, and the Midwest, Southwest and West-Northwest winners will bowl in the second. The winners of those two matches will meet in a final game to determine the player who will earn special PBA Tournament of Champions consideration.

If the winner of the ESPN telecast is already a PBA Tour champion and currently eligible for the TOC, he/she will move to the top of the TOC eligibility list. If the winner is not a PBA Touring member and/or not already eligible for the TOC, he/she will become eligible for a one-time opportunity to bowl in the 2014 TOC.

2013 PBA REGIONAL PLAYERS INVITATIONAL SCHEDULE

Aug. 2-4 – PBA South Region Regional Players Invitational, Break Point Alley, Tavares, Fla.

Aug. 31-Sept. 2 – PBA Midwest Regional Players Invitational, Super Bowl, Peru, Ill.

Sept. 6-8 – PBA Southwest Regional Players Invitational, Firelake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla.

Sept. 13-15 – PBA Central Regional Players Invitational, Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich.

Sept. 20-22 – PBA East Regional Players Invitational, to be announced.

Sept. 27-29 - PBA West/Northwest Regional Players Invitational, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev.

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PBA Midwest Region to Test Reduced Entry Fee Tournaments

One-day tournament formats will help reduce travel expenses for competitors

SEATTLE (Nov. 26, 2012) – The Professional Bowlers Association’s Midwest Region will offer a limited schedule of reduced entry fee and condensed format tournaments in 2013, designed to help competitors manage their expenses.

“A significant number of regional bowlers have asked the PBA to consider reducing tournament entry fees in order to reduce the financial risk associated with competitive bowling,” said PBA Director of Regional and Senior Tours John Weber. “Bowlers want to compete, but current economic factors are forcing them to focus more on the outlay of tournament-related expenses than on the potential rewards that they have experienced in prior years.

“We’ve listened to the bowlers,” Weber said. “To address their concerns, we’re testing a few tournaments in the PBA Midwest Region that will incorporate lower entry fees and same-day competition to reduce expenses. While a reduction in entry fees also impacts the amount of prize money available, we have designed a system that will allow us to continue to guarantee attractive prize fund payoffs, which is an equally important topic among our players.”

Under the newly-announced program, the Midwest Region will conduct four standard and four senior events that will reduce PBA member entry fees to \$155 (a \$65 reduction) and non-member entry fees to \$225 (a \$60 reduction). The reduced-entry fees will offer a modified 1:4 payoff ratio rather than the 1:3 ratio that is used for all traditional regional events.

Each of the standard tournaments will offer a guaranteed \$2,000 first prize, \$450 for the last spot in the finals, and \$350 for last-to-cash. The senior events will offer a guaranteed \$1,500 first prize, \$450 for the last casher in the finals and \$350 for last-to-cash.

Each reduced-entry tournament will be a one-day event, which will be exciting for players and fans, and all of the standard events will be part of the season-long points race leading to the end-of-season Midwest Region Players Invitational tournament. Each event will include a practice and pro-am day leading into the actual competition schedule.

Midwest standard tournaments involved in the reduced-entry program will include events in Madison, Wis., April 20-21; Sioux Falls, S.D., June 1-2; Oak Forest, Ill., June 21-23 (two one-day events), and June 29-30 in Wheaton, Ill.

Midwest senior tournaments in the reduced-entry program will be held in Elk Grove Village, Ill., Feb. 9-10; Milan, Ill., Carpentersville, Ill., March 15-17 (two one-day events); April 5-7 (two one-day events), and Poplar Creek, Ill., May 24-26 (two one-day events).

"The PBA is going to assess the new program and will consider expanding it into other regions in the future if the need arises in other areas of the country," Weber added.

The PBA regional program, which includes around 170 tournaments in seven geographic regions each year, is designed to provide skilled bowlers with opportunities to compete and develop their abilities in high-level, but affordable competition. Since its inception, the PBA regional program has served as a proving ground for players who aspire to compete on the PBA Tour.

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Page is First Pick as Franchise Players Select Teams for PBA League Rosters

Eight team rosters set for inaugural team competition in Detroit in January

LAS VEGAS (Nov. 9, 2012) – Left-hander Rhino Page of Dade City, Fla., the Professional Bowlers Association's 2008-09 Rookie of Year, was the top selection in the inaugural PBA League Draft held Friday at South Point Bowling Center. The historic PBA League, consisting of eight five-player teams of PBA stars, will make its debut Jan. 19-27 at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich.

Page, a three-time PBA Tour titlist and a finalist in the 2012 PBA World Championship, was selected by PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke, one of the eight Franchise Players who will head the PBAL teams. The Franchise Players were the top players in competition points during the 2011-12 PBA Tour season. Duke won the first pick in a PBA Draft Lottery held earlier during the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling.

"I'm really happy," Duke said. "I had been studying the list even before I got to Las Vegas, and I got everyone I wanted. You have to realize after I picked Rhino, I wasn't going to have access to some of the other high-profile guys, but I got five bulldogs and I'm elated."

The draft was conducted in a serpentine fashion, whereby once the eight players selected their first picks, the draft order was reversed for each subsequent round. For example, Finland's Osku Palermaa, who picked eighth in the first round, then picked first in the second round. Each team consists of five players plus a supplemental pick who will only enter the competition if a roster player is unable to perform.

PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber of St. Ann., Mo., drafted second, and his first pick was 13-time PBA Tour titlist Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C.

"My first pick wasn't going to be anyone else," Weber said, "and after that, Tommy and I together talked over the guys we wanted to pick. Our sleeper is (former Wichita State University star John) Szczerbinski (of North Tonawanda, N.Y.), but he'll be all right. I'm just looking forward to seeing my team on TV."

Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., picked third.

"I'm very happy," O'Neill said. "There were a few guys I had high on my list who I didn't think would be there, but there they were."

Australia's Jason Belmonte was No. 4 in the draft order.

"I have a really well-balanced team. Everyone has TV experience, everyone has big-time tournament experience," he said. "Walking into (Thunderbowl), I know everyone is going to be prepared. I'm really happy with my third pick, Parker Bohn III. He's a proven champion. He's going to give 110 percent, and I know he has something to prove."

Mike Fagan of Dallas followed Belmonte.

"I feel really good about our team. We don't have any weak links," Fagan said. "I wasn't too concerned about having one superstar; I was looking more at the composite of our group."

Reigning PBA Player of the Year Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., also was pleased.

"I got one of the best lefties on tour (Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y.) Ryan Shafer is a proven champion. I got the greatest player of all-time (47-time PBA Tour champion Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Ocala, Fla.) I looked into who has bowled well currently and at Thunderbowl (in 2009) and team chemistry as well."

No. 7 Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, said, "I feel great about my team. Everyone I drafted was in the top 25 in points last year. They all have the ability to play straight or hook the ball. With the exception of me, they're all young. They are all team players. I didn't think (first pick) Dom (Barrett of England) would get to me, and I certainly didn't think (fellow Englishman) Stu (Williams) would still be on the board. I have no complaints."

Palermmaa, who has extensive international experience, picked Sweden's Martin Larsen and Canada's Dan MacLelland with his back-to-back picks. "The best guys were going to go first, but I've got a versatile team. That's what you have to go for."

The inaugural PBA League will introduce its unique professional bowling league concept, including celebrity owners, during the Detroit Winter Swing Jan. 19-27 at Thunderbowl in, concluding the week with five ESPN television shows including a live telecast of PBA League Round 1 on Sunday, Jan. 27. Subsequent shows will be taped to air on Feb. 10, Feb. 17, March 3 and March 24.

The team championship will be decided during the PBA League Elias Cup Finals, honoring PBA founder Eddie Elias, at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis on Sunday, March 31 (airing Sunday, April 7 on ESPN).

During the first four days in Detroit, the PBA will conduct a series of open-field tournaments (the Carmen Salvino Classic, Mark Roth Classic, Don Carter Classic and Earl Anthony Players Championship). Those four events will award individual PBA Tour titles and the qualifying scores posted by each PBA team member will be combined to produce the team qualifying scores for the ESPN telecasts. All PBA matches on ESPN will be Baker Format matches where each team member will bowl two frames in each game.

PBA LEAGUE TEAM LINEUPS

South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Friday

NORM DUKE, CLERMONT, FLA.

Dallas Strikers (celebrity owner Terrell Owens)

2, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla.

3, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela.

4, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore.

5, Mike Machuga, Erie, Pa.

Supplemental pick: Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind.

PETE WEBER, ST. ANN, MO.

Team name, celebrity owner to be announced

- 2, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C.
- 3, Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif.
- 4, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y.
- 5, John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y.
- Supplemental pick: Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y.

BILL O'NEILL, LANGHORNE, PA.

Phillie Hitmen (celebrity owner Kevin Hart)

- 2, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland.
- 3, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio.
- 4, Mike DeVaney, Hemet, Calif.
- 5, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C.
- Supplemental pick: Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas.

JASON BELMONTE, AUSTRALIA

Team name to be announced (celebrity owner Chris Paul)

- 2, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas.
- 3, Andres Gomez, Colombia.
- 4, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J.
- 5, Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev.
- Supplemental pick: Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela.

MIKE FAGAN, DALLAS

Motor City Muscle (celebrity owner Jerome Bettis)

- 2, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich.
- 3, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas.
- 4, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind.
- 5, Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill.
- Supplemental pick: Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J.

SEAN RASH, MONTGOMERY, ILL.

Team name, celebrity owner to be announced

- 2, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y.
- 3, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y.
- 4, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla.
- 5, Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga.
- Supplemental pick: Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa.

CHRIS BARNES, DOUBLE OAK, TEXAS

Team name, celebrity owner to be announced

- 2, Dom Barrett, England.
- 3, Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz.
- 4, Stuart Williams, England.
- 5, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan.
- Supplemental pick: Jon VanHees, Charlestown, R.I.

OSKU PALERMAA, FINLAND

Team name, celebrity owner to be announced

- 2, Martin Larsen, Sweden.
- 3, Dan MacLelland, Canada.

4, Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla.

5, Thomas Larsen, Denmark

Supplemental pick: Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill.

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Belmonte Keeps "Three-Peat" Bid Alive in PBA World Championship

American rival Rash, Canada's MacLelland, Florida's Page, Hall of Famer Bohn round out field

LAS VEGAS (Nov. 8, 2012) – Australia's Jason Belmonte, who won three of his five career Professional Bowlers Association titles during the 2011 PBA World Series of Bowling, kept his hopes for a three-title repeat alive Thursday when he ran away from the field to claim the top qualifying position for the PBA World Championship finals at South Point Bowling Center.

Belmonte, a 29-year-old two-handed bowler, averaged 240.27 for the 56 games of World Championship qualifying and match play to finish with a 13,455 pinfall total, 29 pins ahead of his fiercest rival, reigning PBA Player of the Year Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill. Belmonte entered the final round of match play in second place, but locked up the lead with a 279 in game six and a 300 in game seven.

Earlier in GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IV, Belmonte qualified for the Chameleon Championship finals in the No. 1 stepladder position and he earned the No. 2 berth for the Bowlers Journal Scorpion Championship finals.

During World Series III, Belmonte won the Chameleon, Shark and PBA Elite Players Championships. He came into World Series IV fresh off a victory over Rash in the Australian Masters, a PBA International Tour event.

Completing the field for Sunday's five-man stepladder finals will be Dan MacLelland, who hopes to win his first title which would make him the first Canadian ever to win a PBA Tour event; 2007-08 PBA Rookie of the Year Rhino Page of Dade City, Fla., and PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., who ranks sixth on the all-time PBA titles list with 32 career victories.

Belmonte, who is trying for his first major title, said, "I'm very, very happy right now. I'd love to win my first major here, and I'd love to win three titles again.

"I knew the other guys would come out firing tonight and I wanted to be one of them," he continued. "The key was in that 279 game I bowled against Parker. I almost changed balls after that game, but I decided to give the ball I was using one more frame, and I struck, and I followed that with a 300 game. I was one frame away from making a big mistake."

The sentimental favorite Sunday may be Bohn, who missed the practice session for the World Series because he stayed home an extra day to help his neighbors deal with the aftermath of Super Storm Sandy. He then qualified for the 24th and final position for the match play finals, and battled his way into the finals, striking in the 10th frame to edge Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., by nine pins for the final

spot in the stepladder finals. Bohn, 49, is trying for his first title since winning the Cheetah Championship in December 2008.

The PBA World Championships was the concluding event to the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IV, and is the PBA's first major championship of the 2012-13 season. ESPN will air the finals on Sunday, Jan. 13.

GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IV competition will conclude with six television finals for delayed airing on ESPN Saturday and Sunday. Saturday's lineup, in a special two-lane arena setting in South Point Exhibition Hall A, includes the Bayer Advanced Aspirin World Bowling Tour men's and women's finals presented by the PBA at 10 a.m., the Alka Seltzer Plus Cold Cheetah Championship finals at 1 p.m. and the Viper Championship finals at 4 p.m.

Sunday's lineup includes the Chameleon Championship at noon, the Bowlers Journal Scorpion Championship at 2 p.m. and the PBA World Championship finals at 5 p.m. ESPN will air all six 90-minute finals on consecutive Sundays at 1 p.m. ET, beginning on Dec. 9.

The final live Xtra Frame event of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling will be the PBA League Draft Friday. Eight PBA League franchise players, based upon their finishes in the 2011-12 PBA competition points race, will select four players each to complete their teams for the new PBA League, which makes its debut in Detroit in January. Xtra Frame, PBA's online bowling channel, will webcast the entire draft beginning at 10 a.m. Pacific.

PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Thursday

Final Match Play Standings (after 56 games, including match play bonus pins; top five advance to the stepladder finals)

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 14-10, 13,875.
- 2, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 16-8, 13,846.
- 3, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 15-9, 13,619.
- 4, Dan MacLelland, Canada, 16-8, 13,603.
- 5, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 15-8-1, 13,587.

Other Cashers (after 56 games):

- 6, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 10-14, 13,578, \$8,000.
- 7, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 16-8, 13,549, \$7,000.
- 8, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 12-12, 13,515, \$6,500.
- 9, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 14-9-1, 13,502, \$6,000.
- 10, Dom Barrett, England, 12-12, 13,489, \$5,500.
- 11, Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., 10-14, 13,313, \$5,000.
- 12, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 12-12, 13,300, \$4,800.
- 13, Mike Fagan, Dallas, 12-12, 13,261, \$4,600.
- 14, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 14-10, 13,226, \$4,400.
- 15, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 12-12, 13,225, \$4,200.
- 16, Mike DeVaney, Hemet, Calif., 14-10, 13,187, \$4,000.
- 17, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 12-11-1, 13,183, \$3,800.
- 18, Stuart Williams, England, 7-17, 13,142, \$3,600.
- 19, Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 12-11-1, 13,084, \$3,500.
- 20, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 8-16, 13,030, \$3,400.
- 21, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 12-12-0, 12,964, \$3,300.
- 22, Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 5-18-1, 12,872, \$3,200.

23, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 6-17-1, 12,865, \$3,100.
24, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 9-15, 12,771, \$3,000.

300 Games: Pete Weber, Jason Belmonte, Parker Bohn III.

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England's Barrett Leads in Race for PBA World Championship Finals

LAS VEGAS (Nov. 7, 2012) – England's Dom Barrett, a second-year Professional Bowlers Association player, charged into the lead in the PBA World Championship Wednesday night at South Point Bowling Center behind a 237 average and a 10-6 match play record .

Barrett, who won his only PBA Tour title in the Scorpion Championship during the 2011 PBA World Series of Bowling, entered the PBA World Championship as the No. 7 qualifier after a disappointing finish in the Bowlers Journal Scorpion Championship a day earlier. Barrett was the leading qualifier in the Scorpion event, but slipped to sixth place in the semifinal round, missing the cut to the ESPN stepladder finals by seven pins.

Wednesday night, however, he advanced from fifth place into a six-pin lead over Australia's Jason Belmonte, finishing with a 48-game total of 11,687 pins, including match play bonus pins. Barrett rolled games of 280, 247, 277, 268, 210, 247, 245 and 235, and needed every pin to hold off Belmonte, who finished with a 11,681 total. Rhino Page of Dade City, Fla., was third at 11,658 followed by fourth-round leader Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., at 11,597 and Canada's Dan MacLelland at 11,506.

The final eight games of match play to determine the five players who will advance to Sunday's ESPN stepladder finals begins at for 2 p.m. PT on Thursday.

The PBA World Championships is the concluding event to the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IV, and the PBA's first major championship of the 2012-13 season. ESPN will air the finals on Sunday, Jan. 13.

"When I played the finals of the Scorpion, I couldn't get my ball through the pins," Barrett said. "I left a lot of corner pins, but today the condition was more like what I'm used to seeing in Europe and I was able to get the corner pins out.

"I actually thought I bowled quite well in the Scorpion semifinal round, but I just couldn't get my ball to match up. I made the adjustments today and they worked.

"Bowling here on the PBA Tour the last year, I've learned so much," the three-time World Bowling Writers Bowler of the Year added. "It's really a steep learning curve, but it's also really special when you see the results of your hard work pay off.

"My game plan worked well today. I'm just going to try to keep striking. I know these other guys are coming after me. They're going to bowl well, so I need to bowl well, too."

GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling competition concludes with the final round of match play at 2 p.m. PT Thursday. Complete coverage of the final round will be available on the "live scoring" feature on pba.com, or by watching the action live on Xtra Frame, PBA's online bowling channel.

PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Wednesday

Round Five (after 48 games, including match play bonus pins; top five after 56 games will advance to PBA World Championship finals)

- 1, Dom Barrett, England, 10-6, 11,687.
- 2, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 8-8, 11,681.
- 3, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 11-5, 11,658.
- 4, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 10-6, 11,597.
- 5, Dan MacLelland, Canada, 11-5, 11,506.
- 6, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 6-10, 11,503.
- 7, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 11-5, 11,452.
- 8, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 8-8, 11,448.
- 9, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 9-6-1, 11,422.
- 10, Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., 8-8, 11,408.
- 11, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 10-5-1, 11,403.
- 12, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 10-6, 11,390.
- 13, Mike DeVaney, Hemet, Calif., 10-6, 11,330.
- 14, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 10-6, 11,327.
- 15, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 9-6-1, 11,275.
- 16, Stuart Williams, England, 6-10, 11,272.
- 17, Mike Fagan, Dallas, 8-8, 11,265.
- 18, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 6-10, 11,224.
- 19, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 8-8, 11,101.
- 20, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 5-11, 11,062.
- 21, Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 5-10-1, 11,015.
- 22, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 5-11, 10,871.
- 23, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 3-12-1, 10,861.
- 24, Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 2-13-1, 10,855.

300 Games: Dom Barrett, Tommy Jones, Pete Weber.

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Rash Retains Lead in Race for PBA World Championship Stepladder Finals

LAS VEGAS (Nov. 7, 2012) – Reigning Professional Bowlers Association Player of the Year Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., won five of his first eight matches Wednesday to retain his lead in the PBA World Championship Wednesday at South Point Bowling Center.

Rash, who entered the 24-game round-robin match play portion of the World Championship with a 64-pin lead over Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., expanded his lead by only 14 pins after the first eight matches. The second round begins at 6 p.m. PT Wednesday and the final eight games, to determine the five players who will advance to Sunday's ESPN stepladder finals, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday.

The PBA World Championships is the concluding event to the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IV, and the PBA's first major championship of the 2012-13 season. ESPN will air the finals on Sunday, Jan. 13.

Rash led with a 40-game total of 9,668 pins, including match play bonus pins. Jones had a 9,590 total. Canada's Dan MacLelland was in third place at 9,577 followed by Australia's Jason Belmonte at 9,539 and England's Dom Barrett at 9,498. Defending champion Osku Palermaa of Finland was sixth, five pins behind Barrett.

Complete GEICO WSOB IV coverage is available on the "live scoring" feature on pba.com, or by watching the action live on Xtra Frame, PBA's online bowling channel.

GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling competition continues Wednesday night with the second of three eight-game match play rounds, and concludes with the final round of match play at 2 p.m. PT Thursday.

PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Wednesday

Round Four (after 40 games, including match play bonus pins; top five will advance to PBA World Championship finals)

- 1, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 5-3, 9,668.
- 2, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3-5, 9,590.
- 3, Dan MacLelland, Canada, 7-1, 9,577.
- 4, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3-5, 9,539.
- 5, Dom Barrett, England, 4-4, 9,498.
- 6, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 4-4, 9,493.
- 7, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 5-3, 9,469.
- 8, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 7-1, 9,468.

- 9, Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., 4-4, 9,437.
- 10, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 2-6, 9,405.
- 11, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 4-4, 9,340.
- 12, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 5-2-1, 9,320.
- 13, Mike DeVaney, Hemet, Calif., 6-2, 9,292.
- 14, Mike Fagan, Dallas, 5-3, 9,283.
- 15, Stuart Williams, England, 3-5, 9,262.
- 16, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 4-4, 9,238.
- 17 (tie), Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3-4-1, and Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 4-3-1, 9,221.
- 19, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 3-5, 9,151.
- 20, Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 3-4-1, 9,141.
- 21, Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 2-6, 9,118.
- 22, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 2-6, 9,116.
- 23, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 4-4, 9,096.
- 24, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 2-6, 9,043.

300 Games: Dom Barrett, Tommy Jones.

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NBA All-Star Chris Paul, NFL greats Jerome Bettis and Terrell Owens, actor/comedian Kevin Hart are first PBA League team owners

Inaugural season for Professional Bowling Association League to debut in Detroit in January

SEATTLE (Nov. 7, 2012) – Los Angeles Clippers all-star point guard Chris Paul, former Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh Steelers running back Jerome Bettis, NFL all-star receiver Terrell Owens and actor/comedian Kevin Hart are the first celebrity owners in the inaugural season of the Professional Bowlers Association's PBA League (PBAL).

The League, which will feature eight teams of five PBA players each, will make its debut at Detroit's Thunderbowl Lanes in January. ESPN will televise five weeks of PBA League competition beginning Sunday, Jan. 27, plus the PBA League Elias Cup finals in April. The celebrity owners will not compete on the lanes as part of official PBA League competition.

The teams will be made up solely from the world's best bowlers, PBA members chosen through a league draft which will be held Friday at 10 a.m. PT at South Point Bowling Center in Las Vegas, site of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IV. The PBAL draft will be webcast live on the PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame, on pba.com.

Paul, who won a basketball gold medal in the London Olympic Games with Team USA and recently was featured on the cover of GQ magazine, has hosted the Chris Paul PBA Celebrity Invitational charity bowling event on ESPN the past four years benefitting his CP3 Foundation. He said the new PBA League will bring added interest to professional bowling.

"This is exciting for me and for the sport of bowling," said Paul. "I love PBA action, have enjoyed getting to know many of the top bowlers and look forward to my team competing for the first PBA League Elias Cup."

During the London Olympics, Paul made his passion for bowling known when he went on his Twitter account to ask the world, "Why isn't bowling in the Olympics? It should be."

Paul's Los Angeles-based team name has not been decided yet, but his team's franchise player will be five-time PBA champion Jason Belmonte of Australia.

Each of the teams will have a designated franchise player from the top eight competitors on the 2011-12 PBA Tour competition points list. Belmonte's fellow franchise players are reigning Player of the Year Sean Rash, PBA Hall of Famers Pete Weber and Norm Duke, defending PBA World Champion Osku Palermaa,

USBC Masters champion Mike Fagan, former U.S. Open champion Bill O'Neill and PBA Triple Crown winner Chris Barnes.

Bettis, who grew up as a youth bowler in Detroit before going on to star at running back at Notre Dame and for the Steelers, was the first person inducted into the Celebrity Bowling Hall of Fame due to his long and varied support and participation in PBA and other bowling events. On the lanes, Bettis has a 300 game to his credit.

Bettis' team, the Motor City Muscle, will be at home in Detroit for the first PBAL event. Fagan is Bettis' franchise player.

"I am excited to be partnering with the PBA and its new League. I feel this is a fantastic opportunity to be a owner of the Motor City Muscle," said Bettis, whose charitable organization The Bus Stops Here Foundation benefits youths. "Bowling fans not only get to see me but they also get to see Mike Fagan and some great team bowling. PBA fans deserve the best and this season we will give them the best and a chance to enjoy every moment."

PBA Commissioner Tom Clark said it was fitting that Paul and Bettis were the first team owners to sign on in support of the PBAL, followed quickly by Owens and Hart.

"Chris and Jerome have been great ambassadors for bowling for many years and bring a wealth of business acumen, laudable charitable efforts and winning personalities to the PBA," Clark said. "Plus, they are really good bowlers themselves. They love the game."

Owens' team will be the Dallas Strikers and his franchise player will be Norm Duke, who grew up in the Dallas area before moving to Florida. Duke has coached avid-bowler Owens on the lanes. Hart's team will be the Philadelphia Hitmen and his franchise player will be Bill O'Neill who lives in nearby Langhorne, Pa.

Other celebrity team owners, nicknames and franchise player designations will be announced soon. Details on the League structure, formats and PBA Detroit Winter Swing can be found on pba.com.

Many of the celebrity team owners will have a chance to show off their bowling skills, alongside their franchise player counterparts, in the Chris Paul PBA League All Stars special event which will air on ESPN on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 3, at 4 p.m. ET.

PBA CEO Geoff Reiss said the new League will improve the PBA's relationship with sponsors and fans.

"Current and prospective corporate partners of the PBA will realize unique and valuable opportunities with the League," Reiss said. "Television audiences will see more PBA players compete in a team atmosphere and in a longer, two-hour time slot."

While the PBA has been a predominantly individual-achievement sports association, team bowling has a great history and future in the game. Most of the two million United States Bowling Congress certified league bowlers compete in a team environment in more than 4,000 Bowling Proprietors' Association of America-member bowling centers.

"The famed 1950s Budweiser teams with Don Carter and Dick Weber set standards for excellence in sports," Reiss said. "Today, high school and collegiate bowling are on the rise, with the next generation comfortable with teamwork on the lanes."

The PBA World Series of Bowling and PBA World Championship, PBA Tournament of Champions, U.S. Open, USBC Masters, the World Tenpin Bowling Association's PBA International Tour series and other PBA events including its regional and PBA50 Tours will continue to highlight individual players.

Full information on digital and television coverage of the PBA League, including qualifying rounds of League action to be webcast on pba.com's Xtra Frame video streaming service, will be announced soon.

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Palermmaa, Belmonte Lead Power Players into PBA Scorpion Finals

Sterner, Daugherty join two-handed players in Sunday's championship round

LAS VEGAS (Nov. 6, 2012) – Two-handed power players Osku Palermmaa of Finland and Jason Belmonte of Australia claimed the top two qualifying berths in GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IV Bowlers Journal Scorpion Championship at South Point Bowling Center Tuesday night.

Palermmaa, the defending PBA World Champion, fired games of 244, 259, 236, 222, 204 and 226 in the six-game semifinal round to finish with a 14-game total of 3,295 pins, nipping Belmonte by two pins for the top spot. Belmonte, who led the Chameleon Championship field on Monday, was trying for back-to-back No. 1 stepladder berths.

Rounding out the Scorpion stepladder finals field will be Jason Sterner of McDonough, Ga., with a 3,262 total, and Tom Daugherty of Wesley Chapel, Fla., who generates power by throwing the ball without using his thumb, with 3,261 pins.

Sterner and Daugherty are trying for their first PBA Tour title. Daugherty will be making his first television appearance since rolling a PBA-record low 100 game during the 2011 PBA Tournament of Champions finals.

The Scorpion ESPN stepladder finals will take place on Sunday, Nov. 11, at 2 p.m. in a special arena setting in South Point's Exhibition Hall area. The finals will air on ESPN on Sunday, Jan. 6.

"When I got here a week ago, I kind of tore my right bicep a little during practice," Palermmaa said. "By Thursday, I didn't know if I could make a spare at all (he shoots at spares one-handed, using his right arm), but it's better. It's stiff and sore, but I can bowl.

"I started the World Series with the wrong ball, and dug myself a hole," he added. "I got that fixed, and yesterday I wasn't even mad when I missed the (Chameleon Championship) cut by five pins. If I had to bowl another eight games in the semifinals yesterday, I don't know if I could have bowled today at all.

"Today I decided to bowl hard and straight to spare my arm. Now I only have one more game to bowl on Sunday for the Scorpion title, but tomorrow (the start of PBA World Championship match play) means more. I have 24 more games, so I will just have to make the best of it."

The Scorpion Championship qualifying round earlier Tuesday was the final qualifying leg for the PBA World Championship. Combined eight-game qualifying round scores from the Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon

and Scorpion Championships determined the 24 players who will advance to three eight-game World Championship match play rounds Wednesday and Thursday.

Based on 32 qualifying games, Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., won World Championship top qualifier honors, averaging 239.44 for a 7,662 pinfall total. Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., was second with 7,598 followed by Belmonte at 7,544; Chris Loschetter of Avon, Ohio, at 7,522 and Dan MacLelland of Canada at 7,504.

Complete GEICO WSOB IV coverage is available on the "live scoring" feature on pba.com, or by watching the action live on Xtra Frame, PBA's online bowling channel.

GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling competition continues Wednesday with the first two of three eight-game match play rounds in the PBA World Championship at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. The final round of match play is scheduled for Thursday at 2 p.m.

PBA BOWLERS JOURNAL SCORPION CHAMPIONSHIP
South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Tuesday

SEMIFINAL ROUND (after 14 games; top four advance to stepladder finals Sunday, Nov. 11, at 2 p.m. PT)

- 1, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 3,295.
- 2, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3,293.
- 3, Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga., 3,262.
- 4, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 3,261.

Other Semifinal Round Cashers (after 14 games):

- 5, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 3,257, \$4,000.
- 6, Dom Barrett, England, 3,254, \$3,600.
- 7, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 3,246, \$3,300.
- 8, Mike DeVaney, Hemet, Calif., 3,201, \$3,000.
- 9, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,189, \$2,700.
- 10, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 3,179, \$2,500.
- 11, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,177, \$2,300.
- 12, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 3,176, \$2,100.
- 13, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3,135, \$2,000.
- 14, Matt Ramshaw, Longview, Wash., 3,106, \$1,900.
- 15, Kris Koeltzow, Wheat Ridge, Colo., 3,078, \$1,800.
- 16, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 3,050, \$1,700.

Other Qualifying Round Cashers (after 8 games):

- 17, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 1,842, \$1,000.
- 18, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,836, \$970.
- 19, Dan MacLelland, Canada, 1,830, \$940.
- 20, Mikael Kanold, Sweden, 1,828, \$920.
- 21, Paul Koehler, Stuart, Fla., 1,824, \$900.
- 22, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,823, \$890.
- 23, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 1,816, \$880.
- 24, Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., 1,815, \$870.
- 25, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,814, \$860.
- 26, Stuart Williams, England, 1,808, \$850.
- 27 (tie), Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., and Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 1,803, \$835.
- 29, Jake Peters, Decatur, Ill.; Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., and Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C.,

1,798, \$810.
32, Dennis Eklund, Sweden, 1,797, \$790.
33, D.J. Archer, Port Arthur, Texas, 1,796, \$780.
34, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 1,795, \$770.
35, Chris Hans, Rocky Mount, N.C., 1,791, \$760.
36, Magnus Johnson Jr., Sweden, 1,787, \$750.

Failed to Cash:

37, Patrick Girard, Canada, 1,786.
38 (tie), David Haynes, Las Vegas, and Brian Himmeler, Cincinnati, 1,784.
40, Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., 1,782.
41, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 1,780.
42 (tie), Frederik Ohrgaard, Denmark, and Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,779.
44, Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 1,778.
45, Craig LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 1,777.
46, Brad Miller, St. Charles, Mo., 1,772.
47, Dustin Ochoa, Cibola, Texas, 1,763.
48, PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 1,762.
49, John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y., 1,761.
50, Aaron Lorincz, Belleville, Mich., 1,749.
51, Mattias Olsson, Sweden, 1,748.
52 (tie), Thomas Ault Jr., Portland, Ore., and Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 1,747.
54, Jimmy Mortensen, Denmark, 1,746.
55 (tie), Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., and Jon VanHees, Charlestown, R.I., 1,745.
57, Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1,740.
58 (tie), Shawn Lee, Centennial, Colo., and Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,738.
60, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 1,736.
61, Ernest Lukacs Jr., Manville, N.J., 1,734.
62 (tie), Eddie VanDaniker Jr., Chatsworth, Calif.; Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., and Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 1,733.
65 (tie), Jason Stadtler, Cherry Hill, N.J., and Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 1,732.
67 (tie), Daniel Falconi, Mexico, and Martin Larsen, Sweden, 1,731.
69, Evan Nash, Kennewick, Wash., 1,727.
70, Sean Swanson, Springfield, Mo., 1,726.
71, Andrew Graff, Las Vegas, 1,723.
72, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,720.
73 (tie), Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y.; Mike Fagan, Dallas, and Jim Pratt, Glendale, Ariz., 1,719.
76, Kim Bolleby, Sweden, 1,716.
77, Carlos Cottone, Venezuela, 1,712.
78, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 1,710.
79, Mik Stampe, Denmark, 1,709.
80, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 1,708.
81 (tie), Jeff Frankos, Daly City, Calif., and Nam Yi Jo, Korea, 1,707.
83, Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 1,704.
84 (tie), Justin Bychkowski, Fairfield, Conn.; Hafthor Hardarson, Iceland, and Jin Han Kim, Korea, 1,702.
87 (tie), Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, and Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,699.
89 (tie), Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio, and Ji Hyun Cha, Korea, 1,697.
91, Peter Hellstrom, Sweden, 1,694.
92 (tie), Bryan Viator, Friendswood, Texas, and Gregory Thompson Jr., Dublin, Calif., 1,688.
94, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,685.
95, Hyun Bum Kim, Korea, 1,684.
96 (tie), Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., and Matt Taylor, Knightdale, N.C., 1,678.

98, Justin Stevens, Aiea, Hawaii, 1,677.
 99 (tie), Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., and Jeff Roche, Dearborn, Mich., 1,674.
 99, Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz., 1,674.
 102 (tie), Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan.; Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla.; Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, and Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,670.
 106, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 1,668.
 107 (tie), Mike Williams II, Montgomery, Ala., and Johan Hellden, Sweden, 1,667.
 109, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 1,666.
 110 (tie), Perttu Jussila, Finland, and Kelvin Wiggins, Rocky Mt., N.C., 1,665.
 112, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 1,661.
 113, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 1,659.
 114, Kyle Martinez, Broken Arrow, Okla., 1,657.
 115, Robert Piroozshad, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1,656.
 116 (tie), John Cicero, Colorado Springs, Colo., and Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev., 1,654.
 118, Erik Andersin, Sweden, 1,653.
 119, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 1,649.
 120, Lee Vanderhoef, Greenville, S.C., 1,648.
 121, Darren Andretta, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 1,647.
 122 (tie), Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, and Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,644.
 124 (tie), Allen Blansette, Napa, Calif., and Mike Bailey, Allen, Texas, 1,642.
 126, Yousif Falah, Bahrain, 1,639.
 127, Patrick King, Yankton, S.D., 1,637.
 128, Kasey Normandin, Canada, 1,636.
 129, Yeo Jin Yoon, Korea, 1,635.
 130, Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 1,634.
 131 (tie), Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, and Kyle Bigelow, Troy, Ohio, 1,632.
 133, Greg Knolton, Bartlett, Tenn., 1,631.
 134, Myles Duty, Modesto, Calif., 1,630.
 135 (tie), Ben Davis, Ashland, Ky., and Aaron Ramsden, Pleasant Valley, Mo., 1,628.
 137, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 1,627.
 138, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 1,626.
 139, Robert McBride, Plano, Texas, 1,625.
 140, Alejandro Reyna, Costa Rica, 1,623.
 141, Adam Monks, Conway, S.C., 1,622.
 142, Missy Parkin, Lake Forest, Calif., 1,621.
 143, Helen Johnsson, Sweden, 1,620.
 144, Chris Cundiff, Lake Station, Ind., 1,618.
 145, Tyler Jensen, Ft. Worth, Texas, 1,612.
 146, Travis Celmer, Wernersville, Pa., 1,609.
 147, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,608.
 148, Chad Pojas, Wahiawa, Hawaii, 1,607.
 149, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,605.
 150, Tommy Martin, Olive Branch, Miss., 1,604.
 151, Giorgio Clinaz Jr., Venezuela, 1,603.
 152, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.V., 1,597.
 153, Fawaz Abdulla, Bahrain, 1,596.
 154, Kim Ojala, Sweden, 1,595.
 155, Carsten Hansen, Denmark, 1,593.
 156, Mathias Arup, Sweden, 1,591.
 157 (tie), Travis Anderson, Washington, Ill.; Paul Nilsen Sr., Murrieta, Calif., and Manuel Mrosek, Germany, 1,589.
 160, Tim Mack, Indianapolis, 1,587.

161, Scott Halvarson, Lakewood, Wash., 1,585.
 162 (tie), John Furey, East Windsor, N.J., and Philip Medley, Washington, Mich., 1,584.
 164, Ted Sidehamer Jr., Newport News, Va., 1,583.
 165 (tie), MahdI Assad, Bahrain, and Kevin Brophy, Oakhurst, N.J., 1,581.
 167, Masood Saberi, Bahrain, 1,579.
 168 (tie), Nathan Urrutia, Banning, Calif., and Erik Gulbrandson, Superior, Wis., 1,577.
 170, Brett Cunningham, Clay, N.Y., 1,576.
 171, Mohammed AlSaud, Saudi Arabia, 1,569.
 172, Andrew Frawley, Australia, 1,564.
 173 (tie), Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., and Jason Miller, Portland, Ore., 1,562.
 175, Brett Cooper, Newburyport, Mass., 1,560.
 176, Lee Rucker, Fort Myers, Fla., 1,559.
 177 (tie), Jacob Heger, Houston, and David Beres, Waukesha, Wis., 1,558.
 179, Rohn Morton, Vancouver, Wash., 1,553.
 180, Mike Armstrong Jr., Battle Ground, Wash., 1,550.
 181 (tie), Isaac Amkie, Mexico, and Michael Smith, Centennial, Colo., 1,548.
 183, Kevin Henderson, Albany, Ore., 1,545.
 184, Gustavo Salinas, Mexico, 1,544.
 185, Chris Groom, Lancaster, Calif., 1,541.
 186 (tie), Kyle Leiffer, Weed, Calif., and Michael Menard, Canada, 1,537.
 188 (tie), Doug Scheidig, Royersford, Pa.; Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., and Julio Cesar Blancas, Mexico, 1,536.
 191, Kevin Gallagher, Torrance, Calif., 1,534.
 192, Wes Newman, Panama City, Fla., 1,525.
 193, Ahmed Saad Alhadyan, Saudi Arabia, 1,518.
 194, Mohamed Sultan, Bahrain, 1,513.
 195, Roberto Silva, Mexico, 1,511.
 196, Frank Guccione, Castle Rock, Colo., 1,509.
 197, Hernan Ramirez, Venezuela, 1,507.
 198, Patrick Bohm, Sweden, 1,505.
 199, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,504.
 200, William Guszczo, Orland Park, Ill., 1,502.
 201, Kevin Morillo, Venezuela, 1,501.
 202, Eduardo Yzcaray Jr., Venezuela, 1,498.
 203, Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 1,496.
 204, Rob Gotterbarn Jr., Garden City South, N.Y., 1,495.
 205, Dale Renken, St. Jacob, Ill., 1,494.
 206, Kenneth Bland Jr., Germany, 1,491.
 207, Chad Vendeville, Arlington, Texas, 1,490.
 208, Mohamed Al Jahrami, Bahrain, 1,489.
 209, Adam James, Redmond, Wash., 1,488.
 210, Meen Woo Kim, Korea, 1,487.
 211, J.T. Jackson, Sherman Oaks, Calif., 1,485.
 212, Hyun Suk Kim, Korea, 1,479.
 213, Thomas Biniek Jr., Wilkes-Barre, Pa., 1,476.
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Defending champion grabs top qualifying spot with 278 final game; Rash paces PBA World Championship match play finalists

LAS VEGAS (Nov. 6, 2012) – England's Dom Barrett, with a 279 final game, earned top qualifier honors in the Professional Bowlers Association's Bowlers Journal Scorpion Championship at South Point Bowling Center Tuesday by 14 pins over Jason Sterner of McDonough, Ga.

Barrett, who won his only PBA Tour title in the 2011 Scorpion Championship during PBA World Series of Bowling III, rolled games of 222, 235, 218, 276, 199, 258, 257 and 279 for an eight-game total of 1,944 pins to lead the field of 16 qualifiers who advanced to Tuesday night's six-game semifinal round.

After six more games, the top four players will advance to the ESPN stepladder finals on Sunday, Nov. 11, at 2 p.m. in the World Series arena setting in South Point's Exhibition Hall area. The Scorpion Championship finals will air on ESPN on Sunday, Jan. 6.

Rounding out the top five Scorpion qualifiers were Mike Devaney of Hemet, Calif., in third place with 1,920 pins; PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., in fourth at 1,913 and PBA Senior Tour compete Hugh Miller of Mercer Island, Wash., at 1,905.

Barrett finally broke through to reach the semifinals after finishing 18th in the Alka Seltzer Plus Cold Cheetah Championship, missing the top 16 cut by seven pins, and finishing 17th in the Viper Championship, missing the cut by four pins. He wasn't nearly as close in Monday's Chameleon Championship. "I didn't like that one so much," he said.

But he made sure he wasn't going to let the Scorpion get away from him.

"Around game five, you have to start lofting the ball because the condition breaks down," Barrett said. "I'm not the best lofted, but after what I learned here last year, I've gotten a lot better at it, practicing hard at home.

"I won the Scorpion last year, so I'm still alive, and I'm hoping I can defend. I like the length of this pattern. It has a little more oil volume than the other patterns we bowl on," he continued. "At home I'm used to playing on slicker surfaces, and this pattern kind of comes into that range."

The Scorpion Championship is also was the fourth and final qualifying leg for the PBA World Championship. Combined eight-game qualifying round scores from the Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon and

Scorpion Championships determined the 24 players who will advance to three eight-game World Championship match play rounds Wednesday and Thursday.

After 32 qualifying games, Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., won World Championship top qualifier honors, averaging 239.44 for a 7,662 pinfall total. Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., was second with 7,598 followed by Australia's Jason Belmonte at 7,544; Chris Loschetter of Avon, Ohio, at 7,522 and Dan MacLelland of Canada at 7,504.

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GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling competition continues Wednesday with the first two of three eight-game match play rounds in the PBA World Championship at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. The final round of match play is scheduled for Thursday at 2 p.m.

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QUALIFYING ROUND (after 8 games; top 16 advanced to six-game semifinal round Tuesday night; top four after 14 games advance to ESPN stepladder finals)

- 1, Dom Barrett, England, 1,944.
- 2, Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga., 1,930.
- 3, Mike DeVaney, Hemet, Calif., 1,920.
- 4, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,913.
- 5, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 1,905.
- 6, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,904.
- 7, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 1,893.
- 8 (tie), Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., and Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,875.
- 10, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 1,874.
- 11, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,871.
- 12, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1,856.
- 13 (tie), Andres Gomez, Colombia, and Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,852.
- 15 (tie), Matt Ramshaw, Longview, Wash., and Kris Koeltzow, Wheat Ridge, Colo., 1,850.

Other Qualifying Round Cashers (after 8 games):

- 17, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 1,842, \$1,000.
- 18, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,836, \$970.
- 19, Dan MacLelland, Canada, 1,830, \$940.
- 20, Mikael Kanold, Sweden, 1,828, \$920.
- 21, Paul Koehler, Stuart, Fla., 1,824, \$900.
- 22, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,823, \$890.
- 23, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 1,816, \$880.
- 24, Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., 1,815, \$870.
- 25, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,814, \$860.
- 26, Stuart Williams, England, 1,808, \$850.
- 27 (tie), Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., and Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 1,803, \$835.
- 29, Jake Peters, Decatur, Ill., 1,798, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 1,798, \$810.
- 32, Dennis Eklund, Sweden, 1,797, \$790.
- 33, D.J. Archer, Port Arthur, Texas, 1,796, \$780.
- 34, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 1,795, \$770.

35, Chris Hans, Rocky Mount, N.C., 1,791, \$760.
36, Magnus Johnson Jr., Sweden, 1,787, \$750.

Failed to Cash:

37, Patrick Girard, Canada, 1,786.
38 (tie), David Haynes, Las Vegas, and Brian Himmler, Cincinnati, 1,784.
40, Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., 1,782.
41, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 1,780.
42 (tie), Frederik Ohrgaard, Denmark, and Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,779.
44, Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 1,778.
45, Craig LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 1,777.
46, Brad Miller, St. Charles, Mo., 1,772.
47, Dustin Ochoa, Cibola, Texas, 1,763.
48, PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 1,762.
49, John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y., 1,761.
50, Aaron Lorincz, Belleville, Mich., 1,749.
51, Mattias Olsson, Sweden, 1,748.
52 (tie), Thomas Ault Jr., Portland, Ore., and Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 1,747.
54, Jimmy Mortensen, Denmark, 1,746.
55 (tie), Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., and Jon VanHees, Charlestown, R.I., 1,745.
57, Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1,740.
58 (tie), Shawn Lee, Centennial, Colo., and Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,738.
60, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 1,736.
61, Ernest Lukacs Jr., Manville, N.J., 1,734.
62 (tie), Eddie VanDaniker Jr., Chatsworth, Calif.; Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., and Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 1,733.
65 (tie), Jason Stadtler, Cherry Hill, N.J., and Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 1,732.
67 (tie), Daniel Falconi, Mexico, and Martin Larsen, Sweden, 1,731.
69, Evan Nash, Kennewick, Wash., 1,727.
70, Sean Swanson, Springfield, Mo., 1,726.
71, Andrew Graff, Las Vegas, 1,723.
72, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,720.
73 (tie), Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y.; Mike Fagan, Dallas, and Jim Pratt, Glendale, Ariz., 1,719.
76, Kim Bolleby, Sweden, 1,716.
77, Carlos Cottone, Venezuela, 1,712.
78, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 1,710.
79, Mik Stampe, Denmark, 1,709.
80, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 1,708.
81 (tie), Jeff Frankos, Daly City, Calif., and Nam Yi Jo, Korea, 1,707.
83, Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 1,704.
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87 (tie), Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, and Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,699.
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91, Peter Hellstrom, Sweden, 1,694.
92 (tie), Bryan Viator, Friendswood, Texas, and Gregory Thompson Jr., Dublin, Calif., 1,688.
94, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,685.
95, Hyun Bum Kim, Korea, 1,684.
96 (tie), Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., and Matt Taylor, Knightdale, N.C., 1,678.
98, Justin Stevens, Aiea, Hawaii, 1,677.
99 (tie), Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., and Jeff Roche, Dearborn, Mich., 1,674.
99, Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz., 1,674.
102 (tie), Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan.; Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla.; Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, and

Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,670.
 106, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 1,668.
 107 (tie), Mike Williams II, Montgomery, Ala., and Johan Hellden, Sweden, 1,667.
 109, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 1,666.
 110 (tie), Perttu Jussila, Finland, and Kelvin Wiggins, Rocky Mt., N.C., 1,665.
 112, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 1,661.
 113, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 1,659.
 114, Kyle Martinez, Broken Arrow, Okla., 1,657.
 115, Robert Piroozshad, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1,656.
 116 (tie), John Cicero, Colorado Springs, Colo., and Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev., 1,654.
 118, Erik Andersin, Sweden, 1,653.
 119, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 1,649.
 120, Lee Vanderhoef, Greenville, S.C., 1,648.
 121, Darren Andretta, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 1,647.
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 127, Patrick King, Yankton, S.D., 1,637.
 128, Kasey Normandin, Canada, 1,636.
 129, Yeo Jin Yoon, Korea, 1,635.
 130, Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 1,634.
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 202, Eduardo Yzcaray Jr., Venezuela, 1,498.
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Ageless Williams, attorney Norton, Bahrain's Abdulla advance to championship round

LAS VEGAS (Nov. 5, 2012) – Australian two-handed star Jason Belmonte, ageless Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Ocala, Fla.; California attorney Scott Norton and Bahrain's Fawaz Abdulla advanced to the stepladder finals of the Professional Bowlers Association's Chameleon Championship at South Point Bowling Center Monday.

In the third of four "animal pattern" championships that make up the qualifying portion of the PBA World Championship, Belmonte posted a 14-game total of 3,462 pins to claim the top berth in Sunday's stepladder finals by 29 pins over the 53-year-old Williams, the all-time leader in PBA Tour titles with 47 victories.

Norton, who won his only title in the 2010 Chameleon Championship, qualified third with a 3,399 total and Abdulla, the first player from Bahrain to ever qualify for a PBA television final, advanced from sixth place in the final game to claim the fourth spot in the TV field with 3,333.

Belmonte, who won three of his five career PBA Tour titles during the 2011 PBA World Series of Bowling, made his first stepladder final in this year's World Series after finishing 23rd in the Alka Seltzer Plus Cold Cheetah Championship Saturday and 25th in the Viper Championship Sunday.

"I like to be on TV and I like to be No. 1," Belmonte said.

"Every day is so different, so you just have to let go of what happened the day before. I was kind of bummed with the way I bowled on the Cheetah pattern. The Viper isn't one of my favorites, but today I came in as though this was the first day of the tournament, and that's the way I bowled.

"There was a lot of friction on the lanes today. Everyone moved in and with my speed and rev rate, it played right into my game plan. I got off to a great start tonight (278), but in the second game, I realized the lanes were changing, so I made a ball change that worked and I never looked back."

Williams, who saw a string of 26 consecutive years with at least one television appearance end last season, held the lead through 12 games before Belmonte overtook him. But it was a great comeback after a less-than-stellar start to the World Series in the two previous events.

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PBA CHAMELEON CHAMPIONSHIP **South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Monday**

SEMIFINAL ROUND (after 14 games; top four advance to stepladder finals Sunday, Nov. 11, at noon PT)

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3,462.
- 2, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 3,433.
- 3, Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., 3,399.
- 4, Fawaz Abdulla, Bahrain, 3,333.

Other Semifinal Round Cashers (after 14 games):

- 5, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,327, \$4,000.
- 6, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,326, \$3,700.
- 7, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 3,294, \$3,300.
- 8, Mik Stampe, Denmark, 3,285, \$3,000.
- 9, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3,211, \$2,700.
- 10, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 3,188, \$2,500.
- 11, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3,169, \$2,300.

- 12, Eddie VanDaniker Jr., Chatsworth, Calif., 3,168, \$2,100.
- 13, Dan MacLelland, Canada, 3,156, \$2,100.
- 14, Stuart Williams, England, 3,100, \$1,900.
- 15, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 3,051, \$1,800.
- 16, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 2,933, \$1,700.

Other Qualifying Round Cashers (after 8 games)

- 17, Bryan Viator, Friendswood, Texas, 1,814, \$1,000.
- 18, Osku Palermmaa, Finland, 1,813, \$970.
- 19, (tie) Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1,809, and Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,809, \$930.
- 21, D.J. Archer, Port Arthur, Texas, 1,808, \$900.
- 22, Jim Pratt, Glendale, Ariz., 1,807, \$890.
- 23, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 1,804, \$880.
- 24, Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 1,795, \$870.
- 25, Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 1,790, \$860.
- 26, Mike Fagan, Dallas, 1,787, \$850.
- 27, John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y., 1,783, \$840.
- 28, John Furey, East Windsor, N.J., 1,780, \$830.
- 29, Johan Hellden, Sweden, 1,778, \$820.
- 30, (tie) Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., and Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 1,777, \$805.
- 32, Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., 1,776, \$790.
- 33, Thomas Biniek Jr., Wilkes-Barre, Pa., 1,774, \$780.
- 34, (tie) Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, and Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,773, \$765.
- 36, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 1,769, \$750.

Failed to Cash:

- 37, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 1,768.
- 38, (tie) Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., and Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,766.
- 40, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 1,764.
- 41, Sean Swanson, Springfield, Mo., 1,761.
- 42, Erik Gulbrandson, Superior, Wis., 1,760.
- 43, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,759.
- 44, (tie) Craig LeMond, Jasper, Ind., and Jeff Frankos, Daly City, Calif., 1,756.
- 46, Scott Halvarson, Lakewood, Wash., 1,754.
- 47, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,752.
- 48, Chad Pojas, Wahiawa, Hawaii, 1,749.
- 49, Aaron Lorincz, Belleville, Mich., 1,748.
- 50, Patrick Girard, Canada, 1,746.
- 51, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,740.
- 52, (tie) Andrew Cain, Phoenix, and Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,737.
- 54, (tie) Tyler Jensen, Ft. Worth, Texas, and Brett Cooper, Newburyport, Mass., 1,736.
- 56, Andrew Graff, Las Vegas, 1,734.
- 57, Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev., 1,732.
- 58, Matt Ramshaw, Longview, Wash., 1,730.
- 59, Dom Barrett, England, 1,729.
- 60, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,728.
- 61, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,727.
- 62, (tie) Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., and Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,725.
- 64, Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 1,722.
- 65, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 1,709.
- 66, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,708.
- 67, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 1,707.

68, Kim Bolleby, Sweden, 1,705.
 69, (tie) Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas; Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, and Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,703.
 72, (tie) Yousif Falah, Bahrain; Daniel Falconi, Mexico, and Ben Davis, Ashland, Ky., 1,701.
 75, Gregory Thompson Jr., Dublin, Calif., 1,700.
 76, PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 1,697.
 77, (tie) Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, and Jeff Roche, Dearborn, Mich., 1,695.
 79, Dennis Eklund, Sweden, 1,694.
 80, Ahmed Saad Alhadyan, Saudi Arabia, 1,693.
 81, (tie) Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., and Ernest Lukacs Jr., Manville, N.J., 1,692.
 83, (tie) Andrew Frawley, Australia, and Brad Miller, St. Charles, Mo., 1,689.
 85, Mike DeVaney, Hemet, Calif., 1,688.
 86, Jin Han Kim, Korea, 1,685.
 87, Jake Peters, Decatur, Ill., 1,684.
 88, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 1,682.
 89, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,680.
 90, (tie) Yeo Jin Yoon, Korea, and Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 1,679.
 92, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 1,678.
 93, Tim Mack, Indianapolis, 1,677.
 94, Mattias Olsson, Sweden, 1,675.
 95, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 1,672.
 96, (tie) Justin Stevens, Aiea, Hawaii, and Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio, 1,671.
 98, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 1,668.
 99, Jacob Heger, Houston, 1,666.
 100, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 1,665.
 101, Patrick Bohm, Sweden, 1,664.
 102, Rohn Morton, Vancouver, Wash., 1,663.
 103, Kevin Morillo, Venezuela, 1,662.
 104, Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 1,660.
 105, Missy Parkin, Lake Forest, Calif., 1,658.
 106, Hernan Ramirez, Venezuela, 1,656.
 107, Darren Andretta, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 1,655.
 108, (tie) Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz.; Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., and Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,654.
 111, Philip Medley, Washington, Mich., 1,649.
 112, Mohamed Sultan, Bahrain, 1,648.
 113, (tie) Evan Nash, Kennewick, Wash., and Myles Duty, Modesto, Calif., 1,646.
 115, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,645.
 116, William Guszczko, Orland Park, Ill., 1,644.
 117, Jon VanHees, Charlestown, R.I., 1,642.
 118, (tie) Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga.; Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., and Chris Cundiff, Lake Station, Ind., 1,641.
 121, Erik Andersin, Sweden, 1,639.
 122, Helen Johnsson, Sweden, 1,637.
 123, (tie) Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., and Kelvin Wiggins, Rocky Mt., N.C., 1,636.
 125, Chad Vendeville, Arlington, Texas, 1,633.
 126, (tie) Nam Yi Jo, Korea, and Jason Stadler, Cherry Hill, N.J., 1,632.
 128, Kevin Henderson, Albany, Ore., 1,631.
 129, (tie) David Beres, Waukesha, Wis., and Allen Blansette, Napa, Calif., 1,630.
 131, (tie) Adam Monks, Conway, S.C.; Peter Hellstrom, Sweden, and Nathan Urrutia, Banning, Calif., 1,629.
 134, Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 1,628.

135, Jason Miller, Portland, Ore., 1,626.
 136, (tie) Thomas Ault Jr., Portland, Ore.; Jimmy Mortensen, Denmark, and Mike Williams II, Montgomery, Ala, 1,623.
 139, Carsten Hansen, Denmark, 1,622.
 140, Kevin Gallagher, Torrance, Calif., 1,618.
 141, (tie) Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., and Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 1,617.
 143, (tie) Mathias Arup, Sweden, and Mohammed Al Saud, Saudi Arabia, 1,615.
 145, Kyle Bigelow, Troy, Ohio, 1,611.
 146, Lee Vanderhoef, Greenville, S.C., 1,610.
 147, Shawn Lee, Centennial, Colo., 1,608.
 148, (tie) Brian Himmler, Cincinnati, and Frederik Ohrgaard, Denmark, 1,603.
 150, Michael Smith, Centennial, Colo., 1,599.
 151, Lee Rucker, Fort Myers, Fla., 1,598.
 152, Mike Bailey, Allen, Texas, 1,596.
 153, Dale Renken, St. Jacob, Ill., 1,595.
 154, Paul Nilsen Sr., Murrieta, Calif., 1,591.
 155, (tie) Magnus Johnson Jr., Sweden, and Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,590.
 157, Justin Bychkowski, Fairfield, Conn., 1,589.
 158, (tie) Branden Lee, Chicago, and Eduardo Yzcaray Jr., Venezuela, 1,587.
 160, (tie) Chris DosSantos, Fairhaven, Mass., and Roberto Silva, Mexico, 1,584.
 162, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 1,582.
 163, Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 1,581.
 164, (tie) Kris Koeltzow, Wheat Ridge, Colo.; Giorgio Clinaz Jr., Venezuela, and Gustavo Salinas, Mexico, 1,575.
 167, (tie) Ji Hyun Cha, Korea; Kasey Normandin, Canada; Perttu Jussila, Finland, and Hyun Suk Kim, Korea, 1,574.
 171, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 1,572.
 172, Julio Cesar Blancas, Mexico, 1,569.
 173, Travis Anderson, Washington, Ill., 1,568.
 174, Paul Koehler, Stuart, Fla., 1,566.
 175, Chris Hans, Rocky Mount, N.C., 1,564.
 176, Greg Knolton, Bartlett, Tenn., 1,562.
 177, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 1,561.
 178, (tie) Hyun Bum Kim, Korea, and Tommy Martin, Olive Branch, Miss., 1,558.
 180, Robert Piroozshad, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1,555.
 181, Alejandro Reyna, Costa Rica, 1,552.
 182, John Perry, Nuevo, Calif., 1,550.
 183, (tie) Kim Ojala, Sweden; Matt Taylor, Knightdale, N.C., and Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 1,549.
 186, Dave Gillson, Phoenix, 1,548.
 187, (tie) Kevin Brophy, Oakhurst, N.J., and Robert McBride, Plano, Texas, 1,547.
 189, (tie) Isaac Amkie, Mexico, and Dustin Ochoa, Cibola, Texas, 1,542.
 191, Carlos Cottone, Venezuela, 1,540.
 192, Hameed Taqi, Bahrain, 1,535.
 193, Ted Sidehamer Jr., Newport News, Va., 1,533.
 194, Chris Groom, Lancaster, Calif., 1,529.
 195, Mikael Kanold, Sweden, 1,523.
 196, James Hobson, Converse, Texas, 1,517.
 197, Hafthor Hardarson, Iceland, 1,515.
 198, Patrick King, Yankton, S.D., 1,512.
 199, Meen Woo Kim, Korea, 1,508.
 200, Mohamed Al Jahrami, Bahrain, 1,507.
 201, Matt Meyer, Alexandria, Minn., 1,500.

- 202, Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,499.
- 203, John Cicero, Colorado Springs, Colo., 1,498.
- 204, Mike Armstrong Jr., Battle Ground, Wash., 1,497.
- 205, Sean Daniels, Aloha, Ore., 1,492.
- 206, Frank Guccione, Castle Rock, Colo., 1,489.
- 207, (tie) Josh Lewis, Asheville, N.C., and Travis Celmer, Wernersville, Pa., 1,487.
- 209, Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 1,485.
- 210, Kirk Sauro, Dearborn Heights, Mich., 1,480.
- 211, Manuel Mrosek, Germany, 1,478.
- 212, Michael Menard, Canada, 1,474.
- 213, Wayne Stellick, Aurora, Colo., 1,466.
- 214, Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 1,465.
- 215, Brett Cunningham, Clay, N.Y., 1,463.
- 216, Kyle Leiffer, Weed, Calif., 1,458.
- 217, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 1,457.
- 218, Richard Rezendes, Cumberland, R.I., 1,453.
- 219, Wes Newman, Panama City, Fla., 1,450.
- 220, Hakim AlSaud, Saudi Arabia, 1,449.
- 221, Kyle Martinez, Broken Arrow, Okla., 1,448.
- 222, Aaron Ramsden, Pleasant Valley, Mo., 1,442.
- 223, Shawn St. Andre, Garden Grove, Calif., 1,438.
- 224, MahdI Assad, Bahrain, 1,430.
- 225, Diego Lopez, Colombia, 1,429.
- 226, Rob Gotterbarn Jr., Garden City South, N.Y., 1,426.
- 227, Chris Ashworth, Gallatin, Tenn., 1,422.
- 228, Josh Willis, Orleans, Ind., 1,415.
- 229, Tim Arnold, Las Vegas, 1,414.
- 230, Troy Behanna, Pasadena, Texas, 1,412.
- 231, J.T. Jackson, Sherman Oaks, Calif., 1,408.
- 232, Steve Ford, Seaside, Ore., 1,389.
- 233, Jamar Lee, Livermore, Calif., 1,349.
- 234, Adam James, Redmond, Wash., 1,326.
- 235, Masood Saberi, Bahrain, 1,323.
- 236, Doug Scheidig, Royersford, Pa., 1,317.
- 237, Kenneth Bland Jr., Germany, 1,310.
- 238, Gradie Merritt-Foster, Park Forest, Ill., 1,296.
- 239, Paolo Joquico, Philippines, 1,280.

300 Games: Dan MacLelland.

PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

QUALIFYING STANDINGS (top 50 after 24 of 32 games; top 24 after 32 games will advance to PBA World Championship match play)

- 1, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 5,787.
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- 17, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 5,511.
- 18, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 5,506.
- 19, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 5,504.
- 20, Johan Hellden, Sweden, 5,499.
- 21, Jeff Frankos, Daly City, Calif., 5,497.
- 22, Mik Stampe, Denmark, 5,475.
- 23, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 5,459.
- 24, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 5,451.
- 25 (tie), Craig LeMond, Jasper, Ind., and Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 5,445.
- 27, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 5,443.
- 28, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 5,425.
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- 31, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 5,411.
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Two pins behind Williams was Denmark's Mik Stampe. Australia's Jason Belmonte was one pin behind Stampe.

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- 1, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 1,925.
- 2, Mik Stampe, Denmark, 1,923.
- 3, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,922.
- 4, Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., 1,906.
- 5, Stuart Williams, England, 1,890.
- 6, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,888.
- 7, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 1,887.
- 8, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,869.
- 9, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,852.
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Other Qualifying Round Cashers (after 8 games)

- 17, Bryan Viator, Friendswood, Texas, 1,814, \$1,000.
- 18, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,813, \$970.
- 19, (tie) Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1,809, and Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,809, \$930.
- 21, D.J. Archer, Port Arthur, Texas, 1,808, \$900.
- 22, Jim Pratt, Glendale, Ariz., 1,807, \$890.
- 23, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 1,804, \$880.
- 24, Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 1,795, \$870.

25, Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 1,790, \$860.
 26, Mike Fagan, Dallas, 1,787, \$850.
 27, John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y., 1,783, \$840.
 28, John Furey, East Windsor, N.J., 1,780, \$830.
 29, Johan Hellden, Sweden, 1,778, \$820.
 30, (tie) Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., and Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 1,777, \$805.
 32, Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., 1,776, \$790.
 33, Thomas Biniek Jr., Wilkes-Barre, Pa., 1,774, \$780.
 34, (tie) Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, and Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,773, \$765.
 36, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 1,769, \$750.

Failed to Cash:

37, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 1,768.
 38, (tie) Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., and Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,766.
 40, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 1,764.
 41, Sean Swanson, Springfield, Mo., 1,761.
 42, Erik Gulbrandson, Superior, Wis., 1,760.
 43, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,759.
 44, (tie) Craig LeMond, Jasper, Ind., and Jeff Frankos, Daly City, Calif., 1,756.
 46, Scott Halvarson, Lakewood, Wash., 1,754.
 47, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,752.
 48, Chad Pojas, Wahiawa, Hawaii, 1,749.
 49, Aaron Lorincz, Belleville, Mich., 1,748.
 50, Patrick Girard, Canada, 1,746.
 51, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,740.
 52, (tie) Andrew Cain, Phoenix, and Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,737.
 54, (tie) Tyler Jensen, Ft. Worth, Texas, and Brett Cooper, Newburyport, Mass., 1,736.
 56, Andrew Graff, Las Vegas, 1,734.
 57, Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev., 1,732.
 58, Matt Ramshaw, Longview, Wash., 1,730.
 59, Dom Barrett, England, 1,729.
 60, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,728.
 61, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,727.
 62, (tie) Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., and Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,725.
 64, Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 1,722.
 65, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 1,709.
 66, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,708.
 67, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 1,707.
 68, Kim Bolleby, Sweden, 1,705.
 69, (tie) Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas; Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, and Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,703.
 72, (tie) Yousif Falah, Bahrain; Daniel Falconi, Mexico, and Ben Davis, Ashland, Ky., 1,701.
 75, Gregory Thompson Jr., Dublin, Calif., 1,700.
 76, PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 1,697.
 77, (tie) Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, and Jeff Roche, Dearborn, Mich., 1,695.
 79, Dennis Eklund, Sweden, 1,694.
 80, Ahmed Saad Alhadyan, Saudi Arabia, 1,693.
 81, (tie) Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., and Ernest Lukacs Jr., Manville, N.J., 1,692.
 83, (tie) Andrew Frawley, Australia, and Brad Miller, St. Charles, Mo., 1,689.
 85, Mike DeVaney, Hemet, Calif., 1,688.
 86, Jin Han Kim, Korea, 1,685.
 87, Jake Peters, Decatur, Ill., 1,684.

88, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 1,682.
 89, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,680.
 90, (tie) Yeo Jin Yoon, Korea, and Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 1,679.
 92, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 1,678.
 93, Tim Mack, Indianapolis, 1,677.
 94, Mattias Olsson, Sweden, 1,675.
 95, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 1,672.
 96, (tie) Justin Stevens, Aiea, Hawaii, and Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio, 1,671.
 98, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 1,668.
 99, Jacob Heger, Houston, 1,666.
 100, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 1,665.
 101, Patrick Bohm, Sweden, 1,664.
 102, Rohn Morton, Vancouver, Wash., 1,663.
 103, Kevin Morillo, Venezuela, 1,662.
 104, Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 1,660.
 105, Missy Parkin, Lake Forest, Calif., 1,658.
 106, Hernan Ramirez, Venezuela, 1,656.
 107, Darren Andretta, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 1,655.
 108, (tie) Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz.; Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., and Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,654.
 111, Philip Medley, Washington, Mich., 1,649.
 112, Mohamed Sultan, Bahrain, 1,648.
 113, (tie) Evan Nash, Kennewick, Wash., and Myles Duty, Modesto, Calif., 1,646.
 115, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,645.
 116, William Guszczko, Orland Park, Ill., 1,644.
 117, Jon VanHees, Charlestown, R.I., 1,642.
 118, (tie) Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga.; Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., and Chris Cundiff, Lake Station, Ind., 1,641.
 121, Erik Andersin, Sweden, 1,639.
 122, Helen Johnsson, Sweden, 1,637.
 123, (tie) Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., and Kelvin Wiggins, Rocky Mt., N.C., 1,636.
 125, Chad Vendeville, Arlington, Texas, 1,633.
 126, (tie) Nam Yi Jo, Korea, and Jason Stadtler, Cherry Hill, N.J., 1,632.
 128, Kevin Henderson, Albany, Ore., 1,631.
 129, (tie) David Beres, Waukesha, Wis., and Allen Blansette, Napa, Calif., 1,630.
 131, (tie) Adam Monks, Conway, S.C.; Peter Hellstrom, Sweden, and Nathan Urrutia, Banning, Calif., 1,629.
 134, Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 1,628.
 135, Jason Miller, Portland, Ore., 1,626.
 136, (tie) Thomas Ault Jr., Portland, Ore.; Jimmy Mortensen, Denmark, and Mike Williams II, Montgomery, Ala, 1,623.
 139, Carsten Hansen, Denmark, 1,622.
 140, Kevin Gallagher, Torrance, Calif., 1,618.
 141, (tie) Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., and Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 1,617.
 143, (tie) Mathias Arup, Sweden, and Mohammed Al Saud, Saudi Arabia, 1,615.
 145, Kyle Bigelow, Troy, Ohio, 1,611.
 146, Lee Vanderhoef, Greenville, S.C., 1,610.
 147, Shawn Lee, Centennial, Colo., 1,608.
 148, (tie) Brian Himmler, Cincinnati, and Frederik Ohrgaard, Denmark, 1,603.
 150, Michael Smith, Centennial, Colo., 1,599.
 151, Lee Rucker, Fort Myers, Fla., 1,598.
 152, Mike Bailey, Allen, Texas, 1,596.

153, Dale Renken, St. Jacob, Ill., 1,595.
 154, Paul Nilsen Sr., Murrieta, Calif., 1,591.
 155, (tie) Magnus Johnson Jr., Sweden, and Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,590.
 157, Justin Bychkowski, Fairfield, Conn., 1,589.
 158, (tie) Branden Lee, Chicago, and Eduardo Yzcaray Jr., Venezuela, 1,587.
 160, (tie) Chris DosSantos, Fairhaven, Mass., and Roberto Silva, Mexico, 1,584.
 162, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 1,582.
 163, Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 1,581.
 164, (tie) Kris Koeltzow, Wheat Ridge, Colo.; Giorgio Clinaz Jr., Venezuela, and Gustavo Salinas, Mexico, 1,575.
 167, (tie) Ji Hyun Cha, Korea; Kasey Normandin, Canada; Perttu Jussila, Finland, and Hyun Suk Kim, Korea, 1,574.
 171, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 1,572.
 172, Julio Cesar Blancas, Mexico, 1,569.
 173, Travis Anderson, Washington, Ill., 1,568.
 174, Paul Koehler, Stuart, Fla., 1,566.
 175, Chris Hans, Rocky Mount, N.C., 1,564.
 176, Greg Knolton, Bartlett, Tenn., 1,562.
 177, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 1,561.
 178, (tie) Hyun Bum Kim, Korea, and Tommy Martin, Olive Branch, Miss., 1,558.
 180, Robert Piroozshad, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1,555.
 181, Alejandro Reyna, Costa Rica, 1,552.
 182, John Perry, Nuevo, Calif., 1,550.
 183, (tie) Kim Ojala, Sweden; Matt Taylor, Knightdale, N.C., and Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 1,549.
 186, Dave Gillson, Phoenix, 1,548.
 187, (tie) Kevin Brophy, Oakhurst, N.J., and Robert McBride, Plano, Texas, 1,547.
 189, (tie) Isaac Amkie, Mexico, and Dustin Ochoa, Cibola, Texas, 1,542.
 191, Carlos Cottone, Venezuela, 1,540.
 192, Hameed Taqi, Bahrain, 1,535.
 193, Ted Sidehamer Jr., Newport News, Va., 1,533.
 194, Chris Groom, Lancaster, Calif., 1,529.
 195, Mikael Kanold, Sweden, 1,523.
 196, James Hobson, Converse, Texas, 1,517.
 197, Hafthor Hardarson, Iceland, 1,515.
 198, Patrick King, Yankton, S.D., 1,512.
 199, Meen Woo Kim, Korea, 1,508.
 200, Mohamed Al Jahrami, Bahrain, 1,507.
 201, Matt Meyer, Alexandria, Minn., 1,500.
 202, Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,499.
 203, John Cicero, Colorado Springs, Colo., 1,498.
 204, Mike Armstrong Jr., Battle Ground, Wash., 1,497.
 205, Sean Daniels, Aloha, Ore., 1,492.
 206, Frank Guccione, Castle Rock, Colo., 1,489.
 207, (tie) Josh Lewis, Asheville, N.C., and Travis Celmer, Wernersville, Pa., 1,487.
 209, Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 1,485.
 210, Kirk Sauro, Dearborn Heights, Mich., 1,480.
 211, Manuel Mrosek, Germany, 1,478.
 212, Michael Menard, Canada, 1,474.
 213, Wayne Stellick, Aurora, Colo., 1,466.
 214, Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 1,465.
 215, Brett Cunningham, Clay, N.Y., 1,463.
 216, Kyle Leiffer, Weed, Calif., 1,458.

- 217, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 1,457.
- 218, Richard Rezendes, Cumberland, R.I., 1,453.
- 219, Wes Newman, Panama City, Fla, 1,450.
- 220, Hakim AlSaud, Saudi Arabia, 1,449.
- 221, Kyle Martinez, Broken Arrow, Okla., 1,448.
- 222, Aaron Ramsden, Pleasant Valley, Mo., 1,442.
- 223, Shawn St. Andre, Garden Grove, Calif., 1,438.
- 224, MahdI Assad, Bahrain, 1,430.
- 225, Diego Lopez, Colombia, 1,429.
- 226, Rob Gotterbarn Jr., Garden City South, N.Y., 1,426.
- 227, Chris Ashworth, Gallatin, Tenn., 1,422.
- 228, Josh Willis, Orleans, Ind., 1,415.
- 229, Tim Arnold, Las Vegas, 1,414.
- 230, Troy Behanna, Pasadena, Texas, 1,412.
- 231, J.T. Jackson, Sherman Oaks, Calif., 1,408.
- 232, Steve Ford, Seaside, Ore., 1,389.
- 233, Jamar Lee, Livermore, Calif., 1,349.
- 234, Adam James, Redmond, Wash., 1,326.
- 235, Masood Saberi, Bahrain, 1,323.
- 236, Doug Scheidig, Royersford, Pa., 1,317.
- 237, Kenneth Bland Jr., Germany, 1,310.
- 238, Gracie Merritt-Foster, Park Forest, Ill., 1,296.
- 239, Paolo Joquico, Philippines, 1,280.

300 Games: Dan MacLelland.

PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

QUALIFYING STANDINGS (top 50 after 24 of 32 games; top 24 after 32 games will advance to PBA World Championship match play)

- 1, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 5,787.
- 2, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 5,727.
- 3, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 5,699.
- 4, Dan MacLelland, Canada, 5,674.
- 5, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 5,669.
- 6, Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., 5,634.
- 7, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 5,623.
- 8, Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 5,614.
- 9, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 5,611.
- 10 (tie), Mike Fagan, Dallas, and Stuart Williams, England, 5,596.
- 12, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 5,567.
- 13, Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 5,540.
- 14, Dom Barrett, England, 5,521.
- 15, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 5,520.
- 16, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 5,517.
- 17, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 5,511.
- 18, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 5,506.
- 19, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 5,504.
- 20, Johan Hellden, Sweden, 5,499.
- 21, Jeff Frankos, Daly City, Calif., 5,497.
- 22, Mik Stampe, Denmark, 5,475.
- 23, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 5,459.
- 24, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 5,451.

25 (tie), Craig LeMond, Jasper, Ind., and Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 5,445.
27, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 5,443.
28, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 5,425.
29 (tie), D.J. Archer, Port Arthur, Texas, and Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 5,412.
31, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 5,411.
32, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 5,398.
33, Eddie VanDaniker Jr., Chatsworth, Calif., 5,397.
34, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 5,396.
35, Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev., 5,389.
36, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 5,385.
37, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 5,384.
38, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 5,381.
39, PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 5,362.
40 (tie), Patrick Girard, Canada; Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, and Sean Swanson, Springfield, Mo., 5,352.
43, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 5,347.
44, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 5,334.
45, Dennis Eklund, Sweden, 5,329.
46, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 5,328.
47, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 5,325.
48, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 5,323.
49, Gregory Thompson Jr., Dublin, Calif., 5,320.
50, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 5,313.

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New York's Angelo Wins No. 1 Berth in PBA Viper Championship Finals

PBA Player of the Year Rash jumps from 30th to first in PBA World Championship qualifying race

LAS VEGAS (Nov. 4, 2012) – Brad Angelo of Lockport, N.Y., rolled a 279 final game Sunday to win the top berth in the Professional Bowlers Association's Viper Championship stepladder finals during the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling at South Point Bowling Center.

Angelo, who won his only PBA Tour title in the 2008 Pepsi Viper Championship, bowled games of 236, 258, 199, 227, 236 and 279 during the six-game semifinal round to finish the day with a 14-game total of 3,344 pins to top the field of four players who will compete for the Viper Championship title in the ESPN stepladder finals on Saturday, Nov. 10, at 4 p.m. at South Point's Exhibition Hall area. The Viper Championship will air on ESPN on Sunday, Dec. 23.

He will be joined in the Viper finals by PBA Player of the Year Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., 3,326; Finnish native Mika Koivuniemi of Hartland, Mich., 3,283, and Mike Fagan of Dallas, 3,267. Fagan held on to win the fourth spot in the finals by one pin over Scott Norton of Costa Mesa, Calif.

"I've been executing well for the last few years, but getting that little half-pocket strike to keep a string going hasn't been there," Angelo said. "At this level, if you don't get those strikes, you can't compete. And today, I got some of those. I don't know what it was, but the chips fell.

"If you don't have speed and rev rate in today's world, you can't keep up. My little trick has been a slow float and still being able to get the ball through the pins. When I can do that, I'm pretty tough to beat. That's my uniqueness, and it hasn't been there for me lately. But to be the leader? You can't beat that."

Earlier Sunday, Rash, the reigning PBA Player of the Year, posted an eight-game qualifying total of 2,035 pins to advance from 30th place after Saturday's Cheetah Championship round into first place in the PBA World Championship race with a 16-game, 3,949 pinfall total, 16 pins ahead of Chris Loschetter of Avon, Ohio.

Eight-game qualifying totals from Saturday's Cheetah, Sunday's Viper, Monday's Chameleon and Tuesday's Scorpion Championships will be combined to produce the 32-game totals that will determine the 24 PBA World Championship match play finalists. Three eight-game World Championship match play rounds will take place Wednesday and Thursday at South Point Bowling Center.

PBA fans can follow scoring as it happens by clicking on the "live scoring" feature on pba.com, or by watching the action live on Xtra Frame, PBA's online bowling channel.

GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling competition continues Monday with Chameleon Championship qualifying squads bowling at 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., followed by the Chameleon semifinal round at 8 p.m.

PBA VIPER CHAMPIONSHIP

South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Sunday

SEMIFINAL ROUND (after 14 games; top four advance to stepladder finals Saturday, Nov. 10, at 4 p.m. PT)

- 1, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 3,344.
- 2, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3,326.
- 3, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 3,283.
- 4, Mike Fagan, Dallas, 3,267.

Other Semifinal Round Cashers (after 14 games):

- 5, Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., 3,266, \$4,000.
- 6 (tie), Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, and Dan MacLelland, Canada, 3,259, \$3,450.
- 8, Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 3,245, \$3,000.
- 9, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,209, \$2,700.
- 10, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 3,170, \$2,500.
- 11, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 3,153, \$2,300.
- 12, Mohamed Sultan, Bahrain, 3,144, \$2,100.
- 13, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 3,137, \$2,000.
- 14, Jeff Frankos, Daly City, Calif., 3,123, \$2,000.
- 15, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 3,089, \$1,800.
- 16, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,015, \$1,700.

Other Qualifying Round Cashers (after 8 games):

- 17, Dom Barrett, England, 1,857, \$1,100.
- 18, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 1,855, \$970.
- 19, David Beres, Waukesha, Wis., 1,851, \$940.
- 20, Craig LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 1,844, \$920.
- 21 (tie), Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, and Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 1,839, \$895.
- 23, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 1,838, \$880.
- 24, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,831, \$870.
- 25, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,820, \$860.
- 26, Mike DeVaney, Hemet, Calif., 1,815, \$850.
- 27, (tie) Matt Meyer, Alexandria, Minn., and Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 1,808, \$835.
- 29, (tie) Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev., and Peter Hellstrom, Sweden, 1,803, \$815.
- 31, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,800, \$800.
- 32, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 1,799, \$790.
- 33, Yousif Falah, Bahrain, 1,787, \$780.
- 34, Johan Helden, Sweden, 1,786, \$770.
- 35 (tie), Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan., and D.J. Archer, Port Arthur, Texas, 1,782, \$755.

Failed to Cash:

- 37, (tie) Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., and Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 1,781.
- 39, Paul Koehler, Stuart, Fla., 1,778.
- 40, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 1,776.
- 40, Travis Anderson, Washington, Ill., 1,776.
- 42, Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1,774.
- 42, Stuart Williams, England, 1,774.
- 44, Mik Stampe, Denmark, 1,773.

45, Mikael Kanold, Sweden, 1,772.
 46, Kevin Brophy, Oakhurst, N.J., 1,771.
 47, (tie) John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y., and Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,770.
 49, (tie) Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., and Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,768.
 51, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,766.
 52, (tie) Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio, and Matt Ramshaw, Longview, Wash., 1,764.
 54, Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 1,763.
 55, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 1,761.
 56, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 1,759.
 57, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 1,757.
 58, Scott Halvarson, Lakewood, Wash., 1,755.
 59, Ji Hyun Cha, Korea, 1,754.
 60, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,753.
 61, Dennis Eklund, Sweden, 1,750.
 62, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 1,748.
 63, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 1,745.
 64, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,744.
 65, (tie) Gregory Thompson Jr., Dublin, Calif., and Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,740.
 67, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 1,739.
 68, John Furey, East Windsor, N.J., 1,738.
 69, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,736.
 70, Brian Himmler, Cincinnati, 1,734.
 71, Kim Ojala, Sweden, 1,730.
 72, William Guszczo, Orland Park, Ill., 1,729.
 73, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 1,726.
 74, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,721.
 75, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1,720.
 76, Ben Davis, Ashland, Ky., 1,719.
 77, Lee Vanderhoef, Greenville, S.C., 1,716.
 78, Andrew Frawley, Australia, 1,713.
 79, Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 1,712.
 80, (tie) Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga., and Magnus Johnson Jr., Sweden, 1,709.
 82, (tie) Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., and Patrick Bohm, Sweden, 1,708.
 84, Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 1,707.
 85, Tim Mack, Indianapolis, 1,706.
 86, (tie) Thomas Larsen, Denmark, and Kevin Morillo, Venezuela, 1,705.
 88, PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 1,704.
 89, Perttu Jussila, Finland, 1,702.
 90, Jim Pratt, Glendale, Ariz., 1,695.
 91, Sean Swanson, Springfield, Mo., 1,692.
 92, (tie) Aaron Lorincz, Belleville, Mich., and Travis Celmer, Wernersville, Pa., 1,690.
 94, (tie) Jon VanHees, Charlestown, R.I., and Erik Andersin, Sweden, 1,686.
 96, (tie) Carsten Hansen, Denmark; Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., and Thomas Biniek Jr., Wilkes-Barre, Pa., 1,684.
 99, (tie) Justin Bychkowski, Fairfield, Conn., and Frank Guccione, Castle Rock, Colo., 1,682.
 101, Hernan Ramirez, Venezuela, 1,681.
 102, (tie) Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, and Patrick Girard, Canada, 1,676.
 104, (tie) Hyun Bum Kim, Korea, and Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 1,674.
 106, Chad Pojas, Wahiawa, Hawaii, 1,672.
 107, (tie) Mathias Arup, Sweden, and Kyle Martinez, Broken Arrow, Okla., 1,671.
 109, (tie) Alejandro Reyna, Costa Rica, and Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,669.
 111, John Cicero, Colorado Springs, Colo., 1,666.

112, (tie)Mike Bailey, Allen, Texas, and Kasey Normandin, Canada, 1,665.
 114, (tie) Isaac Amkie, Mexico, and Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,664.
 116, (tie) Andrew Cain, Phoenix, and Missy Parkin, Lake Forest, Calif., 1,659.
 118, Brett Cunningham, Clay, N.Y., 1,658.
 119, (tie) Jason Stadtler, Cherry Hill, N.J., and Kyle Bigelow, Troy, Ohio, 1,656.
 121, Patrick King, Yankton, S.D., 1,654.
 122, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 1,652.
 123, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,651.
 124, (tie) Aaron Ramsden, Pleasant Valley, Mo., and Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 1,644.
 126, (tie) Matt Taylor, Knightdale, N.C., and Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 1,640.
 128, (tie) Brad Miller, St. Charles, Mo., and Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz., 1,637.
 130, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 1,635.
 131, Hyun Suk Kim, Korea, 1,631.
 132, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,629.
 133, Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 1,628.
 134, Thomas Ault Jr., Portland, Ore., 1,627.
 135, (tie) Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., and Wayne Stellick, Aurora, Colo., 1,624.
 137, Jimmy Mortensen, Denmark, 1,623.
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- 23, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 3,707.
- 24, Stuart Williams, England, 3,706.
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- 27, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 3,687.
- 28, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 3,682.
- 29, Lee Vanderhoef, Greenville, S.C., 3,677.
- 30, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,674.
- 31, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 3,672.
- 32, Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 3,668.
- 33, PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 3,665.
- 34, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 3,660.
- 35 (tie), Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, and Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev., 3,657.
- 37, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3,651.
- 38, David Beres, Waukesha, Wis., 3,647.
- 39, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 3,641.
- 40, Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga., 3,639.
- 41, Dennis Eklund, Sweden, 3,635.
- 42, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,633.
- 43, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 3,631.
- 44, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 3,630.
- 45 (tie), Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, and Mike DeVaney, Hemet, Calif., 3,624.
- 47, Gregory Thompson Jr., Dublin, Calif., 3,620.
- 48, Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 3,618.
- 49, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 3,617.
- 50, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 3,607.

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PBA Player of the Year moves into second in PBA World Championship qualifying behind Loschetter

LAS VEGAS (Nov. 4, 2012) – Reigning Professional Bowlers Association Player of the Year Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., averaged 254.37 Sunday to take the qualifying round lead in the PBA Viper Championship, the second event of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling, at South Point Bowling Center.

Rash bowled games of 234, 280, 257, 233, 269, 257, 248 and 257 for an eight-game total of 2,035 pins to lead the field of 16 qualifiers who advanced to Sunday night's six-game semifinal round. After six more games Sunday night, the top four players will advance to the ESPN stepladder finals on Saturday, Nov. 10, at 4 p.m. in the special arena setting in South Point's Exhibition Hall area. The Viper Championship will air on ESPN on Sunday, Dec. 23.

Rash was a dominant force in WSOB III in 2011 when he qualified a record five consecutive television shows and six out of seven during the World Series. He finished 30th in Saturday's Alka Seltzer Plus Cold Cheetah Championship, but didn't make any major changes for Sunday's Viper event.

"I used the same philosophy today as I did Saturday – get as many pins as possible. This is stage two of four. The World Championship is what matters," Rash said. "If you can make it into one of the animal pattern shows along the way, so much the better."

The eight-game qualifying totals from the Viper Championship will be added to qualifying totals from Saturday's Cheetah, Monday's Chameleon and Tuesday's Scorpion Championships to produce the 32-game totals that will determine the 24 match play finalists for the PBA World Championship. Three eight-game World Championship match play rounds will take place Wednesday and Thursday at South Point.

After 16 of 32 qualifying games, Rash was advanced from 30th place to second in the PBA World Championship race with a 3,692 total, 241 pins behind leader Chris Loschetter of Avon, Ohio.

"I made an unbelievable ball change in game four, and it definitely helped me," Rash said. "The team behind me helped a lot. You've got to have some help if you're going to succeed here."

Rounding out the top five heading into Sunday night's Viper semifinal round were 30-year-old attorney Scott Norton of Cost Mesa, Calif., in second place with 1,943 pins; Dan MacLelland of Canada in third with a 1,923 total; Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., fourth with 1,920 and rookie Craig Nidiffer of Trenton, Mich., in fifth place with 1,914.

Norton, the 2010-11 PBA Rookie of the Year, said improved focus was the key to his performance after finishing 105th in Saturday's Cheetah Championship qualifying round.

"Yesterday I had a little trouble on one side of the center, and by the time I figured it out, it was too late," he said. "So I tried to improve my focus level today and it was much higher. It seems like sometimes when scoring conditions are a little tougher on the left side of the lane, I have the magic ball roll that works. That doesn't always happen, but sometimes, and today is worked."

PBA fans can follow scoring as it happens by clicking on the "live scoring" feature on pba.com, or by watching the action live on Xtra Frame, PBA's online bowling channel.

GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling competition continues Monday with Chameleon Championship qualifying squads bowling at 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., followed by the Chameleon semifinal round at 8 p.m.

PBA VIPER CHAMPIONSHIP

South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Sunday

QUALIFYING ROUND (after 8 games; top 16 advanced to six-game semifinal round Sunday night; top four after 14 games advance to ESPN stepladder finals)

- 1, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,035.
- 2, Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., 1,943.
- 3, Dan MacLelland, Canada, 1,923.
- 4, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,920.
- 5, Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 1,914.
- 6, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,909.
- 7, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,907.
- 8, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,906.
- 9, Mike Fagan, Dallas, 1,905.
- 10, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 1,880.
- 11, (tie) Osku Palermaa, Finland, and Mohamed Sultan, Bahrain, 1,879.
- 13, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,866.
- 13, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,866.
- 15, (tie) Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, and Jeff Frankos, Daly City, Calif., 1,861

Other Qualifying Round Cashers (after 8 games):

- 17, Dom Barrett, England, 1,857, \$1,100.
- 18, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 1,855, \$970.
- 19, David Beres, Waukesha, Wis., 1,851, \$940.
- 20, Craig LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 1,844, \$920.
- 21 (tie), Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, and Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 1,839, \$895.
- 23, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 1,838, \$880.
- 24, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,831, \$870.
- 25, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,820, \$860.
- 26, Mike DeVaney, Hemet, Calif., 1,815, \$850.
- 27, (tie) Matt Meyer, Alexandria, Minn., and Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 1,808, \$835.
- 29, (tie) Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev., and Peter Hellstrom, Sweden, 1,803, \$815.
- 31, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,800, \$800.
- 32, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 1,799, \$790.
- 33, Yousif Falah, Bahrain, 1,787, \$780.
- 34, Johan Hellden, Sweden, 1,786, \$770.
- 35 (tie), Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan., and D.J. Archer, Port Arthur, Texas, 1,782, \$755.

Failed to Cash:

- 37, (tie) Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., and Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 1,781.
- 39, Paul Koehler, Stuart, Fla., 1,778.
- 40, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 1,776.
- 40, Travis Anderson, Washington, Ill., 1,776.
- 42, Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1,774.
- 42, Stuart Williams, England, 1,774.
- 44, Mik Stampe, Denmark, 1,773.
- 45, Mikael Kanold, Sweden, 1,772.
- 46, Kevin Brophy, Oakhurst, N.J., 1,771.
- 47, (tie) John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y., and Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,770.
- 49, (tie) Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., and Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,768.
- 51, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,766.
- 52, (tie) Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio, and Matt Ramshaw, Longview, Wash., 1,764.
- 54, Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 1,763.
- 55, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 1,761.
- 56, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 1,759.
- 57, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 1,757.
- 58, Scott Halvarson, Lakewood, Wash., 1,755.
- 59, Ji Hyun Cha, Korea, 1,754.
- 60, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,753.
- 61, Dennis Eklund, Sweden, 1,750.
- 62, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 1,748.
- 63, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 1,745.
- 64, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,744.
- 65, (tie) Gregory Thompson Jr., Dublin, Calif., and Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,740.
- 67, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 1,739.
- 68, John Furey, East Windsor, N.J., 1,738.
- 69, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,736.
- 70, Brian Himmler, Cincinnati, 1,734.
- 71, Kim Ojala, Sweden, 1,730.
- 72, William Guszczo, Orland Park, Ill., 1,729.
- 73, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 1,726.
- 74, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,721.
- 75, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1,720.
- 76, Ben Davis, Ashland, Ky., 1,719.
- 77, Lee Vanderhoef, Greenville, S.C., 1,716.
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- 85, Tim Mack, Indianapolis, 1,706.
- 86, (tie) Thomas Larsen, Denmark, and Kevin Morillo, Venezuela, 1,705.
- 88, PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 1,704.
- 89, Perttu Jussila, Finland, 1,702.
- 90, Jim Pratt, Glendale, Ariz., 1,695.
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- 92, (tie) Aaron Lorincz, Belleville, Mich., and Travis Celmer, Wernersville, Pa., 1,690.
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 122, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 1,652.
 123, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,651.
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15 (tie), Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., and Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,530.
17, Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., 3,728.
18, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 3,723.
19, Johan Hellden, Sweden, 3,721.
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24, Craig LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 3,689.
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28, Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga., 3,479.
29, Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 3,475.
30, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,674.
31, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 3,470.
32, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 3,660.
33, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 3,458.
34 (tie), Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev., and Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 3,657.
36, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3,651.
37, David Beres, Waukesha, Wis., 3,647.
38, PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 3,445.
39 (tie), Lee Vanderhoef, Greenville, S.C., and Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 3,641.
41, Dennis Eklund, Sweden, 3,635.
42, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,633.
43, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 3,631.
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Wolfe Tops Cheetah Field in GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IV Opener

Indiana veteran averages 25x to earn top berth for Cheetah Championship stepladder finals

LAS VEGAS (Nov. 3, 2012) – Four-time Professional Bowlers Association title winner Mike Wolfe of New Albany, Ind., averaged 253 for 14 games to earn the top berth in the Alka Seltzer Plus Cold Cheetah Championship stepladder finals, the opening event of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling, at South Point Bowling Center Saturday.

Wolfe, a 36-year-old 12-year PBA Tour veteran who is seeking his first PBA Tour title in four years, rolled games of 233, 269, 268, 289, 227 and 247 in front of a packed crowd at South Point Saturday night to finish the Cheetah Championship qualifying and semifinal rounds with a 14-game total of 3,550 pins. He will be joined in the ESPN stepladder finals by Jeffrey Roche of Dearborn, Mich.; qualifying leader Chris Loschetter of Avon, Ohio, and three-time PBA Tour titlist Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa.

Roche, who will make his ESPN debut, finished second with 3,499 pins. Loschetter, a 10-year veteran who also is trying for his first title, qualified third with a 3,478 total. O'Neill charged out of 16th place at the start of the six-game semifinal round to earn the fourth spot in the finals with a 3,477 total.

The ESPN stepladder finals which will be conducted on Saturday, Nov. 10, at 1 p.m. in the special arena setting in South Point's Exhibition Hall area for delayed telecast on Sunday, Dec. 16.

Wolfe, who won his last title in the 2008 Ultimate Scoring Championship in Taylor, Mich., said a look into the past helped him get back on top of his game.

"I went back to a lot of things I did in 2004 and that was be myself, not try to bowl like other guys," he said. "I told myself to just do what got you here and bowl."

Wolfe said he had been trying for a couple of years to change his ball tilt, trying to get his thumb out of the ball faster "and turns out I couldn't hold onto the ball."

On the Cheetah lane condition, "Everyone has a chance," he said, "so you have to pay attention to the ball motion and throw strikes, and I was able to do that pretty well today."

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South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Saturday

SEMIFINAL ROUND (after 14 games; top four advance to stepladder finals Saturday, Nov. 10, at 1 p.m. PT)

- 1, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 3,550.
- 2, Jeff Roche, Dearborn, Mich., 3,499.
- 3, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 3,478.
- 4, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3,477.

Other Semifinal Round Cashers (after 14 games):

- 5, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3,449, \$4,000.
- 6, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 3,445, \$3,600.
- 7, PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 3,408, \$3,300.
- 8, Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 3,379, \$3,000.
- 9, Eddie VanDaniker Jr., Chatsworth, Calif., 3,376, \$2,700.
- 10, Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 3,371, \$2,500.
- 11, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 3,367, \$2,300.
- 12 (tie), Andrew Graff, Las Vegas, and Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 3,362, \$2,050.
- 14, Lee Vanderhoef, Greenville, S.C., 3,349, \$1,900.
- 15 (tie), Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., and Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 3,308, \$1,750.

Other Qualifying Round Cashers (after 8 games):

- 17, Darren Andretta, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 1,940, \$1,000.
- 18 (tie), Dom Barrett, England, and Johan Hellden, Sweden, 1,935, \$955.
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 78 (tie), D.J. Archer, Port Arthur, Texas, and Kevin Henderson, Albany, Ore, 1,822.
 80 (tie), Hafthor Hardarson, Iceland; Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., and Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 1,816.
 83 (tie), Erik Andersin, Sweden, and Meen Woo Kim, Korea, 1,814.
 85, Mike DeVaney, Hemet, Calif., 1,809.
 86 (tie), Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio; Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., and Tyler Jensen, Ft. Worth, Texas, 1,808.
 89, Roberto Silva, Mexico, 1,807.
 90, Kris Koeltzow, Wheat Ridge, Colo., 1,803.
 91, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 1,802.
 92 (tie), Fawaz Abdulla, Bahrain, and Jason Stadtler, Cherry Hill, N.J., 1,799.
 94, Adam Monks, Conway, S.C., 1,798.
 95 (tie), Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., and Kim Bolleby, Sweden, 1,797.
 97 (tie), David Beres, Waukesha, Wis., and Mattias Olsson, Sweden, 1,796.
 99, Yeo Jin Yoon, Korea, 1,794.
 100 (tie), Jacob Heger, Houston, and Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 1,791.
 102, Jim Pratt, Glendale, Ariz., 1,790.
 103, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 1,787.
 104, Chris Groom, Lancaster, Calif., 1,786.
 105, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 1,785.
 106, Doug Scheidig, Royersford, Pa., 1,781.
 107 (tie), Mik Stampe, Denmark, and Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 1,779.
 109, Mike Williams II, Montgomery, Ala, 1,778.
 110 (tie), Hyun Suk Kim, Korea, and Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1,777.
 112, Helen Johnsson, Sweden, 1,776.
 113, Mike Bailey, Allen, Texas, 1,772.
 114, Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 1,770.
 115 (tie), Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., and Scott Halvarson, Lakewood, Wash., 1,768.
 117 (tie), Brad Miller, St. Charles, Mo., and Kirk Sauro, Dearborn Heights, Mich., 1,767.
 119 (tie), Tommy Martin, Olive Branch, Miss., and Mathias Arup, Sweden, 1,766.
 121 (tie), Hernan Ramirez, Venezuela; Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, and Greg Knolton, Bartlett, Tenn., 1,763.
 124, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,758.
 125, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 1,755.

126, John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y., 1,754.
 127 (tie), Thomas Ault Jr., Portland, Ore., and Mikael Kanold, Sweden, 1,752.
 129, Travis Celmer, Wernersville, Pa., 1,751.
 130, Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan., 1,748, \$100.
 131, Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 1,747.
 132 (tie), Chad Pojas, Wahiawa, Hawaii, and Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio, 1,746.
 134 (tie), Andrew Cain, Phoenix, and Brian Himmler, Cincinnati, 1,741.
 136, Aaron Lorincz, Belleville, Mich., 1,740.
 137 (tie), Wayne Stellick, Aurora, Colo., and Ahmed Saad Alhadyan, Saudi Arabia, 1,736.
 139, Brett Cooper, Newburyport, Mass., 1,735.
 140, William Guszczko, Orland Park, Ill., 1,732.
 141, Kevin Brophy, Oakhurst, N.J., 1,731.
 142, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 1,729.
 143, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 1,728.
 144, Dale Renken, St. Jacob, Ill., 1,727.
 145, Erik Gulbrandson, Superior, Wis., 1,725.
 146, Frank Guccione, Castle Rock, Colo., 1,724.
 147 (tie), Mike Armstrong Jr., Battle Ground, Wash., and Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 1,722.
 149, Lee Rucker, Fort Myers, Fla., 1,720.
 150, Kim Ojala, Sweden, 1,717.
 151, Kelvin Wiggins, Rocky Mt., N.C., 1,716.
 152, John Furey, East Windsor, N.J., 1,715.
 153 (tie), Chris Hans, Rocky Mount, N.C., and Patrick King, Yankton, S.D., 1,712.
 155, Yousif Falah, Bahrain, 1,710.
 156, Giorgio Clinaz Jr., Venezuela, 1,705.
 157, Brett Cunningham, Clay, N.Y., 1,704.
 158, Ernest Lukacs Jr., Manville, N.J., 1,699.
 159, Missy Parkin, Lake Forest, Calif., 1,698.
 160, Matt Ramshaw, Longview, Wash., 1,697.
 161 (tie), Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., and Nathan Urrutia, Banning, Calif., 1,695.
 163, Robert Piroozshad, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1,694.
 164 (tie), Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., and Evan Nash, Kennewick, Wash., 1,689.
 166, Ji Hyun Cha, Korea, 1,688.
 167, Peter Hellstrom, Sweden, 1,676.
 168, Allen Blansette, Napa, Calif., 1,674.
 169, Shawn Lee, Centennial, Colo., 1,673.
 170, Rob Gotterbarn Jr., Garden City South, N.Y., 1,671.
 171, Eduardo Yzcaray Jr., Venezuela, 1,670.
 172 (tie), Travis Anderson, Washington, Ill., and Nam Yi Jo, Korea, 1,666.
 174, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,665.
 175, Jake Peters, Decatur, Ill., 1,661.
 176, Alejandro Reyna, Costa Rica, 1,658.
 177, Kyle Leiffer, Weed, Calif., 1,655.
 178, Justin Stevens, Aiea, Hawaii, 1,654.
 179, Patrick Bohm, Sweden, 1,651.
 180, Bryan Viator, Friendswood, Texas, 1,650.
 181 (tie), Justin Bychkowski, Fairfield, Conn., and Rohn Morton, Vancouver, Wash., 1,649.
 183, Jimmy Mortensen, Denmark, 1,646.
 184, Manuel Mrosek, Germany, 1,644.
 185, Aaron Ramsden, Pleasant Valley, Mo., 1,640.
 186, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 1,637.
 186, Frederik Ohrgaard, Denmark, 1,637.

188, Kevin Gallagher, Torrance, Calif., 1,632.
 189, Hakim AlSaud, Saudi Arabia, 1,627.
 190, Thomas Biniek Jr., Wilkes-Barre, Pa., 1,625.
 191 (tie), Mahdi Assad, Bahrain, and Myles Duty, Modesto, Calif., 1,619.
 193, Magnus Johnson Jr., Sweden, 1,618.
 194 (tie), Chris Cundiff, Lake Station, Ind., and Isaac Amkie, Mexico, 1,616.
 196, Kasey Normandin, Canada, 1,614.
 197, Gustavo Salinas, Mexico, 1,607.
 198, Matt Meyer, Alexandria, Minn., 1,605.
 199, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,598.
 200, Mohamed Sultan, Bahrain, 1,597.
 201, Michael Menard, Canada, 1,595.
 202, Carlos Cottone, Venezuela, 1,581.
 203, James Hobson, Converse, Texas, 1,579.
 204, Michael Smith, Centennial, Colo., 1,576.
 205, Tim Arnold, Las Vegas, 1,572.
 206, John Cicero, Colorado Springs, Colo., 1,564.
 207, Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 1,561.
 208 (tie), Mohamed Al Jahrami, Bahrain, and Kenneth Bland Jr., Germany, 1,556.
 210, Sean Daniels, Aloha, Ore., 1,538.
 211, Jamar Lee, Livermore, Calif., 1,523.
 212, Dave Gillson, Phoenix, 1,521.
 213, Jin Han Kim, Korea, 1,507.
 214, Diego Lopez, Colombia, 1,506.
 215, Philip Medley, Washington, Mich., 1,502.
 216, Dustin Ochoa, Cibola, Texas, 1,501.
 217 (tie), Paul Nilsen Sr., Murrieta, Calif., and Mohammed AlSaud, Saudi Arabia, 1,497.
 219, Masood Saberi, Bahrain, 1,495.
 220, Hameed Taqi, Bahrain, 1,491.
 221, Chris DosSantos, Fairhaven, Mass., 1,489.
 222 (tie), Josh Lewis, Asheville, N.C., and Kyle Martinez, Broken Arrow, Okla., 1,487.
 224, Josh Willis, Orleans, Ind., 1,474.
 225, Steve Ford, Seaside, Ore., 1,461.
 226, Wes Newman, Panama City, Fla., 1,446.
 227, John Perry, Nuevo, Calif., 1,440.
 228, Adam James, Redmond, Wash., 1,439.
 229, Ben Davis, Ashland, Ky., 1,437.
 230, Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 1,412.
 231, Shawn St. Andre, Garden Grove, Calif., 1,407.
 232, Richard Rezendes, Cumberland, R.I., 1,394.
 233, Ted Sidehamer Jr., Newport News, Va., 1,382.
 234, Troy Behanna, Pasadena, Texas, 1,377.
 234, Mickey Fry, Akron, Ohio, 1,377.
 236, Branden Lee, Chicago, 1,359.
 237, Chris Ashworth, Gallatin, Tenn., 1,353.
 238, Paolo Joquico, Philippines, 1,300.
 239, Gracie Merritt-Foster, Park Forest, Ill., 1,220.
 240, J.T. Jackson, Sherman Oaks, Calif., 1,173.

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Ohio veteran averages 253 to lead top 16 qualifiers into Cheetah Championship semifinal round

LAS VEGAS (Nov. 3, 2012) - Chris Loschetter of Avon, Ohio, averaged 253.25 to take the qualifying round lead in the Alka Seltzer Plus Cold Cheetah Championship, the opening event of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IV, at South Point Bowling Center Saturday.

Loschetter, a 32-year-old Professional Bowlers Association veteran who is seeking his first PBA Tour title, rolled games of 249, 278, 236, 222, 244, 279, 289 and 258 on his way to a 2,026 total in front of a packed crowd at South Point. He held a nine-pin lead over Mike Wolfe of New Albany, Ind. Loschetter and Wolfe led a field of 16 qualifiers who advanced to Saturday night's six-game semifinal round.

The top four players based upon 14-game pinfall totals will advance to the ESPN stepladder finals which will be conducted on Saturday, Nov. 10, at 1 p.m. in the special arena setting in South Point's Exhibition Hall area. The finals will air on ESPN on Sunday, Dec. 16.

"It was pretty high scoring. There was lots of striking going on," said Loschetter, who has finished second three times in 127 previous PBA Tour events. "I've been working on being more aggressive at the bottom of my arm swing, which helped my pin carry. Today the key was to not get down on yourself if you had a 220 game. I did a good job of keeping my composure."

Rounding out the top five were Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., in third place with 2,002 pins; and Eddie VanDaniker Jr. of Chatsworth, Calif., and Jeff Roche of Dearborn, Mich., tied for fourth with 1,997 pins.

After winning seven of eight titles in the 2011 PBA World Series of Bowling, none of the 66 international players in this year's capacity field of 240 qualified for the Cheetah semifinal round.

The eight-game qualifying totals from the Cheetah Championship also will count as the first of four qualifying rounds in the PBA World Championship. Eight-game qualifying totals from Sunday's Viper, Monday's Chameleon and Tuesday's Scorpion Championships will be added to Cheetah qualifying scores to produce the 32-game totals that will determine the 24 players who will advance to the PBA World Championship match play rounds Wednesday and Thursday.

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 78 (tie), D.J. Archer, Port Arthur, Texas, and Kevin Henderson, Albany, Ore., 1,822.
 80 (tie), Hafthor Hardarson, Iceland; Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., and Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 1,816.
 83 (tie), Erik Andersin, Sweden, and Meen Woo Kim, Korea, 1,814.
 85, Mike DeVaney, Hemet, Calif., 1,809.
 86 (tie), Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio; Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., and Tyler Jensen, Ft. Worth, Texas, 1,808.
 89, Roberto Silva, Mexico, 1,807.
 90, Kris Koeltzow, Wheat Ridge, Colo., 1,803.
 91, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 1,802.
 92 (tie), Fawaz Abdulla, Bahrain, and Jason Stadtler, Cherry Hill, N.J., 1,799.
 94, Adam Monks, Conway, S.C., 1,798.
 95 (tie), Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., and Kim Bolleby, Sweden, 1,797.
 97 (tie), David Beres, Waukesha, Wis., and Mattias Olsson, Sweden, 1,796.
 99, Yeo Jin Yoon, Korea, 1,794.
 100 (tie), Jacob Heger, Houston, and Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 1,791.
 102, Jim Pratt, Glendale, Ariz., 1,790.
 103, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 1,787.
 104, Chris Groom, Lancaster, Calif., 1,786.
 105, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 1,785.
 106, Doug Scheidig, Royersford, Pa., 1,781.
 107 (tie), Mik Stampe, Denmark, and Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 1,779.
 109, Mike Williams II, Montgomery, Ala., 1,778.
 110 (tie), Hyun Suk Kim, Korea, and Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1,777.
 112, Helen Johnsson, Sweden, 1,776.
 113, Mike Bailey, Allen, Texas, 1,772.
 114, Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 1,770.
 115 (tie), Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., and Scott Halvarson, Lakewood, Wash., 1,768.
 117 (tie), Brad Miller, St. Charles, Mo., and Kirk Sauro, Dearborn Heights, Mich., 1,767.
 119 (tie), Tommy Martin, Olive Branch, Miss., and Mathias Arup, Sweden, 1,766.
 121 (tie), Hernan Ramirez, Venezuela; Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, and Greg Knolton, Bartlett, Tenn., 1,763.
 124, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,758.

125, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 1,755.
 126, John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y., 1,754.
 127 (tie), Thomas Ault Jr., Portland, Ore., and Mikael Kanold, Sweden, 1,752.
 129, Travis Celmer, Wernersville, Pa., 1,751.
 130, Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan., 1,748, \$100.
 131, Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 1,747.
 132 (tie), Chad Pojas, Wahiawa, Hawaii, and Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio, 1,746.
 134 (tie), Andrew Cain, Phoenix, and Brian Himmler, Cincinnati, 1,741.
 136, Aaron Lorincz, Belleville, Mich., 1,740.
 137 (tie), Wayne Stellick, Aurora, Colo., and Ahmed Saad Alhadyan, Saudi Arabia, 1,736.
 139, Brett Cooper, Newburyport, Mass., 1,735.
 140, William Guszczko, Orland Park, Ill., 1,732.
 141, Kevin Brophy, Oakhurst, N.J., 1,731.
 142, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 1,729.
 143, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 1,728.
 144, Dale Renken, St. Jacob, Ill., 1,727.
 145, Erik Gulbrandson, Superior, Wis., 1,725.
 146, Frank Guccione, Castle Rock, Colo., 1,724.
 147 (tie), Mike Armstrong Jr., Battle Ground, Wash., and Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 1,722.
 149, Lee Rucker, Fort Myers, Fla., 1,720.
 150, Kim Ojala, Sweden, 1,717.
 151, Kelvin Wiggins, Rocky Mt., N.C., 1,716.
 152, John Furey, East Windsor, N.J., 1,715.
 153 (tie), Chris Hans, Rocky Mount, N.C., and Patrick King, Yankton, S.D., 1,712.
 155, Yousif Falah, Bahrain, 1,710.
 156, Giorgio Clinaz Jr., Venezuela, 1,705.
 157, Brett Cunningham, Clay, N.Y., 1,704.
 158, Ernest Lukacs Jr., Manville, N.J., 1,699.
 159, Missy Parkin, Lake Forest, Calif., 1,698.
 160, Matt Ramshaw, Longview, Wash., 1,697.
 161 (tie), Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., and Nathan Urrutia, Banning, Calif., 1,695.
 163, Robert Piroozshad, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1,694.
 164 (tie), Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., and Evan Nash, Kennewick, Wash., 1,689.
 166, Ji Hyun Cha, Korea, 1,688.
 167, Peter Hellstrom, Sweden, 1,676.
 168, Allen Blansette, Napa, Calif., 1,674.
 169, Shawn Lee, Centennial, Colo., 1,673.
 170, Rob Gotterbarn Jr., Garden City South, N.Y., 1,671.
 171, Eduardo Yzcaray Jr., Venezuela, 1,670.
 172 (tie), Travis Anderson, Washington, Ill., and Nam Yi Jo, Korea, 1,666.
 174, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,665.
 175, Jake Peters, Decatur, Ill., 1,661.
 176, Alejandro Reyna, Costa Rica, 1,658.
 177, Kyle Leiffer, Weed, Calif., 1,655.
 178, Justin Stevens, Aiea, Hawaii, 1,654.
 179, Patrick Bohm, Sweden, 1,651.
 180, Bryan Viator, Friendswood, Texas, 1,650.
 181 (tie), Justin Bychkowski, Fairfield, Conn., and Rohn Morton, Vancouver, Wash., 1,649.
 183, Jimmy Mortensen, Denmark, 1,646.
 184, Manuel Mrosek, Germany, 1,644.
 185, Aaron Ramsden, Pleasant Valley, Mo., 1,640.
 186, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 1,637.

186, Frederik Ohrgaard, Denmark, 1,637.
 188, Kevin Gallagher, Torrance, Calif., 1,632.
 189, Hakim AlSaud, Saudi Arabia, 1,627.
 190, Thomas Biniek Jr., Wilkes-Barre, Pa., 1,625.
 191 (tie), Mahdi Assad, Bahrain, and Myles Duty, Modesto, Calif., 1,619.
 193, Magnus Johnson Jr., Sweden, 1,618.
 194 (tie), Chris Cundiff, Lake Station, Ind., and Isaac Amkie, Mexico, 1,616.
 196, Kasey Normandin, Canada, 1,614.
 197, Gustavo Salinas, Mexico, 1,607.
 198, Matt Meyer, Alexandria, Minn., 1,605.
 199, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,598.
 200, Mohamed Sultan, Bahrain, 1,597.
 201, Michael Menard, Canada, 1,595.
 202, Carlos Cottone, Venezuela, 1,581.
 203, James Hobson, Converse, Texas, 1,579.
 204, Michael Smith, Centennial, Colo., 1,576.
 205, Tim Arnold, Las Vegas, 1,572.
 206, John Cicero, Colorado Springs, Colo., 1,564.
 207, Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 1,561.
 208 (tie), Mohamed Al Jahrami, Bahrain, and Kenneth Bland Jr., Germany, 1,556.
 210, Sean Daniels, Aloha, Ore., 1,538.
 211, Jamar Lee, Livermore, Calif., 1,523.
 212, Dave Gillson, Phoenix, 1,521.
 213, Jin Han Kim, Korea, 1,507.
 214, Diego Lopez, Colombia, 1,506.
 215, Philip Medley, Washington, Mich., 1,502.
 216, Dustin Ochoa, Cibola, Texas, 1,501.
 217 (tie), Paul Nilsen Sr., Murrieta, Calif., and Mohammed AlSaud, Saudi Arabia, 1,497.
 219, Masood Saberi, Bahrain, 1,495.
 220, Hameed Taqi, Bahrain, 1,491.
 221, Chris DosSantos, Fairhaven, Mass., 1,489.
 222 (tie), Josh Lewis, Asheville, N.C., and Kyle Martinez, Broken Arrow, Okla., 1,487.
 224, Josh Willis, Orleans, Ind., 1,474.
 225, Steve Ford, Seaside, Ore., 1,461.
 226, Wes Newman, Panama City, Fla., 1,446.
 227, John Perry, Nuevo, Calif., 1,440.
 228, Adam James, Redmond, Wash., 1,439.
 229, Ben Davis, Ashland, Ky., 1,437.
 230, Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 1,412.
 231, Shawn St. Andre, Garden Grove, Calif., 1,407.
 232, Richard Rezendes, Cumberland, R.I., 1,394.
 233, Ted Sidehamer Jr., Newport News, Va., 1,382.
 234, Troy Behanna, Pasadena, Texas, 1,377.
 234, Mickey Fry, Akron, Ohio, 1,377.
 236, Branden Lee, Chicago, 1,359.
 237, Chris Ashworth, Gallatin, Tenn., 1,353.
 238, Paolo Joquico, Philippines, 1,300.
 239, Gracie Merritt-Foster, Park Forest, Ill., 1,220.
 240, J.T. Jackson, Sherman Oaks, Calif., 1,173.

300 Games (11): Daniel Falconi, Johan Hellden, Mike Fagan, PJ Haggerty, Carsten Hansen, Jason Belmonte, Thomas Larsen, Jeff Roche, Chris Hans, Tommy Jones, Jesse Buss.

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Duke Wins First Pick in Inaugural PBA League Draft

LAS VEGAS (Nov. 1, 2012) – PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., won the No. 1 pick in the first PBA League Draft Lottery Friday among the eight Franchise Players who will draft teammates for the inaugural PBA League.

The PBA League makes its debut in suburban Detroit in January. The first PBA League Draft will be held Friday at 10 a.m. PT at South Point Bowling Center and will be webcast live on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel.

The lottery to determine draft order involved the top eight players from 2011-12 PBA Tour points. Those eight will select four additional players (plus a supplemental player) to fill out their teams for the PBA League. As of the deadline Friday, 141 PBA members declared themselves eligible for the draft.

Based on the lottery, Duke, who finished sixth in points last season, will get the first pick next Friday. He'll be followed, in draft order, by:

- 2) Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo. (fourth in 2011-12 points);
- 3) Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa. (seventh in 2011-12 points);
- 4) Jason Belmonte, Australia (second in 2011-12 points);
- 5) Mike Fagan, Dallas (third in 2011-12 points);
- 6) Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill. (first in 2011-12 points);
- 7) Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas (eighth in 2011-12 points);
- 8) Osku Palermaa, Finland (fifth in 2011-12 points).

Each team in the PBA League will be represented by a celebrity captain and a city to be named later.

Next Friday's draft will be done in "serpentine" fashion whereby each Franchise Player will pick one player in the pre-determined order. Palermaa, who will pick eighth, also will pick ninth and the draft order will be reversed, moving back up the list. Duke, who picks first, will pick 16th and 17th, etc.

The players who have declared for the PBA League Draft includes:

Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C.
Patrick Allen, Baltimore, Md.
Kevin Andes, Wichita, Kan.
Darren Andretta, New Hyde Park, N.Y.
Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y.
D.J. Archer, Port Arthur, Texas

Mike Armstrong Jr., Battle Ground, Wash.
Chris Ashworth, Gallatin, Tenn.
Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla.
Thomas Ault Jr., Portland, Ore.
Brandon Baker, Osceola, Ind.
Mike Ballard, Atoka, Tenn.
Dom Barrett, , England
Mitch Beasley, Nashville, Tenn.
Joshua Berry, Glasgow, Ky.
Bruno Bidone, France
Kyle Bigelow, Troy, Ohio
Brandon Bivens, East Ridge, Tenn.
Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz.
Kenneth Bland Jr., Germany
Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J.
Nathan Bohr, Derby, Kan.
Temple Bourgeois, Larose, La.
Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa.
Jay Boyle, Gamet Valley, Pa.
Kevin Brophy, Oakhurst, N.J.
Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan.
Tony Campagna, Hendersonville, Tenn.
Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas
Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y.
Brett Cooper, Newburyport, Mass.
Brett Cunningham, Clay, N.Y.
Matthew Curtis, Waverly, Tenn.
Sean Daniels, Aloha, Ore.
Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla.
Ben Davis, Ashland, Ky.
Mike Devaney, Hemet, Calif.
Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio
Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla.
Jeffrey Edwards, Sterling Heights, Mich.
D.J. Foucher, Evans, Ga.
John Furey, Freehold, N.J.
Kevin Gallagher, Torrance, Calif.
Patrick Girard, Canada
Tommy Gollick, Oberlin, Pa.
Andres Gomez, Colombia
Abelardo, Gonzalez, New York, N.Y.
Kevin Gosney, Panama City Beach, Fla.
Rob Gotterbarn, Garden City South, N.Y.
Danny Gould, Palm Bay, Fla.
Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz.
David Haynes, Las Vegas
Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa

James Hessenius, Farmington, N.Y.
Brian Himmeler, Cincinnati, Ohio
Christopher Homes, Rockville, Md.
Justin Howard, Rushville, Ind.
Mark Humphrey, Cape Girardeau, Mo.
J.T Jackson, Sherman Oaks, Calif.
Adam James, Redmond, Wash.
Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill.
Tyler Jensen, Ft. Worth, Texas
Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C.
Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y.
Tom Kitchen, Kearney, Mo.
Mika Koivuniemi, Finland
Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio
Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J.
Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill.
Martin Larsen, Sweden
Thomas Larsen, Denmark
Bob Learn Jr., Macomb, Mich.
Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y.
Shawn Lee, Centennial, Colo.
David Leverage, Peoria, Ariz.
Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio
Mike Machuga, Erie, Pa.
Dan MacLelland, Canada
Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas
Michael Markis, Tafton, Pa.
Michael Markis, Tafton, Pa.
Marty Martinez, Taylor, Mich.
Steven Maruffi, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Robert McBride, Plano, Texas
Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind.
Gracie Merritt-Foster, Park Forest, Ill.
Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash.
Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela
Blake Mushen, Westfield, Ind.
Scott Newell, Deland, Fla.
Chad Newman, Richardson, Texas
Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif.
Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio
Frederik Ohrgaard, Denmark
Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J.
Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla.
Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa.
Missy Parkin, Lake Forest, Calif.
Jacob Peters, Decatur, Ill.
Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C.

Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich.
Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio
Tim Reid, Avon Lake, Ohio
Lee Rucker, Fort Myers, Fla.
Ildemaro, Ruiz, , Venezuela
Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind.
Scott Santos, Quakertown, Pa.
B.J. Satkowski, Jackson, Mich.
Kirk Sauro, Dearborn Heights, Mich.
Timothy Sawyer, Erlanger, Ky.
Brent Schnieders, Jamestown, Mo.
Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas
Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor , Mich.
Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y.
Timothy Sheridan, Menifee, Calif.
John Slavich IV, Schaumburg, Ill.
Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich.
Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore.
Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio
Jason Sterner, Riverdale, Ga.
Justin Stevens, Aiea, Hawaii
Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich.
Sean Swanson, Springfield, Mo.
John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y.
Gregory Thompson Jr., Dublin, Calif.
Jesse Torrey, Edgewater, Fla.
Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C.
Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill.
Eddie VanDaniker, Chatsworth, Calif.
Lee Vanderhoef, Greenville, S.C.
Cory Vanderpoel, Scottsdale, Ariz.
Jon VanHees, Charlestown, R.I.
Humberto Vazquez, Mexico
Chad Vendeville, Arlington, Texas
Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore.
Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C.
Stuart Williams, England
Mike Williams III, Montgomery, Ala.
Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla.
Josh Willis, Orleans, Ind.
Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev.
Mike Wolfe, Jeffersonville, Ind.

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GEICO to Serve as PBA World Series of Bowling IV Titled Sponsor

SEATTLE (Oct. 31, 2012) – GEICO, America's third-largest automobile insurer with more than 17 million policyholders, will celebrate its 10th anniversary as a titled sponsor with the Professional Bowlers Association by serving as titled sponsor of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IV.

The multi-event international bowling competition begins Friday and continues through Sunday, Nov. 11, at South Point Casino, Hotel and Bowling Center in Las Vegas. GEICO WSOB IV will produce six ESPN-televised events to kick off the PBA Tour's 2012-13 season. The World Series telecast series will air on ESPN starting Sunday, Dec. 9, at 1 p.m. ET, and continue every Sunday through Jan. 13.

GEICO made its debut as a PBA Tour sponsor in the 2003 GEICO Open in West Babylon, N.Y., and has been titled sponsor for at least one Tour event every year since, in addition to being one of the PBA Tour's leading advertisers on its ESPN telecasts.

"We're deeply appreciative of GEICO's commitment to the PBA," said PBA CEO Geoff Reiss. "GEICO's support allows us to bring the world's best bowling competition to fans everywhere and together we look forward to a great GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling."

In addition to ESPN coverage of the GEICO PBA World Series finals, PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel will live-stream nearly 100 hours of qualifying and match play competition, reaching a global audience of PBA fans. International bowling fans also can follow the PBA and its individual stars on pba.com's live scoring feature as well as on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

"GEICO is proud to partner with the PBA again for the 2013 season," said Bill Brower, Director of Media Advertising. "We're thrilled to once again support the PBA as it carries on the rich tradition of championship bowling in the United States."

"GEICO" is an acronym for "Government Employees Insurance Company," dating back to the foundation of the company in 1936. Founder Leo Goodwin first targeted a customer base of U.S. government employees and military personnel. Today, the company provides insurance to a wide range of customers, in both the governmental and public sectors. In 1996, GEICO became a wholly owned subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway, headed by Warren Buffett, one of the country's most successful investors. GEICO currently has assets valued at more than \$28 billion.

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Will International Players Again Dominate PBA World Series of Bowling?

American players don't expect repeat of last year's performance

LAS VEGAS (Oct. 26, 2012) – During the Professional Bowlers Association's World Series of Bowling III at South Point Casino and Hotel in 2011, international bowlers stunned their American hosts by winning seven of eight titles awarded.

A year earlier, Finland's Osku Palermaa and Korea's Yong-Jin Gu made WSOB history as the first international players to win WSOB events in a foreshadowing of things to come.

While the World Series of Bowling is not a team event, the fourth annual edition will resume Nov. 2-11 as a multi-event international competition that will showcase 66 of the most talented players from around the world. WSOB IV will feature players from a record 17 countries (Australia, Bahrain, Denmark, England, Mexico, Sweden, Germany, Korea, Venezuela, Colombia, Finland, Canada, the U.S. plus first-time participants Costa Rica, Iceland, The Philippines and Saudi Arabia). Sweden and Korea are both sending the largest contingents they've ever sent to the World Series.

Whether team scores are kept or not, WSOB IV is going to be a matter of pride for America's best players who hope to prevent another spanking by their international competitors.

"We had our chances to win titles and didn't get it done last year," said reigning PBA Player of the Year Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., who led U.S. players with a record six television appearances during WSOB III, but failed to win a title.

"With the format on TV last year, the best player didn't win every time, so to say. I do think the international players can repeat their performances, but it's a new year and new things can and will happen. As much as I travel worldwide, the players around the world are, for sure, very good, but I would take our USA players any day when it comes down to it."

The most prominent international players in last year's World Series, however, see no reason why they can't repeat, led by Australian two-handed star Jason Belmonte who won three WSOB III titles in 2011.

"I can't see why we can't dominate again," Belmonte said. "The international contingent has only become stronger since the last WSOB. With the formats as short as they are for most of the events, it's possible for anything to happen."

Former PBA Player of the Year Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, wasn't surprised by how well the international bowlers performed a year ago, but doesn't expect a repeat.

"I'm sure there will be more attention paid to that (U.S. vs. international) aspect this year, but we already knew the international players were very good," the 14-time PBA Tour titlist said. "Now everyone else does, too. That being said, I think the U.S. players as a whole were disappointed in last year's performance and will be looking to improve on it this year."

Will the international players repeat their domination this year? "No," Barnes said emphatically.

Finland's Osku Palermaa, who became the first international player to win the PBA World Championship during last year's WSOB, disagrees.

"Of course (we can repeat)," Palermaa said. "Obviously after it happened last year it can happen again, but I don't think we will be as dominant. There are so many good players from both sides, you never know."

Mike Fagan of Dallas, who had a career-year during the 2011-12 season, plans to do his best to prevent last year's results.

"I don't know if the play of the international players is promoting American pride, but it certainly was a wake-up call," Fagan said. "The rest of the world has some great players and a good number of tournaments to sharpen their skills. The international players are certainly going to be a force for many years to come."

"But I would find it difficult for the Americans to get completely shut out again at the WSOB," he said. "I'm going to try my best to not let that happen."

"Anything is possible in bowling, but I have a hard time believing that something like last year will happen again," fellow Finn Mika Koivuniemi said, stopping short of discounting another powerhouse performance by the record international contingent. "Everyone now knows that many international players can win in the World Series."

England's Stuart Williams, who won his first PBA Tour title in last year's WSOB, noted, "Obviously it's going to be nearly impossible for the international players to win all the titles again because there are so many more U.S. players. But I still expect a strong showing, especially from the European contingent."

PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., doesn't see the World Series as a global confrontation.

"This is not a team competition, nor is it an 'us against them' event," Duke said. "It's all about individual pride. I bowl for my family's living and that's plenty of motivation for me. I'm trying to win bowling tournaments against everyone on earth."

World Series IV will feature five PBA Tour title events – the Alka Seltzer Plus Cold Cheetah Championship, Viper Championship, Chameleon Championship, Bowlers Journal PBA Scorpion Championship and the PBA World Championship (the season's first major). It will generate more than 100 hours of live coverage on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel and the first six ESPN telecasts of the season (including the Bayer Advanced Aspirin WBT Men's and Women's Finals presented by the PBA) on Sundays at 1 p.m. ET from Dec. 9 through Jan. 13.

WSOB IV also is the launching pad for a new set of goals by all players, including the 2012-13 PBA Player of the Year race.

"My goals are simple," Rash said. "I want to give myself chances at making TV shows, win titles, win majors, win Player of the Year and keep learning. Every time we shoe it up, the game is changing."

Barnes said, "My goals include winning the USBC Masters to complete the Grand Slam and winning a second Player of the Year title. To accomplish this, I think I need to win at least one of the WSOB events, maybe two."

Fagan wants to improve upon last year. "It's never easy to win on the PBA Tour, so my goals are to give myself a chance in every event and be prepared for anything," he said. "If I give myself many chances, hopefully I can cash in on a few. It's also important, because the World Series formats are short, to come out of the gates strong and not look back."

Duke has his eye on a third Player of the Year award. He won in 1994 and 2000. "I want to have a shot at Player of the Year. It's a lofty goal and usually requires a victory in at least one of the majors," he said, "so all of my preparation and decision-making is with this goal in mind. It's a plan that has served me well throughout the years."

Belmonte's goals are understated: "I just want to bowl to the best of my ability. If I bowl each frame and focus on the process, then I trust the results I want will follow."

Palermmaa would settle for another year like last year: "I had a pretty good year last year, winning my first major at the WSOB, so I'll try and repeat that. Bowling at the same place for multiple events at the start of the year gives you a chance of doing good, so I'll try and get a good start and just keep the momentum going."

Koivuniemi is one win away from completing the PBA's "Grand Slam." "My big goal is to win the PBA World Championship and get that fourth major to complete the grand slam," Koivuniemi said.

Williams just wants to be consistent in a good way. "I don't have any particular goals, just to try and continue learning and improving my performances," he said. "I think the key to the World Series in general is to stay positive on the days when you are struggling because it's such a long format for the World Championship. Hopefully there won't be too many times when I'm struggling."

HISTORY OF PBA WORLD SERIES TITLE WINNERS

2009

Motor City Open – Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla.
Cheetah Championship – Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla.
Viper Championship – Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla.
Viper Women's Championship – Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y.
Chameleon Championship – Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa.
Chameleon Women's Championship – Shannon Pluhowsky, Kettering, Ohio
Scorpion Championship – Mike DeVaney, San Diego
Scorpion Women's Championship – Shannon Pluhowsky, Kettering, Ohio
Shark Championship – Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y.
Shark Women's Championship – Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J.
Women's World Championship – Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J.
Senior World Championship – Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich.
PBA World Championship (concluded in Wichita, Kan.) – Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich.

2010

Brunswick Pro Bowling Cheetah Championship – Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind.

Pepsi Viper Championship – Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa.
Pepsi Chameleon Championship – Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif.
Scorpion Championship – Yong-Jin Gu, Korea
GEICO Shark Championship – Osku Palermaa, Finland
PBA World Championship – Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas

2011

GEICO World Bowling Tour Men – Mika Koivuniemi, Finland
GEICO World Bowling Tour Women – Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Keller, Texas
Bayer Viper Open – Stuart Williams, England
Chameleon Open – Jason Belmonte, Australia
Scorpion Open – Dom Barrett, England
GEICO Shark Open – Jason Belmonte, Australia
Mark Roth-Marshall Holman Doubles – Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas/Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla.
Carmen Salvino Classic – Andres Gomez, Colombia
PBA Elite Players Championship – Jason Belmonte, Australia
PBA World Championship – Osku Palermaa, Finland

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Bowlers Journal to Sponsor PBA Scorpion Championship

America's oldest sports monthly magazine to launch 100th anniversary celebration at WSOB IV

SEATTLE (Oct. 22, 2012) - In celebration of its 100th anniversary, Bowlers Journal International magazine - America's oldest continuously-published monthly sports magazine – has been named titled sponsor of the Bowlers Journal PBA Scorpion Championship which will be held during PBA World Series of Bowling IV.

"We are thrilled to launch our 100th Anniversary promotion campaign by sponsoring a PBA event," said Luby Publishing President Keith Hamilton. "It's great to be working with the PBA again."

Qualifying and match play in the Bowlers Journal PBA Scorpion Championship will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 6, at South Point Bowling Center in Las Vegas with the four-player stepladder finals set for Sunday, Nov. 11, on the special WSOB lane installation in South Point Exhibition Hall A. The 90-minute finals will air on ESPN on Sunday, Jan. 6, at 1 p.m. ET.

The qualifying and match play rounds on Nov. 6 will be webcast live, exclusively on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel.

"The entire bowling community can be proud of this milestone year for Bowlers Journal. For the magazine to consistently provide the highest quality of coverage of the entire industry for a century is remarkable," said PBA Commissioner Tom Clark. "The PBA is proud to partner with Bowlers Journal at the World Series for the Scorpion Championship and to help make a worldwide audience aware of the magazine's rich history."

Bowlers Journal International was founded in 1913 by Dave Luby. It has covered the sport from the days of pinboys through the introduction of automatic scoring, the evolution of televised bowling, leagues, tournaments and all aspects of bowling ball and lane technology. "The BJ" has done more to cover the business, recreational and sport sides of bowling around the world than any other publication under the leadership of Dave Luby, his son Mort, and later his grandson Mort Jr. In 1994, Mort Luby Jr. sold the company to long-time employees Keith Hamilton and Mike Panozzo. Today, it remains bowling's foremost magazine.

The magazine has evolved over the years. It began as "The National Bowlers Journal and Billiard Revue." In 1988, the company changed its corporate name from National Bowlers Journal, Inc. to Luby Publishing Inc. Currently Bowlers Journal also delivers both consumer and bowling business news and information to an international audience through BowlersJournal.com, The BJI Cyber Report and e-bowler.

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Historic Team Bowling Concept to Debut with 2013 "PBA League"

Eight star-studded teams, singles events will be part of unique Detroit PBA Winter Swing

SEATTLE (Oct. 19, 2012) – The Professional Bowlers Association will introduce an eight-team pro bowling league for the 2012-13 season, featuring PBA stars as Franchise Players, a draft of PBA members to fill out the five-player team rosters and a television series resulting in six ESPN telecasts, PBA Commissioner Tom Clark announced today.

The historic PBA League will make its debut during the Detroit PBA Winter Swing Jan. 19-27 at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich., feature a live ESPN show on Sunday, Jan. 27 of PBA League Round 1 action and conclude with the PBA League Elias Cup Finals, honoring PBA founder Eddie Elias, at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis on Sunday, March 31 (airing Sunday, April 7 on ESPN).

"Bowling has deep roots in team competition," Clark said. "As a part of its 2012-13 season, the PBA is going to return five-player team bowling competition to the spotlight, but in a way it has never before been seen."

Details on significant aspects of the league such as team names, owners and sponsors will be released soon.

Here's how the PBA League will work:

THE TEAMS

- The PBA League will consist of eight five-player teams, each representing a city to be named later. Each team will be headed by a Franchise Player – a PBA star who will draft players to fill his team. The Franchise Players will be the top eight players from the 2011-12 PBA Tour competition points list: Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill.; Jason Belmonte of Australia; Mike Fagan of Dallas; Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo.; Osku Palermaa of Finland; Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla.; Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., and Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas.
- There will be a draft involving all PBA members who make themselves eligible. PBA members must declare eligibility with the PBA by 8 p.m. Eastern/5 p.m. Pacific on Friday, Nov. 2. By declaring eligibility, those PBA members are promising to compete in the January 2013 PBA League events if they are drafted
- On Friday, Nov. 2, official practice day for the PBA World Series of Bowling in Las Vegas, a random drawing will determine the selection order for the eight Franchise Players. Each Franchise Player will draft

four additional players to fill out his roster from the list of PBA members who have registered to participate in the program.

- The draft itself will be held on Friday, Nov. 9, and air live on Xtra Frame, the PBA's online bowling channel. It will be done in "serpentine" fashion whereby each Franchise Player will pick one player in pre-determined order. Whomever picks eighth will also pick ninth, and the draft order will be reversed, moving back up the list. The Franchise Player who picked first will then pick 16th and 17th, etc. The draft will consist of five rounds (to allow for selection of a sixth, or supplemental, player).

THE COMPETITION FORMAT

- PBA League competition begins Jan. 22 at Thunderbowl in Allen Park, Mich., as part of the Detroit PBA Winter Swing. Over a span of four days, the Winter Swing will feature a series of open-field tournaments (the Carmen Salvino Classic, Mark Roth Classic, Don Carter Classic and Earl Anthony Players Championship) which will award individual PBA Tour titles and also produce qualifying scores for the PBA League competition.
- The Salvino, Roth and Carter events will feature eight-game qualifying rounds with 16 players advancing to modified nine-game round-robin match play rounds in each event. The top two qualifiers after 17 games in each event will bowl for the title.
- The combined 32-game qualifying totals from the Salvino, Roth and Carter Classics – plus an Anthony Championship qualifying round – will determine the 16 players who will advance to the nine-game round-robin match play finals of the Players Championship. The top two qualifiers after a total of 41 games (32 qualifying, nine match play) will bowl for the Earl Anthony Players Championship title.
- At the same time they are bowling in the individual qualifying rounds, members of the PBA League will be bowling for their teams. Scores for all five players after each qualifying round will be added together to determine the team seeding positions for the Baker format stepladder finals. The top three teams after each team round advance to the stepladder finals; the other five teams will bowl in a "shootout" round to determine the fourth team in each stepladder final.
- The one exception to the team qualifying rule will be for PBA League Round 1, which will be televised live on ESPN on Sunday, Jan. 27, at noon ET. That show will feature the top five teams based upon their 32-game cumulative totals from the Salvino, Roth, Carter and Anthony qualifying rounds.
- All PBA League finals on ESPN will be one-game Baker team stepladder matches. In Baker format competition, each member of the team bowls two frames (i.e., leadoff bowler bowls first and sixth frames anchor bowler bowls fifth and 10th frames, etc.). Points will be awarded to each team based upon its finishing position after each of the five team rounds. After five rounds, the top four teams will advance to the PBA League Elias Cup finals which will be contested in conjunction with the live PBA Tournament of Champions finals on March 31 at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis.

ESPN TELEVISION FINALS

- The Detroit PBA Winter Swing will produce five ESPN television shows, including a live telecast of PBA League Round 1 on Sunday, Jan. 27. Subsequent shows will be taped to air on Feb. 10, Feb. 17, March 3 and March 24.
- The inaugural PBA League Elias Cup stepladder finals will feature the top four teams in points, bowling in a Baker format showdown in Indianapolis. The finals will air on ESPN on April 7.

PRIZE MONEY AND THE PBA LEAGUE

- The financial compensation for the PBA League will be unique. Players drafted for the team competition will be paid a "salary" based upon their ranking in the selection process. There will be no entry fee for the PBA League portion of the Detroit PBA Winter Swing (entry fees will apply, however, to the singles events).
- The "salary" structure will pay Franchise Players (technically the first-round picks) \$10,000 each. Second-round picks will receive \$7,000, third-round picks \$5,000, fourth-round picks \$3,000 and fifth-round picks \$2,000 each. The sixth, or supplemental-round, picks will not be paid, but will be compensated by their teams if they are needed due to injury or other unforeseen events.
- In addition to the guaranteed salary money, there will be significant rewards for the four teams that advance to the PBA League Championship round. The PBA League champion will receive \$75,000 (\$15,000 per player). Second place will pay \$30,000 (\$6,000 per player), third place \$20,000 (\$4,000 per player) and fourth place \$10,000 (\$2,000 per player). The other four teams will not cash.
- The winning team also will receive a unique Elias Cup traveling trophy, with each player's name engraved, which will stay with the team until the next PBA League season.

PRIZE MONEY FOR WINTER SWING SINGLES EVENTS

- The package of four individual tournaments (Salvino, Roth, Carter, Anthony) will be open to all PBA members for a one-time \$600 entry fee. The field will be limited to 115 PBA members. Entries will be accepted only for all four events (players may not enter individual events). In addition, a pre-Winter Swing qualifying event will be conducted, awarding eight additional entries. If PBA member entries fill, any members on the waiting list will be allowed to enter the non-member pre-tournament qualifier to compete for one of the eight available spots.
- The Carmen Salvino, Mark Roth and Don Carter Classics will each pay a \$15,000 first prize and a 32-place prize list (\$700 last-to-cash).
- The Earl Anthony Players Championship will pay a \$25,000 first prize and a 42-place prize list (\$1,000 last-to-cash).

2013 DETROIT PBA WINTER SWING SCHEDULE **Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich.**

Saturday, Jan. 19

Noon – PBA non-member pre-tournament qualifier, 8 games (top 8 advance to Detroit PBA Winter Swing)

Sunday, Jan. 20

11 a.m. – 9-Pin No-Tap pro-am squad

Monday, Jan. 21

Noon – Official practice session

6 p.m. – 9-Pin No-Tap pro-am squad

Tuesday, Jan. 22: Carmen Salvino Classic

9 a.m. – 8 qualifying games

- Top 16 advance to modified round-robin match play round.
- 8-game totals carry over to Earl Anthony Players Championship.

- PBA League: top 3 teams based on combined five-player, 8-game totals advance to PBA League Round 2 (Baker format stepladder finals); teams ranking 4-8 advance to TV Shootout to determine fourth team for stepladder finals.

5 p.m. – 9 games, modified round robin match play (top two after 16 games advance to TV championship match)

Wednesday, Jan. 23: Mark Roth Classic

9 a.m. – 8 qualifying games

- Top 16 advance to modified round-robin match play round.
- 8-game totals carry over to Earl Anthony Players Championship.
- PBA League: top 3 teams based on combined five-player, 8-game totals advance to PBA League Round 3 (Baker format stepladder finals); teams ranking 4-8 advance to TV Shootout to determine fourth team for stepladder finals.

5 p.m. – 9 games, modified round robin match play (top two after 16 games advance to TV championship match)

Thursday, Jan. 24: Don Carter Classic

9 a.m. – 8 qualifying games

- Top 16 advance to modified round-robin match play round.
- 8-game totals carry over to Earl Anthony Players Championship.
- PBA League: top 3 teams based on combined five-player, 8-game totals advance to PBA League Round 4 (Baker format stepladder finals); teams ranking 4-8 advance to TV Shootout to determine fourth team for stepladder finals.

5 p.m. – 9 games, modified round robin match play (top two after 16 games advance to TV championship match)

Friday, Jan. 25: Earl Anthony Players Championship

9 a.m. – 8 qualifying games

- PBA League: top 3 teams based on combined five-player, 8-game totals advance to PBA League Round 5 (Baker format stepladder finals); teams ranking 4-8 advance to TV Shootout to determine fourth team for stepladder finals.
- Top 5 teams based on combined 32-game team totals from Salvino, Roth, Carter and Anthony qualifying rounds advance to PBA League Show 1 Baker stepladder final
- Top 16 players based on combined 32-game totals from Salvino, Roth, Carter and Anthony qualifying rounds advance to modified round robin match play.

5 p.m. – 9 games, modified round robin match play (top two after 41 games advance to TV championship match)

ESPN FINALS TAPING SCHEDULE

Saturday, Jan. 26 (Thunderbowl Arena)

Noon – PBA League Round 2 Shootout (winning team advances to Show 2 finals)

12:30 p.m. – PBA League Round 2 Finals (four-team Baker format stepladder)

1:30 p.m. – Carmen Salvino Classic championship match (top two qualifiers)

3:30 p.m. – PBA League Round 3 Shootout (winning team advances to Show 3 finals)

4 p.m. – PBA League Round 3 Finals (four-team Baker format stepladder)

5 p.m. – Mark Roth Classic championship match (top two qualifiers)

7 p.m. – PBA League Round 4 Shootout (winning team advances to Show 4 finals)
7:30 p.m. – PBA League Round 4 Finals (four-team Baker format stepladder)
8:30 p.m. – Don Carter Classic championship match (top two qualifiers)

Sunday, Jan. 27 (Thunderbowl Arena)

Noon – PBA League Round 1 finals (Live telecast; five-team Baker format stepladder)

3:30 p.m. – PBA League Round 5 Shootout (winning team advances to Show 5 finals)
4 p.m. – PBA League Round 5 Finals (four-team Baker format stepladder)
5 p.m. – Earl Anthony Players Championship title match (top two qualifiers)

Sunday, March 31 (Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis)

TBA – PBA League Elias Cup Finals (four-team Baker format stepladder)

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Edwards Enters All-In Showdown as Continuing Tribute to "Little Brother"

Oklahoma veteran will ride emotional rollercoaster into PBA World Series of Bowling special event

SEATTLE (Oct. 11, 2012) – Over the past 12 months, Professional Bowlers Association veteran Mike Edwards of Tulsa, Okla., has been on a rollercoaster of emotions, ranging from the depths of sadness over the death of his father and his "little brother," Tony Reyes, to the peaks of rediscovered confidence and passion for the sport.

Whether the next step will be a peak or valley, Edwards will find out on Friday, Nov. 2. He is the first to put up the \$5,000 entry fee for the second edition of the PBA All-In Showdown, a winner-take-all special event that will kick off the PBA World Series of Bowling IV at South Point Bowling Center in Las Vegas.

"I just decided last night to go for it," Edwards said Thursday. "I was talking with a couple of friends who encouraged me to get in. I'm throwing the ball good, so I thought I might as well give it a shot."

Edwards, who turns 51 in December, will bowl against a field of up to seven other players. If the field fills at eight entries, the winner will walk about with a \$40,000 prize. The format will feature three two-game elimination rounds bowled on the PBA World Championship lane condition. All matches will be webcast live on pba.com's Xtra Frame online bowling channel starting at 3:30 PT on Friday, Nov. 2.

At this time last year, Edwards had no interest in the All-In event. In fact, he wasn't very interested in bowling, period.

"A year ago, bowling was the least of things I had to worry about," he said. "My father was having a hard time. He passed away in November. But over the past year, I got my passion and enthusiasm back. My wife (Samantha) and my mother told me Dad would want me to carry on, so I did.

"Last summer was probably the best bowling I've done in a long, long time," he continued. Edwards, in his first year of eligibility, jumped into PBA Senior Tour competition in June and won the USBC Senior Masters for his first national title since winning his only PBA Tour title in the 1994 IOF Foresters Bowling for Miracles Open in Toronto.

But a week ago, tragedy struck again when long-time friend and fellow competitor Tony Reyes died in northern California from injuries sustained in a traffic accident.

"It's been pretty emotional the past week or so with my little brother, Tony Reyes, passing away," Edwards said. "I didn't think I could stand the emotion of going to the funeral, but I thought the best

thing I could do was go bowl and win for him, and I did. I won (the PBA Midwest/Southwest Region Barney's Open) in Springfield, Mo., and I broke down afterward.

"That was my tribute to him. We were really close; he was like my little brother. I dedicated the tournament to him as my way of saluting him, and last night, I decided to keep it going. I told myself, you're warm now, so you might as well try (the All-In Showdown). I'm feeling a little frisky right now."

All comers are invited to participate in the 2012 edition of the All-In Showdown. The entry deadline is Wednesday, Oct. 17. In 2011, Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., survived three tension-filled matches, eventually defeating Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., 446-426, in the two-game title match.

To enter the 2012 event, contact Barb Wilt at the PBA office in Seattle (barb.wilt@pba.com or 206-654-6025).

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Services Set in Indianapolis for Long-Time PBA Tournament Host Don Mitchell

INDIANAPOLIS (Oct. 1, 2012) – Funeral services for long-time Indianapolis Professional Bowlers Association tournament host Don Mitchell, who died at his home on Sept. 27 after a lengthy illness, are scheduled for Tuesday at Crown Hill Funeral Home Remembrance Chapel in Indianapolis.

Mitchell, who was 80, owned the Royal Pin Leisure Centers chain in Indianapolis, including Woodland Bowl, Western Bowl, Expo Bowl and Southern Bowl before his retirement. Woodland Bowl, which has hosted several major championships including the U.S. Open and PBA Touring Players Championship, will be the site of the 2013 PBA Tournament of Champions. An Indianapolis chain of Don Mitchell Pro Shops is named in his honor.

A Korean War veteran, Mitchell has been inducted into several bowling halls of fame. He is survived by his sons David and Craig, daughter Donna Leimgruber, their spouses, nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

For details about Tuesday's celebration of life service, call 800-809-3366 or visit www.crownhill.org. The family has asked that any memorial contributions be made to the International Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

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PBA's 33rd Season of ESPN Television Coverage Begins December 9

16-event winter-spring segment includes 11 two-hour shows, live coverage of major championships

SEATTLE (Sept. 27, 2012) – The Professional Bowlers Association's 33rd consecutive season of television coverage on ESPN begins with 16 telecasts, including 11 shows expanded from 90 minutes to two hours, and live coverage of two major championships plus the first round of an all-new team competition.

The winter-spring PBA television season on ESPN begins on Sunday, Dec. 9, PBA Commissioner Tom Clark and ESPN Senior Director of Programming and Acquisitions Jason Bernstein announced today. Lon McEachern will be announcer and PBA Hall of Famer Randy Pedersen will be color analyst for all ESPN-PBA telecasts.

The schedule announced today includes only the winter and spring segments of the PBA's 2012-13 schedule. Coverage of additional events, including the 70th U.S. Open, will be announced later.

"Since 1979 when ESPN made its debut, the PBA and ESPN have enjoyed a wonderful partnership that has allowed millions of bowling fans to watch the best in bowling," Clark said. "We are, as always, excited to not only continue our relationship, but to expand our Sunday coverage to two hours for 11 of our 16 telecasts this season, and to include an all-new concept in professional bowling as part of our 2012-13 lineup."

"We continue to work with our partners at the PBA to develop new ways of enhancing the bowling product," Bernstein said. "The addition of 30 minutes of action to most of our Sunday shows this season is a great way to serve loyal fans of the sport."

The winter-spring ESPN lineup will include six telecasts originating from the PBA World Series of Bowling IV in Las Vegas, followed by the finals of the Round 1 Japan Cup from Tokyo, the Chris Paul PBA League All Stars, five new PBA League telecasts – including live coverage of the first PBA League event on Sunday, Jan. 27, from Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich. - and live coverage of the United States Bowling Congress Masters from Brunswick Zone Carolier in N. Brunswick, N.J., on Sunday, Feb. 24, and PBA Tournament of Champions from Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis on Sunday, March 31.

PBA coverage will take a two-week break in mid-March during the NCAA basketball tournament.

In addition to its ESPN coverage, more than 200 hours of exclusive live coverage of qualifying and match play from PBA Tour events will be webcast to a worldwide audience on pba.com's Xtra Frame online bowling channel.

Further details on the PBA League will be announced soon.

2012-13 PBA-ESPN TELEVISION SCHEDULE
(All times ET; all shows are two hours unless noted)

Sunday, Dec. 9, 1 p.m. – WTBA Bayer Advanced Aspirin World Bowling Tour Finals presented by PBA, PBA World Series of Bowling IV, South Point Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas.

Sunday, Dec. 16, 1 p.m. – Alka Seltzer Plus Cold Medicine Cheetah Championship, WSOB IV, South Point Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas (90 minutes).

Sunday, Dec. 23, 1 p.m. – PBA Viper Championship, WSOB IV, South Point Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas (90 minutes).

Sunday, Dec. 30, 1 p.m. – PBA Chameleon Championship, WSOB IV, South Point Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas (90 minutes).

Sunday, Jan. 6, 1 p.m. – PBA Scorpion Championship, WSOB IV, South Point Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas (90 minutes).

Sunday, Jan. 13, 1 p.m. – PBA World Championship, WSOB IV, South Point Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas (90 minutes).

Sunday, Jan. 20, 3 p.m. – Round 1 Japan Cup, Tokyo, Japan.

Sunday, Jan. 27, Noon – PBA League Round 1, Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich.

Sunday, Feb. 3, 4 p.m. – Chris Paul PBA League All Stars, Lucky Strike LA Live, Los Angeles.

Sunday, Feb. 10, 3 p.m. – PBA League Round 2 with Carmen Salvino Classic finals, Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich.

Sunday, Feb. 17, 3 p.m. – PBA League Round 3 with Mark Roth Classic finals, Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich.

Sunday, Feb. 24, 3 p.m. – United States Bowling Congress Masters, Brunswick Zone Carolier, N. Brunswick, N.J.

Sunday, March 3, 3 p.m. – PBA League Round 4 with Don Carter Classic finals, Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich.

Sunday, March 24, 1 p.m. – PBA League Round 5 with Earl Anthony PBA Players Championship finals, Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich.

Sunday, March 31, 2:30 p.m. – PBA Tournament of Champions, Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis.

Sunday, April 7, 1 p.m. – PBA League Elias Cup finals, Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis.

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Regional Animal Pattern Series Sends 35 Players to PBA World Series of Bowling IV

Average entries show increase in experimental tournament series

SEATTLE (Sept. 10, 2012) – The Professional Bowlers Association’s experimental regional “animal pattern” championship series has produced 35 paid entries into PBA World Series of Bowling IV and a significant increase in the average number of entries in PBA Regional tournaments between March and August of 2012, PBA Director of Regional and Senior Tours John Weber announced Monday.

The inaugural animal pattern series featured Cheetah, Viper, Scorpion and Chameleon Championships in each of the PBA’s seven regions (the Shark pattern, the fifth lane condition in the series, was not used in the first-year program). Each event offered an optional entry program, allowing players who elected to do so to compete on specific lane conditions for a paid World Series entry. In addition, the top player in overall competition points in each region – whether or not he paid the optional entry fees – also received a World Series entry.

The animal pattern program was introduced by the PBA during the 2008-09 season to provide the bowling public with a method to easily differentiate between the variety of lane conditioning challenges professional bowlers face. It has served as a central part of the World Series of Bowling since the WSOB’s inception in 2009, producing an annual series of animal pattern championships. The animal patterns also are featured in the PBA Experience Sport Bowling league program conducted by the United States Bowling Congress, providing grassroots league and tournament bowlers opportunities to test their skills on the same lane conditions used in PBA competition.

The new regional tournament series drew a total of 1,991 entries for 28 events – an average of 71.1 entries per tournament which represents a nine percent increase compared to entries in the more than 170 PBA Regional tournaments conducted over the past year. The Cheetah events drew the highest number of entries in five of the seven regions while Scorpion Championships drew the fewest entries in four of the seven regions.

2012 PBA REGIONAL ANIMAL PATTERN CHAMPIONS

(results below include the tournament winner with player who earned optional WSOB berth noted in parenthesis; overall points include the top five players per region who had not won a WSOB entry in an individual event)

PBA EAST REGION

Rockaway Lanes Chameleon Open: Adam Baer, Gettysburg, Pa. (Greg Ostrander, Wall, N.J.)
Homefield Bowl Viper Open: Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y. (Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y.)

Cap Card Scorpion Open: a-Greg Bruff, York, Pa. (Joe Paluszczek, Bensalem, Pa.)
Bowlers Supply/Storm Products Cheetah Open: Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa. (O'Neill)
Overall Points: 1, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y. 2, Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y. 3, Tommy Dakouvanos, Belford, N.J. 4, Adam Baer, Gettysburg, Pa. 5, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore.

PBA SOUTH REGION

Rocky Mount Viper Open: Zach Brown, Raleigh, N.C. (Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C.)
Gastonia Chameleon Open presented by Columbia 300: Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla. (Scott Newell, Deland, Fla.)
Spring Hill Cheetah Open: a-Jason Mahr, Spring Hills, Fla. (Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla.)
Canton Scorpion Open presented by Columbia 300: Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla. (Mike Williams II, Montgomery, Ala.)
Overall Points: 1, Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga. 2, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla. 3, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C. 4, Lee Vanderhoef, Greenville, S.C. 5, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C.

PBA CENTRAL REGION

Baldo Campana Viper Open: Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind. (Russell)
J.D. Producing, Inc./Triway Lanes Cheetah Open presented by Hammer: Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y. (Jurek)
Storm Products/Beechmont Toyota Chameleon Open: Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C. (Brian Himmler, Cincinnati)
Dan Kondas Memorial Scorpion Open presented by DV8: Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y. (Ciccone)
Overall Points: 1, Jeff Zaffino, Warren, Pa. 2, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio. 3, Ed Carter, Austintown, Ohio. 4, Pat Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio. 5, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio.

PBA SOUTHWEST REGION

Fort Sill Viper Open: Chris Hibbitts II, Fort Worth, Texas (Kevin Mitchell, Tulsa, Okla.)
Lubbock Cheetah Open: Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas (Scroggins)
Killeen Chameleon Open: Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas (Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas)
Scorpion Open: Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan. (Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas)
Overall Points: 1, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan. 2, Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas. 3, Clint Dacy, Fort Worth, Texas. 4, Chris Hibbitts II, Fort Worth, Texas. 5, Dustin Ochoa, San Antonio.

PBA MIDWEST REGION

Stars & Strikes Scorpion Open presented by Ebonite: Jason Wojnar, Chicago (Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill.)
Oak Forest Bowl Chameleon Open: Pete Weber, St. Ann. Mo. (Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa)
Illinois Valley Viper Classic presented by Storm: Dave Traber, Hebron, Ill. (Dave Beres, Greenfield, Wis.)
Premiere Bowling and Entertainment Cheetah Open presented by Brunswick: Dave Traber, Hebron, Ill. (Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind.)
Overall Points: 1, Dave Traber, Hebron, Ill. 2, Jason Wojnar, Chicago. 3, Derek Eoff, Madison, Wis. 4, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo. 5, Mike Steil, Wheeling, Ill. 5,

PBA WEST REGION

Battle at Black Oak Casino Cheetah Open: Dennis Horan Jr., Temecula, Calif. (Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev.)
Wine Country Scorpion Open presented by Columbia 300: Jim Pratt, Glendale, Ariz. (PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif.)
Vanessa Brown Homes Viper Open: Allen Blansette, Napa, Calif. (Blansette)
Chameleon Don Johnson Memorial: Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill. (Rash)
Overall Points: 1, Jeff Frankos, Daly City, Calif. 2, Jim Pratt, Glendale, Ariz. 3, Mike Danielson, Portland, Ore. 4, Kevin Gallagher, Torrance, Calif. 5, Dennis Horan, Temecula, Calif.

PBA NORTHWEST REGION

DV8 Chameleon Open: Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore. (Warren)

Pawn Brokers Cheetah Open: Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore. (Tony Reyes, San Bruno, Calif.)

Secoma Lanes Scorpion Open: Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas (Malott)

Dave Husted Viper Open presented by Etonic: Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore. (Thomas Ault Jr., Portland, Ore.)

Overall Points: 1, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore. 2, Kevin Henderson, Albany, Ore. 3, Adrian Anderson, Roseburg, Ore. 4, Mike Danielson, Portland, Ore. 5, Rob Edwards, Vancouver, Wash.

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PBA Unveils New Regional Invitational Tournament Program for 2012-13

Closer-to-home championship events provide unique incentives, opportunities for PBA members

SEATTLE (Aug. 22, 2012) – The Professional Bowlers Association has created a new PBA Regional Players Invitational series for the 2012-13 season that will give all PBA members an opportunity to qualify for a prestigious new regional championship event closer to home, PBA Commissioner Tom Clark announced today.

The new tournament series, which will be conducted in the PBA's East, South, Central, Midwest, Southwest and joint West-Northwest Regions, will provide dozens of top regional players with international media exposure because all six events will be webcast live, exclusively on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame.

Each of the six RPIs also will offer prize funds in excess of \$25,000, including \$6,000 to each winner and a 1:2 payout ratio, and the winner of each will win a paid entry into the 2013 PBA World Series of Bowling.

"In a typical year, the PBA conducts roughly 170 regional tournaments throughout its seven regions, ranging from New England to Hawaii," John Weber, Director of Regional and Senior Tours, said. "In years past, the PBA has conducted two national championship events specifically for regional players – a PBA Regional Players Championship and a PBA Regional Players Invitational.

"We have found, in our changing economic climate, that regional players are having an increasingly difficult time traveling cross-country to attend those national events," Weber added. "The new RPI program addresses that problem by providing our members with signature tournaments that are more affordable and more easily accessible, but still retain special levels of exclusivity and prestige that will reward performance."

Since the late 1960s, the PBA Regional program has been the proving ground for hundreds of young players who aspire to become the future stars of the PBA Tour, and it continues to provide an affordable, close-to-home competitive arena for many others who love to compete but who are involved in careers other than professional bowling.

"The new RPI series also will provide PBA's Xtra Frame subscribers with the added value of bonus coverage featuring both current and future stars in professional bowling," Clark noted. "This is a level of competition never before available to the general public, but because of Xtra Frame's online reach, it's going to be a great addition to the PBA program for players and fans alike."

In order to qualify for their home area RPI, players will be required to qualify among the top 48 in competition points within their own regions during a season-long points race.

Here's how the new Regional Players Invitational program will work:

- Within the five standard regions, PBA members who reside within the region and finish 1-15 in the seasonal competition points standings will receive an invitation and free entry into the end-of-season RPI for their home region. Players who finish 16-32 on the points list are invited, but must pay a \$220 entry fee.
- The next 16 spots will go to players on the points list who have participated in a minimum of 50 percent of the region's tournaments during the year. If any spots remain open, invitations will be extended based upon players' rankings on their home region's points list.
- PBA members living outside of the United States will be eligible based upon their participation in events within any given region. The "home region" residency rule will be waived for international players. If international non-residents bowl in more than one region, they will be required to designate the RPI they wish to enter by July 15, 2013.
- Special rules will apply to the joint West-Northwest RPI. West Region points leaders 1-10 and Northwest Region points leaders 1-5 will earn the free entries. West Region leaders 11-23 and Northwest Region points leaders 6-9 will be eligible for the \$220 entry positions. The balance of the field will be offered to the next 12 West Region and next four Northwest Region players who meet the 50 percent participation rule.
- The new RPI program will be open to all PBA members: touring players, senior/PBA50 members, regional members, PBA24 members and PBA International members. Players will only be eligible to participate in one RPI. RPI points qualifying will begin on Sept. 1, 2012, and end on July 15, 2013.
- Each RPI will consist of a Friday pro-am and two six-game qualifying rounds on Saturday. The top 16 qualifiers will advance to three rounds of best-of-five-game elimination matches and two rounds of one-game eliminations on Sunday. Saturday's top four qualifiers will earn two bye rounds and qualifiers five through eight will earn one bye round.

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PBA's Tournament of Champions Returns to Traditional Exclusive Field

Field of 48 current PBA Tour champions to head to Indianapolis for 2012-13 winter segment finale

SEATTLE (Aug. 3, 2012) – The 48th edition of the Professional Bowlers Association Tournament of Champions will return to its traditional roots in March of 2013 when it will feature an exclusive field featuring 48 PBA Tour champions plus any previous TOC winners who elect to participate.

The Tournament of Champions will be held at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis, March 26-31, concluding with a live five-player stepladder final airing on ESPN.

"Since its inception in 1962, the PBA Tournament of Champions has gone through several adaptations given the circumstances of the day and has maintained its unique appeal. But for this year and moving forward we have concluded that the simple variables that made the TOC the PBA's signature event should be restored," said PBA Commissioner Tom Clark.

"The two most important variables include returning the Tournament of Champions to an elite field – allowing the drama of trying to qualify to unfold – and utilizing a classic PBA tournament format of 48 games with all entrants starting on equal footing."

PBA Hall of Famer Johnny Petraglia, who won the 1971 Firestone Tournament of Champions in Akron, Ohio, in his first step toward completing the PBA Triple Crown, is pleased with the return to an exclusive field.

"This is wonderful news," Petraglia said. "I'm so happy. I'm a past champion and if I'm allowed to bowl, I'll go even if I don't think I have a chance to win."

Newly-inducted PBA Hall of Famer Jason Couch, the only player to win the TOC three consecutive times, also likes the decision.

"I loved the old way when we had the bubble list every week," Couch said. "It was great to watch on television, unless you were the guy on the bubble. I can certainly see myself coming out of retirement to bowl in it."

The 2013 TOC will feature a core field of 48 players. To make up that field, precedence goes to PBA national champions who are Touring 1 or 2 players (those who bowled in at least 60 percent of PBA Tour events last year). For the upcoming season, 46 PBA Tour champions fall into that category. Because there are 46, the remaining places on the roster will be filled by the most current title winners who did not attain "touring player" status last season. The current list (see below) may change during the 2012-

13 season. Any new champion will bump the last eligible player – Robert Smith is currently on the “bubble” – off the eligibility list.

Additionally, all former TOC champions have a lifetime invitation to compete. Any past champions who currently are not Touring Players (see below) who elect to enter would increase the field to more than 48.

The 2013 Tournament of Champions will get underway on Wednesday, March 27, with two eight-game qualifying rounds. After a third eight-game round on Thursday, the top 24 players will advance to eight-game match play rounds Thursday evening and Friday. The top five after 48 games advance to Sunday's ESPN finals. A pro-am program and the PBA Hall of Fame induction dinner will highlight Saturday's schedule.

First prize in the TOC will be \$50,000. All players will cash. Last place will pay \$1,450.

The Tournament of Champions has provided many of the most memorable moments in PBA history – the PBA's first nationally-televised 300 by Jack Biondolillo in 1967, Don Johnson's emotional 299 in the title match against Dick Ritger in 1970, Kelly Kulick's historic victory for women in 2010, Mika Koivuniemi's 299 on his way to a record \$250,000 prize in 2011 are among many others.

“The PBA Tournament of Champions has always provided electric moments,” Clark said. “In 2013, we expect more of that kind of drama: 48 champions, 48 games and live nationally-televised finals with history riding on every ball. It's going to be a great way to conclude the winter segment of our 2012-13 schedule.”

All qualifying and match play rounds will feature live coverage on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel.

2013 PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS ELIGIBILITY LIST (with most recent title; as of Aug. 1, 2012)

- 1, Sean Rash, Tournament of Champions, April 2012
- 2, Norm Duke, Dick Weber Playoffs, April 2012
- 3, Mike Fagan, Brunswick Euro Challenge, March 2012
- 4, Osku Palermaa, Kuwait Open, March 2012
- 5, Pete Weber, U.S. Open, February 2012
- 6, Scott Newell, Ricart Ford Open, February 2012
- 7, Eugene McCune, Cheetah Open, January 2012
- 8, Jason Belmonte, PBA Elite Players, November 2011
- 9, Andres Gomez, Salvino Classic, November 2011
- 10, Wes Malott, PBA Doubles, November 2011
- 11, Dom Barrett, Scorpion Open, November 2011
- 12, Stuart Williams, Viper Open, November 2011
- 13, Dick Allen, Dick Weber Playoffs, April 2011
- 14, Jason Couch, Plastic Ball Championship, March 2011
- 15, Tom Hess, USBC Masters, February 2011
- 16, Ryan Ciminelli, Earl Anthony Memorial, January 2011
- 17, Mika Koivuniemi, Tournament of Champions, January 2011
- 18, Chris Barnes, PBA World Championship, January 2011
- 19, Bill O'Neill, Viper Championship, November 2010
- 20, Scott Norton, Chameleon Championship, November 2010
- 21, Tommy Jones, Japan Cup, April 2010
- 22, Brian Kretzer, Match Play Championship, March 2010

- 23, Mike Scroggins, Don Johnson Eliminator, March 2010
- 24, Walter Ray Williams Jr., USBC Masters, February 2010
- 25, Kelly Kulick, Tournament of Champions, January 2010
- 26, Anthony LaCaze, Earl Anthony Memorial, January 2010
- 27, Tom Smallwood, PBA World Championship, December 2009
- 28, Jack Jurek, Shark Championship, August 2009
- 29, Mike DeVaney, Scorpion Championship, August 2009
- 30, Rhino Page, Viper Championship, August 2009
- 31, Patrick Allen, Japan Cup, April 2009
- 32, John Nolen, USBC Masters, February 2009
- 33, Parker Bohn III, Cheetah Championship, December 2008
- 34, Michael Machuga, Chameleon Championship, November 2008
- 35, Mike Wolfe, Ultimate Scoring Championship, November 2008
- 36, Brad Angelo, Viper Championship, November 2008
- 37, Michael Haugen Jr., Tournament of Champions, January 2008
- 38, Danny Wiseman, PBA Doubles, January 2008
- 39, Steve Jaros, Tournament of Champions, April 2005
- 40, Amleto Monacelli, Jackson Hewitt Open, February 2005
- 41, Ryan Shafer, Empire State Open, November 2003
- 42, Lonnie Waliczek, Odor-Eaters Open, March 2003
- 43, Bryon Smith, USBC Masters, January 2003
- 44, Kurt Pilon, Peoria Open, September 2001
- 45, Dave Wodka, Greater Detroit Open, October 1999
- 46, Chris Warren, Florida Open, February 1992
- 47, Brian Voss, PBA Mixed Doubles, February 2010
- 48, Robert Smith, Windy City Classic, November 2007

ELIGIBLE PBA TOC PAST CHAMPIONS

- Patrick Healey Jr., Bahrain (2003)
 Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan. (1998)
 John Gant, Elkhorn, Neb. (1997)
 Dave D'Entremont, Middleburg Heights, Ohio (1996)
 Mike Aulby, Carmel, Ind. (1995)
 George Branham III, Indianapolis (1993)
 Marc McDowell, Madison, Wis. (1992)
 David Ozio, Beaumont, Texas (1991)
 Dave Ferraro, Kingston, N.Y. (1990)
 Del Ballard Jr., Keller, Texas (1989)
 Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas (1985, 1988)
 Marshall Holman, Medford, Ore. (1976, 1986)
 Mike Durbin, Trophy Club, Texas (1972, 1982, 1984)
 Joe Berardi, Wellington, Fla. (1983)
 Steve Cook, Granite Bay, Calif. (1981)
 Wayne Webb, Columbus, Ohio (1980)
 George Pappas, Charlotte, N.C. (1979)
 Mike Berlin, Muscatine, Iowa (1977)
 Dave Davis, Murphy, N.C. (1968, 1975)
 Jim Godman, Lorain, Ohio (1969, 1973)
 Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J. (1971)
 Jim Stefanich, Joliet, Ill. (1967)
 Wayne Zahn, Tempe, Ariz. (1966)
 Billy Hardwick, Memphis, Tenn. (1965)

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PBA, Shamrock Sports and Entertainment Forge New Marketing Alliance

New partnership to focus on creating new bonds with corporate America

SEATTLE (July 23, 2012) – The Professional Bowlers Association has retained Portland, Maine-based Shamrock Sports and Entertainment to provide strategic marketing and sponsorship development services for the world's largest professional bowling program.

The joint announcement was made Monday by PBA CEO Geoff Reiss and Shamrock's President & Founder, Brian Corcoran.

"Re-defining what the PBA has to offer to marketers is fundamental to our success and represents a huge growth opportunity for us," Reiss said. "Working with Shamrock will kick start our ability to develop programs that will demonstrate that the PBA offers unparalleled value to its partners.

"The PBA has concluded Shamrock is the partner we believe will elevate the PBA brand. Brian's record of success in other sports, including NASCAR, is exactly the kind of success story we plan to develop as part of our new relationship with America's business leaders."

Shamrock is a privately-owned sports marketing and sales agency led by Corcoran, a former NASCAR and Fenway Sports Group Executive. At NASCAR, Corcoran spearheaded efforts to land the largest sports sponsorship in U.S. history with the series entitlement of the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series, reported at \$750 million, that later evolved into the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series.

"The heart of our business is developing profitable partnerships between brands and properties to generate excitement beyond what either could achieve on its own," Corcoran said. "Shamrock is not in the business of sponsorship; we are in the business of creating strategic and mutually rewarding partnerships. Our goal is to optimize the assets of our partners and establish value in their brands.

"We don't acquire rights, we activate rights," he added. "We don't buy impressions, we create experiences. We don't showcase brands, we communicate brand values."

Shamrock's current client roster includes the Boston Athletic Association, which conducts the Boston Marathon; Seaworld Parks and Entertainment; Richard Childress Racing; the Millrose Games and the Arena Football League, among others.

Shamrock's immediate priorities are to enhance and extend the PBA brand through entitlement partnership programs and other initiatives.

Initially, Corcoran and Shamrock Executive Vice President Dan Gacetta will oversee the PBA partnership.

"We are extremely excited to forge a partnership with the PBA, which represents the elite of the world's more than 90 million bowling participants," Corcoran said. "Bowling is without question the largest competitive sport in the world. It has unlimited potential. Our goal will be to tap that potential by providing participants and corporate partners with unmatched experiences and value."

For more information on the PBA and partnership opportunities, contact Corcoran (bc@shamrockse.com) or Gacetta (dg@shamrockse.com) by email or by telephone at 207-899-0490.

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About Shamrock Sports and Entertainment

Shamrock Sports and Entertainment, a premier sports marketing organization headquartered in Portland, Maine, specializes in sponsorship and multi-media sales, property analysis, proprietary asset development, VIP hospitality, as well as turnkey creative services for those who conduct business in sports and entertainment. Current clients include SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment, Richard Childress Racing, Empire State Games, The Armory, Arena Football League, Goulian Aerosports, and USA Ski Jumping. For more information about Shamrock Sports & Entertainment, visit www.shamrockse.com.

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Fast Start Carries Storm to Victory in GEICO PBA Summer Shootout

Pete Weber, Jason Belmonte outlast Brunswick duo to claim Manufacturers Cup

CHICAGO (July 15, 2012) – Reigning U.S. Open champ Pete Weber and teammate Jason Belmonte started the championship match with six strikes and held on to edge Brunswick's Chris Loschetter and Sean Rash, 244-233, to win the Professional Bowlers Association Manufacturers Cup to conclude the GEICO PBA Summer Shootout at 10pin bowling lounge.

The Baker doubles finals of the sixth annual PBA summer series aired Sunday on ESPN. Weber, Belmonte and teammate Osku Palermaa shared a \$45,000 first prize.

Despite their perfect start in the title match, Weber and Belmonte couldn't break away from the Brunswick duo. Rash and Loschetter followed Rash's first-frame spare with their own string of five strikes to stay within 10 pins. After both teams converted single-pin spares in the seventh frame, Loschetter and Rash took the lead with back-to-back strikes while Weber and Belmonte posted back-to-back single-pin spares.

Weber's seven-count spare in the 10th frame left the door open for Brunswick to lock up the title, but Loschetter left the 3-4-6-7 split on his first shot in the final frame and failed to convert the spare.

"As soon as I let it go, I knew it was bad," Weber said of his shot in the 10th frame. "The main thing I had to do was forget about it, concentrate on making the spare and then fill the frame with a strike. As I'm getting older, I'm getting better at putting bad shots behind me and not dwelling on them as much as I used to.

"I had to keep in the back of my mind that anything can happen, that it wasn't over," Weber added. "(Loschetter) threw a bad shot but it was a split he could have picked up. Sometimes you'd rather be lucky than good, and this was one of those days."

"The cruel but beautiful thing about being the top qualifier is that it can be a curse or a blessing because it's only one game that determines your fate," Belmonte said. "You don't have the benefit of experiencing competition on the TV pair. Our strategy throughout the tournament was to pick the lane that we felt comfortable with and stick with it, and that's what helped us match up our equipment with this surface."

Loschetter was understandably distraught over his 10th frame misfortune, but Rash refused to let his teammate take the blame.

"We made one bad shot as a group and it wasn't Chris that did it," Rash said. "It was a team effort. We bowled great. We had a chance to win, but we were one shot short."

After qualifying third for the finals, Rash and Loschetter defeated Track's Mika Koivuniemi and Mike Fagan, 256-235, and 900 Global's Missy Parkin and Brian Voss, 235-184, to advance to the championship match. Koivuniemi and Fagan eliminated Columbia 300's Dan MacLelland and Chris Barnes, 236-222, in the opening match after the Columbia 300 players won the Eliminator Doubles Shootout round to claim the fifth spot in the stepladder finals.

All GEICO PBA Summer Shootout shows will re-air on ESPN2 (Saturday, July 21, at 4 p.m.; Saturday, July 28 at 3 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 4 at 12:30 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 5 at 3 p.m.). All times are Eastern.

GEICO PBA SUMMER SHOOTOUT 10pin bowling lounge, Chicago, final

(Points per round: first place 12 points, second 8, third 7, fourth-sixth 5, seventh-ninth 2)

One-Shot, Low-Man-Out Singles Elimination Format

Round 1: 1, Ryan Ciminelli, Brunswick. 2, Ronnie Russell, DV8. 3, Osku Palermaa, Storm. 4th-6th - Jason Couch, Ebonite; Bill O'Neill, Hammer; Brian Voss, 900 Global. 7th-9th - Brian Kretzer, Roto Grip; Dan MacLelland, Columbia 300; Mike Fagan, Track.

Round 2: 1, Chris Barnes, Columbia 300. 2, Mike Machuga, DV8. 3, Tommy Jones, Ebonite. 4th-6th - Mika Koivuniemi, Track; Pete Weber, Storm; Missy Parkin, 900 Global. 7th-9th - Sean Rash, Brunswick; Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Roto Grip; Mike Wolfe, Ebonite.

Round 3: 1, Couch, Ebonite. 2, Robert Smith, 900 Global. 3, O'Neill, Hammer. 4th-6th - Wes Malott, Roto Grip; Jason Belmonte, Storm; Brian Valenta, DV8. 7th-9th - MacLelland, Columbia 300; Ciminelli, Brunswick; Fagan, Track.

Round 4: 1, Weber, Storm. 2, Kretzer, Roto Grip. 3, Chris Loschetter, Brunswick. 4th-6th - Wolfe, Ebonite; Russell, DV8; Barnes, Columbia 300. 7th-9th - Koivuniemi, Track; Parkin, 900 Global; Jones, Ebonite.

Round 5: 1, Belmonte, Storm. 2, Rash, Brunswick. 3, Smith, 900 Global. 4th-6th - Machuga, DV8; O'Neill, Hammer; Fagan, Track. 7th-9th - Malott, Roto Grip; Couch, Ebonite; MacLelland, Columbia 300.

One-Shot, Low-Team-Out Doubles Elimination Format

Round 6: 1, Malott/Kretzer, Roto Grip. 2, Voss/Smith, 900 Global. 3, Koivuniemi/Fagan. 4th-6th - Couch/Jones, Ebonite; Machuga/Russell, DV8; MacLelland/Barnes, Columbia 300. 7th-9th - Wolfe/O'Neill, Hammer; Belmonte/Weber, Storm; Rash/Ciminelli, Brunswick.

Round 7: 1, Weber/Belmonte, Storm. 2, MacLelland/Barnes, Columbia 300. 3, Koivuniemi/Fagan, Track. 4th-6th - Couch/Jones, Ebonite; Parkin/Smith, 900 Global; Rash/Loschetter, Brunswick. 7th-9th - Russell/Machuga, DV8; Malott/Kretzer, Roto Grip; Wolfe/O'Neill, Hammer.

Round 8: 1, Koivuniemi/Fagan, Track. 2, Parkin/Smith, 900 Global. 3, Palermaa/Belmonte, Storm. 4th-6th - Jones/Couch, Ebonite; Malott/Kretzer, Roto Grip; Ciminelli/Rash, Brunswick. 7th-9th - MacLelland/Barnes, Columbia 300; O'Neill/Wolfe, Ebonite; Valenta/Machuga, DV8.

Round 9: 1, Ciminelli/Rash, Brunswick. 2, Weber/Palermmaa, Storm. 3, MacLelland/Barnes, Columbia 300. 4th-6th – Koivuniemi/Fagan, Track; Machuga/Russell, DV8; Malott/Dorin-Ballard, Roto Grip. 7th-9th – Parkin/Voss, 900 Global; Wolfe/O'Neill, Hammer; Couch/Jones, Ebonite.

Round 10 (Position Round): 1, Parkin/Voss, 900 Global. 2, Malott/Dorin-Ballard, Roto Grip. 3, Weber/Belmonte, Storm. 4th-6th – Koivuniemi/Fagan, Track; Ciminelli/Rash, Brunswick; Wolfe/O'Neill, Hammer. 7th-9th – Russell/Machuga, DV8; MacLelland/Barnes, Columbia 300; Jones/Couch, Ebonite.

Final Manufacturers Cup Qualifying Standings (after 10 rounds; top four teams advance to stepladder finals; bottom five advance to Eliminator Doubles Shootout round): 1, Storm 77. 2, 900 Global 62. 3, Brunswick 60. 4, Track 52. 5, Roto Grip 51. 6 (tie), Columbia 300, Ebonite and DV8 47. 9, Hammer 37.

Eliminator Doubles Shootout (winner advances to stepladder finals): 1, MacLelland/Barnes, Columbia 300. 2, Malott/Dorin-Ballard, Roto Grip, \$13,000. 3, Jones/Couch, Ebonite, \$12,000. 4, Machuga/Russell, DV8, \$11,000. 5, Wolfe/O'Neill, Hammer, \$10,000.

Stepladder Finals Match One (two-game Baker Doubles): #4 Koivuniemi/Fagan, Track, def. #5 MacLelland/Barnes, Columbia 300 (\$15,000), 236-222.

Stepladder Finals Match Two (two-game Baker Doubles): #3 Loschetter/Rash, Brunswick, def. #4 Koivuniemi/Fagan, Track (\$20,000), 256-235.

Stepladder Finals Semifinal Match (two-game Baker Doubles): #3 Loschetter/Rash, Brunswick, def. #2 Parkin/Voss, 900 Global (\$25,000), 235-184.

Stepladder Finals Championship Match (two-game Baker Doubles): #1 Weber/Belmonte, Storm (\$45,000) def. #3 Rash/Loschetter, Brunswick (\$30,000), 244-233.

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Storm Clinches Top Spot for GEICO PBA Summer Shootout Finals

Jason Belmonte piles up points to lead team into Manufacturers Cup stepladder title match

CHICAGO (July 14, 2012) – Australian two-handed star Jason Belmonte led his Storm team into the top qualifying position for the GEICO PBA Summer Shootout stepladder finals at 10pin bowling lounge where Storm will need only one more victory to claim the PBA Manufacturers Cup.

Belmonte, a three-time title winner during the PBA's 2012-13 season, won the final one-ball, low-man-out singles elimination round, and then teamed with Pete Weber and Osku Palermaa in the combined doubles low-total-out matches to help Storm race away to an insurmountable lead in the qualifying points race. The singles and doubles matches aired Saturday on ESPN.

With a total of 70 points, Storm mathematically clinched the top rung in the stepladder finals, taking a 15-point lead over Brunswick into the position round match which will kick off Sunday's ESPN coverage.

After nine rounds of singles and doubles elimination matches, Brunswick was second with 55 points followed by 900 Global with 50 points; Track with 47; Columbia 300, Ebonite and DV8 with 45 each; Roto Grip with 43 and Hammer with 32 points.

If Brunswick wins the position round match, it would earn 12 points. The worst Storm could do is earn two points if it were to tie for the lowest total in the position round.

The position round, also a low-total-out doubles contest, will determine the seeding positions for the top four teams advancing to the stepladder finals. The other five teams will bowl an "elimination shootout" round with the winner claiming the fifth stepladder berth.

In Saturday's action, Belmonte won round five with a strike on his fourth shot to win by a pin over Brunswick's Sean Rash. Belmonte and Weber added another 12 points to Storm's total with matching strikes in the second frame of the round seven final match, nipping Columbia 300's Dan MacLelland and Chris Barnes by a pin. Belmonte and Palermaa picked up seven points with a third-place finish in round eight; and Weber and Palermaa earned eight points for a second-place finish in round nine.

The position round, "elimination shootout" and stepladder finals will air Sunday on ESPN at 1 p.m. ET.

All GEICO PBA Summer Shootout shows will re-air on ESPN2 (Saturday, July 21, at 4 p.m.; Saturday, July 28 at 3 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 4 at 12:30 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 5 at 3 p.m.). All times are Eastern.

GEICO PBA SUMMER SHOOTOUT

10pin bowling lounge, Chicago, thru July 14

Singles Low-Man-Out Elimination Format (points awarded to each team based upon finishing position in each round)

Round 5: 1, Jason Belmonte, Storm, 12 points. 2, Sean Rash, Brunswick, 8 points. 3, Robert Smith, 900 Global, 7 points. 4th-6th (5 points each) – Mike Machuga, DV8; Bill O'Neill, Hammer; Mike Fagan, Track. 7th-9th (2 points each) – Wes Malott, Roto Grip; Jason Couch, Ebonite; Dan MacLelland, Columbia 300.

Doubles One-Shot, Low-Team-Out Elimination Format (points awarded to each team based upon finishing position in each round)

Round 6: 1, Wes Malott/Brian Kretzer, Roto Grip, 12. 2, Brian Voss/Robert Smith, 900 Global, 8. 3, Mika Koivuniemi/Mike Fagan, 7. 4th-6th (5 points each) – Jason Couch/Tommy Jones, Ebonite; Mike Machuga/Ronnie Russell, DV8; Dan MacLelland/Chris Barnes, Columbia 300. 7th-9th (2 points each) – Mike Wolfe/Bill O'Neill, Hammer; Jason Belmonte/Pete Weber, Storm; Sean Rash/Ryan Ciminelli, Brunswick.

Round 7: 1, Pete Weber/Jason Belmonte, Storm, 12. 2, Dan MacLelland/Chris Barnes, Columbia 300, 8. 3, Mika Koivuniemi/Mike Fagan, Track, 7. 4th-6th (5 points each) – Jason Couch/Tommy Jones, Ebonite; Missy Parkin/Robert Smith, 900 Global; Sean Rash/Chris Loschetter, Brunswick. 7th-9th (2 points each) – Ronnie Russell/Mike Machuga, DV8; Wes Malott/Brian Kretzer, Roto Grip; Mike Wolfe/Bill O'Neill, Hammer.

Round 8: 1, Mika Koivuniemi/Mike Fagan, Track, 12. 2, Missy Parkin/Robert Smith, 900 Global, 8. 3, Osku Palermaa/Jason Belmonte, Storm, 7. 4th-6th (5 points each) – Tommy Jones/Jason Couch, Ebonite; Wes Malott/Brian Kretzer, Roto Grip; Ryan Ciminelli/Sean Rash, Brunswick. 7th-9th (2 points each) – Dan MacLelland/Chris Barnes, Columbia 300; Bill O'Neill/Mike Wolfe, Ebonite; Brian Valenta/Mike Machuga, DV8.

Round 9: 1, Ryan Ciminelli/Sean Rash, Brunswick, 12. 2, Pete Weber/Osku Palermaa, Storm, 8. 3, Dan MacLelland/Chris Barnes, Columbia 300. 4th-6th (5 points each) – Mika Koivuniemi/Mike Fagan, Track; Mike Machuga/Ronnie Russell, DV8; Wes Malott/Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Roto Grip. 7th-9th (2 points each) – Missy Parkin/Brian Voss, 900 Global; Mike Wolfe/Bill O'Neill, Hammer; Jason Couch/Tommy Jones, Ebonite.

Manufacturers Cup Qualifying Standings (points after nine rounds): 1, Storm 70. 2, Brunswick 55. 3, 900 Global 50. 4, Track 47. 5 (tie), Columbia 300, Ebonite and DV8 45. 8, Roto Grip 43. 9, Hammer 32.

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Storm Takes Early Lead in GEICO PBA Summer Shootout

Pete Weber's perfect performance overtakes Ebonite, DV8 in Manufacturers Cup battle

CHICAGO (July 7, 2012) – Reigning U.S. Open champ Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., put 12 points on the board in Round 4 of the GEICO PBA Summer Shootout at 10pin bowling lounge, helping his Storm team take the early lead in the annual Manufacturers Cup competition.

The first four rounds of one ball, low-man-out singles elimination matches aired Sunday on ESPN2. In each round, nine players representing nine different bowling ball brands competed in three groups of three players each. The survivor of the low-man-out preliminary matches advance to a final match where the winner earned 12 points, runner-up 8 points and third-place finisher 7 points. Those eliminated in the preliminary matches earned lesser points.

Weber, behind a flawless seven-strike performance (three in his preliminary match and four in a row in a Round 4 showdown with Roto Grip's Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio), helped Storm take a three-point lead over Ebonite and DV8 in the bowling ball manufacturers' contest. Brunswick's Chris Loschetter finished third in Round 4 after an eight-count on his first shot in the three-player final match.

In the first round, Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., threw four strikes in a row – two in his preliminary match and two more in the final showdown to eliminate Storm's Osku Palermaa of Finland and DV8's Ronnie Russell of Camby, Ind., staking Brunswick to an early lead in the team competition. Russell struck on his first shot in the final match, but had a nine-count on his second shot. Palermaa finished third after an eight-count on his first attempt.

Round 2 went to Columbia 300's Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, who struck on his first three shots to edge DV8's Mike Machuga of Erie, Pa. (double and nine-count). Ebonite's Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., was third after a nine-count on his first shot in the final match.

Newly-inducted PBA Hall of Famer Jason Couch, who announced his retirement from PBA Tour competition at the start of the Summer Shootout, temporarily put Ebonite into the team lead when he claimed 12 points in Round 3, ousting 900 Global's Robert Smith of Las Vegas, who left three pins standing on his second shot. Hammer's Bill O'Neill of Southampton, Pa., was knocked out with a seven-count on his first ball.

Five more rounds of singles and doubles low-man-out elimination rounds will determine the team seeding positions for an elimination position round contest leading into the Baker doubles format stepladder finals. All remaining rounds of the GEICO PBA Summer Shootout will air on ESPN on Saturday, July 14, at noon ET and Sunday, July 15, at 1 p.m. ET.

GEICO PBA SUMMER SHOOTOUT
10pin bowling lounge, Chicago, thru July 8

Singles Low-Man-Out Elimination Format (points awarded to each team based upon finishing position in each round)

Round 1: 1, Ryan Ciminelli, Brunswick, 12 points. 2, Ronnie Russell, DV8, 8 points. 3, Osku Palermaa, Storm, 7 points. 4th-6th (5 points each) - Jason Couch, Ebonite; Bill O'Neill, Hammer; Brian Voss, 900 Global. 7th-9th (2 points each) - Brian Kretzer, Roto Grip; Dan MacLelland, Columbia 300; Mike Fagan, Track.

Round 2: 1, Chris Barnes, Columbia 300, 12. 2, Mike Machuga, DV8, 8. 3, Tommy Jones, Ebonite, 7. 4th-6th (5 points each) – Mika Koivuniemi, Track; Pete Weber, Storm; Missy Parkin, 900 Global. 7th-9th (2 points each) – Sean Rash, Brunswick; Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Roto Grip; Mike Wolfe, Ebonite.

Round 3: 1, Jason Couch, Ebonite, 12. 2, Robert Smith, 900 Global, 8. 3, Bill O'Neill, Hammer, 7. 4th-6th (5 points each) – Wes Malott, Roto Grip; Jason Belmonte, Storm; Brian Valenta, DV8. 7th-9th (2 points each) – Dan MacLelland, Columbia 300; Ryan Ciminelli, Brunswick; Mike Fagan, Track.

Round 4: 1, Pete Weber, Storm, 12. 2, Brian Kretzer, Roto Grip, 8. 3, Chris Loschetter, Brunswick, 7. 4th-6th (5 points each) – Mike Wolfe, Ebonite; Ronnie Russell, DV8; Chris Barnes, Columbia 300. 7th-9th (2 points each) – Mika Koivuniemi, Track; Missy Parkin, 900 Global; Tommy Jones, Ebonite.

Manufacturers Cup Standings (points after four rounds): 1, Storm 29. 2 (tie) Ebonite and DV8 26. 4, Brunswick 23. 5, Columbia 300 21. 6, 900 Global 20. 7, Hammer 19. 8, Roto Grip 17. 9, Track 11.

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Belmonte, Fagan, Rash Nominated for "Best Bowler" ESPY Award

Voting now open to public; awards ceremonies set for July 11 at Nokia Theater in Los Angeles

SEATTLE (June 27, 2012) – Three-time 2011-12 titlist Jason Belmonte, Tournament of Champions winner Sean Rash and USBC Masters champion Mike Fagan have been nominated for the 2012 "Best Bowler" ESPY award, the Professional Bowlers Association learned today.

Voting on the "Best Bowler" ESPY, and a variety of other ESPY categories, is now open to the public and will remain open until the live ESPY Awards telecast begins at 9 p.m. ET on ESPN on Wednesday, July 11. The 20th annual celebration of achievements in sports will again be hosted by the Nokia Theater in downtown Los Angeles. To vote, visit espn.com/espys and follow the instructions.

Belmonte, the Australian two-handed specialist and reigning ESPY Award winner, had his best year as a PBA Tour competitor, winning the Chameleon Open, GEICO Shark Open and PBA Elite Players Championship. Belmonte finished second in earnings and PBA competition points, and third in average for the 2011-12 season. He also recorded a fourth-place finish in the PBA World Championship, and third-place finishes in both the U.S. Open and PBA Tournament of Champions.

Fagan, a native of Long Island, N.Y., who now resides in Dallas, also had a career year, winning his first major in the Alka-Seltzer Plus Liquid Gels United States Bowling Congress Masters and the Brunswick Euro Challenge. Fagan, who finished second in PBA Tour average and third in both points and earnings, also finished second in the U.S. Open and fourth in the Tournament of Champions.

Rash, a native Alaskan now living in Montgomery, Ill., qualified for a record five consecutive TV finals during PBA's World Series of Bowling III in Las Vegas, and swept the PBA's three most important statistical categories – earnings, points and averages – in earning 2011-12 PBA Player of the Year honors.

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

HISTORY OF BEST BOWLER ESPY AWARD WINNERS

2011 – Jason Belmonte
2010 – Walter Ray Williams Jr.
2009 – Norm Duke
2008 – Norm Duke
2007 – Norm Duke
2006 – Walter Ray Williams Jr.
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2004 – Pete Weber
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2001 – Walter Ray Williams Jr.
2000 – Parker Bohn III
1999 – Walter Ray Williams Jr.
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1997 – Bob Learn Jr.
1996 – Mike Aulby
1995 – Norm Duke
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PBA Tour's 2012-13 Season Has Been "Super-Sized"

14-month schedule includes up to 40 titles, five majors, expanded television and online coverage

SEATTLE (June 26, 2012) - The Professional Bowlers Association has been super-sized.

The upcoming 55th annual PBA Tour season will be longer. The number of titles up for grabs will be greater. The fields will be larger. Even the length of many TV shows will be increased.

PBA Commissioner Tom Clark made the announcement Tuesday that the PBA's historic 2012-13 campaign will run from November's PBA World Series of Bowling IV at South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas through December 2013 and include up to 40 opportunities for players to win PBA Tour titles.

"This season will be big," Clark said. "Every year the greatest players in the world produce unforgettable moments in their quest for PBA titles, but the PBA and its fans wanted more. The stage is now set."

The PBA schedule will include two World Series of Bowling, five major championships, new Winter and Summer Swing open events with multiple titles at stake, and an estimated 15 World Bowling Tour stops that will award PBA Tour titles if won by PBA members and PBA International members.

Approximately 50 hours of action will be televised nationally during the season. Additionally, the PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame plans more than 200 hours of live coverage.

Clark said the 14-month season will also mean a move towards a regular calendar-year PBA season starting in January, 2014.

Significant highlights from the 2012-13 schedule include:

- The United States Bowling Congress Masters will be held at Brunswick Zone Carolier Lanes in North Brunswick, N.J., in February, the PBA Tournament of Champions will be hosted by long-time PBA host Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis in March, and the 70th U.S. Open will be held at a site to be announced in July 2013.
- The new PBA Winter Swing will be contested in January at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich., host of WSOB I. In addition to four national titles including a revamped PBA Players Championship, the Winter Swing will introduce a significant new format to be announced.
- Ten of the scheduled nationally-televised shows have been increased from 90 minutes to two hours, which means the USBC Masters and PBA Tournament of Champions, among others, will feature five-player stepladder finals instead of four.

- All World Series event finals will return to stepladder formats.
- The PBA Tournament of Champions will return to a traditional limited-field invitational event.
- The World Tenpin Bowling Association's World Bowling Tour points list – based on cumulative totals over a span of two years - will determine the finalists for the men's and women's WBT Finals presented by the PBA which will be held at both WSOB IV and WSOB V.

Also to be announced will be the annual PBA Chris Paul Celebrity Invitational.

Future news releases will also detail the full ESPN and Xtra Frame coverage slates. Additional updates will be posted on pba.com. Also follow the PBA on Twitter @pbatour and on its Facebook page Professional Bowlers Association (PBA). To subscribe to Xtra Frame, visit pba.com.

2012-13 PBA TOUR SCHEDULE

(Tentative: certain elements subject to change; PBA Tour and PBA International members only are eligible to win PBA Tour titles in World Bowling Tour events. Additional WBT events are expected to be added later.)

Nov. 2-11 - PBA World Series of Bowling IV, South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas

Men's and Women's World Bowling Tour Finals presented by the PBA; Cheetah Championship; Viper Championship; Chameleon Championship; Scorpion Championship; PBA World Championship (major). WBT Women's Final also will be included, but is not a PBA Tour title event. (Open to all PBA members).

Nov. 29-Dec. 1 - Round One's International Japan Cup, Japan (invitational).

Dec. 4-8 - WBT Dubai Open, Dubai, United Arab Emirates (open field).

Dec. 9-15 - WBT Qatar Open, Doha, Qatar (open field).

Jan. 4-13 – WBT Brunswick BallMaster Open, Helsinki, Finland (open field).

Jan. 15-19 - WBT International Bowling Championship, Nagoya, Japan (open field).

Jan. 19-28 - PBA Winter Swing, Thunderbowl, Allen Park, Mich.

Carmen Salvino Classic; Mark Roth Classic; Don Carter Classic; PBA Players Championship (open to all PBA members).

Feb. 18-24 - United States Bowling Congress Masters, Brunswick Zone Carolier, North Brunswick, N.J. (major championship; open field).

March 3-9 - WBT Bahrain Open, Oman, Bahrain (open field).

March 13-17 - WBT Kuwait Open, Kuwait City, Kuwait (open field).

March 15-24 - WBT Brunswick EuroChallenge, St. Maximim, France (open field).

March 26-31 - PBA Tournament of Champions, Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis (major championship; invitational).

May 20-27 – PBA Summer Swing, site to be announced

Four PBA Tour titles to be announced (open to all PBA members).

July 21-28 - 70th U.S. Open, to be announced (major championship; open field).

Aug. 31-Sept. 4 - WBT Las Vegas International Open, site to be announced, Las Vegas (open field; follows WTBA World Championships).

Sept. 24-30 - WBT Thailand Open, Bangkok, Thailand (open field).

TBA - WBT Vienna Open, Vienna, Austria (open field).

Oct. 21-26 - WBT Australian Masters, Sydney, Australia (open field).

Nov. 1-10, 2013 - PBA World Series of Bowling V, Las Vegas

Men's and Women's World Bowling Tour Finals presented by the PBA; four PBA "pattern championships"; PBA World Championship (major). WBT Women's Final also will be included, but is not a PBA Tour title event. (Open to all PBA members).

Nov. 27-30, 2013 - Round One's International Japan Cup, Japan (invitational).

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Sean Rash Wins 2011-12 PBA Player of the Year Award

Belmonte second Fagan third in closest voting contest in years

CHICAGO (May 28, 2012) – Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., was named as 2011-12 Professional Bowlers Association Chris Schenkel Player of the Year Monday, concluding one of the most competitive Player of the Year contests in years.

Rash, who made a record five-consecutive television finals during the 2011 PBA World Series of Bowling and concluded his season with a victory in the PBA Tournament of Champions, was elected over a field of 11 eligible candidates in balloting conducted among his fellow PBA Tour competitors and veteran members of the bowling news media.

In the end, Rash received 29.04 percent of the Player of the Year votes, Australia's Jason Belmonte 26.61 percent and Mike Fagan of Dallas 18.32 percent in the closest voting contest in years. Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., received 11.89 percent and Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., 10.23 percent to round out the top five vote-getters.

The announcement was made live on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel as a special kickoff to the made-for-television PBA Summer Shootout special event at 10pin bowling lounge in Chicago.

During the 2011-12 PBA Tour season, Rash, a 29-year-old right-hander, won the season-ending PBA Tournament of Champions for his only title, but had six championship round finishes, including third place in the PBA World Championship. Qualifying for a record five consecutive TV finals during the World Series of Bowling helped the Alaska native dominate PBA Tour stats where he finish first in average, points and earnings.

"We all had great seasons, but I think winning the TOC put a stamp on it," Rash said. "I'm a stats guy. When I voted in the past, I voted by the numbers. They don't lie. If one of those guys had won the TOC, he would have got my vote.

"I felt a big sign of relief," he said of the moment PBA Commissioner Tom Clark announced his win. "It meant a lot to have the waiting finally over.

"Jason and Mike and I have bowled in 15 different countries during the past year. We travel around the world to stay sharp," Rash added. "You take a lot of satisfaction after all of the travel, the practice, the sacrifices you make. We've made each other better."

Belmonte, a 28-year-old two-handed player, won three titles, had championship round finishes, finished third in average and second in both points and earnings. Belmonte also finished third in the U.S. Open and Tournament of Champions, fourth in the PBA World Championship and ninth in the USBC Masters.

Fagan, a 31-year-old right-hander, won the Alka-Seltzer Plus Liquid Gels USBC Masters for his first major title and he won the Brunswick Euro Challenge in Paris, France. The Long Island, N.Y., native had three additional championship round finishes including second place in the U.S. Open and fourth place in the Tournament of Champions. Statistically, he was second in average, and third in points and earnings.

Also contending in the Player of the Year race were Weber, the 2012 U.S. Open champion, and Duke, three-time winner during the 2011-12 season.

The Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year Award is named in honor of the late hall of fame announcer who served as the voice of the PBA on ABC Television for 36 years.

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Jason Lundquist Hangs on to Win PBA Regional Players Championship-East

Two clutch split conversions salvage nine-pin victory over Jason Sterner

COLUMBUS, Ohio (May 27, 2012) – Jason Lundquist of Groveport, Ohio, pulled out every escape trick in his bag Sunday to win the Professional Bowlers Association's Regional Players Championship-East at Columbus Western Bowl by nine pins over Jason Sterner of McDonough, Ga.

Lundquist converted two difficult splits – a 2-6-7 in the sixth frame and a 2-4-6-10 in the 10th – to finish with a 212 game and an 18-game total of 4,146 pins. Needing a strike to win, Sterner left a solid 10 pin in his final frame, finishing with a 258 and a 4,137 pinfall total.

The Regional Players Championship employed a unique format. After Saturday's opening eight-game round, 32 players advanced to Sunday's finals. After another four games, the field was cut to the top 16. An addition three-game round cut the field to eight, and then a two-game round trimmed those eight to four players, who bowled a one-game final round for a total of 18 games.

Lundquist led after every round, but never by as many as the 51-pin lead he held coming into Sunday's competition. After 12 games, he led Riga Kalfas of Florence, Ky., by six pins. After 15 games, he improved his edge over Kalfas to 30 pins. After 17 games, Mitch Beasley of Clarksville, Tenn., had moved into second, 29 pins behind Lundquist.

"I kept them back as best I could," the 36-year-old Columbus pro shop employee said. "I lost the lead once, got it back and held on for dear life. I had a 29-pin lead on Beasley, 36 on Kalfas and 55 on Sterner going into last game.

"This was easily the best day I've ever had," Lundquist added. "I finished third in RPC three years ago, but this was the best. It was a very, very special weekend."

In addition to his fourth PBA Regional victory, Lundquist earned a \$6,000 first prize.

PBA REGIONAL PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP-EAST Columbus Western Bowl, Columbus, Ohio, May 27

Final Standings (after 18 games)

- 1, Jason Lundquist, Groveport, Ohio, 4,146, \$6,000.
- 2, Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga., 4,137, \$3,200.
- 3, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 4,121, \$2,400.
- 3, Riga Kalfas, Florence, Ky., 4,102, \$1,800.

Eliminated after 17 games:

- 5, Wayne Webb, Columbus, Ohio, 3,873, \$1,200.
- 6, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 3,850, \$1,200.
- 7, Greg LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 3,821, \$1,200.
- 8, Victor Florie Jr., Richmond, Va., 3,754, \$1,200.

Eliminated after 15 games:

- 9, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 3,366, \$800.
- 10, Dan Schaden Jr., Essex, Md., 3,357, \$800.
- 11, Pat Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 3,338, \$800.
- 12, Matt O'Grady, South Amboy, N.J., 3,306, \$800.
- 13, Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y., 3,288, \$800.
- 14, Joe Hostetler, Minerva, Ohio, 3,260, \$800.
- 15, BJ Satkowski, Jackson, Mich., 3,257, \$800.
- 16, Jack Laffey, Indianapolis, 3,234, \$800.

Eliminated after 12 games:

- 17, Mark Heller Jr., Allentown, Pa., 2,617, \$650.
- 18, Brian Hatcher, Kettering, Ohio, 2,614, \$650.
- 19, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 2,612, \$650.
- 20, Jeffrey Roche, Dearborn, Mich., 2,596, \$650.
- 21, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 2,575, \$650.
- 22, Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., 2,567, \$650.
- 23, Greg Ostrander, Howell, N.J., 2,566, \$650.
- 24, Steven Taylor, Deer Creek, Ill., 2,542, \$650.
- 25, Mike Steil, Wheeling, Ill., 2,539, \$600.
- 26, Jason Stadtler, Cherry Hill, N.J., 2,537, \$600.
- 27, Kirby Allen, Ironton, Ohio, 2,521, \$600.
- 28, Ben Davis, Ashland, Ky., 2,496, \$600.
- 29, Lee Vanderhoef, Greenville, S.C., 2,495, \$600.
- 30, Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 2,490, \$600.
- 31, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 2,479, \$600.
- 32, Jim Tomek Jr., Camp Hill, Pa., 2,104, \$600.

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Lundquist Leads Field of 32 into PBA Regional Players Championship-East Finals

COLUMBUS, Ohio (May 26, 2012) – Jason Lundquist of Englewood, Ohio, averaged 241 for eight qualifying games Saturday to lead the field of 32 players who advanced to Sunday's finals in the Professional Bowlers Association's Regional Players Championship-East at Columbus Western Bowl.

Lundquist, a 36-year-old two-time PBA Regional title winner, rolled games of 243, 254, 237, 278, 254, 236, 256, 171 for total of 1,929 pins and a 52-pin lead over Riga Kalfas of Florence, Ky.

There were 2 changes to the published schedule. The top 32 becomes the casher's round (4 games) with the top 16 advancing to the next round, which is now 3 games. The top 8 advance for 2 games and the top 4 for an additional game (same as published).

The 32 finalists will bowl a four-game round with the top 16 continuing to advance. After a three-game Round of 16, the top eight will bowl two more games with the top four based on total pinfall advancing to a final one-game round at 2 p.m. to determine the tournament winner.

PBA REGIONAL PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP-EAST Columbus Western Bowl, Columbus, Ohio, May 26, 2012

First Round (after 8 games)

- 1, Jason Lundquist, Englewood, Ohio, 1,929.
- 2, Riga Kalfas, Florence, Ky., 1,877.
- 3, Wayne Webb, Columbus, Ohio, 1,870.
- 4, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,863.
- 5, Victor Florie Jr., Richmond, Va., 1,857.
- 6, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 1,840.
- 7, Steven Taylor, Deer Creek, Ill., 1,830.
- 8, Matt O'Grady, South Amboy, N.J., 1,826.
- 9, Jack Laffey, Indianapolis, 1,824.
- 10, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 1,823.
- 11, Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga., 1,815.
- 12, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 1,814.
- 13, Dan Schaden Jr., Essex, Md., 1,795.
- 14, Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., 1,792.
- 15, Greg LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 1,781.

- 16, Joe Hostetler, Minerva, Ohio, 1,774.
- 17, Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y., 1,770.
- 18, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,767.
- 19, Pat Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 1,766.
- 20, Ben Davis, Ashland, Ky., 1,765.
- 21, Greg Ostrander, Howell, N.J., 1,761.
- 22 (tie), Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, and Jim Tomek Jr., Camp Hill, Pa., 1,756.
- 24, Brian Hatcher, Kettering, Ohio, 1,753.
- 25 (tie), Mike Steil, Wheeling, Ill., and Mark Heller Jr., Allentown, Pa., 1,746.
- 27, Jason Stadtler, Cherry Hill, N.J., 1,742.
- 28, Kirby Allen, Ironton, Ohio, 1,741.
- 29, Jeffrey Roche, Dearborn, Mich., 1,740.
- 30, BJ Satkowski, Jackson, Mich., 1,739.
- 31, Lee Vanderhoef, Greenville, S.C., 1,736.
- 32, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 1,735.

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Applications Due June 15 for PBA's Billy Welu Scholarship

SEATTLE (May 22, 2012) - Applications are due June 15 for the Professional Bowler Association's Billy Welu Scholarship, awarded annually to a male or female college student who competes in the sport of bowling and exhibits exemplary qualities as a student and citizen.

The scholarship winner receives a \$1,000 award.

To be eligible, candidates must be amateur bowlers who are currently in college (preceding the application deadline) and maintain at least a 2.5/4.0 GPA or equivalent.

Recent winners include Kristina Frahm , Maryland Eastern Shore (2011); Kim Yioulos, Pikeville College (2010); Elizabeth Seibel, Penn State University (2009); Heather D'Errico, Robert Morris University-Illinois (2008), and Ricki Williams, Wichita State University (2007).

A PBA Charter Member, Welu was inducted into both the PBA and United States Bowling Congress Halls of Fame in 1975. Welu won the BPAA All-Star competition 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 also was color analyst working with Chris Schenkel on Pro Bowlers Tour telecasts on ABC-TV before he unexpectedly died of a heart attack in 1974 at age 41.

To access the Welu Scholarship application form, visit pba.com and click on the Welu Scholarship link under the "Resources" tab.

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Diverse Manufacturer Teams Set for PBA's Summer Shootout

Chicago's 10pin bowling lounge hosts sixth annual event Sunday-Tuesday

CHICAGO (May 22, 2012) – When the stars of the Professional Bowlers Association get together at 10pin bowling lounge on the north side of Chicago's loop over the extended Memorial Day weekend, it's going to be a contest of youthful enthusiasm vs. wily veterans, ladies against gentleman, international stars vs. America's best, and – most of all – a battle between nine bowling ball manufacturers.

The sixth annual PBA Summer Shootout, a made-for-TV event, will include a pro-am event Sunday at 7 p.m. for Chicago area league bowlers, a live announcement of the 2011-12 PBA Player of the Year Monday at noon ET on PBA's Xtra Frame, and it will conclude with two days of head-to-head competition among the stars of the PBA to produce 15 half-hour telecasts for broadcast on ESPN starting July 7.

The PBA Summer Shootout competition schedule includes eight Eliminator Rounds Monday, starting at noon. On Tuesday, the final two Eliminator Rounds get started at 1 p.m., followed by the Eliminator Doubles Shootout and four Baker Doubles stepladder finals matches.

All sessions of the Summer Shootout are open to the public at no cost.

The Summer Shootout rosters will feature the three finalists in the 2011-12 PBA Player of the Year race, including Chicagoland resident Sean Rash of Montgomery along with Australia's Jason Belmonte and Mike Fagan of Dallas. All three will represent different bowling ball companies when competition gets underway following the Player of the Year announcement Monday.

The most experienced team in the field will be Ebonite's Tommy Jones and newly-inducted PBA Hall of Famer Jason Couch, who own a combined 29 PBA Tour titles. Couch has 16, Jones has 13. Brunswick features a trio of rising stars: Rash, a five-time titlist and Player of the Year contender, left-hander Ryan Ciminelli and former Junior Team USA member Chris Loschetter.

Storm brings Hall of Famer experience (36-time PBA titlist Pete Weber) with a lot of international flavor (two-handed stars Belmonte and Osku Palermaa of Finland).

Roto Grip combines the experience of former Player of the Year Wes Malott with veteran Brian Kretzer and one of the most successful women bowlers of all-time, Carolyn Dorin-Ballard. Likewise, 900 Global will field a team featuring PBA Hall of Famer and 25-time titlist Brian Voss, record-setting women's star Missy Parkin and power player Robert (Maximum Bob) Smith, a seven-time Tour winner.

DV8, a year-old ball brand from Brunswick, will be represented by two-time Tour winner Mike Machuga and a pair of promising young players, Ronnie Russell and two-handed competitor Brian Valenta, another former Junior Team USA member who lives in the Joliet area.

Track will pair two-time PBA Player of the Year Mika Koivuniemi, a 10-time title winner, with Fagan, a current Player of the Year finalist. Columbia 300's roster features former Player of the Year Chris Barnes, a 13-time champion, with Canadian Dan MacLelland, a three-time Collegiate All-American. Hammer rounds out of the field with four-time title winner Mike Wolfe and three-time PBA champ Bill O'Neill.

The weekend activities get underway with the announcement of the 2011-12 PBA Player of the Year voting results live on Xtra Frame at noon Eastern Monday. Finalists are Belmonte, Fagan and Rash. Xtra Frame, the PBA's exclusive online bowling channel, is available on a one-month or annual subscription basis. To sign up, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame logo.

In a series of nine Eliminator Round, there will be three matches involving one player representing each of three teams. Each player will throw one shot, with the low score eliminated until a winner is decided. The three match winners will bowl a fourth match to decide the winner of the round. Points will be awarded to each respective team based upon how they finish.

The 10th Eliminator Round will match teams based on their points rankings. The top four teams will advance to Tuesday's Baker Doubles stepladder finals. Teams finishing fifth through ninth will meet in an "Eliminator Doubles Shootout" to compete for the fifth spot in the stepladder finals).

The final four half-hour shows Tuesday will feature Baker format matches where one member of each team will bowl five frames per game, starting with a match between the No. 5 and No. 4 teams. The winner of each subsequent match advances up the stepladder to eventually meet Team No. 1 for the title and the \$45,000 first prize.

For pro-am entry information, visit pba.com and look for the PBA Summer Shootout logo.

The preliminary Shootout telecast schedule begins on ESPN Saturday, July 7 and continues Saturday and Sunday, July 14 and 15. ESPN2 will carry re-airs of Shootout telecasts on Sunday, July 8, Saturday, July 21, Saturday, July 28, Saturday, Aug. 4, and Sunday, Aug. 5. Telecast times will be announced at a later date.

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2012 PBA Regional Players Championship-East Moves to Columbus

"Elite" berth in 2013 PBA Tournament of Champions at stake in Memorial Day weekend event

SEATTLE, Wash. (May 9, 2011) – The Professional Bowlers Association's annual Regional Players Championship-East is set for Memorial Day weekend at Columbus Western Bowl in Columbus, Ohio, where the winner will earn an "Elite" berth in the 2013 PBA Tournament of Champions.

The Regional Players Championship-East, which is open to all PBA members except for those who finished among the top 32 in competition points during the 2011-12 PBA Tour season, will also pay a \$6,000 first prize based upon a capacity field of 200 players.

Scott Newell of Deland, Fla., who went on to win his first PBA Tour title in the Xtra Frame Tour Ricart Ford Open in Columbus during the 2011-12 season, is the defending RPC-East champion.

Following Friday, May 25, practice and pro-am events, the RPC-East gets underway with an eight-game qualifying round Saturday. The top one-third of the field will advance to a four-game cashers' round Sunday morning, with the top 32 (based on 170 entries) moving on. Additional two-game elimination rounds will follow at 11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m. with the field being trimmed in half after each round.

At 2 p.m., the four surviving players will bowl one more game, with total pinfall for 19 games deciding the champion.

The entry fee will be \$295. One in three entries will cash with last-to-cash guaranteed to pay a minimum of \$600. For additional entry and prize fund information, visit pba.com and click on the "Regional Players Championship" in the Regional Tours section under the Schedules tab.

2012 PBA REGIONAL PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP-EAST

Columbus Western Bowl, Columbus, Ohio, May 25-27 (all times are Eastern)

FRIDAY, MAY 25

11 a.m. – Squad A practice session

2 p.m. – Squad B practice session

5, 8 p.m. – Pro-am squads

SATURDAY, MAY 26

9 a.m. – Squad A, 8 games qualifying

4 p.m. – Squad B, 8 games qualifying

Top one-third of field advances to cashers' round

SUNDAY, MAY 29

9 a.m. – Cashers' Round: 4 games (*top 32 based on 12-game pinfall totals advance if field is 170 entries or more)

11 a.m. – Round of 32, 2 games (top 16 based on 14-game pinfall totals advance)

Noon – Round of 16, 2 games (top 8 based on 16-game pinfall totals advance)

1 p.m. – Round of 8, 2 games (top 4 based on 18-game pinfall totals advance)

2 p.m. – Championship Round (four players, 1 game; final standings based on 19-game pinfall totals)

* Based on 140-169 entries, top 24 advance from cashers' round; based on 110-139 entries, top 20 advance from cashers' round; based on 80-109 entries, top 16 advance from cashers' round. Top half of field advances in each subsequent round.

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Sean Rash Learns from Mistakes, Wins PBA Tournament of Champions

Top qualifier ends seven-year, 14-tournament TV drought with 239-205 victory over Ryan Ciminelli

LAS VEGAS (April 15, 2012) – Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., won the PBA Tournament of Champions at Red Rock Lanes Sunday, ending a seven-year, 14-tournament television drought with a 239-205 victory over Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y.

Rash, who hadn't won a title since the 2007 United States Bowling Congress Masters, started the title match with four strikes and bowled an almost error-free game to win the \$80,000 first prize and the fifth title of his career.

"This one ranks right up there with the most important titles I've ever won," Rash said. "Your first title is always special, and so is your first major, but this tournament is special because everyone who bowls in it is a champion. The other guys in the finals are all great young players.

"The biggest thing is learning from your failures. I learned that a long time ago, and I've worked hard to overcome my mistakes," the 29-year-old said. "The great thing about winning a title like this is we're all family out here. Every other player wants the other guy to succeed. It really feels good."

With his title, Rash also inserted himself into the PBA Player of the Year chase. He unofficially led the Tour in earnings, average and competition points while finishing in the top 10 in 11 of 14 tournaments.

Ciminelli had nothing but praise for Rash's performance after eliminating two PBA Player of the Year candidates in his first two matches.

"I'm disappointed I didn't win, but Sean bowled a great game. He earned it," Ciminelli said. "Getting to the title match was another step in my career. I won by far the biggest check I've ever gotten (\$40,000), I qualified for the Japan Cup and I'll get to bowl in the PBA Summer Series, so it was a big week for me.

"And I think I handled the pressure well," the 26-year-old left-hander said. "I usually beat myself up, but this week I'm proud of myself. There are going to be many, many more opportunities. I'm very young."

In the semifinal match, Ciminelli missed a 7 pin in the first frame but raced away to a 257-223 victory over Australia's Jason Belmonte, striking on nine of his next 10 shots. Belmonte couldn't solve the right lane until the 10th frame and by then it was too late. Belmonte came into the finals with three victories during the 2011-12 PBA Tour season and was considered a leading contender in the PBA Player of the Year race.

In the opening match, Ciminelli defeated another Player of the Year contender, Mike Fagan of Dallas, 190-182, in a mistake-filled match. Fagan opened in three of his first five frames before rallying with a late turkey. Ciminelli also survived a pair of unconverted splits, throwing the first string of three strikes in the match to protect his slim lead and converting a 7 pin in the 10th frame to lock up the win. Fagan had won a pair of 2011-12 titles including the United States Bowling Congress Masters, one of the PBA Tour's four major championships.

With Ciminelli's loss, the PBA Tour completed its first season since 1962 without a left-handed title winner.

While the PBA Tour's regular season ended with the Tournament of Champions, a special post-season PBA Summer Shootout is planned for Memorial Day weekend in Chicago. Details will be announced soon.

PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

Red Rock Lanes, Las Vegas, Sunday

FINAL STANDINGS

- 1, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., one game, 239 pins, \$80,000.
- 2, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., three games, 652 pins, \$40,000.
- 3, Jason Belmonte, Australia, one game, 223 pins, \$20,000.
- 4, Mike Fagan, Dallas, one game, 182 pins, \$12,000.

STEPLADDER RESULTS

Match One: Ciminelli def. Fagan, 190-182.

Semifinal Match: Ciminelli def. Belmonte, 257-223.

Championship: Rash def. Ciminelli, 239-205.

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Rash Tops PBA Tournament of Champions Stepladder Finals Field; Belmonte Advances While Awaiting Birth of Second Child

Mike Fagan, Ryan Ciminelli complete field for Sunday's 1 p.m. ET ESPN telecast

LAS VEGAS (April 13, 2012) – Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., won six of his final nine matches and tied two others, including his final showdown with Australia's Jason Belmonte, to win the top qualifying position for Sunday's finals in the PBA Tournament of Champions at Red Rock Lanes.

Rash, 29, is seeking his fifth PBA Tour title and first since winning the 2007 United States Bowling Congress Masters. He also is trying to break a streak of 14 consecutive television finals without a title, including six previous telecasts this season. Rash advanced to the 1 p.m. ET ESPN finals Sunday with a 12-4-2 match play record and 235.94 average for an 18-game total of 8,884 pins.

Belmonte, who led the tournament going into Friday night's final round, spent the day texting his pregnant, overdue wife between frames. The 28-year-old two-handed player qualified second with 8,825 pins. He will try for his fourth title of the season – and the first major championship of his career – in the final event of the 2011-12 PBA Tour season.

Mike Fagan of Dallas and Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., will round out Sunday's field. Fagan, who has won two titles this season including the USBC Masters, won his last six matches to qualify third with 8,717 pins. Ciminelli made it into the finals with 8,676 pins, slipping past defending champion Mika Koivuneimi of Hartland, Mich., by 15 pins in the final game.

All four players have a lot riding on a victory Sunday, but none was under the kind of pressure Belmonte faced Friday. He made the 8,000-mile, 16-plus-hour trip to the United States at his wife Kimberly's insistence because a Tournament of Champions victory will give him a decided edge in the PBA Player of the Year race.

"Kimberly is an amazing person," Belmonte said. "She's about to have a child (the couple's second) and she's the one who pushed me to go. I would have been perfectly content to stay home.

"I was messaging her basically every frame," he added. "She was due three days ago, but she's really hanging in there. Now it's really a race against time.

"There's a lot riding on this tournament, so you don't want to come this far and fail. As happy as I am to be in this position, I won't be happy to come this far and not accomplish what I came here to do. The mission is to win. That's what I left Australia to do, but I'm pretty sure that's what everyone else in this field came here to do as well."

"My biggest goal all day was to be patient," Rash said. "Tonight I got off to a great start, won four straight matches, and gained some ground. Sunday, I'm here to win. Finishing second would suck. I was told long ago you can't win if you don't bowl on Sunday. I've been on this stage before. I won the (2007) Masters, but I know I'll have my hands full."

PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

Red Rock Lanes, Las Vegas, Friday

FINAL ROUND OF 36 STANDINGS (after 36 games, including match play bonus pins. Top 4 advance to ESPN stepladder finals Sunday at 1 p.m. ET):

- 1, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 12-4-2, 8,884.
- 2, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 12-5-1, 8,825.
- 3, Mike Fagan, Dallas, 9-9, 8,717.
- 4, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 10-8, 8,676.

Did not advance:

- 5, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 11-7, 8,661, \$10,000.
- 6, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 9-9, 8,579, \$9,500.
- 7, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 13-5, 8,503, \$9,000.
- 8, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 10-8, 8,436, \$8,600.
- 9, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 9-9, 8,330, \$8,300.
- 10, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 8-10, 8,319, \$8,100.
- 11, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 8-9-1, 8,281, \$7,900.
- 12, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 7-11, 8,243, \$7,700.
- 13, Robert Smith, Los Angeles, 6-12, 8,171, \$7,500.
- 14, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 9-9, 8,161, \$7,400.
- 15, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 8-10, 8,135, \$7,100.
- 16, Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev., 8-10, 8,094, \$6,900.
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- 18, Stuart Williams, England, 4-14, 7,745, \$6,600.

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Player of Year Race Highlights Sunday's PBA Tournament of Champions Finals on ESPN

Rash, Belmonte, Fagan hope to enhance statistics; Ciminelli lurks as potential spoiler

LAS VEGAS (April 14, 2012) – Australia's Jason Belmonte and Mike Fagan of Dallas are the leading contenders for Professional Bowlers Association Player of the Year honors heading into Sunday's live ESPN finals of the season-ending PBA Tournament of Champions. Top qualifier Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., is the darkhorse candidate.

And left-hander Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., would like to spoil all of their chances.

The fourth and final major championship of the 2011-12 PBA Tour season airs at 1 p.m. ET on ESPN. First prize is \$80,000.

Rash, a four-time PBA Tour title winner, is the 2011-12 season's competition points leader on the basis of 11 top-10 finishes in 14 tournaments, seven television finals and three second-place finishes. But Rash, who needs to win only one match, also is riding a streak of 14 consecutive TV finals without a title.

"I came to win," the 29-year-old Rash said. "Finishing second would suck. I was told long ago you can't win if you don't bowl on Sunday. I've been on this stage before. I won the (2007) Masters, and I'll have my hands full. I'm going to bowl against one of the best players on tour in the title match, but I'll be ready."

Belmonte, who has won three titles so far this season, is trying for his first major title. The 28-year-old two-handed star will likely be the most anxious player in Sunday's finals, but not only because of the magnitude of the tournament title.

Belmonte's wife Kimberly is four days overdue in delivering the couple's second child.

"There's a lot riding on this tournament, so you don't want to come this far and fail," said Belmonte, who qualified second for Sunday's stepladder finals. "As happy as I am to be in this position, I won't be happy to come this far and not accomplish what I came here to do. The mission is to win."

Fagan and Ciminelli, who qualified third and fourth respectively, will meet in Sunday's first match. Fagan, bowling in his 10th PBA Tour season, has already had a career-year with two titles including his first major, the USBC Masters. With a third title, Fagan, who ranks fourth on the competition points list, would become a serious Player of the Year candidate.

Ciminelli is the wild card in the finals. The 26-year-old hopes to become the first left-hander to win a title this season. There has not been a left-handed winner in PBA Tour competition during the 2011-12 campaign for the first time in 50 years. Ciminelli, who finished second in the Ricart Ford Open presented by Columbia 300 earlier in the season in Columbus, Ohio, won his only title in the One A Day Earl Anthony Memorial in January 2011.

PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

Red Rock Lanes, Las Vegas, Friday

FINAL MATCH PLAY STANDINGS (after 36 games, including match play bonus pins. Top 4 advance to ESPN stepladder finals Sunday at 1 p.m. ET):

- 1, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 12-4-2, 8,884.
- 2, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 12-5-1, 8,825.
- 3, Mike Fagan, Dallas, 9-9, 8,717.
- 4, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 10-8, 8,676.

Did not advance:

- 5, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 11-7, 8,661, \$10,000.
- 6, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 9-9, 8,579, \$9,500.
- 7, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 13-5, 8,503, \$9,000.
- 8, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 10-8, 8,436, \$8,600.
- 9, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 9-9, 8,330, \$8,300.
- 10, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 8-10, 8,319, \$8,100.
- 11, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 8-9-1, 8,281, \$7,900.
- 12, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 7-11, 8,243, \$7,700.
- 13, Robert Smith, Los Angeles, 6-12, 8,171, \$7,500.
- 14, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 9-9, 8,161, \$7,400.
- 15, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 8-10, 8,135, \$7,100.
- 16, Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev., 8-10, 8,094, \$6,900.
- 17, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 7-11, 8,080, \$6,700.
- 18, Stuart Williams, England, 4-14, 7,745, \$6,600.

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS STEPLADDER FINALS

Sunday, ESPN, 1 p.m. Eastern

Match One – No. 3 Mike Fagan, Dallas, vs. No. 4 Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y.

Semifinal Match – No. 2 Jason Belmonte, Australia, vs. winner of Match One.

Championship – No. 1 Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., vs. Semifinal Match Winner.

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(Editor's Note: The PBA anticipates the final round of match play in the Tournament of Champions will conclude at est. 1 p.m. Eastern (10 p.m. Pacific) tonight. A followup release will be distributed Saturday).

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**Anxious Belmonte Awaits Birth of Overdue Child While Battling
for PBA Tournament of Champions Title, Player of the Year Advantage**

Australian two-handed star takes 120-pin lead over Rash into final nine games of match play

LAS VEGAS (April 13, 2012) – Australia's Jason Belmonte, while texting his pregnant, overdue wife between frames, averaged 251.1 while winning seven of his first nine match games Friday afternoon to charge into the lead in the PBA Tournament of Champions at Red Rock Lanes.

With nine games remaining Friday night, Belmonte, a 28-year-old two-handed player, had an 18-game total of 6,619 pins and a 120-pin lead over Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., is the race for four berths in Sunday's finals. The final event of the 2011-12 PBA Tour season, a major championship with an \$80,000 first prize, will air live on ESPN at 1 p.m. ET.

Belmonte, who returned to the United States because a Tournament of Champions victory will give him a fourth title for the 2011-12 season and a decided edge in the PBA Player of the Year race, said he wouldn't have made the trip if his wife Kimberly hadn't insisted.

"Kimberly is an amazing person," Belmonte said. "She's about to have a child and she's the one who pushed me to go. I would have been perfectly content to stay home.

"I'm messaging her basically every frame," he added. "She was due three days ago, but she's really hanging in there. Now it's really a race against time.

"There's a lot riding on this tournament, so you don't want to come this far and fail. As happy as I am to be in this position, I won't be happy to come this far and not accomplish what I came here to do. The mission is to win. That's what I left Australia to do, but I'm pretty sure that's what everyone else in this field came here to do as well."

Belmonte started Friday's match play competition in fourth place, 174 pins behind leader Mike Fagan of Dallas, but came out of the starting gate with a 290 game and barely slowed down. Rash moved up from fifth to second with a 6-3 match play record and 6,499 total pins. Defending champion Mika Koivuniemi of Hartland, Mich., was third with a 6,480 total followed by Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., with 6,463 pins. Fagan, who lost seven of his nine matches, trailed Ciminelli by 74 pins in the battle for the fourth spot in the finals.

Belmonte, who had not won a PBA Tour title since his PBA Rookie of the Year season in 2009 prior to winning three times during the PBA World Series of Bowling earlier in the season, has yet to win a major title and if he wins PBA Player of the Year honors, he'll become only the fourth player in PBA history to win both Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year honors. The three players who have accomplished that feat are Mike Aulby, Chris Barnes and Tommy Jones.

Bowling fans can follow the final nine games of match play Friday night through the PBA's exclusive coverage on Xtra Frame, the PBA's online bowling channel; through live scoring on pba.com, and through the Professional Bowlers Association on Facebook and Twitter. Subscriptions to Xtra Frame are available on the pba.com home page.

PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

Red Rock Lanes, Las Vegas, Friday

ROUND OF 36 STANDINGS (after 27 of 36 games, including match play bonus pins. Top 4 after 36 games advance to ESPN stepladder finals Sunday at 1 p.m. ET):

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 7-2, 6,619.
- 2, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 6-3, 6,499.
- 3, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 6-3, 6,480.
- 4, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 7-2, 6,463.
- 5, Mike Fagan, Dallas, 2-7, 6,389.
- 6, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 4-5, 6,313.
- 7, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 2-7, 6,311.
- 8, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 6-3, 6,253.
- 9, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 5-4, 6,214.
- 10, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 5-4, 6,194.
- 11, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 5-4, 6,192.
- 12 (tie), Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 5-4, and Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 5-4, 6,186.
- 14, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2-7, 6,131.
- 15, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 4-5, 6,126.
- 16, Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev., 5-4, 6,097.
- 17, Robert Smith, Los Angeles, 3-6, 6,000.
- 18, Stuart Williams, England, 2-7, 5,908.

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Fagan Averages 264 to Soar into PBA Tournament of Champions Lead

Player of the Year contender builds 239-pin lead after first nine qualifying games

LAS VEGAS (April 12, 2012) – Mike Fagan of Dallas continued to build his Professional Bowlers Association Player of the Year credentials, averaging 265 while racing into a 239-pin lead after the first nine qualifying games in the PBA Tournament of Champions Round of 36 Thursday at Red Rock Lanes.

Fagan rolled games of 238, 299, 268, 258, 299, 201, 290, 269 and 264 for a total of 2,386 pins.

Fagan, who had won only two titles in nine previous seasons as a PBA Tour player, is seeking his third title of the 2011-12 season, including his second major championship after winning the United States Bowling Congress Masters in January. He also finished second in the U.S. Open, another major, losing the title to Pete Weber by one pin in February, and the 31-year-old Long Island, N.Y., native won the Kuwait International Open for his second PBA title of the season in March.

"I just felt comfortable today," Fagan said. "My tempo's good, my speed control is good, my ball reaction is good. It's probably something that's never happened to me like this before.

"Things are just clicking this year," he added. "I'm getting smarter with equipment, adjusting faster. The difference between me and top players last year was probably one shot a game, and I'm fixing that.

"I know things aren't over," he continued. "I'm just going to try to keep doing the same things. I've learned in tournaments like this, when you have a good shot, you'd better take advantage because it might not be there the next round."

Trailing Fagan was Australian two-handed star Jason Belmonte, who had won three titles this season. Belmonte had 2,147 pins for nine games. Third was defending champion Mika Koivuniemi, who snuck into the Round of 36 Thursday night, claiming his spot by a single pin in a four-player roll-off for the 25th spot in the Elite Field.

Competition for the TOC title and the \$80,000 first prize continues Thursday night with nine more qualifying games. After 18 games, the field will be cut to the top 18 who will advance to two nine-game rounds of head-to-head match play on Friday. The top four players after 36 games of qualifying and match play will advance to the ESPN stepladder finals Sunday at 1 p.m. ET.

Bowling fans can follow Round of 36 progress through the PBA's exclusive coverage on Xtra Frame, the PBA's online bowling channel; through live scoring on pba.com, and through the Professional Bowlers

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PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS
Red Rock Lanes, Las Vegas, Thursday

ROUND OF 36 STANDINGS (after 9 of 18 games; top 18 advance to Round of 36 match play finals on Friday):

- 1, Mike Fagan, Dallas, 2,386.
- 2, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2,147.
- 3, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 2,121.
- 4, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 2,116.
- 5, Eddie VanDaniker Jr., Essex, Md., 2,113.
- 6, Tony Reyes, San Bruno, Calif., 2,079.
- 7 (tie), Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., and Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 2,078.
- 9, Mike DeVaney, Hemet, Calif., 2,058.
- 10, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 2,044.
- 11, Robert Smith, Los Angeles, 2,043.
- 12, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2,041.
- 13, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 2,019.
- 14, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 2,011.
- 15, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 2,007.
- 16 (tie), Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., and Andres Gomez, Colombia, 2,004.
- 18, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,997.
- 19, Todd Book, Wapakoneta, Ohio, 1,990.
- 20, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,987.
- 21, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 1,947.
- 22, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1,946.
- 23, Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev., 1,945.
- 24, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,935.
- 25, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 1,923.
- 26, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 1,919.
- 27, Stuart Williams, England, 1,901.
- 28, Dan MacLelland, Canada, 1,899.
- 29, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,897.
- 30, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,883.
- 31, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 1,882.
- 32, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,860.
- 33, Dom Barrett, England, 1,837.
- 34, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 1,830.
- 35, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 1,805.
- 36, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,791.

300 Game: Osku Palermaa.

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Sean Rash Leads 25 Elite Field Survivors in PBA Tournament of Champions

Top qualifiers join 11 current season PBA Tour title winners in Round of 36 dash to finals

LAS VEGAS (April 11, 2012) – Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., completed the Elite Field qualifying portion of the Professional Bowlers Association Tournament of Champions Wednesday at Red Rock Lanes with a 20-game total of 4,845 pins, leading a group of 25 players who will join 11 current-season title winners for the final dash toward Sunday's live ESPN stepladder finals starting Thursday morning.

Competition for the TOC title and the \$80,000 first prize starts fresh Thursday with two nine-game qualifying rounds. After Thursday's 18 games, the top 18 will advance to two nine-game rounds of head-to-head match play on Friday. The top four players after 36 games will advance to the finals Sunday at 1 p.m. ET on ESPN.

Rash, a four-time PBA Tour title winner, averaged 242.25 to finish 43 pins ahead of 2011 TOC runner-up Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich.

Leading the group of Elite Field qualifiers was no more meaningful than finishing 25th as far as Rash was concerned, other than giving him an opportunity to get his game fine-tuned for the 36-game dash to the finals.

"My tempo is what I've worked on all year and that's what I worked on," Rash said. "Leading right now doesn't matter. There's no added prize money, no points. We drop pins and start over. The goal was just to survive these two days.

"Tomorrow is when the tournament starts. It'll be a lot different tournament tomorrow - different players, a different level of talent, different approach."

The final five games in the Elite Field resulted in an intense battle for the final spots. With one game to go, nine players were within 33 pins of the 25th spot. After 20 games, four players wound up tied for 24th place, resulting in a one-game roll-off with two of the four advancing. In the roll-off, Eddie VanDaniker of Essex, Md. (256) and defending champion Mika Koivuniemi of Hartland, Mich., with a strike on his final ball in the 10th frame (226), advanced. Kelly Kulick of Union, N.J., who became the first woman ever to win a PBA Tour title in the 2010 Tournament of Champions, lost by a pin to Koivuniemi with a 225. Jim Pratt of Glendale, Ariz. (213) also was eliminated.

Joining the Round of 36 field Thursday are three-time 2011-12 titlists Jason Belmonte of Australia and Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla.; U.S. Open champ Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo.; two-time winners Osku Palermaa of Finland and Mike Fagan of Dallas; England's Stuart Williams and Dom Barrett; Colombia's

Andres Gomez; Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas; Eugene McCune of Munster, Ind., and Scott Newell of Deland, Fla.

Two of the longest-running streaks of television appearances in PBA history ended Wednesday night when PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Ocala, Fla., missed the cut to the Round of 36, assuring that his PBA record streak of 26 consecutive years of TV appearances has ended. Steve Jaros of Yorkville, Ill., also saw his streak of 20 consecutive years with at least one television final come to an end.

Bowling fans can follow progress in the Tournament of Champions through the PBA's exclusive coverage on Xtra Frame, the PBA's online bowling channel; through live scoring on pba.com, and through the Professional Bowlers Association on Facebook and Twitter. Subscriptions to Xtra Frame are available on the pba.com home page.

PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS Red Rock Lanes, Las Vegas, Wednesday

ELITE FIELD STANDINGS (after 20 games; top 25 advance to Round of 36):

- 1, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 4,845.
- 2, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 4,802.
- 3, Todd Book, Wapakoneta, Ohio, 4,784.
- 4, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 4,766.
- 5, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 4,691.
- 6, Tony Reyes, San Bruno, Calif., 4,688.
- 7, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 4,662.
- 8, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 4,660.
- 9, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 4,631.
- 10, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 4,614.
- 11, Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev., 4,600.
- 12, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 4,599.
- 13 (tie), Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., and Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 4,595.
- 15, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 4,593.
- 16, Dan MacLelland, Canada, 4,569.
- 17, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 4,567.
- 18, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 4,555.
- 19, Mike DeVaney, Hemet, Calif., 4,543.
- 20, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 4,524.
- 21, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 4,521.
- 22, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 4,512.
- 23, Robert Smith, Hong Kong, 4,510.
- 24 (tie), x-Eddie VanDaniker Jr., Essex, Md., and y- Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 4,509.

x-VanDaniker (256) and y-Koivuniemi (226) won a one-game roll-off over Kulick (225) and Pratt (213) to advance to the Round of 36.

Did not advance:

- 26 (tie), Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., and Jim Pratt, Glendale, Ariz., 4,509.
- 28 (tie), Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., and Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz., 4,501.
- 30, Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., 4,497.
- 31 (tie), D.J. Archer, Port Arthur, Texas, and Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 4,486.
- 33, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 4,483.
- 34, Lee Vanderhoef, Greenville, S.C., 4,480.

- 35, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 4,463.
- 36, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 4,458.
- 37, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 4,452.
- 38, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 4,444.
- 39, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 4,430.
- 40, PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 4,416.
- 41, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 4,405.
- 42, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 4,399.
- 43, Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan., 4,395.
- 44, Rick Steelsmith, Wichita, Kan., 4,390.
- 45, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 4,386.
- 46, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 4,379.
- 47, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 4,361.
- 48, Wayne Webb, Columbus, Ohio, 4,360.
- 49, Brian Himmler, Cincinnati, 4,349.
- 50, Bryan Alpert, Northridge, Calif., 4,343.
- 51, Ron Mohr, Eagle River, Alaska, 4,341.
- 52, Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y., 4,340.
- 53, Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev., 4,336.
- 54, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 4,292.
- 55, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 4,285.
- 56, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 4,284.
- 57, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 4,269.
- 58, Diandra Asbaty, Chicago, 4,268.
- 59, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 4,251.
- 60, Chris Hayden, Las Vegas, 4,250.
- 61, Brian Voss, Alpharetta, Ga., 4,246.
- 62, Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 4,243.
- 63, Tyler Jensen, Ft. Worth, Texas, 4,219.
- 64, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 4,209.
- 65, Mike Bailey, Frisco, Texas, 4,205.
- 66, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 4,201.
- 67, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 4,187.
- 68, Michael Steil, Wheeling, Ill., 4,182.
- 69, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 4,166.
- 70, Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 4,156.
- 71, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 4,146.
- 72, Jason Poli, West Des Moines, Iowa, 4,132.
- 73, Missy Parkin, Lake Forest, Calif., 4,118.
- 74, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 4,113.
- 75, Joe Salvemini, Henderson, Nev., 4,067.
- 76, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 4,003.
- 77, Carmen Salvino, Schaumburg, Ill., 3,791.

300 Games: PJ Haggerty, Dick Allen, Dan MacLelland.

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Sean Rash Leads PBA Tournament of Champions Elite Field After Two Rounds

Four-time PBA Tour title winner continues quest for first title since 2007

LAS VEGAS (April 10, 2012) – Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., averaged 243.6 Tuesday to take a two-pin lead over Nathan Bohr of Wichita, Kan., after two rounds of Elite Field qualifying in the Professional Bowlers Association Tournament of Champions at Red Rock Lanes.

Rash, a four-time PBA Tour title winner who is trying to win his first title since the 2007 United States Bowling Congress Masters, posted a 10-game total of 2,436 pins to lead the field of 77 Elite Field players. Bohr, who is seeking his first PBA Tour title, for a total of 2,434 pins.

The Elite Field consists of 77 players – 21 who survived Monday's 14-game Champions Field qualifying and 56 PBA Tour title winners and exempt players. The Elite Field will bowl 10 more games Wednesday to determine the 25 who will join 11 current season title winners for the Round of 36 on Thursday and Friday. The top four players at the end of the 36-game Round of 36 will advance to the ESPN stepladder finals Sunday at 1 p.m. ET.

Rash has had the best year of his seven-year career with 10 top-10 finishes, seven television finals and three second-place finishes in 13 events. But he is still trying to end a streak of 14 consecutive television appearances without a title.

After 20 games, defending TOC champion Mika Koivuniemi of Hartland, Mich., was 24th and 2010 winner Kelly Kulick of Union, N.J., the only woman ever to win a PBA Tour title, was tied for 33rd. Champions Field top qualifier Tom Daugherty of Wesley Chapel, Fla., had one of the three 300 games rolled Tuesday to advance from 48th place to 14th.

"The scoring pace seems to be pretty high, but that really doesn't matter," Bohr said. "I like to play on whatever (condition) is out there.

"I'm coming into this tournament feeling pretty good. I'd have to say that I'm bowling better than average," Bohr said. "I had good finishes in the (USBC) Masters (seventh) and the PBA World Championship (14th) earlier in the season."

The Masters and PBA World Championship, like the Tournament of Champions, are major championships in PBA competition and they represent Bohr's two highest finishes of the season.

"Going forward I plan to just start from scratch and not get caught up on what happened the last block," Bohr said.

Bowling fans can follow progress in the Tournament of Champions through the PBA's exclusive coverage on Xtra Frame, the PBA's online bowling channel; through live scoring on pba.com, and through the Professional Bowlers Association on Facebook and Twitter. Subscriptions to Xtra Frame are available on the pba.com home page.

PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS
Red Rock Lanes, Las Vegas, Tuesday

ELITE FIELD STANDINGS (after 10 of 20 games; top 25 advance to Round of 36):

- 1, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,436.
- 2, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 2,434.
- 3, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 2,426.
- 4, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 2,401.
- 5, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2,374.
- 6, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 2,373.
- 7, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 2,367.
- 8, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 2,356.
- 9, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2,355.
- 10, Mike DeVaney, Hemet, Calif., 2,342.
- 11, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 2,340.
- 12, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 2,330.
- 13, Wayne Webb, Columbus, Ohio, 2,329.
- 14, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 2,322.
- 15, Todd Book, Wapakoneta, Ohio, 2,312.
- 16, Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., 2,309.
- 17, Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev., 2,307.
- 18, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 2,303.
- 19, Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 2,302.
- 20 (tie), Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., and Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz., 2,301.
- 22, Dan MacLelland, Canada, 2,296.
- 23, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 2,285.
- 24, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 2,277.
- 25, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2,271.
- 26, Tony Reyes, San Bruno, Calif., 2,263.
- 27, Lee Vanderhoef, Greenville, S.C., 2,262.
- 28, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 2,255.
- 29, Jim Pratt, Glendale, Ariz., 2,243.
- 30, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 2,239.
- 31, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 2,232.
- 32, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 2,224.
- 33 (tie), Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., and Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 2,222.
- 35, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 2,218.
- 36, Robert Smith, Hong Kong, 2,214.
- 37, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 2,207.
- 38, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 2,201.
- 39, Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 2,197.
- 40, Brian Himmler, Cincinnati, 2,195.
- 41, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 2,193.
- 42, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2,186.
- 43 (tie), Michael Steil, Wheeling, Ill., and Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 2,185.
- 45, Eddie VanDaniker Jr., Essex, Md., 2,173.

46, D.J. Archer, Port Arthur, Texas, 2,169.
 47, Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y., 2,167.
 48, Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 2,163.
 49, Rick Steelsmith, Wichita, Kan., 2,162.
 50, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 2,160.
 51 (tie), Brian Voss, Alpharetta, Ga., and Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 2,156.
 53 (tie), Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, and Ron Mohr, Eagle River, Alaska, 2,153.
 55, PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 2,147.
 56, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,143.
 57, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 2,139.
 58, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 2,138.
 59 (tie), Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., and Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 2,136.
 61, Tyler Jensen, Ft. Worth, Texas, 2,135.
 62, Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan., 2,132.
 63, Mike Bailey, Frisco, Texas, 2,113.
 64, Bryan Alpert, Northridge, Calif., 2,111.
 65, Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev., 2,098.
 66, Missy Parkin, Lake Forest, Calif., 2,093.
 67, Chris Hayden, Las Vegas, 2,085.
 68, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 2,079.
 69, Jason Poli, West Des Moines, Iowa, 2,074.
 70, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 2,070.
 71, Diandra Asbaty, Chicago, 2,067.
 72, Joe Salvemini, Henderson, Nev., 2,046.
 73, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 2,028.
 74, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 2,027.
 75, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 2,021.
 76, Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 1,998.
 77, Carmen Salvino, Schaumburg, Ill., 1,942.
300 Games: Michael Machuga, Tom Hess, Tom Daugherty.

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Belmonte Wins Third 2011-12 Title in Pepsi PBA Elite Players Championship

Australian two-handed star matches Duke heading into end-of-season PBA Tournament of Champions

LAS VEGAS – Australia's Jason Belmonte won his third Professional Bowlers Association Tour title of the 2011-12 season, and the fourth of his career, when he defeated Mike DeVaney of Murrieta, Calif., 255-238, to win the Pepsi PBA Elite Players Championship at South Point Casino and Hotel.

The finals of the eighth and final event in the PBA World Series of Bowling aired Sunday on ESPN.

The victory tied Belmonte with PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke for current season titles as the PBA Tour heads into its final event of the 2011-12 season, the PBA Tournament of Champions, which gets underway Monday at Red Rock Lanes in Las Vegas. The TOC, the fourth major championship of the season, offers an \$80,000 first prize. The finals will air live on ESPN Sunday at 1 p.m. ET.

Belmonte, whose only PBA Tour title prior to this season was in the 2009 Bowling Foundation Long Island Open, wrapped up a stunning PBA World Series of Bowling performance with his Elite Players Championship. He won titles in three of his six WSOB television finals, plus he had a third-place finish in the World Bowling Tour Finals presented by the PBA which kicked off the World Series.

As he had done in previous World Series eliminator-format events, the Australian two-handed star got off to a modest start in the Elite Players Championship. DeVaney, a two-time PBA Tour title winner, led the four-player opening match with a 257 game. Mike Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas, was second with a 247. Belmonte was third with a 237. Duke's hopes for his 38th career title, and fourth of the 2011-12 season, ended when he left a 7-10 split followed by a "big four" 4-6-7-10 split in the eighth and ninth frames, respectively, bowing out of the competition with a 222.

DeVaney again led the three survivors in game two with a 234. After finishing with a 205, Belmonte got a break when Scroggins, needing a strike in the 10th frame to advance, left the 4-6-7-8-10 "Greek Church" and opened for a 190.

If there was one player in the field who wasn't concerned about Belmonte's dominating performance in the World Series, it was DeVaney.

"I won't be watching Belmo. (His two-handed technique) doesn't impress me," DeVaney said before the match. "I'm not interested. I don't care. I throw it the right way. I put my thumb in there the way I was taught and how everybody should throw it."

In a classic title-match battle, Belmonte and DeVaney both pounded the pocket, but DeVaney left an 8 pin in the fifth frame, a 9 pin in the seventh and a 10 pin on his first ball in the 10th, and Belmonte capitalized with a late string of five strikes to take charge of the contest.

"Anyone who wins has a little luck go their way," Belmonte said, "but to win three times during the World Series, I had a lot of luck go my way. Osku (Palermmaa) missed a 10 pin (allowing Belmonte to reach the Chameleon Open title match)...Chris Barnes shooting 300 (in the second game, not the title match of the GEICO Shark Open)...Scroggins opening in the 10th...a lot of things really fell into place.

"I'm just overwhelmed right now.

"That second game might be the best 205 game I ever bowled," he continued, referring to seven single pins he left standing during that game. "The pins were brutal to knock over. I didn't know how I was going to double. But in the final game, I got the pins to fall.

"My expectation coming into the World Series was just to bowl well, and if I bowled great, to make a TV show," Belmonte added. "To come home with a title was the ultimate dream, but to have exceeded that three times over? There's no way I would have predicted it. I'm seriously overwhelmed."

Competition in the Tournament of Champions gets underway with Champions Field qualifying on Monday. Xtra Frame, the PBA's online bowling channel, will webcast all of the preliminary qualifying and match play rounds beginning with the Champions Field and continuing through Friday night's Round of 36 match play finals when the four stepladder finalists will be decided. To subscribe to Xtra Frame, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame logo.

PEPSI PBA ELITE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP **South Point Exhibition Hall, Las Vegas, April 8**

Round One (lowest score eliminated): Mike DeVaney, Murrieta, Calif., 257; Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 247; Jason Belmonte, Australia, 237; Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 222 (\$10,000).

Round Two (lowest score eliminated): DeVaney 234, Belmonte 205, Scroggins 190 (\$11,000).

Championship: Belmonte (\$35,000) def. DeVaney (\$18,000), 255-238.

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Belmonte, Duke Hold Player of the Year Edge Heading into Pepsi PBA Elite Players Championship

DeVaney, Scroggins may play role of spoiler in final event before Tournament of Champions

LAS VEGAS – Australia's Jason Belmonte is trying to become the fourth player in Professional Bowlers Association history to earn PBA Rookie and Player of the Year honors, but PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke and a pair of spoilers will try to derail Belmonte's bid in the finals of the Pepsi PBA Elite Players Championship Sunday on ESPN.

The last of eight PBA World Series of Bowling finals will air at 1 p.m. ET. First prize is \$35,000.

Belmonte, who came into the 2011-12 season with one title (won during his PBA Rookie of the Year season in 2008-09) will try to become a four-time titlist when he faces Duke, Mike Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas, and Mike DeVaney of Murrieta, Calif., in the four-player eliminator finals of the PBA Elite Players Championship.

While the PBA Tournament of Champions concludes the regular season the following week in Las Vegas, the Pepsi PBA Elite Players Championship may have a strong impact on the Player of the Year race, and some other prestigious PBA honors.

If Belmonte wins and can then win the PBA Player of the Year voting contest, he would join Mike Aulby, Tommy Jones and Chris Barnes as the fourth player to win both Rookie and Player of the Year honors. He also would be the first international player to accomplish that feat.

Belmonte will make a record-tying fifth World Series of Bowling television appearance, matching Sean Rash's record also set during the 2011-12 WSOB. The Australian star previously won the Chameleon Open and the GEICO Shark Open, finished fourth in the PBA World Championship and fourth in the Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship with partner Pete Weber.

Duke, on the other hand, made a bold statement in the Player of the Year race when he won the Xtra Frame Tour Dick Weber PBA Playoffs presented by Hammer Sunday for his third title of the season and the 37th of his career, moving him into sole possession of third place on the PBA career titles list. Duke won his 35th title in the Xtra Frame Detroit Open presented by Track and his 36th in the Roth-Holman PBA Doubles Championship with partner Wes Malott which tied him with Pete Weber on the titles list. Walter Ray Williams Jr. (47 titles) and Earl Anthony (43) are one-two on the list.

Duke, the 1994 and 2000 PBA Player of the Year, has a chance to become the fourth player in PBA history to win POY honors more than twice. Williams (seven times), Anthony (six) and Roth (four) are the POY leaders.

This week's spoilers could be Scroggins or DeVaney. Scroggins is an eight-time PBA Tour champion who last won the 2010 Etonic Don Johnson Eliminator in Columbus, Ohio. DeVaney, a two-time titlist, last won the Scorpion Open during the 2009 World Series of Bowling in Allen Park, Mich.

Pending the outcome of the Elite Players Championship, Finland's Osku Palermaa and Mike Fagan of Dallas will be factors in the POY chase heading into the TOC. Each has won two each titles this season, and both have won a major. Weber, with his U.S. Open win, and Rash, with his record-setting WSOB performance, also are POY darkhorses.

A PBA Elite Players Championship pre-event show will be webcast at no cost on pba.com's Xtra Frame online bowling channel starting Wednesday, with a follow-up post-game show immediately following Sunday's ESPN telecast. To subscribe to Xtra Frame, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame logo. The monthly subscription rate is \$7.99; a full-year subscription is \$64.99.

Xtra Frame will provide complete coverage of all preliminary qualifying and match play rounds of the PBA Tournament of Champions, beginning Monday, April 9. The Tournament of Champions concludes with live ESPN coverage on Sunday, April 15, at 1 p.m. ET.

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Norm Duke Wins Hall of Fame Battle for 37th Career Title in Dick Weber PBA Playoffs

Third victory of 2010-11 season moves Duke past Pete Weber into third place on PBA's all-time list

INDIANAPOLIS (April 1, 2012) – Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., won a hall of fame strikefest with Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., Sunday night to win the Dick Weber PBA Playoffs presented by Hammer at Woodland Bowl and secure his 37th career title, third best in PBA Tour history.

Duke's third victory of the 2010-11 season also put him into the thick of the PBA Player of the Year race with only the PBA Tournament of Champions remaining on the schedule. The TOC will be conducted April 9-15 at Red Rock Lanes in Las Vegas.

Duke put on a stunning performance Sunday, including his 836-766 victory over Bohn, a 32-time PBA Tour title and a fellow PBA Hall of Famer.

"If you would have told me this morning I would shoot 800 in the title match, I'd have said I was going to win the title," Duke said, "but I wouldn't have believed it."

Just like he had done in three previous elimination rounds, Duke started his match against Bohn with nine strikes for a 289 game and a 60-pin lead with two games to go. It was too much for Bohn to overcome, even though he answered with games of 279 and 258 for his 766 series. Duke followed his 289 with games of 268 and 279.

"That was a match people are going to remember for awhile," Bohn said.

Duke, a two-time PBA Player of the Year, will take his bid for a third honorary title into the Tournament of Champions, a tournament he last won in 1994.

"It's been a long time since I've won the TOC, but I'd like to do something about that," Duke said. "It's a very, very difficult tournament to win, but I've been training hard and I live for the majors. I'm ready."

Four other contenders in the PBA Player of the Year race – two-time 2011-12 title winners Jason Belmonte of Australia, Osku Palermaa of Finland and Mike Fagan of Dallas along with five-time U.S. Open champion Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo. – were eliminated earlier Sunday.

Duke's march to the title match began in the Regional Championships round when he struck on 17 of his first 19 shots, racing away from Michael Haugen Jr. of Carefree, Ariz., to win the Southwest Region championship, 792-616.

In the Conference Championship round he defeated Bryon Smith of Roseburg, Ore., 751-657, and he advanced to the championship match with a 789 series in the semifinal round. Bohn won the second spot in the title match with a 632 series, edging Sweden's Martin Larsen by 14 pins.

With his 37 career title, Duke broke a tie with Pete Weber for third on the PBA Tour titles list. Walter Ray Williams Jr. is the all-time leader with 47 titles and the late Earl Anthony is second with 43.

The PBA playoffs involved six groups of PBA Tour, Senior Tour and regional players bowling a series of elimination rounds. Champions from six Regional groups advanced through Regional and Conference Championship rounds leading up to the semifinals and championship rounds. All rounds of the final Xtra Frame Tour event of the season were webcast live on the PBA's exclusive online bowling channel, Xtra Frame.

**DICK WEBER PBA PLAYOFFS PRESENTED BY HAMMER
Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, Sunday**

CHAMPIONSHIP (three games)

Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla. (\$20,000) def. Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J. (\$10,000), 836-766.

SEMIFINAL ROUND (three games, top 2 of 3 advance to championship match)

Duke 789, Bohn 632, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 618 (\$5,000).

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS (three games, players eliminated earned \$2,500):

Eastern Conference Championship (winner advanced to semifinal round)

Bohn def. Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 734-657.

Midwestern Conference Championship (winner advanced to semifinal round)

Larsen def. Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 725-655.

Western Conference Championship (winner advanced to semifinal round)

Duke def. Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 751-657.

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (three games, players eliminated earned \$1,700):

East Region (winner advanced to Eastern Conference Championship)

Bohn def. Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 642-630.

South Region (winner advanced to Eastern Conference Championship)

Rash def. Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 697-690.

Central Region (winner advanced to Midwest Conference Championship)

Malott def. Brian Himmler, Cincinnati, 624-575.

Midwest Region (winner advanced to Midwest Conference Championship)

Larsen def. Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 748-669.

Southwest Region (winner advanced to Western Conference Championship)

Duke def. Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz., 792-616.

West/Northwest Region (winner advanced to Western Conference Championship)

Smith def. Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 750-694.

ROUND FOUR (five games; players eliminated earned \$1,400):

East Region (top 2 of 4 advanced to Regional Championships)

1, Kretzer, 1,174. 2, Bohn, 1,156.

Did not advance:

3, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 1,130.

4, Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., 1,082.

South Region (top 2 of 4 advanced to Regional Championships)

1, Rash, 1,241. 2, Jurek, 1,150.

Did not advance:

3, Dom Barrett, England, 1,141.

4, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 1,101.

Central Region (top 2 of 4 advanced to Regional Championships)

1, Malott, 1,239. 2, Himmler, 1,032.

Did not advance:

3, Pete Weber, St. Ann, MO, 1,029.

4, Jeff Zaffino, Warren, Pa., 1,019.

Midwest Region (top 2 of 4 advanced to Regional Championships)

1, O'Neill, 1,214. 2, Larsen, 1,179.

Did not advance:

3, Mike Fagan, Dallas, Texas, 1,167.

4, Kevin Andes, Wichita, Kan., 1,009.

Southwest Region (top 2 of 4 advanced to Regional Championships)

1, Haugen, 1,236. 2, Duke, 1,230.

Did not advance:

3, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 1,140.

4, Mike Bailey, Frisco, Texas, 1,122.

West/Northwest Region (top 2 of 3 advanced to Regional Championships)

1, Barnes, 1,275. 2, Smith, 1,249.

Did not advance:

3, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,084.

ROUND THREE (five games; players eliminated earned \$1,200):

East Region (top 4 of 8 advanced to Round Four)

1, Bohn, 1,213. 2, Page, 1,191. 3, Kretzer, 1,190. 4, Graham, 1,179.

Did not advance:

5, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 1,138.

6, Jason Stadtler, Cherry Hill, N.J., 1,076.

7, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,070.

8, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,001.

South Region (top 4 of 8 advanced to Round Four)

1, Jurek, 1,249. 2, Jaros, 1,208. 3, Barrett, 1,204. 4, Rash, 1,187.

Did not advance:

5, Dan MacLelland, Saginaw, Mich., 1,145.

6, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,136.

7, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,129.

8, Christopher McSwain, Kings Mountain, N.C., 1,045.

Central Region (top 4 of 8 advanced to Round Four)

1, Weber, 1,219. 2, Malott, 1,210. 3, Zaffino, 1,186. 4, Himmler, 1,137.

Did not advance:

5, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,081.

6, Carleton Chambers, Detroit, 1,067.

7, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,052.

8, Michael Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, 900.

Midwest Region (top 4 of 8 advanced to Round Four)

1, Fagan, 1,229. 2, O'Neill, 1,197. 3, Andes, 1,178. 4, Larsen, 1,170.

Did not advance:

5, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 1,149.

6, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,128.

7, Walter Ray Williams Jr, Ocala, Fla., 1,097.

8, Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 1,032.

Southwest Region (top 4 of 8 advanced to Round Four)

1, Scroggins, 1,222. 2, Duke, 1,201. 3, Haugen, 1,185. 4, Bailey, 1,159.

Did not advance:

5, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,124.

6, Rick Lawrence, Waxahachie, Texas, 1,078.

7, Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1,028.

8, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 983.

West/Northwest Region (top 3 of 6 advanced to Round Four)

1, Smith, 1,117. 2, Barnes, 1,105. 3, Gomez, 1,074.

Did not advance:

4, PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 1,063.

5, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,044.

6, Stuart Williams, England, 1,031.

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Colombia's Andres Gomez Wins First PBA Tour Title in Carmen Salvino Classic

Veteran international player becomes fourth player to win first title during 2011-12 season

LAS VEGAS – Colombian native Andres Gomez became the fourth player to win his first Professional Bowlers Association Tour title during the 2011-12 season when he defeated Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, 246-207, to win the Carmen Salvino Classic.

The finals of the seventh of eight events in the PBA World Series of Bowling, conducted at South Point Casino and Hotel, aired Sunday on ESPN.

Gomez, who began pursuing his dream of winning a PBA title 30 years ago as an 8-year-old living in Bogota, watching PBA Tour videotapes given to the family by American friends, finally added his coveted title after nearly 20 years of success in the international arena, individually and as a member of Colombia's national bowling team.

"I had the experience in international tournaments, I had the experience in open tournaments, but I needed the experience with the PBA in order to win," Gomez said. "It was going to take time."

Gomez, who joined England's Stuart Williams and Dom Barrett, and Scott Newell of Deland, Fla., on the current season's first-time winners list, joined in the PBA in 2005. He bowled full-time for one season but then left touring life for three years before returning for the 2009-10 season. During the 2010 PBA World Series, he made his first PBA television appearance, finishing second in the Pepsi Viper Championship. Later in the season, he finished fourth in the PBA Tournament of Champions.

Winning the Salvino Classic title "means everything to me," he said. "Since I was 8 years old, I watched tapes of Mike Aulby, Walter Ray (Williams Jr.), (Norm) Duke, Pete Weber...and then I'd go practice for six hours (at a four-lane bowling center in a Bogota country club managed by his father). To be able to come here and bowl with these same guys, most of whom are still bowling, means the world to me."

Gomez came out firing, winning the first "eliminator" round with a 253 game. Malott posted a 250, Australia's Jason Belmonte was third with a 247 and Ronnie Russell of Marion, Ind., was "low man out" with a 215 game.

As the lane conditions changed in round two, Malott rose to the top with a 227. Gomez struggled to a 189, but Belmonte ran into split problems, exiting the finals after a 162 game.

Gomez put his recently-found experience to good use in the title game, changing to a more aggressive ball and moving farther left on the lane. After converting a 10 pin for a spare in the first frame, he ran off a string of six strikes to build a 31-pin lead that Malott couldn't overcome.

With his victory, Gomez became the first Colombian to win a PBA Tour title and he became the sixth international winner in seven PBA World Series of Bowling events. Although he has lived in Florida for nearly 15 years, where he attended Central Florida University and obtained a degree in business administration, Gomez remains the pride of his homeland.

"The international dominance at the World Series is tough to explain," he said. "I don't think anyone expected it. You saw great players like Duke and Weber and Sean Rash and (Chris) Barnes make TV shows. These guys are very, very good. But what happened in title matches is really hard to explain.

"I guess right now I'm just glad I'm Colombian, and not American. Maybe I would have lost."

PBA World Series of Bowling telecasts on ESPN conclude with the Pepsi PBA Elite Players Championship finals on Sunday, April 8, at 1 p.m. ET. Finalists are Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla.; Australia's Jason Belmonte; Mike Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas, and Mike DeVaney of Murrieta, Calif.

Duke, who has won two titles during the 2011-12 season, will be trying for his 37th career PBA Tour title which would break a tie with Pete Weber and put him alone in third place on the all-time PBA titles list. Belmonte, a leading candidate for 2011-12 PBA Player of the Year honors, is trying for his third title of the season. Scroggins, an eight-time PBA Tour winner, is trying for his first title in two years. DeVaney is seeking his third career title and first since the 2009 PBA World Series of Bowling.

A free pre-finals preview will be webcast on Xtra Frame, the PBA's online bowling channel, beginning Wednesday afternoon and a post-event recap show will air on Xtra Frame immediately following the ESPN telecast. To subscribe, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame logo.

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Field of 40 Advance in Xtra Frame Dick Weber PBA Playoffs

Top six PBA Tour points leaders to join the action Sunday morning

INDIANAPOLIS (March 31, 2012) – A field of 40 PBA Tour, PBA Regional and PBA Senior Tour players survived two rounds of eliminations Saturday in the Dick Weber PBA Playoffs presented by Hammer at Woodland Bowl and will be joined in Sunday morning's third round by the six hottest players on the PBA Tour.

The PBA playoffs feature six regional groups of players bowling a series of elimination rounds. Saturday's second-round survivors advance to a five-game third round Sunday at 9 a.m. ET where the top six players on the 2011-12 PBA Tour competition points list – Jason Belmonte of Australia; Mike Fagan of Dallas; Sean Rash of Wichita, Kan.; Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo.; Osku Palermaa of Finland and Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas – will be seeded into the regional groups after receiving byes for Saturday's preliminary rounds.

All rounds of the final Xtra Frame Tour event of the season are being webcast live, exclusively on the PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. For subscription information, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame logo.

Among the players who advanced out of Saturday's rounds was PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.Y., who rolled the second 300 game of the tournament to lead the top seven players who advanced out of the 11-player East Region group. Bohn led his group with a five-game total of 1,211 pins.

Fellow PBA Hall of Famer and Senior Tour star Tom Baker of King, N.C., led the seven players who advanced out of the 11-player South Region group with 1,186 pins. Defending champion Dick Allen of Columbia, S.C., advanced to Sunday's third round by finishing fifth in the South Region.

PBA Tour veteran Brad Angelo of Lockport, N.Y., paced the 12-man Central Region group with a 1,218 pinfall total for five games. Angelo won his only PBA Tour title in the 2008 Pepsi Viper Open.

Kurt Pilon of Warren, Mich., who won his only PBA Tour title in the 2001 Peoria Open, averaged 250 for his five-game round, leading the seven Midwest Region players who advanced. Pilon finished with a 1,253 total.

Thirteen-time PBA Tour winner Patrick Allen of Wesley Chapel, Fla., led the Southwest Region with 1,177 pins. Seven of 11 players advanced to the third round. Among the players eliminated was 2012 PBA

Senior Player of the Year Ron Mohr of Eagle River, Alaska, who finished eighth, 26 pins behind hometown favorite Ronnie Russell of suburban Indianapolis who grabbed the last spot in his group.

England's Stuart Williams, who won his first PBA Tour title in the Bayer Viper Open earlier in the season, led the five players who advanced out of the nine-player West/Northwest Region group with 1,204 pins. Colombia's Andres Gomez, who rolled a 300 game in the first elimination round, advanced in second place in the West/Northwest.

After two elimination rounds at 9 a.m. and noon Sunday, the two survivors in each region will advance to the three-game Regional Championships round at 3:30. The six winners advance to the Conference Championships at 5 p.m. The semifinal and championship rounds begin at 6:30 and 8 p.m., respectively.

DICK WEBER PBA PLAYOFFS PRESENTED BY HAMMER Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, Saturday

ROUND TWO (after five games; all players who failed to advance earned \$1,000):

East Region (top 7 of 11 advanced to Round Three)

- 1, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,211.
- 2, Jason Stadler, Cherry Hill, N.J., 1,192.
- 3, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 1,184.
- 4, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 1,183.
- 5, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,151.
- 6, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,139.
- 7, Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., 1,072.

Did not advance:

- 8, John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y., 1,051.
 - 9, Tommy Gollick, Oberlin, Pa., 1,016.
 - 10, Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 1,001.
 - 11, Alex Cavagnaro, Massapequa, N.Y., 963.
- 300 Game: Parker Bohn III.

South Region (top 7 of 11 advanced to Round Three)

- 1, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,186.
- 2, Dan MacLelland, Saginaw, Mich., 1,156.
- 3, Dom Barrett, England, 1,138.
- 4, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 1,106.
- 5, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,098.
- 6, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 1,084.
- 7, Christopher McSwain, Kings Mountain, N.C., 1,068.

Did not advance:

- 8, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 1,063.
- 9, Mike Williams II, Montgomery, Ala, 1,060.
- 10, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 1,056.
- 11, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,053.

Central Region (top 7 of 12 advanced to Round Three)

- 1, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,218.
- 2, Brian Himmeler, Cincinnati, 1,156.
- 3, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,151.
- 4, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,133.
- 5, Jeff Zaffino, Warren, Pa., 1,129.

6, Michael Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, 1,061.

7, Carleton Chambers, Detroit, 1,052.

Did not advance:

8, Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 1,035.

9, Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 1,028.

10, Mason Brantley, Detroit, 1,020.

11, Nick Kokenos, St. Clair Shores, Mich., 1,010.

12, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 963.

Midwest Region (top 7 of 11 advanced to Round Three)

1, Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 1,253.

2, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 1,202.

3, Walter Ray Williams Jr, Ocala, Fla., 1,172.

4, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,158.

5, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 1,133.

6, Kevin Andes, Wichita, Kan., 1,130.

7, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 1,123.

Did not advance:

8, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 1,109.

9, Michael Steil, Wheeling, Ill., 1,088.

10, Dave Dentlinger, Carroll, Iowa, 1,012.

11, Jason Wojnar, Chicago, 986.

Southwest Region (top 7 of 11 advanced to Round Three)

1, Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1,177.

2, Mike Bailey, Frisco, Texas, 1,161.

3, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,140.

4, Rick Lawrence, Waxahachie, Texas, 1,136.

5, Michael Haugen Jr, Carefree, Ariz., 1,131.

6, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 1,112.

7, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,108.

Did not advance:

8, Ron Mohr, Eagle River, Alaska, 1,082.

9, D.J. Archer, Port Arthur, Texas, 1,053.

10, Lee Vanderhoef, Greenville, S.C., 976.

11, Chris Hibbitts II, Ft. Worth, Texas, 951.

West/Northwest Region (top 5 of 8 advanced to Round Three)

1, Stuart Williams, England, 1,204.

2, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,179.

3, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,152.

4, PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 1,123.

5, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 1,097.

Did not advance:

6, Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev., 1,084.

7, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 1,076.

8, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 1,001.

ROUND ONE (after seven games):

East Region (top 8 of 21 advanced to Round Two)

1, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 1,785.

- 2, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,619.
- 3, John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y., 1,614.
- 4, Jason Stadtler, Cherry Hill, N.J., 1,613.
- 5, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,604.
- 6, Tommy Gollick, Oberlin, Pa., 1,554.
- 7, Alex Cavagnaro, Massapequa, N.Y., 1,543.
- 8, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,499.

Did not advance:

- 9, Travis Celmer, Wernersville, Pa., 1,488.
- 10, Adam Baer, Gettysburg, Pa., 1,473.
- 11, Darren Andretta, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 1,463.
- 12, Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., 1,455.
- 13, Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga., 1,454.
- 14, Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 1,444.
- 15, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 1,429.
- 16, John Furey, East Windsor, N.J., 1,425.
- 17 (tie), John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., and Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y., 1,409.
- 19, Adam Chase, Seaford, N.Y., 1,399.
- 20, John DiSantis, Wilmington, Del., 1,339.
- 21, Robert Leonard Sr., Elmira Heights, N.Y., 1,291.

South Region (top 8 of 21 advanced to Round Two)

- 1, Dan MacLelland, Saginaw, Mich., 1,658.
- 2, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 1,617.
- 3, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 1,601.
- 4, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,590.
- 5, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 1,580.
- 6, Mike Williams II, Montgomery, Ala, 1,548.
- 7 (tie), Christopher McSwain, Kings Mountain, N.C., and Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,538.

Did not advance:

- 9, Matt Taylor, Knightdale, N.C., 1,533.
- 10, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 1,528.
- 11, Wayne Webb, Columbus, Ohio, 1,523.
- 12, Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 1,490.
- 13, Deric Morris, Warner Robins, Ga., 1,440.
- 14, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,437.
- 15, David Shinn, West Columbia, S.C., 1,397.
- 16, Guppy Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,389.
- 17, Mike McDonnell, Chesterfield, Va, 1,360.
- 18, Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 1,355.
- 19, Richard Horsley, Morrisville, N.C., 1,330.
- 20, Courtney Miller, Charleston, S.C., 1,329.
- 21, Richard Beeson, Lexington, N.C., 1,204.

Central Region (top 9 of 24 advanced to Round Two)

- 1, Michael Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, 1,619.
- 2, Nick Kokenos, St. Clair Shores, Mich., 1,613.
- 3, Carleton Chambers, Detroit, 1,612.
- 4, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,608.
- 5, Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 1,601.
- 6, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,600.
- 7, Jeff Zaffino, Warren, Pa., 1,597.

- 8, Brian Himmler, Cincinnati, 1,586.
- 9, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,583.

Did not advance:

- 10, Larry Verble, Mason, Mich., 1,559.
- 11, Eugene McCune, Munster, IN, 1,548.
- 12, Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 1,528.
- 13, Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan., 1,501.
- 14, Michael Clark Jr, Cleveland, Ohio, 1,499.
- 15, Jack Laffey, Indianapolis, 1,468.
- 16, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 1,452.
- 17, Troy Stus, South Lyon, Mich., 1,441.
- 18, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 1,425.
- 19, Brian Thompson, Flat Rock, Mich., 1,410.
- 20, Kevin Bostrom, Muskegon, Mich., 1,408.
- 21, Justin Howard, Rushville, Ind., 1,378.
- 22, Jake Peters, Decatur, Ill., 1,362.
- 23, Jim Dilyard, Burbank, Ohio, 1,332.
- 24, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 1,297.

Midwest Region (top 8 of 20 advanced to Round Two)

- 1, Kevin Andes, Wichita, Kan., 1,718.
- 2, Michael Steil, Wheeling, Ill., 1,691.
- 3, Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 1,657.
- 4, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 1,630.
- 5, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,622.
- 6, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 1,618.
- 7, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 1,614.
- 8, Dave Dentlinger, Carroll, Iowa, 1,586.

Did not advance:

- 9, Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,585.
- 10, Jason Poli, West Des Moines, Iowa, 1,560.
- 11, Chris Hansen, Chicago, 1,539.
- 12, John Slavich IV, Schaumburg, Ill., 1,534.
- 13, David Beres, Waukesha, Wis., 1,526.
- 14, Steven Taylor, Deer Creek, Ill., 1,519.
- 15, Craig LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 1,517.
- 16, Steve Rogers, Manteno, Ill., 1,501.
- 17, Keith Bullock, Moscow Mill, Mo, 1,437.
- 18, Ricky Beck, Box Elder, S.D., 1,428.
- 19, Andrew Loose, Chicago, 1,353.
- 20, Paul Lemond, Jasper, Ind., 1,244.

Southwest Region (top 8 of 22 advanced to Round Two)

- 1, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 1,744.
- 2, Rick Lawrence, Waxahachie, Texas, 1,668.
- 3, Mike Bailey, Frisco, Texas, 1,615.
- 4, Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1,590.
- 5, Michael Haugen Jr, Carefree, Ariz., 1,571.
- 6, D.J. Archer, Port Arthur, Texas, 1,564.
- 7, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,537.
- 8, Lee Vanderhoef, Greenville, S.C., 1,524.

Did not advance:

- 9, Phil Gessner, Spring, Texas, 1,522.
- 10, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 1,494.
- 11, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,485.
- 12, Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 1,475.
- 13, Kurt Gengelbach, Carrollton, Texas, 1,427.
- 14, Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas, 1,425.
- 15, Danny Neill, Allen, Texas, 1,422.
- 16, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 1,411.
- 17, David Peterson, Plano, Texas, 1,377.
- 18, Dale Csuhata, Wadsworth, Ohio, 1,367.
- 19, Charlie Mills, Pasadena, Texas, 1,364.
- 20, Bryan Viator, Friendswood, Texas, 1,359.
- 21, Robert McBride, Plano, Texas, 1,326.
- 22, Lee White, Odessa, Texas, 1,291.

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- 2, Stuart Williams, England, 1,617.
- 3, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 1,609.
- 4, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 1,605.
- 5, Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev., 1,561.

Did not advance:

- 6, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,549.
 - 7, Jason Couch, Clermont, FL, 1,515.
 - 8, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 1,510.
 - 9, Kevin Gallagher, Torrance, Calif., 1,506.
 - 10, Andre Eubanks, Los Angeles, 1,367.
 - 11, Carmen Salvino, Schaumburg, Ill., 1,320.
 - 12, Paul Gibson, Brunswick, Ohio, 1,294.
 - 13, Tom Howison, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,238.
- 300 Game: Andres Gomez.

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Australian star wins second World Series of Bowling title, extends international dominance

LAS VEGAS (March 4, 2012) – Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, rolled the 22nd nationally-televised 300 game in Professional Bowlers Association history during the GEICO Shark Open finals, but he bowled it one game too soon.

After his perfect effort in the semifinal round, Barnes lost in the GEICO Shark Open title to Australia's Jason Belmonte, 244-213, in a match that extended the international dominance in the PBA World Series of Bowling to five consecutive titles. The finals, conducted at South Point Casino and Hotel, aired Sunday on ESPN.

The title was Belmonte's second in the World Series and the third of his PBA career.

The GEICO Shark Open, the fourth and final PBA "animal pattern" championships contested during the third annual PBA World Series of Bowling, almost got the best of Belmonte, who had struggled in the opening game of three previous elimination-format finals.

In the opening game of the "low man out" Shark finals, Barnes, who led the Shark field in qualifying, posted a 234. Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., making his fifth straight final, was next with a 205. Belmonte, with a double in the ninth and 10th frames, finished with a 190 to advance when Mika Koivuniemi of Hartland, Mich., failed to double on his first shot in the 10th, leaving a 2-10 split which he failed to convert for a 172 game.

In game two, Barnes was untouchable on his way to winning a \$10,000 perfect game bonus. Belmonte continued to search for strikes, but Rash left splits in the first, third, fifth and seventh frames. Despite converting three of the four, he couldn't throw two strikes in a row and Belmonte survived their battle for the second berth in the title match, 215-182.

In the title match, Belmonte almost turned the tables on Barnes, finding his line to the pocket and running off a string of seven strikes to start the game. Barnes started with three strikes, but he then lost his carry. Barnes' 7-10 split on a soft pocket hit in the seventh frame gave the two-handed Australian power player a 51-pin lead. Despite an open frame by Belmonte in his seventh, Barnes was too far behind to make up the difference.

"I would have liked to have thrown the 300 one game later, but I'll still take it," Barnes said. "I can't blame the last game on a bad start. I got out of the gate okay. But Belmo made a ball change, and moved farther inside. My ball started (hooking) a little quicker.

"The killer shot for me was in the seventh frame. I made the hand position change I thought I needed to make, but all of a sudden my ball was hitting flat like everyone else who has bowled against Belmo, and I left that 7-10. I was pretty much dead at that point. He forced the action, which is what great bowlers do. That's what happens in one-game matches."

"When someone has just shot 300, you know the next game isn't going to be low," Belmonte said. "It probably won't be 300, but you know it's going to be good. As long as guys don't shoot 300 at me in the title match and there's still a way for me to get the win, they can bowl as many 300s as they want."

Belmonte, who ended a three-year title drought by winning the Chameleon Open earlier in the World Series, said confidence was the key to getting back into the winner's circle.

"My physical game is as sharp as it's ever been," he said. "If I do everything correct, the ball does the work for me. In the past, I was worried about what the ball was going to do rather than just making the shot and letting the ball do the work.

"When I'm bowling in normal competition, I'm always confident and I'm always ready to bowl strikes. But when you put me into the TV arena, my psyche changes and I can feel myself bowling differently," he continued. "Today I felt like me. I felt great. I knew exactly where the ball was going. That's how I was able to get out of that nervous frame of mind."

Belmonte was at a loss to explain why the United States' top stars had not yet won a World Series title, although he wasn't totally surprised.

"In my opinion, the U.S. has by far the best bowlers in the world, but the world is catching up and I think the World Series of Bowling is proving it," he said. "Stu Williams (England), Dom Barrett (England), Osku (Palermma, Finland), Martin Larsen (Sweden), Andres Gomez (Colombia), Ildemaro Ruiz (Venezuela)...there are so many international players who have now gone past the amateur level.

"It has taken us time for us to learn the tricks of the trade, and to understand the lifestyle (on the PBA Tour) and how to deal with it. But we're at the point where we can come out here and be successful.

"In the past, (the international players) haven't really come to the U.S. a lot and the Americans haven't come to us, but now the PBA Tour and the World Bowling Tour are causing that to happen. It's a cool thing."

PBA World Series of Bowling competition continues on ESPN on Sunday, March 25, at 2:30 p.m. ET with the Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship. Teams in the finals will include Belmonte bowling with PBA Hall of Famer and newly-crowned U.S. Open champion Pete Weber of St. Anne, Mo.; Bill O'Neill of Southampton, Pa., with 2012 USBC Masters winner Mike Fagan of Dallas; international teammates Gomez and Larsen; PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., with Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, and top qualifiers Ronnie Russell of Marion, Ind., with Rash.

In the interim, PBA players will head to Detroit for the third Xtra Frame Tour event, the Detroit Open presented by Track, March 9-11 at Thunderbowl Lanes in suburban Allen Park. First prize will be \$10,000 and a berth in the Round of 36 for the season-ending PBA Tournament of Champions. All qualifying and match play rounds of the Detroit Open Saturday and Sunday will be webcast live, exclusively on the PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. To subscribe, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame logo.

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Final PBA World Series of Bowling "animal pattern" championship airs Sunday at 3 p.m. ET on ESPN

LAS VEGAS (Feb. 27, 2012) – Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, and Professional Bowlers Association World Series of Bowling star Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., hope to end the international domination of the World Series in the GEICO Shark Open finals Sunday at 3 p.m. ET on ESPN.

The GEICO Shark Open is the last of four PBA "animal pattern" championships conducted during the World Series at South Point Casino and Hotel in Las Vegas.

Barnes, a 13-time PBA Tour titlist, averaged 235 over 14 games to earn the top qualifying position in the Shark finals. He'll be joined by Australia's Jason Belmonte, winner of the Chameleon Open earlier in the World Series; Rash, who qualified for a record six World Series finals, and reigning PBA Player of the Year Mika Koivuniemi, a native of Finland who now lives in Hartland, Mich.

Sunday's ESPN eliminator-format finals will feature three one-game rounds. All four players bowl the opening game, with the lowest-scoring player after each game being eliminated. In the two rounds to follow, the same "low man out" format applies.

In the title match, the two surviving players will bowl for a \$15,000 first prize, a PBA Tour title and, with the exception of Belmonte, a berth in the Round of 36 for the end-of-season PBA Tournament of Champions. Belmonte already has clinched a Round of 36 berth with his Chameleon Open victory.

While Barnes and Rash will bowl for American pride, Belmonte and Koivuniemi will try to extend the string of World Series titles won by international player to five (not including the World Bowling Tour men's title – a non-PBA event – won by Koivuniemi to kick off the World Series).

A Shark Open pre-event show will be webcast at no cost on pba.com's Xtra Frame online bowling channel starting Wednesday, with a follow-up post-game show immediately following Sunday's ESPN telecast. To subscribe to Xtra Frame, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame logo.

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Pete Weber Wins Record Fifth U.S. Open to Surpass Father, Don Carter

36-time PBA Tour champion calls this one "his greatest title ever"

NORTH BRUNSWICK, N.J. (Feb. 26, 2012) – Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., became the most successful bowler in U.S. Open history Sunday, winning the most challenging major title in bowling for a record fifth time at Brunswick Zone-Carolier with a strike on his final ball in the 10th frame to nip top qualifier Mike Fagan of Dallas, 215-214.

Weber, who came into the stepladder finals as the No. 4 qualifier, threw clutch shots in three matches to win, but none was more critical than his strike on his final ball in the title match. Needing at least a nine-count spare and strike to win, Weber threw a perfect pocket shot on his first ball, but left a 10 pin. After converting the spare, he threw an identical shot that carried for a strike.

In winning the title, Weber broke a tie with his late father, Professional Bowlers Association legend Dick Weber, and his father's close friend, the late Don Carter, who each won the forerunner to the U.S. Open – the BPAA All Star – four times.

"Dad, I know you were watching," Weber said as he looked up toward heaven after the win. "I know you're proud, and I'm sorry I broke your record."

"This is my greatest title ever," Weber said. "To win five U.S. Opens and pass Dick Weber and Don Carter says a lot, but I'll never say I'm better than them. They paved the way for us to be here. It was an honor and a privilege to join them when I won my fourth U.S. Open, and it's even more of an honor to be the first one to win five."

"This is the tournament I look forward to ever year," he added. "I live for the U.S. Open because I know, no matter what, I have a chance to win."

At age 49 years, 189 days, Weber became the oldest player ever to win the U.S. Open, breaking the record set by 46-year-old Norm Duke last year at Carolier. And he moved into second place on the PBA's all-time major title-winners list with his ninth title, behind only Earl Anthony's 10.

"That's probably the calmest I've ever been needing to throw a shot to win," he added. "Not to toot my own horn, but I think I'm prouder of myself than anyone else. I've always wanted to be the one to throw a strike to win."

In advancing to the title match, Weber threw critical shots in two preliminary matches, coming from behind to defeat Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., 223-191, in the opening match and Australia's Jason Belmonte, 225-213, in the semifinal contest.

"I threw strikes in the seventh, eighth and ninth in all three games and put pressure on those guys," Weber said. "The way those guys performed was excellent. My hat's off to them. They bowled amazing."

Weber earned \$60,000 and an automatic berth in the Round of 36 for the PBA Tournament of Champions in April. Fagan collected \$30,500, Belmonte \$15,000 and Shafer, who failed to win a title in his 14th television appearance in a major championship, earned \$10,000.

The PBA Tour's next televised event will be the finals of GEICO Shark Open which will air next Sunday at 3 p.m. ET on ESPN. Finalists will be top qualifier Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas; Jason Belmonte, Australia; Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., and Mike Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich.

69TH U.S. OPEN

Brunswick Zone-Carolier, North Brunswick, N.J., Sunday

FINAL STANDINGS

- 1, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., three games, 663 pins, \$60,000.
- 2, Mike Fagan, Dallas, one game, 214 pins, \$30,500.
- 3, Jason Belmonte, Australia, one game 213 pins, \$15,000.
- 4, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., one game 191 pins, \$10,000.

PLAYER RESULTS

Match One – Weber def. Shafer, 223-191.

Match Two – Weber def. Belmonte, 225-213.

Championship – Weber def. Fagan, 215-214.

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Fagan Wins U.S. Open Top Qualifier Race, Tries for Second Major in Row

Belmonte, Shafer, four-time winner Weber round out field for Sunday's ESPN finals

NORTH BRUNSWICK, N.J. (Feb. 25, 2012) – Mike Fagan of Dallas emerged Saturday night as the top qualifier for Sunday's finals in the 69th U.S. Open at Brunswick Zone-Carolier, when he will try to become the first player in nearly four years to win back-to-back major professional bowling championships.

Fagan will be joined in the championship round by Australia's Jason Belmonte, Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., and four-time winner Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., arguably the most successful U.S. Open competitor in history, who advanced from 13th place to fourth during Saturday's final two rounds.

The finals air live on ESPN at 3 p.m. Eastern.

Weber, a Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Fame, 35-time Tour titlist and one of only six to win the PBA Triple Crown of major championships, is the only player to win the modern U.S. Open four times. His late father, Dick Weber, and the late Don Carter, both won the BPAA All Star – the forerunner to the U.S. Open – four times.

Fagan, a 10-year PBA competitor, won his third career title in the United States Bowling Congress Masters in late January. He earned the top spot for the finals by overtaking Belmonte and Shafer during Saturday night's final round of head-to-head match play, finishing with a 16-8 match play record and a 50-game total of 11,343 pins, including 30 bonus pins for each match won.

If he wins the U.S. Open, Fagan will be the first player since Norm Duke to win consecutive majors. In 2008, Duke won the PBA World Championship in February, the U.S. Open in March and a second PBA World Championship in October to become the only player ever to win three majors in a row.

Belmonte, a two-handed player who won his second career title in the PBA Chameleon Open earlier in the season, qualified second with a 14-9-1 match play record and 11,279 pins. He is looking for his first major title.

Shafer, who led the event from the second round until Saturday's morning match play round, will be trying for his fifth career title and his first major after advancing to the TV finals in a PBA-record 13 previous major championships without a title. Shafer posted an 11-13 record with 11,095 total pins.

Weber, who turns 50 in August, clinched the final spot in the finals with a 14-10 match play record and 11,010 pins, beating Shafer in his final match of the night, 208-164, to top Rhino Page of Dade City, Fla., by 32 pins.

Missy Parkin of Lake Forest, Calif., the first woman ever to qualify for match play in the U.S. Open, finished 21st with a 9-14-1 match play record and 10,449 pins. Defending champion Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., finished 14th.

First prize is \$60,000 and includes an automatic berth in the Round of 36 for the end-of-season PBA Tournament of Champions.

69TH U.S. OPEN

Brunswick Zone-Carolier, North Brunswick, N.J., Saturday

FINAL MATCH PLAY STANDINGS (after 50 games, including match play bonus pins; top four advance to ESPN stepladder finals Sunday at 3 p.m. ET)

- 1, Mike Fagan, Dallas, 16-8, 11,343.
- 2, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 14-9-1, 11,279.
- 3, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 11-13, 11,095.
- 4, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 14-10, 11,010.
- 5, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 15-7-2, 10,978, \$7,000.
- 6, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 16-8, 10,909, \$6,000.
- 7, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 10-14, 10,864, \$5,500.
- 8, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 15-9, 10,837, \$5,000.
- 9, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 11-13, 10,835, \$4,500.
- 10, Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 14-10, 10,801, \$4,200.
- 11, Dan MacLelland, Canada, 13-11, 10,777, \$4,000.
- 12, John Janawicz, Winter Haven, Fla., 12-12, 10,769, \$3,800.
- 13, Ron Nelson Jr., Bridgeview, Ill., 12-11-1, 10,760, \$3,600.
- 14, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 13-11, 10,758, \$3,500.
- 15, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 11-13, 10,680, \$3,500.
- 16, Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan., 10-14, 10,615, \$3,300.
- 17, Rusty Thomsen, Morgan, N.J., 14-10, 10,566, \$3,200.
- 18, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 12-12, 10,503, \$3,100.
- 19, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 9-15, 10,498, \$3,000.
- 20, P.J. Sondag, Luzerne, Pa., 11-13, 10,469, \$2,900.
- 21, Missy Parkin, Lake Forest, Calif., 9-14-1, 10,449, \$2,800.
- 22, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 8-16, 10,396, \$2,700.
- 23, Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y., 7-17, 10,254, \$2,650.
- 24, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 8-15-1, 10,218, \$2,600.

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Australia's Jason Belmonte Charges into U.S. Open Lead

Fagan, Shafer, Barnes round out top four heading into Saturday night's final round of match play

NORTH BRUNSWICK, N.J. (Feb. 25, 2012) – Australian two-handed star Jason Belmonte not only claimed the sixth-round lead in 69th U.S Open Saturday at Brunswick Zone-Carolier, but did it by demolishing his competition.

Belmonte, who won his second career Professional Bowlers Association Tour title earlier this season in the PBA's Chameleon Open, put an exclamation point on his rise to the top by defeating previous leader Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., 254-191, in the final match of Saturday's afternoon round.

Belmonte finished the sixth round with an 11-4-1 match play record and a 42-game total of 9,520 pins, including 30 bonus pins for each match victory, and took a 42-pin lead over Mike Fagan of Dallas into Saturday night's final eight games of match play. Rounding out the top four were Shafer with 9,309 pins and Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, with 9,191 pins.

Rhino Page of Dade City, Fla., was 86 pins behind Barnes in the battle for four spots in Sunday's stepladder finals which will air live on ESPN at 3 p.m. Eastern. Lurking in sixth place was Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., who is trying to win the event for a record fifth time. First prize is \$60,000 and an automatic berth in the Round of 36 for the end-of-season PBA Tournament of Champions.

Belmonte, who qualified for match play in 14th place, moved up to third place during Friday night's eight-game round of head-to-head match play and completed his charge into the lead Saturday, throwing games of 256 against P.J. Sondag of Luzerne, Pa., and 267 against Barnes before capping his round against Shafer, who had led the tournament since round two.

"I had fun all day," Belmonte said. "But I lost a match to Dino (Castillo), 224-223, and I acted kind of childish. There's a difference between getting frustrated and acting childish, and I let that loss get to me.

"But then I walked away and came back a different person. I looked at myself and said, hey, this is the U.S. Open. This is the biggest stage in the world, and I'm on it, and I needed to stop acting like a child. So I went into the locker room, calmed down and came back, and all of a sudden messengers were taking out 10 pins."

Belmonte, the PBA Tour's 2009-10 Rookie of the Year, is still looking for his first major title.

"Yes, I want to win a major," he said. "Why not make it the U.S. Open?"

Saturday's final round of match play will be webcast live on the PBA's exclusive online bowling channel, Xtra Frame, at 6 p.m. Eastern. To subscribe to Xtra Frame, click on the logo on the home page of pba.com.

69TH U.S. OPEN

Brunswick Zone-Carolier, North Brunswick, N.J., Saturday

SIXTH ROUND (after 42 games, including match play bonus pins)

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 11-4-1, 9,520.
- 2, Mike Fagan, Dallas, 11-5, 9,478.
- 3, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 7-9, 9,309.
- 4, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 8-8, 9,191.
- 5, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 9-5-2, 9,105.
- 6, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 9-7, 9,072.
- 7, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 6-10, 9,048.
- 8, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 8-8, 9,047.
- 9, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 10-6, 9,039.
- 10, Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 10-6, 9,019.
- 11, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 10-6, 9,008.
- 12, John Janawicz, Winter Haven, Fla., 8-8, 8,990.
- 13, Ron Nelson Jr., Bridgeview, Ill., 8-7-1, 8,986.
- 14, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 8-8, 8,977.
- 15, Dan MacLelland, Canada, 8-8, 8,910.
- 16, Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan., 6-10, 8,889.
- 17, P.J. Sondag, Luzerne, Pa., 9-7, 8,869.
- 18, Missy Parkin, Lake Forest, Calif., 6-10, 8,835.
- 19, Rusty Thomsen, Morgan, N.J., 9-7, 8,820.
- 20, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 7-9, 8,801.
- 21, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 8-8, 8,751.
- 22, Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y., 6-10, 8,687.
- 23, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 4-12, 8,662.
- 24, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 4-12, 8,505.

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Shafer Retains Lead as Top 24 Players Advance to Match Play in U.S. Open

Teenager Kamron Doyle's record run ends; Missy Parkin becomes first woman to make top 24

NORTH BRUNSWICK, N.J. (Feb. 24, 2012) – Ryan Shafer maintained his lead, the magical ride of 14-year-old Kamron Doyle came to an end, and Missy Parkin made history when she became the first woman to reach the match play finals in the 69th U.S Open Friday at Brunswick Zone-Carolier.

Shafer, a 25-year Professional Bowlers Association Tour veteran from Horseheads, N.Y., completed the 26-game qualifying portion of the U.S. Open with a total of 5,825 pins – averaging at a 224.04 pace – and took a 170-pin lead over Mike Fagan of Dallas into the start of head-to-head match play competition Friday night. Bill O'Neill of Southampton, Pa., was third with 5,642 pins followed by amateur Ron Nelson Jr. of Bridgeview, Ill., with 5,570 pins and veteran PBA East Regional competitor P.J. Sondag of Luzerne, Pa., with 5,562 pins.

"Hopefully things will keep going the way they have been going," Shafer said. "It's hard not to think ahead. I look at the leader board. I knew I was ahead, but I just want to keep adding pins. You can never have too many."

Shafer, a four-time PBA Tour titlist, wants to stay in command to reach Sunday's live ESPN stepladder finals, where he hopes to end his PBA-record streak of 13 television appearances in major championships without winning a title. The top four players after three eight-game rounds of match play Friday night and Saturday will meet Sunday at 3 p.m. Eastern to battle for the \$60,000 first prize and an automatic berth in the end-of-season PBA Tournament of Champions.

Doyle, the Brentwood, Tenn., eighth-grader who set a PBA record as the youngest player ever to cash in a national tour event, ended his run in 61st place, averaging 200.77 on the most difficult lane conditions the sport has to offer and earning \$1,340 for his United States Bowling Congress SMART scholarship account.

Parkin, who just turned 30, would like to join Kelly Kulick of Union, N.J., as the second woman to win a PBA Tour title. Kulick made sports history when she won the 2010 PBA Tournament of Champions, becoming the first woman to ever win a major sports title without the help of a horse or a race car.

Parkin, who lives in Lake Forest, Calif., also has an impressive portfolio. She was the first woman to join the PBA when the formerly all-male tour opened its doors to women in 2004, and she was the first woman to win two PBA Regional titles, in her home PBA West Region.

A former Collegiate All-American at Cal State-Fullerton and a former Team USA member, Parkin won the 2011 USBC Queens title – a major championship in women’s only bowling competition – and in March, she recorded the highest finish ever by a woman in the USBC Masters in Las Vegas, finishing in a tie for ninth.

On Friday, she and Kulick both came into the cashers round in position to make the top 24 match play cut (Kulick 28th, Parkin 32nd), but Parkin made the big move, advancing into ninth place for the start of match play. The previous highest finish by a woman in the U.S. Open was 27th by Liz Johnson of Cheektowaga, N.Y., in 2009.

“This is my first U.S. Open ever,” Parkin said. “I’ve wanted to bowl it for a long time. All the years it was in Fountain Valley (Calif., near her home in Fullerton), it wasn’t open to women yet. When they opened the tournament to women, they moved it to the other side of country and I never made the trip.

“This year I’m throwing the ball well, so I wanted to come. I like the idea that it’s a hard tournament. I’ve heard that for years, but you never really understand until you try it. In my first 10 minutes of practice here, I was like a deer in headlines. I thought, oh my gawd, but figured it out.

“In my last game in my first block of qualifying, I had the first nine strikes and I couldn’t believe. Then I left a 5 pin,” she grinned, “and I finished with a 289.”

Parkin had no idea she was the first woman to qualify for match play in the U.S. Open, but she really wasn’t impressed with herself.

“I feel like I’m throwing the ball better than I ever have,” she said. “At this level, a lot of your success is based on confidence. We all know how to bowl. Having confidence helps you throw the ball better. I made a lot of changes last year, and they have really made a difference. The thing is now, if something goes wrong with my game, I know exactly what to do and how to fix it.

“At the U.S. Open, it’s all about hitting your target and making spares, and I did pretty good at that.”

Bowling against the best male bowlers in the world also doesn’t intimidate her.

“I’ve bowled against guys my whole life; not a big deal,” she said. “They’re just bowlers. I’m a bowler. The fact that they are males doesn’t really matter.

“I’m looking at making the TV show,” she added. “TV shows are so much fun, but I’ll take it one step at a time. I want to get there and then I want to bowl well. For now, I love match play. I love having to throw a shot when you need it, and in match play, you have to do that a lot. I’m excited.”

Also advancing to match play were 2005 U.S. Open winner Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas; four-time U.S. Open champion Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., in 10th place; defending champion Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., in 11th, and newly-elected PBA Hall of Famer Jason Couch of Clermont, Fla., in 20th.

The final three rounds of match play Friday night and Saturday will be webcast live on the PBA’s exclusive online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. To subscribe to Xtra Frame, click on the logo on the home page of pba.com.

69TH U.S. OPEN

Brunswick Zone-Carolier, North Brunswick, N.J., Friday

FOURTH ROUND (after 26 games; top 24 advance to round robin match play)

- 1, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 5,825.
- 2, Mike Fagan, Dallas, 5,655.
- 3, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 5,642.
- 4, Ron Nelson Jr., Bridgeview, Ill., 5,570.
- 5, P.J. Sondag, Luzerne, Pa., 5,562.
- 6, John Janawicz, Winter Haven, Fla., 5,558.
- 7, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 5,548.
- 8, Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan., 5,535.
- 9, Missy Parkin, Lake Forest, Calif., 5,482.
- 10, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 5,461.
- 11, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 5,456.
- 12, Dan MacLelland, Canada, 5,454.
- 13, Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 5,443.
- 14, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 5,428.
- 15, Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y., 5,425.
- 16, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 5,418.
- 17, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 5,410.
- 18, Rusty Thomsen, Morgan, N.J., 5,405.
- 19, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 5,399.
- 20, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 5,394.
- 20, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 5,394.
- 22, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 5,390.
- 23, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 5,377.
- 24, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 5,376.

OTHER CASHERS (after 24 games)

- 25, Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland, 5,371, \$2,300.
- 26, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 5,365, \$2,200.
- 27, Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 5,362, \$2,100.
- 28, David Stouffer, Fort Myers, Fla., 5,358, \$2,050.
- 29, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 5,350, \$2,000.
- 30, Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz., 5,344, \$1,950.
- 31, Storm DeVincent, Westford, Mass., 5,331, \$1,900.
- 32 (tie), Juhani Tonteri, Finland, and Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 5,322, \$1,825.
- 34 (tie), Steve Rogers, Manteno, Ill., and Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 5,318, \$1,725.
- 36, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 5,316, \$1,650.
- 37, Matthew O'Grady, South Amboy, N.J., 5,314, \$1,600.
- 38, Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 5,311, \$1,580.
- 39, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 5,307, \$1,560.
- 40, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 5,302, \$1,550.
- 41, Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 5,300, \$1,540.
- 42, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 5,290, \$1,530.
- 43 (tie), Andres Gomez, Colombia, and Dom Barrett, England, 5,287, \$1,515.
- 45, Jake Peters, Decatur, Ill., 5,283, \$1,500.
- 46, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 5,280, \$1,490.
- 47, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 5,279, \$1,480.
- 48, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 5,274, \$1,470.
- 49, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 5,273, \$1,460.
- 50, Tony Ament, Monroe, N.J., 5,271, \$1,450.
- 51, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 5,264, \$1,440.
- 52, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 5,259, \$1,430.
- 53, Michael Steil, Wheeling, Ill., 5,244, \$1,420.

- 54, Shannon Buchan, Waterloo, Iowa, 5,243, \$1,410.
- 55, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 5,241, \$1,400.
- 56, John Furey, East Windsor, N.J., 5,234, \$1,390.
- 57, Mike Dole, Chicago, 5,232, \$1,380.
- 58, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 5,222, \$1,370.
- 59 (tie), Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., and Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 5,221, \$1,355.
- 61, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 5,220, \$1,340.
- 62, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 5,216, \$1,330.
- 63, Daniel Farish, Louisville, Ky., 5,213, \$1,320.
- 64, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 5,211, \$1,310.
- 65, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 5,207, \$1,300.
- 66, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 5,205, \$1,290.
- 67, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 5,204, \$1,280.
- 68, Stuart Williams, England, 5,202, \$1,270.
- 69, William Guszczko, Orland Park, Ill., 5,195, \$1,260.
- 70, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 5,190, \$1,250.
- 71, Kenneth Lane, Rosedale, Md., 5,188, \$1,240.
- 72, Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 5,184, \$1,230.
- 73, Patrick Girard, Canada, 5,180, \$1,220.
- 74, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 5,179, \$1,210.
- 75, Sean Riccardi, Piscataway, N.J., 5,166, \$1,200.
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Shafer Retains Lead Heading into Final Day of Match Play in U.S. Open

California's Parkin is first woman to qualify for top 24; Tennessee teenager Doyle finishes 61st

NORTH BRUNSWICK, N.J. (Feb. 24, 2012) – Ryan Shafer retained his lead, 14-year-old Kamron Doyle's magical ride came to an end, and Missy Parkin became the first woman to reach the match play finals in U.S Open competition Friday at Brunswick Zone-Carolier.

Shafer, a 25-year Professional Bowlers Association Tour veteran from Horseheads, N.Y., posted a conservative 4-4 match play record Friday night to take an 85-pin lead over Mike Fagan of Dallas into Saturday's final 16 games of match play. Including 30 bonus pins for each match won, Shafer had a 34-game total of 7,592 pins.

Australian two-handed player Jason Belmonte won his first six matches to advance from 14th place to third with 7,491 pins. Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, was 90 pins behind Belmonte in fourth place while defending champion Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., struggled to a 3-5 match play record and fell to 18th place.

Shafer, a four-time PBA Tour titlist, wants to qualify first for Sunday's live ESPN stepladder finals, where he would only have to bowl one match in his bid to end his PBA-record streak of 13 television appearances in major championships without winning a title. The top four players after Saturday's final two eight-game rounds of match play will bowl at 3 p.m. Eastern for the \$60,000 first prize and an automatic berth in the Round of 36 for the end-of-season PBA Tournament of Champions.

"Hopefully things will keep going the way they have been going," Shafer said. "It's hard not to think ahead. I look at the leader board. I knew I was ahead, but I just want to keep adding pins. You can never have too many.

"I just have to avoid having bad games," he added. "I had one tonight. I made some bad decisions. I have to avoid that tomorrow."

Earlier Friday, Doyle, the Brentwood, Tenn., eighth-grader who set a PBA record as the youngest player ever to cash in a national tour event, ended his run in 61st place, averaging 200.77 on the most difficult lane conditions the sport has to offer and earning \$1,340 for his United States Bowling Congress SMART scholarship account.

Parkin, who just turned 30, qualified for the match play finals in ninth place and posted a 4-4 match play record, slipping to 15th place. The Lake Forest, Calif., resident was the first woman to join the PBA when the formerly all-male professional organization opened its doors to women in 2004, and she was the first

woman to win two PBA Regional titles. In March, she set another PBA major championship record when she tied for ninth place in the USBC Masters, the highest finish ever by a woman in that event.

On Friday, Parkin and Kelly Kulick, the 2010 PBA Tournament of Champions winner and the only woman ever to win a PBA Tour title, both came into the cashers round with a chance to advance to match play (Kulick was 28th, Parkin 32nd), but Parkin made the bigger move, advancing into ninth place while Kulick slipped back to finish 46th. The previous highest finish by a woman in the U.S. Open was 27th by Liz Johnson of Cheektowaga, N.Y., in 2009.

"This is my first U.S. Open ever," Parkin said. "I've wanted to bowl it for a long time. For a few years, the Open was held in Fountain Valley (Calif., near her former home in Fullerton), but it wasn't open to women at that time. When it opened to women, they moved it to the other side of the country and I never made the trip.

"This year I'm throwing the ball well, so I wanted to come. I like the idea that it's a hard tournament. I've heard for years how difficult it is, but you never really understand until you try it. In my first 10 minutes of practice here, I was like a deer in headlights. I thought, oh my gawd, this is really hard. But figured it out."

Parkin had no idea she was the first woman to qualify for match play in the U.S. Open, but she really wasn't overly impressed with her performance. She has higher goals in mind.

"I feel like I'm throwing the ball better than I ever have," she said. "At this level, a lot of your success is based on confidence. We all know how to bowl. Having confidence helps you throw the ball better. I made a lot of changes last year, and they have really made a difference. The thing is now, if something goes wrong with my game, I know exactly what to do and how to fix it.

"At the U.S. Open, it's all about hitting your target and making spares, and I did pretty good at that."

Bowling against the best male bowlers in the world doesn't intimidate her.

"I've bowled against guys my whole life; it's not a big deal," she said. "They're just bowlers. I'm a bowler. The fact that they are males doesn't really matter.

"I'm looking at making the TV show," she added, "but I'll take it one step at a time. I want to get there and then I want to bowl well. For now, I love match play. I love having to throw a shot when you need it, and in match play, you have to do that a lot. I'm excited."

To prove her point, in her first-ever head-to-head match in U.S. Open competition, she threw two strikes in the 10th frame to nip four-time U.S. Open champion and PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., 217-213.

Saturday's final two rounds of match play will be webcast live on the PBA's exclusive online bowling channel, Xtra Frame, at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Eastern. To subscribe to Xtra Frame, click on the logo on the home page of pba.com.

69TH U.S. OPEN

Brunswick Zone-Carolier, North Brunswick, N.J., Friday

FIFTH ROUND (after 34 games, including match play bonus pins)

1, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 4-4, 7,592.

2, Mike Fagan, Dallas, 5-3, 7,507.

- 3, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 6-1-1, 7,491.
- 4, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 4-4, 7,401.
- 5, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 5-3, 7,386.
- 6, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 6-2, 7,290.
- 7, John Janawicz, Winter Haven, Fla., 4-4, 7,268.
- 8, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 3-3-2, 7,212.
- 9, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 5-3, 7,201.
- 10 (tie), Ron Nelson Jr., Bridgeview, Ill., 3-4-1, and P.J. Sondag, Luzerne, Pa., 5-3, 7,200.
- 12, Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan., 3-5, 7,189.
- 13, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3-5, 7,179.
- 14, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 3-5, 7,161.
- 15, Missy Parkin, Lake Forest, Calif., 4-4, 7,150.
- 16, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 4-4, 7,144.
- 17, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 4-4, 7,135.
- 18, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3-5, 7,100.
- 19, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 4-4, 7,070.
- 20, Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 3-5, 7,055.
- 21, Rusty Thomsen, Morgan, N.J., 4-4, 7,051.
- 22, Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y., 4-4, 7,045.
- 23, Dan MacLelland, Canada, 3-5, 7,002.
- 24, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2-6, 6,929.

OTHER CASHERS (after 24 games)

- 25, Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland, 5,371, \$2,300.
- 26, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 5,365, \$2,200.
- 27, Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 5,362, \$2,100.
- 28, David Stouffer, Fort Myers, Fla., 5,358, \$2,050.
- 29, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 5,350, \$2,000.
- 30, Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz., 5,344, \$1,950.
- 31, Storm DeVincent, Westford, Mass., 5,331, \$1,900.
- 32 (tie), Juhani Tonteri, Finland, and Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 5,322, \$1,825.
- 34 (tie), Steve Rogers, Manteno, Ill., and Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 5,318, \$1,725.
- 36, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 5,316, \$1,650.
- 37, Matthew O'Grady, South Amboy, N.J., 5,314, \$1,600.
- 38, Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 5,311, \$1,580.
- 39, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 5,307, \$1,560.
- 40, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 5,302, \$1,550.
- 41, Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 5,300, \$1,540.
- 42, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 5,290, \$1,530.
- 43 (tie), Andres Gomez, Colombia, and Dom Barrett, England, 5,287, \$1,515.
- 45, Jake Peters, Decatur, Ill., 5,283, \$1,500.
- 46, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 5,280, \$1,490.
- 47, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 5,279, \$1,480.
- 48, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 5,274, \$1,470.
- 49, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 5,273, \$1,460.
- 50, Tony Ament, Monroe, N.J., 5,271, \$1,450.
- 51, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 5,264, \$1,440.
- 52, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 5,259, \$1,430.
- 53, Michael Steil, Wheeling, Ill., 5,244, \$1,420.
- 54, Shannon Buchan, Waterloo, Iowa, 5,243, \$1,410.
- 55, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 5,241, \$1,400.
- 56, John Furey, East Windsor, N.J., 5,234, \$1,390.

- 57, Mike Dole, Chicago, 5,232, \$1,380.
- 58, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 5,222, \$1,370.
- 59 (tie), Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., and Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 5,221, \$1,355.
- 61, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 5,220, \$1,340.
- 62, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 5,216, \$1,330.
- 63, Daniel Farish, Louisville, Ky., 5,213, \$1,320.
- 64, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 5,211, \$1,310.
- 65, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 5,207, \$1,300.
- 66, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 5,205, \$1,290.
- 67, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 5,204, \$1,280.
- 68, Stuart Williams, England, 5,202, \$1,270.
- 69, William Guszczko, Orland Park, Ill., 5,195, \$1,260.
- 70, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 5,190, \$1,250.
- 71, Kenneth Lane, Rosedale, Md., 5,188, \$1,240.
- 72, Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 5,184, \$1,230.
- 73, Patrick Girard, Canada, 5,180, \$1,220.
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14-Year-Old Kamron Doyle Becomes Youngest Casher in PBA Tour History

Ryan Shafer closes with 234 game to retain lead heading into Friday's U.S. Open cashers round

NORTH BRUNSWICK, N.J. (Feb. 23, 2012) – Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., rolled a 234 final game Thursday night to retain the lead in the 69th U.S. Open at Brunswick Zone-Carolier, but it was 14-year-old Kamron Doyle of Brentwood, Tenn., who stole the show, earning a spot in Friday's cashers round and becoming the youngest player ever to cash in a Professional Bowlers Association Tour event.

Not only did he cash, but the 5-foot-5, 105-pound eighth grader picked the most difficult tournament in the sport for his record-setting performance.

Doyle, who cashed in a PBA South Regional event in Canton, Ga., two years ago at age 12 (a record for non-national tour events) when he finished 30th, averaged 202 for his 18 qualifying games in the U.S. Open and advanced to Friday's cashers round in 54th place out of a field of 394 amateur and professional bowlers from 12 countries.

Doyle will be among the top 98 players who will bowl eight more game Friday to determine the top 24 who will advance to match play rounds Friday evening and Saturday. The top four after 24 round robin match games will bowl in the live ESPN-televised stepladder finals Sunday at 3 p.m. Eastern. At stake is a \$60,000 first prize, a PBA major title and an automatic berth in the Round of 36 for the end-of-season PBA Tournament of Champions.

Doyle, who turned 14 on Jan. 13, bowled all three qualifying rounds on the same pair of lanes with PBA Hall of Famer Johnny Petraglia of Jackson, N.J., a 14-time PBA Tour champion and one of only six players to ever complete the PBA Triple Crown. Petraglia, who turns 65 on March 3, beat Doyle by seven pins, but he had to out-score the teenager, 219-184, in the final game to do it.

"(Kamron) dumped the last game out of respect," Petraglia laughed.

"I wasn't thinking about beating him," Doyle said matter-of-factly. "I was just trying to beat myself."

"I have never had a pairing anything like this one, except the other way around," Petraglia said. "When I bowled my first PBA event in Detroit in 1965, I got to cross with Ray Bluth (a hall of fame and member of the legendary Budweisers team), so this was a nice reversal. I remember in my first tournament, in the first frame, I left the bucket (3-5-6-9). I was so naïve. I knew Bluth, Don Carter and the whole Budweiser team were watching and I figured if I missed that spare, they'd all think I stink. But I made the spare.

"I think (Kamron) is going to be terrific," Petraglia added. "I remember bowling with (35-time PBA Tour titlist and fellow Triple Crown winner) Pete Weber in a pro-am in St. Louis when he was maybe 15, and I see the same kind of swing, the same fiery attitude, the same attributes Pete had when he was a teenager.

"About the only physical criticism I can make, because he has such a nice natural game, is that Kamron doesn't look down to see where he's at when he steps onto the approach. It's kind of a feel thing with him, but when you're in an event this difficult, where you stand is magnified so much. He'll fix that soon. His horizon is high."

When Doyle was asked if he knew who he was paired with for qualifying, he immediately answered, "Yah, I know who he is. I know all of these guys."

Doyle said he has been bowling ever since he experienced the game at a birthday party when he was 7. He immediately wanted his own ball and shoes, and said he has practiced an average of 50-60 games a week ever since. "Honest," he said. "I kinda taught myself. I watched the pros on TV a lot. I got real serious about it when I was about 10."

Surprisingly, he doesn't come from a bowling family. His father, Sean Doyle, is a Nashville area orthodontist. Dad may not be a bowler, but Kamron isn't lacking for mentors.

"Tommy Jones, Bill O'Neill, Chris Barnes, Mika Koivuniemi, Mike Fagan, they impress me the most," the young Doyle said. "I've become good friends with all of them. Tommy Jones actually stayed at our house. He taught me a lot: take your time when you're bowling bad, he helped with last two steps of my approach, how to stay down and get through the shot, all of that stuff."

Mentally, he approaches the game like a polished veteran.

"People tell me I have a pretty good mental attitude which keeps me in the game," he said. "That's probably why I'm still in the cut. It's kind of grown with me. I was real bad when I was young. But that's something people have to learn. If you get mad and frustrated and miss a spare, that costs you 20 pins."

The right mental approach is especially important in a tournament like the U.S. Open, which is notorious for its difficult scoring conditions.

"This is my first U.S. Open," Doyle said. "I've been wanting to bowl it the last three years. I heard how tough it was from my ball driller, but I didn't believe him. I do now. You have no idea how tough it is until you do it. It's brutal. I found out in practice you couldn't miss by a centimeter. The heads burn up. The ball hooks at your feet. The lanes are snot-tight in back. But the biggest lesson is you have to make your spares."

After starting the tournament with a 150 game, Doyle has been in plus-200-average territory ever since. While his odds of moving up enough to make the match play finals are remote, he hasn't thrown in the towel.

"Making the 24 cut would be pretty amazing," he said. "I'll have to go huge tomorrow. I'll have to go 180 over (average more than 220 for eight games), but I can do it if I put my mind to it."

Whatever money Doyle makes in bowling is deposited into his United States Bowling Congress SMART scholarship account. It was the advent of the SMART scholarship management program by the sport's National Governing Body seven years ago that allowed bowlers under the age of 18 to compete in professional events without losing their amateur status. To date, Doyle said he has deposited about

\$22,000 in his SMART account, but he isn't sure what college he'll eventually attend, or exactly what he'll study when the time comes.

"I don't know what I want to do yet," he said. "My dad's an orthodontist, so maybe I'll follow him. But if I'm good enough I may want to be a professional bowler."

Shafer, a 25-year PBA Tour veteran who is hoping to end his record streak of 13 television finals in major championships without a title, averaged 233.89 for his 18 games, finishing with 4,030 pins to retain the lead by 10 pins over veteran PBA Regional competitor P.J. Sunday of Luzerne, Pa.

Sunday, whose national tour experience includes five previous U.S. Opens, had 4,020 pins. Sunday has cashed in four U.S. Opens, but has never made it into the match play field. In PBA Regional competition, he won his only title three years ago.

Mike Fagan of Dallas is in third place with 3,923 pins followed by a pair of amateurs - Ron Nelson Jr. of Bridgeview, Ill., at 3,919 and John Janawicz of Winter Haven, Fla., at 3,893. Defending U.S. Open champion Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., made a big move up the leader board Thursday, finishing 11th with 3,818 pins.

Friday morning's cashers round and the final three rounds of match play Friday night and Saturday will be webcast live on the PBA's exclusive online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. To subscribe to Xtra Frame, click on the logo on the home page of pba.com.

69TH U.S. OPEN

Brunswick Zone-Carolier, North Brunswick, N.J., Thursday

THIRD ROUND (after 18 games; top 98 advance to Friday's cashers round)

- 1, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 4,030.
- 2, P.J. Sunday, Luzerne, Pa., 4,020.
- 3, Mike Fagan, Dallas, 3,923.
- 4, Ron Nelson Jr., Bridgeview, Ill., 3,919.
- 5, John Janawicz, Winter Haven, Fla., 3,893.
- 6, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 3,880.
- 7, Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 3,869.
- 8, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 3,850.
- 9, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 3,825.
- 10, Dan MacLelland, Canada, 3,824.
- 11, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,818.
- 12, Shannon Buchan, Waterloo, Iowa, 3,817.
- 13, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 3,808.
- 14, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 3,792.
- 15, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3,788.
- 16, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 3,784.
- 17, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3,782.
- 18, Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 3,776.
- 19, Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y., 3,771.
- 20, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 3,763.
- 21, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 3,762.
- 22, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,753.
- 23 (tie), Storm DeVincent, Westford, Mass., and Osku Palermaa, Finland, 3,749.
- 25, Dom Barrett, England, 3,747.
- 26, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 3,742.

27, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 3,740.
 28, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 3,734.
 29, Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz., 3,733.
 30 (tie), Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., and Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan., 3,731.
 32, Missy Parkin, Lake Forest, Calif., 3,721.
 33, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 3,717.
 34, Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland, 3,710.
 35, Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 3,708.
 36 (tie), Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., and Rusty Thomsen, Morgan, N.J., 3,705.
 38, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 3,694.
 39, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 3,681.
 40, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3,676.
 41, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 3,674.
 42 (tie), Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., and Adam Chase, Seaford, N.Y., 3,672.
 44, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 3,670.
 45 (tie), Matthew O'Grady, South Amboy, N.J., and Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 3,665.
 47, David Stouffer, Fort Myers, Fla., 3,659.
 48 (tie), Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, and Carleton Chambers, Detroit, 3,653.
 50, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 3,651.
 51 (tie), John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., and Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3,647.
 53, Michael Steil, Wheeling, Ill., 3,641.
 54, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 3,640.
 55, Stephen Pavlinko, Sewell, N.J., 3,637.
 56, Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 3,636.
 57, Juhani Tonteri, Finland, 3,629.
 58, Daniel Farish, Louisville, Ky., 3,627.
 59, William Guszczko, Orland Park, Ill., 3,626.
 60, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 3,623.
 61, Jake Peters, Decatur, Ill., 3,620.
 62 (tie), Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., and Steve Rogers, Manteno, Ill., 3,607.
 64, Patrick Girard, Canada, 3,601.
 65, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 3,600.
 66, Paul Pinto, Philadelphia, 3,597.
 67, Stephen Haas, Enola, Pa., 3,596.
 68, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 3,595.
 69, Brandon Tarabek, Cleveland Hts., Ohio, 3,594.
 70, Chad Roberts, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, 3,592.
 71, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 3,591.
 72, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 3,590.
 73, Tony Ament, Monroe, N.J., 3,589.
 74, Rob Gotterbarn, Garden City South, N.Y., 3,585.
 75, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,584.
 76, Matt Taylor, Knightdale, N.C., 3,576.
 77, James Wallace, Hicksville, N.Y., 3,575.
 78, George Branham III, Indianapolis, 3,574.
 79, David Kilts, New York, 3,570.
 80, Mike Rose Jr., West Henrietta, N.Y., 3,569.
 81, Lee Vanderhoef, Greenville, S.C., 3,568.
 82 (tie), Jeremy Boyer, Desloge, Mo.; Mike Dole, Chicago, and Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 3,567.
 85, T.J. Schmidt, Osceola, Ind., 3,566.
 86, John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y., 3,562.
 87, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 3,558.

- 88, Stuart Williams, England, 3,557.
- 89, Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., 3,556.
- 90, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 3,554.
- 91, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 3,552.
- 92, Alex Cavagnaro, Massapequa, N.Y., 3,548.
- 93, Sean Riccardi, Piscataway, N.J., 3,547.
- 94, Joe Goldstein Sr., Hayward, Calif., 3,544.
- 95, Billy Pautz, St. Peter, Minn., 3,538.
- 96 (tie), Dan Furman, Amsterdam, N.Y., and Kenneth Lane, Rosedale, Md., 3,535.
- 98, x-John Furey, East Windsor, N.J., 3,534.
- x – Wiseman surrendered 98th place to Furey due to an injury.

DID NOT ADVANCE:

- 99, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 3,534.
- 100, Sean Rangel, Oskaloosa, Iowa, 3,533.
- 101, Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 3,529.
- 102 (tie), Fero Williams, Fairfield, Ohio, and Andrew Burke, St. Clair Shores, Mich., 3,527.
- 104 (tie), Kasey Normandin, Canada, and Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio, 3,525.
- 106, Ken Simard, Greenville, S.C., 3,524.
- 107, Paul Bober, Morton Grove, Ill., 3,520.
- 108 (tie), Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., and Alex Aguiar, N. Dartmouth, Mass., 3,519.
- 110, Duane Kilts, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 3,514.
- 111, Dale Coleman, High Springs, Fla., 3,513.
- 112 (tie), Richard Rathjen Jr., Naples, Fla., and Paul Gibson, Brunswick, Ohio, 3,510.
- 114, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.V., 3,508.
- 115, Tommy Dakouvanos, Belford, N.J., 3,506.
- 116, Brian Himmler, Cincinnati, 3,505.
- 117, David Simard, Canada, 3,504.
- 118, John Nolen, Waterford, Mich., 3,503.
- 119 (tie), Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, and Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,501.
- 121 (tie), Jason Freeman, Maple Shade, N.J., and Travis Celmer, Wernersville, Pa., 3,500.
- 123, Jeremy Hunt, Sikeston, Mo., 3,494.
- 124, James Fielder, Murray, Ky., 3,493.
- 125, Darren Andretta, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 3,492.
- 126, Ken Yokobosky, Fredon, N.J., 3,491.
- 127, Craig LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 3,489.
- 128, Robert Mockenhaupt, Rutherford, N.J., 3,488.
- 129, John Briggs, Warwick, N.Y., 3,482.
- 130, Frankie Calca, Elmont, N.Y., 3,481.
- 131, Anthony Colosimo, Pembroke Pines, Fla., 3,480.
- 132, Lanndyn Carnate, Glendale, Ariz., 3,479.
- 133 (tie), David Canady, Germany; Manuel Otalora, Colombia, and Wayne Porr, Hamburg, Pa., 3,472.
- 136, Ernest Lukacs Jr., Manville, N.J., 3,471.
- 137 (tie), Charles Anderson, Sloatsburg, N.Y., and Jimmy Cook, Indianapolis, 3,470.
- 139, Drew Balta, Swisher, Iowa, 3,468.
- 140 (tie), Scott Lavy, Troy, Mo., and Michael Markis, Hawley, Pa., 3,467.
- 142, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 3,464.
- 143, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 3,460.
- 144, Marcelo Suartz, Brazil, 3,459.
- 145, Matt Gasn, Laurel, Md., 3,457.
- 146, Brad Kemp, Allentown, Pa., 3,455.
- 147, Chad Reiffer, Kentwood, Mich., 3,441.

148, Clint Dacy, Fort Worth, Texas, 3,438.
 149, Jason Stadtler, Cherry Hill, N.J., 3,436.
 150, Chris Lawson, Parker, Colo., 3,435.
 151 (tie), Alexander Marx, Toms River, N.J., and Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 3,432.
 153, Stephen Hardy, Manchester, N.H., 3,427.
 154, Fran Luzzi, Port Jervis, N.Y., 3,426.
 155, Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga., 3,425.
 156, Robert Butler Jr., Staten Island, N.Y., 3,424.
 157, Corey Husted, Milwaukie, Ore., 3,422.
 158, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 3,421.
 159, Scott Santos, Quakertown, Pa., 3,416.
 160 (tie), Jason Baker, Sharon Springs, N.Y., and Jeff Schrum, Cherryville, N.C., 3,414.
 162, A.J. Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 3,410.
 163, Jim Rogers, Brick, N.J., 3,408.
 164, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 3,407.
 165, B.J. Moore III, Apex, N.C., 3,406.
 166, Bryan Paul, Brooklyn, N.Y., 3,405.
 167 (tie), Sean Wilson, Hawthorn Woods, Ill., and Vinny D'Ambrosio III, Staten Island, N.Y., 3,404.
 169, Chris Kramer, Richlandtown, Pa., 3,401.
 170, Aaron Williams, Pennsauken, N.J., 3,400.
 171, Chad Hastings, Greenwood, Del., 3,397.
 172 (tie), Kevin Brophy, Oakhurst, N.J., and Justin Bychkowski, Newtown, Conn., 3,392.
 174, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 3,391.
 175, Eric Vanderford, Brooklyn, N.Y., 3,387.
 176, Sean McAuliffe, Staten Island, N.Y., 3,385.
 177 (tie), Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, and Eric Cornog, Cherry Hill, N.J., 3,384.
 179 (tie), Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., and Ray Struck, Orland Park, Ill., 3,381.
 181, Glenn Smith, New York, 3,380.
 182, Austin Boulds, Cereal Springs, Ill., 3,379.
 183, Chris Deemer, Hamilton, N.J., 3,377.
 184 (tie), Diandra Asbaty, Chicago, and PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 3,374.
 186, Gary Faulkner, Memphis, Tenn., 3,373.
 187, Russell Wiltsey, Hamilton, N.J., 3,366.
 188, Logan Klinge, Dubuque, Iowa, 3,365.
 189, Kenny Ryan, Ocean, N.J., 3,361.
 190, Frank Guccione, Castle Rock, Colo., 3,346.
 191, Ron Dixon, Boynton Beach, Fla., 3,341.
 192, Michael Ahlquist, Sweden, 3,334.
 193, Stephen Dieter, Bowmanstown, Pa., 3,329.
 194, Tim West, Easton, Conn., 3,326.
 195, John Brown, Dexter, Mo., 3,325.
 196, Tyler Armour, Barre, Vt., 3,324.
 197, Billy Bertuch III, Yonkers, N.Y., 3,319.
 198 (tie), Wayne Bolin, Lumberton, N.C.; Chris Forry, Bridgeport, Conn., and Michael Fontenot, Hampton, Va., 3,316.
 201, Michael Cimba, Monroeville, Pa., 3,314.
 202 (tie), Tatu Lehtonen, Finland; Joseph Schuld, Farmingdale, N.J., and Shane Companion, Barre, Vt., 3,313.
 205, Chris Thornhill, Salisbury, Md., 3,310.
 206, Michael Favor III, Bayville, N.J., 3,309.
 207, Alain Bouchard, Canada, 3,307.
 208, Ethan Gray, North East, Md., 3,306.

209, Deric Morris, Warner Robins, Ga., 3,300.
 210 (tie), Billy Asbury, Odenton, Md.; Jaime Gonzalez, Colombia, and Ryan Branson, Bordentown, N.J., 3,299.
 213, Walter Williams Jr., Lodi, N.J., 3,297.
 214, Tim McAuliffe, Staten Island, N.Y., 3,295.
 215, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 3,294.
 216, Todd Klinko, Oil City, Pa., 3,293.
 217 (tie), Keith Goldberg, Yonkers, N.Y.; Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev., and Christopher Blackmore, Fairfax, Va., 3,288.
 220, Ron Hurt, Fairfax, Va., 3,287.
 221 (tie), Brian Lake, Warren, Mich., and Anthony Colangelo, Helmetta, N.J., 3,285.
 223, Patrick Donohoe Jr., Hampstead, N.H., 3,282.
 224, Joshua Berry, Glasgow, Ky., 3,281.
 225, David Knight Jr., Folcroft, Pa., 3,280.
 226 (tie), Matt Russo, Millstone Township, N.J.; Vincent Balisky, Elmhurst, N.Y., and Adam Monks, Conway, S.C., 3,273.
 229, Toney Nelson, North Branford, Conn., 3,272.
 230 (tie), Ryan Friend, Staten Island, N.Y., and Justin Warhol, Sound Beach, N.Y., 3,269.
 232 (tie), Frankie Mazzella, Staten Island, N.Y., and Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 3,264.
 234 (tie), Justin Sloan, Fair Lawn, N.J., and Edward Bienvenue, Edison, N.J., 3,259.
 236, Chris Fisher, Brooklyn, N.Y., 3,258.
 237 (tie), Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev.; John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., and Noel Pabilonia, Jersey City, N.J., 3,257.
 240, Diante Fields, Mount Royal, N.J., 3,253.
 241, Shane Holbert, Clifton Heights., Pa., 3,252.
 242, George Kruse, Clifton, N.J., 3,246.
 243, Joel Larche, Canada, 3,244.
 244, Gregory Krumnow, Vickery, Ohio, 3,243.
 245, Eric Page Sr., Templeton, Mass., 3,240.
 246, Jason Wilt, San Diego, 3,238.
 247, Michael Santonastaso, Lebanon, N.J., 3,235.
 248, Frank Gray Jr., North East, Md., 3,224.
 249 (tie), Chris Knappenberger, Slatington, Pa., and Lawrence King, Billerica, Mass., 3,223.
 251, Melissa Kammerer, Staten Island, N.Y., 3,222.
 252 (tie), Kirk Trahan, Houma, La.; Terry Krawec, Canada, and Chris Tomlinson, Franklin, Tenn., 3,218.
 255 (tie), David Carroll, Carbondale, Pa., and Joe Krajcovich, North Brunswick, N.J., 3,217.
 257 (tie), Richard Horsley, Morrisville, N.C., and Kevin Williams, Colorado Springs, Colo., 3,214.
 259 (tie), Devin Golden, Bethlehem, Pa., and Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 3,213.
 261, Cory Nichols, Hudson Falls, N.Y., 3,212.
 262 (tie), Michael Dutkiewicz, Nicholson, Pa., and Mike Deckelman, Milford, Del., 3,210.
 264, Andrew Graff, Las Vegas, 3,206.
 265, Corey Kistner, Decatur, Ill., 3,205.
 266, Mark McNear, Altamonte Springs, Fla., 3,198.
 267, Michael Healy, Yonkers, N.Y., 3,196.
 268 (tie), Greg Rottengen, Washington, N.J., and Jose Marte, Elmwood Park, N.J., 3,191.
 270, Nicolas Forestier, France, 3,189.
 271 (tie), Nicole Toto, Piscataway, N.J., and Dave Martorella, Meriden, Conn., 3,185.
 273, Chico Santiago, Tuckahoe, N.Y., 3,184.
 274, Steven Maruffi, Brooklyn, N.Y., 3,183.
 275, Eddie Torres, Port Ewen, NY, 3,182.
 276 (tie), Paul Lemond, Jasper, Ind., and Chris Blaison, Newburgh, N.Y., 3,181.
 278, Jack Pieraccini, Pittsfield, Mass., 3,180.

279 (tie), Daniel Gassera, Port Charlotte, Fla., and Rob Sperling, Livingston, N.J., 3,178.
 281, Robert Fusik III, Hamilton, N.J., 3,172.
 282, Michelle Arrington, Philadelphia, 3,170.
 283, Taylor Swartz, Windsor, N.Y., 3,167.
 284, Tim Panek, Randolph, N.J., 3,166.
 285, Ron Glick, Morganville, N.J., 3,165.
 286, Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 3,163.
 287, Daniel Dunleavy, Staten Island, N.Y., 3,159.
 288 (tie), Greg Stahora, West Hazelton, Pa., and Raymond Johnston Jr., Leonardtown, Md., 3,157.
 290, Philip Karl, Jackson, Ohio, 3,156.
 291, David Rosengarten, Gardendale, Ala., 3,153.
 292, Frank Bellavia Jr., Niagara Falls, N.Y., 3,151.
 293, Keith DeCambra, Quincy, Mass., 3,148.
 294, Cedric Anthor, France, 3,142.
 295, Sylvain Brisson, Canada, 3,137.
 296, Bernard Vandermeersch, France, 3,133.
 297 (tie), Brian DiCicco, Agawam, Mass., and Douglas Tonucci, Waldorf, Md., 3,127.
 299, Joseph Auger, Newburgh, N.Y., 3,126.
 300, Stephen Habel, Dubuque, Iowa, 3,124.
 301, Cyril Assie, France, 3,122.
 302, Jimmy Clark, Corinna, Maine, 3,120.
 303, Brian Sulzbach, Levittown, N.Y., 3,118.
 304, Thomas McLane, Lusby, Md., 3,116.
 305, Leon Platt, Summerville, S.C., 3,115.
 306, Art Swain Jr., Philadelphia, 3,111.
 307, Bryan Eaton, Wyoming, Mich., 3,107.
 308, Kevin Cartier, Beverly, N.J., 3,106.
 309, Larry Del Vecchio, Chalfont, Pa., 3,103.
 310 (tie), Richard Page II, Hillsborough, N.J., and Brian Crater, Hudson, Mich., 3,100.
 312, Marty Kirsten Jr., Greentown, Pa., 3,098.
 313, Thomas Grunwald, Astoria, N.Y., 3,096.
 314, Gary Smalling, Johnson City, Tenn., 3,091.
 315, Jason Phillips, Greenwood, Ind., 3,089.
 316 (tie), Michael Ciardulli Jr., Valley Stream, N.Y., and Scott Salem, Oradell, N.J., 3,088.
 318 (tie), Gregory Matera, Staten Island, N.Y., and Pierre-Luc Larouche, Canada, 3,085.
 320, Christopher Lee, Brooklyn, N.Y., 3,082.
 321, Jim Dilyard, Burbank, Ohio, 3,081.
 322, Charles Harris, Macungie, Pa., 3,078.
 323, Robert Wade, Winter Springs, Fla., 3,075.
 324, Maverick Mackovic, Oak Ridge, N.C., 3,070.
 325 (tie), Yves Crouzat, France, and David Perry, Fairfield, Maine, 3,066.
 327, Richard Ayers, Union, N.J., 3,064.
 328, Gaetano Sereno, Ridgewood, N.Y., 3,062.
 329 (tie), Mike Carmean, Georgetown, Del., and John Touhey, Miamisburg, Ohio, 3,061.
 331, Ryan Funk, Midlothian, Ill., 3,059.
 332, Ken Karamichael, Somerset, N.J., 3,058.
 333, Jonathan Sellers, Stratford, Conn., 3,054.
 334, Al Giolat, Florissant, Mo., 3,052.
 335, Brandon Robertson, Clinton, Conn., 3,048.
 336, Michael McCord, Bayonne, N.J., 3,042.
 337, Bradley Branam, Bloomington, Ind., 3,035.
 338, Mark Cornelius, Peru, Ind., 3,034.

339, Andrew Wojcik, Doylestown, Pa., 3,032.
 340 (tie), Sun Kim, Flushing, N.Y., and Michael Robey, Morrisville, Pa., 3,030.
 342, Ralph Ehrlich, N.Massapequa, N.Y., 3,026.
 343, Chris Boyd, Brick, N.J., 3,025.
 344, Jerry Bohlman, Milton, Fla., 3,011.
 345, Christopher Keane, New City, N.Y., 2,998.
 346, Michael LoBianco, Brick, N.J., 2,994.
 347, Chris Helton, Fountain, Colo., 2,990.
 348, Joaquim Fernandes, France, 2,986.
 349 (tie), Michael Sucena, Philadelphia, and Armando Santacruz, Ecuador, 2,979.
 351, David Zeitz, Philadelphia, 2,976.
 352, M. Humphrey, Cape Girardeau, Mo., 2,974.
 353, Robert Brownie, Richmond, Va., 2,971.
 354, Chris Liotta, Dix Hills, N.Y., 2,966.
 355, Shaun English, Lebanon, Pa., 2,963.
 356, Matt Vancil, Dexter, Mo., 2,955.
 357, Brandon Boyer, Hudson Falls, N.Y., 2,952.
 358, Steven Landry, Oakville, Conn., 2,944.
 359, Joel Eyssen, Manville, N.J., 2,941.
 360, Emmanuel Rigas, Trenton, N.J., 2,929.
 361, Kevin Dziuba, Howell, N.J., 2,925.
 362, Jean Marie Gaudin, France, 2,918.
 363, Jason Lowery, Baltimore, 2,917.
 364, Joseph Truchan Jr., Ringwood, N.J., 2,915.
 365, Sylvie LaLancette, Canada, 2,905.
 366, Amanda Warren, Naperville, Ill., 2,904.
 367, Jonathan Glattstein, North Bergen, N.J., 2,860.
 368, Anssi Valtonen, Finland, 2,845.
 369, Domenico Curra, Mahopac, N.Y., 2,843.
 370, Greg Eskow, Syosset, N.Y., 2,836.
 371, Steve Wilstein, Boston, 2,808.
 372, Chris Riolo, Springfield, N.J., 2,780.
 373, Beau Geier, Watertown, S.D., 2,774.
 374, Thomas VanGorden, Hamilton, N.J., 2,772.
 375, Giovanny Jimenez, Plainsboro, N.J., 2,755.
 376, Christopher Gillette, Scotia, N.Y., 2,753.
 377, Michael Shaw, Maple Shade, N.J., 2,735.
 378, J. Marc Rougelin, France, 2,714.
 379, Minh-Duc Le, France, 2,710.
 380, Mike Gossman, Emmaus, Pa., 2,705.
 381, Shane Cunningham, Claryville, N.Y., 2,693.
 382, Joseph Gentile, Huntington Station, N.Y., 2,607.
 383, Kevin Junice, Old Bridge, N.J., 2,518.
 384, Roy Cadoo Jr., Matawan, N.J., 2,454.
 385, Aaron Knoll, Plainview, N.Y., 2,441.

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: Because competition for the final round of qualifying today will 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 results release and full standings will be sent after each round is completed)

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14-Year-Old Kamron Doyle Poised to Become Youngest Casher in PBA Tour History

Veteran PBA Regional competitor P.J. Sondag takes early second round lead in U.S. Open

NORTH BRUNSWICK, N.J. (Feb. 23, 2012) – Veteran Professional Bowlers Association regional competitor P.J. Sondag of Luzerne, Pa., burst out of the pack to take the early third round lead in the 69th U.S. Open at Brunswick Zone-Carolier Thursday, but it was 14-year-old Kamron Doyle of Brentwood, Tenn., who stole the show, virtually locking up a record as the youngest player ever to cash in a Professional Bowlers Association national tour event.

And the 5-foot-5, 105-pound eighth grader picked the most difficult tournament in the sport to make his mark.

Doyle, who already held the PBA record as youngest casher when he finished 30th in a PBA South Regional event at age 12, averaged 202 for his 18 qualifying games, finishing 18th on the opening squad and temporarily sitting in 58th place among the entire field of 394 bowlers with one-third of the field still on the lanes.

Doyle is virtually locked in to finish among the top 98 players who will advance to Friday morning's eight-game cashers round, where he'll have a final chance to move up to the top 24 who will bowl three round-robin match play rounds Friday evening and Saturday. The top four will then battle in the live ESPN-televised stepladder finals Sunday at 3 p.m. Eastern. At stake is a \$60,000 first prize, a PBA major title and an automatic berth in the Round of 36 for the end-of-season PBA Tournament of Champions.

Doyle, who turned 14 on Jan. 13, bowled qualifying on the same pair of lanes with PBA Hall of Famer Johnny Petraglia of Jackson, N.J. Petraglia, who turns 65 on March 3, beat Doyle by seven pins but he had to out-score the younger player, 219-184, in the final game to do it.

"(Kamron) dumped the last game out of respect," Petraglia laughed.

"I wasn't thinking about beating him," Doyle noted. "I was just trying to beat myself."

"I have never had a pairing anything like this one, except the other way around," Petraglia said. "When I bowled my first PBA event in Detroit, I got to cross with Ray Bluth (a hall of fame and member of the legendary Budweisers of St. Louis bowling tea), so this was a nice reversal. I remember in my first tournament, in the first frame, I left the bucket (3-5-6-9). I was so naïve. I knew Bluth, Don Carter, the whole Budweiser team watching and I figured if I missed that spare, they'd all think I stink. But I made it."

"I think (Kamron) is going to be terrific," Petraglia added. "I remember bowling with (35-time PBA Tour titlist) Pete Weber in pro-am in St. Louis when he was maybe 15, and I see the same kind of swing, the same fiery attitude, the same attributes Pete had when he was a teenager."

"About the only physical criticism I can make, because he has such a nice natural game, is that he doesn't look down to see where he's at when he steps onto the approach. It's kind of a feel thing with him, but when you're in an event this difficult, where you stand is magnified so much. He'll fix that soon. His horizon is high."

While Petraglia said he never asked Doyle if he knew who the PBA Triple Crown winner was, Doyle answered the question immediately.

"Yah, I know who he is. I know all of these guys," Doyle said matter-of-factly.

Doyle said he has been bowling ever since he experienced the game at a birthday party when he was 7. He immediately wanted his own ball and shoes, and said he has practiced an average of 50-60 games a week ever since. "Honest," he said. "I kinda taught myself. I watched the pros on TV a lot. I got real serious about it when I was about 10."

Surprisingly, Doyle doesn't come from a bowling family. His father, Sean Doyle, is a Nashville area orthodontist. Dad may not be a bowler, but Kamron isn't without his mentors.

"Tommy Jones, Bill O'Neill, Chris Barnes, Mika Koivuniemi, Mike Fagan, they impress me the most," the young Doyle said. "I've become good friends with all of them. Tommy Jones actually stayed at our house. He taught me a lot: take your time when you're bowling bad, he helped with last two steps of my approach, how to stay down and through the shot, all of that stuff."

Mentally, he approaches the game like a polished 40-year-old veteran.

"People tell me I have a pretty good mental attitude which keeps me in the game," he said. "That's probably why I'm still in the cut. It's kind of grown with me. I was real bad when I was young. But that's something people have to learn. Get mad and frustrated and miss a spare, that costs you 20 pins."

The right mental approach is especially important in a tournament like the U.S. Open, which is notorious for its difficult scoring conditions.

"This is my first U.S. Open," Doyle said. "I've been wanting to bowl it the last three years. I heard how tough it was from my ball driller, who has bowled in it before, but I didn't believe him. I do now. You have no idea how tough it is until you do it. It's brutal. I found out in practice you couldn't miss by a centimeter. The heads burn up. The ball hooks at your feet. The lanes are snot-tight in back. But the biggest lesson is you have to make your spares."

After starting the tournament with a 150 game, Doyle has been in plus-200-average territory ever since. While his odds of moving up far enough to make the top 24 for match play are remote, he hasn't thrown in the towel.

"Making the 24 cut would be pretty amazing," he said. "I'll have to go huge tomorrow. I'll have to go 180 over (average over 220), but I can do it if I put my mind to it."

Whatever money Doyle winds up making will be deposited into his United States Bowling Congress SMART scholarship account. It was the advent of the SMART scholarship management program seven years ago that allowed bowlers under the age of 18 to compete in professional events. To date, Doyle said his SMART account is worth about \$22,000, but he isn't sure what college he'll eventually attend, or exactly what he'll study when the time comes.

"I don't know what I want to do yet," he said. "My dad's an orthodontist, so maybe I'll follow him. But if I'm good enough I may want to be a professional bowler."

Sunday, whose national tour experience includes six U.S. Opens with three or four cashes, was basically in shock to be the early leader.

"I just matched up," the 31-year-old nurse and certified pedorthist ("I do orthotic shoe modifications to help people walk better") said. "It happens every once in a while. It's one of those I-can't-believe-it's-happening-to-me moments. But leading qualifying means you get to bowl tomorrow; it doesn't mean anything else. No one remembers who led qualifying.

"I'm just playing one shot at a time. It's easy to say, but hard to do. There are 400 of the best in the world here and I'm just fortunate to be here," he continued. "I'm going to keep throwing one shot and try to make each one good, not great. There's no safe lead. Only safe lead is when there is no one left to catch you."

Sunday, whose only PBA title came in an East Regional tournament in Catskills, N.Y., three years ago, finished qualifying with an 18-game total of 4,020 pins and a 127-pin lead over amateur John Janawicz of Winter Garden, Fla. Sunday, who was ninth after two rounds, fired games of 278, 235, 227, 263, 185 and 237 during Thursday's round. Ronnie Russell of Marion, Ind., was third among the early finishers with 3,825 pins and defending U.S. Open champion Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., made a big move up the leaderboard, finishing with a 3,818 total.

Second-round leader Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., was among the players who bowled their third qualifying round in Thursday night's session.

At the conclusion of play Thursday, the top 98 players will advance to the eight-game cashers' round Friday morning. Based on total pinfall for 26 games, the top 24 will advance to three eight-game round robin match play rounds Friday evening and Saturday to decide the four stepladder finalists.

All preliminary rounds leading up to Sunday's ESPN finals are being webcast live on the PBA's exclusive online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. To subscribe to Xtra Frame, click on the logo on the home page of pba.com.

69TH U.S. OPEN

Brunswick Zone-Carolier, North Brunswick, N.J., Thursday

THIRD SECOND ROUND (top 50 after 18 games; one-third of the field had yet to complete the third round)

- 1, P.J. Sunday, Luzerne, Pa., 4,020.
- 2, John Janawicz, Winter Haven, Fla., 3,893.
- 3, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 3,825.

- 4, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,818.
- 5, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 3,808.
- 6, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 3,792.
- 7, Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y., 3,771.
- 8, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,753.
- 9, Storm DeVincent, Westford, Mass., 3,749.
- 10, Dom Barrett, England, 3,747.
- 11, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 3,742.
- 12, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 3,740.
- 13, Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz., 3,733.
- 14, Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan., 3,731.
- 15, Missy Parkin, Lake Forest, Calif., 3,721.
- 16, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 3,717.
- 17, Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 3,708.
- 18, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,705.
- 19, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 3,694.
- 20, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 3,681.
- 21, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3,676.
- 22, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 3,674.
- 23, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 3,672.
- 24, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 3,670.
- 25, David Stouffer, Fort Myers, Fla., 3,659.
- 26, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 3,653.
- 27, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 3,651.
- 28, John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 3,647.
- 29, Michael Steil, Wheeling, Ill., 3,641.
- 30, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 3,640.
- 31, Stephen Pavlinko, Sewell, N.J., 3,637.
- 32, Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 3,636.
- 33, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 3,623.
- 34, Jake Peters, Decatur, Ill., 3,620.
- 35 (tie), Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., and Steve Rogers, Manteno, Ill., 3,607.
- 37, Patrick Girard, Canada, 3,601.
- 38, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 3,600.
- 39, Paul Pinto, Philadelphia, 3,597.
- 40, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,584.
- 41, Matt Taylor, Knightdale, N.C., 3,576.
- 42, James Wallace, Hicksville, N.Y., 3,575.
- 43, David Kilts, New York, 3,570.
- 44, Mike Rose Jr., West Henrietta, N.Y., 3,569.
- 45, Jeremy Boyer, Desloge, Mo., 3,567.
- 46, Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 3,567.
- 47, T.J. Schmidt, Osceola, Ind., 3,566.
- 48, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 3,558.
- 49, Stuart Williams, England, 3,557.
- 50, Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., 3,556.

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"Bridesmaid" Shafer Back in Front as Second Round Leader in U.S. Open

25-year PBA Tour veteran hopes to end record streak of 13 major TV finals without a title

NORTH BRUNSWICK, N.J. (Feb. 22, 2012) – Ryan Shafer, the ultimate bridesmaid in major bowling championship tournaments, is once again posed to make a run for the title he covets most.

Shafer, bowling in his 25th year on the Professional Bowlers Association Tour at age 45, emerged Wednesday as the second round leader in the 69th U.S. Open after averaging 225.17 through the first 12 qualifying games at Brunswick Zone-Carolier.

On the usually low-scoring freshly-oiled lane condition Wednesday morning, the Horseheads, N.Y., resident rolled games of 236, 188, 250, 255, 255 and 229 to finish with 2,702 pins and a six-pin lead over newly-elected PBA Hall of Famer Jason Couch of Clermont, Fla., who finished the second round with 2,696 pins.

Mike Fagan of Dallas and Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio, were tied for third place with 2,665 pins. Defending champion Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., was in 38th place with 2,478 pins.

Shafer's goal is to end a PBA-record string of 13 major championship television finals without a title. He has finished second in majors five times, including the PBA World Championship earlier this season, and he has three additional top five finishes in majors when fewer than five players advanced to the TV finals.

Two of those second-place finishes came at the hands of Couch, in the 2000 and 2002 PBA Tournament of Champions.

But Shafer realizes the only way he can end the streak is to continue putting himself into position to win one, and the U.S. Open is his major of choice. He has finished among the top five in six U.S. Opens, including a fourth-place finish in last year's U.S. Open at Brunswick Zone-Carolier, a center he also likes.

"I love this tournament," he said. "It can be frustrating at times, but house knowledge also helps a lot. We've bowled a lot of tournaments here (at Carolier) and I remember characteristics of the center that help. There are certain sections of the center where I know I can't use the same ball on both lanes. You're taking a chance when you do that, but I know I'll shoot 160 if I don't do it.

"You don't expect to bowl as well as I did on the fresh condition this morning," he added. "But I got a good night's sleep and came in feeling good. I had one bad game, but for the most part, everything went as planned and I carried the pocket. That was the big thing."

The entire field of 394 players will bowl six more qualifying games Thursday. The top 98 players after 18 games will then advance to the eight-game cashers' round Friday morning. After a total of 26 games, the top 24 will advance to three eight-game round robin match play rounds Friday evening and Saturday to decide the four stepladder finalists who will battle for the \$60,000 top prize on ESPN Sunday at 3 p.m. Eastern.

All preliminary rounds leading up to Sunday's ESPN finals are being webcast live on the PBA's exclusive online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. To subscribe to Xtra Frame, click on the logo on the home page of pba.com.

69TH U.S. OPEN

Brunswick Zone-Carolier, North Brunswick, N.J., Wednesday

SECOND ROUND (after 12 games)

- 1, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 2,702.
- 2, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 2,696.
- 3 (tie), Mike Fagan, Dallas, and Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 2,665.
- 5, Ron Nelson Jr., Bridgeview, Ill., 2,654.
- 6, Dan MacLelland, Canada, 2,651.
- 7, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2,620.
- 8, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2,607.
- 9, P.J. Sondag, Luzerne, Pa., 2,595.
- 10, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 2,591.
- 11, Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan., 2,589.
- 12, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 2,580.
- 13, Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 2,566.
- 14 (tie), Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, and John Janawicz, Winter Haven, Fla., 2,560.
- 16, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 2,555.
- 17, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 2,554.
- 18, Shannon Buchan, Waterloo, Iowa, 2,553.
- 19, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2,541.
- 20, Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 2,537.
- 21, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 2,529.
- 22, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 2,527.
- 23, Rusty Thomsen, Morgan, N.J., 2,526.
- 24 (tie), Daniel Farish, Louisville, Ky., and Missy Parkin, Lake Forest, Calif., 2,518.
- 26, Adam Chase, Seaford, N.Y., 2,510.
- 27, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 2,498.
- 28 (tie), Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y., and John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y., 2,494.
- 30, Steve Rogers, Manteno, Ill., 2,491.
- 31, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 2,489.
- 32, Matthew O'Grady, South Amboy, N.J., 2,486.
- 33 (tie), Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, and Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,484.
- 35, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 2,482.
- 36, David Stouffer, Fort Myers, Fla., 2,480.
- 37, Stephen Haas, Enola, Pa., 2,479.
- 38, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,478.
- 39, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 2,477.
- 40, Michael Steil, Wheeling, Ill., 2,470.
- 41, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 2,465.
- 42 (tie), Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., and Brandon Tarabek, Cleveland Hts., Ohio, 2,459.
- 44, Jake Peters, Decatur, Ill., 2,458.

45 (tie), Rob Gotterbarn, Garden City South, N.Y., and Carleton Chambers, Detroit, 2,457.
 47, Dom Barrett, England, 2,456.
 48, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,455.
 49, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 2,450.
 50, T.J. Schmidt, Osceola, Ind., 2,449.
 51, Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 2,446.
 52, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 2,445.
 53, Stephen Pavlinko, Sewell, N.J., 2,441.
 54, Lee Vanderhoef, Greenville, S.C., 2,433.
 55, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 2,432.
 56, Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz., 2,431.
 57, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 2,428.
 58 (tie), Andrew Burke, St. Clair Shores, Mich., and Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 2,427.
 60, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2,426.
 61, Paul Pinto, Philadelphia, 2,422.
 62, Anthony Colosimo, Pembroke Pines, Fla., 2,417.
 63, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 2,412.
 64 (tie), Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn.; Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio; Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, and Paul Gibson, Brunswick, Ohio, 2,411.
 68, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 2,408.
 69 (tie), Alex Aguiar, N. Dartmouth, Mass., and Kenneth Lane, Rosedale, Md., 2,406.
 71, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,405.
 72, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 2,401.
 73, Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland, 2,400.
 74, Brian Himmler, Cincinnati, 2,396.
 75, John Briggs, Warwick, N.Y., 2,395.
 76, Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 2,393.
 77 (tie), Storm DeVincent, Westford, Mass., and Juhani Tonteri, Finland, 2,392.
 79, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 2,386.
 80, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 2,384.
 81, Tommy Dakouvanos, Belford, N.J., 2,383.
 82, Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga., 2,380.
 83, Sean Riccardi, Piscataway, N.J., 2,379.
 84, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 2,378.
 85 (tie), Tony Ament, Monroe, N.J.; Lannodyn Carnate, Glendale, Ariz., and Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 2,376.
 88, Joe Goldstein Sr., Hayward, Calif., 2,373.
 89, John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 2,372.
 90, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 2,369.
 91, Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., 2,368.
 92, Jim Rogers, Brick, N.J., 2,365.
 93, Jeff Schrum, Cherryville, N.C., 2,364.
 94, David Kilts, New York, 2,359.
 95 (tie), James Wallace, Hicksville, N.Y., and Stephen Hardy, Manchester, N.H., 2,358.
 97, Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 2,356.
 98 (tie), William Guszczko, Orland Park, Ill.; Richard Rathjen Jr., Naples, Fla., and Dan Furman, Amsterdam, N.Y., 2,355.
 101, Robert Mockenhaupt, Rutherford, N.J., 2,354.
 102, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 2,353.
 103 (tie), E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., and Chris Lawson, Parker, Colo., 2,350.
 105, Chad Roberts, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, 2,349.
 106, Travis Celmer, Wernersville, Pa., 2,347.

107 (tie), Dale Coleman, High Springs, Fla., and Darren Andretta, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 2,346.
 109, Duane Kilts, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 2,345.
 110, Matt Taylor, Knightdale, N.C., 2,343.
 111, Wayne Porr, Hamburg, Pa., 2,341.
 112, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 2,340.
 113 (tie), Jason Stadtler, Cherry Hill, N.J., and Jimmy Cook, Indianapolis, 2,338.
 115 (tie), Craig LeMond, Jasper, Ind., and Patrick Girard, Canada, 2,337.
 117 (tie), Chris Kramer, Richlandtown, Pa., and Billy Pautz, St. Peter, Minn., 2,334.
 119 (tie), Stuart Williams, England; Vinny D'Ambrosio III, Staten Island, N.Y.; Fero Williams, Fairfield, Ohio, and Ken Yokobosky, Fredon, N.J., 2,333.
 123, Mike Rose Jr., West Henrietta, N.Y., 2,332.
 124, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 2,331.
 125, Gary Faulkner, Memphis, Tenn., 2,330.
 126, Michael Markis, Hawley, Pa., 2,326.
 127 (tie), Jason Baker, Sharon Springs, N.Y.; Mike Dole, Chicago, and Ernest Lukacs Jr., Manville, N.J., 2,324.
 130, Scott Lavy, Troy, Mo., 2,323.
 131, Justin Bychkowski, Newtown, Conn., 2,322.
 132, Corey Husted, Milwaukie, Ore., 2,320.
 133, John Nolen, Waterford, Mich., 2,319.
 134 (tie), Marcelo Suartz, Brazil; Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.V., and Ken Simard, Greenville, S.C., 2,317.
 137, Frankie Calca, Elmont, N.Y., 2,316.
 138, Kevin Brophy, Oakhurst, N.J., 2,315.
 139, Clint Dacy, Fort Worth, Texas, 2,313.
 140, Manuel Otalora, Colombia, 2,311.
 141, Chad Hastings, Greenwood, Del., 2,310.
 142, Jeremy Boyer, Desloge, Mo., 2,307.
 143, David Simard, Canada, 2,306.
 144 (tie), Bryan Paul, Brooklyn, N.Y., and Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 2,303.
 146, Christopher Blackmore, Fairfax, Va., 2,300.
 147, Ray Struck, Orland Park, Ill., 2,297.
 148, Aaron Williams, Pennsauken, N.J., 2,287.
 149, John Furey, East Windsor, N.J., 2,285.
 150, Frank Guccione, Castle Rock, Colo., 2,282.
 151 (tie), George Branham III, Indianapolis; Brad Kemp, Allentown, Pa., and Stephen Dieter, Bowmanstown, Pa., 2,280.
 154, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 2,277.
 155 (tie), PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., and George Kruse, Clifton, N.J., 2,275.
 157 (tie), Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, and Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 2,274.
 159, Sean McAuliffe, Staten Island, N.Y., 2,271.
 160, Sean Wilson, Hawthorn Woods, Ill., 2,269.
 161, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 2,268.
 162 (tie), Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., and Eric Cornog, Cherry Hill, N.J., 2,266.
 164, Tyler Armour, Barre, Vt., 2,265.
 165 (tie), A.J. Johnson, Oswego, Ill., and Glenn Smith, New York, 2,264.
 167 (tie), Scott Santos, Quakertown, Pa., and Kasey Normandin, Canada, 2,262.
 169 (tie), Michael Ahlquist, Sweden, and James Fielder, Murray, Ky., 2,261.
 171 (tie), Justin Warhol, Sound Beach, N.Y., and Jason Freeman, Maple Shade, N.J., 2,260.
 173, David Canady, Germany, 2,258.
 174 (tie), Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich.; Ryan Branson, Bordentown, N.J., and Cory Nichols, Hudson Falls, N.Y., 2,257.

177, Robert Butler Jr., Staten Island, N.Y., 2,255.
 178, Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 2,254.
 179 (tie), Shane Companion, Barre, Vt., and Kenny Ryan, Ocean, N.J., 2,253.
 181 (tie), Eric Vanderford, Brooklyn, N.Y., and B.J. Moore III, Apex, N.C., 2,252.
 183, Alex Cavagnaro, Massapequa, N.Y., 2,251.
 184 (tie), Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, and Sean Rangel, Oskaloosa, Iowa, 2,248.
 186, Ron Dixon, Boynton Beach, Fla., 2,247.
 187 (tie), Jeremy Hunt, Sikeston, Mo., and Anthony Colangelo, Helmetta, N.J., 2,244.
 189 (tie), Drew Balta, Swisher, Iowa, and Matt Gasn, Laurel, Md., 2,242.
 191, Austin Boulds, Cereal Springs, Ill., 2,239.
 192, Charles Anderson, Sloatsburg, N.Y., 2,237.
 193 (tie), Alexander Marx, Toms River, N.J., and Edward Bienvenue, Edison, N.J., 2,236.
 195, Joshua Berry, Glasgow, Ky., 2,235.
 196, Walter Williams Jr., Lodi, N.J., 2,234.
 197 (tie), Robert Fusik III, Hamilton, N.J., and Joe Krajkovich, North Brunswick, N.J., 2,233.
 199, Adam Monks, Conway, S.C., 2,232.
 200, Matthew Zasowski, Buffalo, N.Y., 2,230.
 201 (tie), Alain Bouchard, Canada; Vincent Balisky, Elmhurst, N.Y.; Diandra Asbaty, Chicago, and Fran Luzzi, Port Jervis, N.Y., 2,229.
 205 (tie), Toney Nelson, North Branford, Conn.; Ron Hurt, Fairfax, Va., and Rob Sperling, Livingston, N.J., 2,228.
 208, Paul Bober, Morton Grove, Ill., 2,227.
 209, Michael Fontenot, Hampton, Va., 2,224.
 210 (tie), Joseph Schuld, Farmingdale, N.J., and Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev., 2,223.
 212, Kevin Williams, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2,222.
 213, Tim McAuliffe, Staten Island, N.Y., 2,221.
 214 (tie), Nicolas Forestier, France, and Russell Wiltsey, Hamilton, N.J., 2,214.
 216, Chris Deemer, Hamilton, N.J., 2,212.
 217, Chad Reiffer, Kentwood, Mich., 2,208.
 218, Tim West, Easton, Conn., 2,207.
 219, David Carroll, Carbondale, Pa., 2,206.
 220, John Brown, Dexter, Mo., 2,205.
 221, Chico Santiago, Tuckahoe, N.Y., 2,204.
 222, Chris Forry, Bridgeport, Conn., 2,201.
 223, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 2,198.
 224 (tie), Chris Tomlinson, Franklin, Tenn.; Logan Klinge, Dubuque, Iowa, and Todd Klinko, Oil City, Pa., 2,196.
 227, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 2,195.
 228, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 2,191.
 229 (tie), Michael Santonastaso, Lebanon, N.J., and Jaime Gonzalez, Colombia, 2,189.
 231, Noel Pabilonia, Jersey City, N.J., 2,185.
 232, Ryan Friend, Staten Island, N.Y., 2,184.
 233, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 2,183.
 234, Ethan Gray, North East, Md., 2,176.
 235 (tie), John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., and Michael Cimba, Monroeville, Pa., 2,175.
 237, Shane Holbert, Clifton Heights, Pa., 2,174.
 238, Justin Sloan, Fair Lawn, N.J., 2,170.
 239, Tatu Lehtonen, Finland, 2,169.
 240, Eric Page Sr., Templeton, Mass., 2,166.
 241, Joel Larche, Canada, 2,161.
 242 (tie), Frankie Mazzella, Staten Island, N.Y., and Michelle Arrington, Philadelphia, 2,158.
 244, Terry Krawec, Canada, 2,154.

245, Deric Morris, Warner Robins, Ga., 2,152.
 246, Mike Deckelman, Milford, Del., 2,151.
 247, Keith DeCambra, Quincy, Mass., 2,148.
 248, Bernard Vandermeersch, France, 2,146.
 249 (tie), Melissa Kammerer, Staten Island, N.Y., and Art Swain Jr., Philadelphia, 2,144.
 251 (tie), Cedric Anthon, France, and Jose Marte, Elmwood Park, N.J., 2,143.
 253, Greg Rottengen, Washington, N.J., 2,142.
 254, Diante Fields, Mount Royal, N.J., 2,141.
 255, Corey Kistner, Decatur, Ill., 2,140.
 256, Joseph Auger, Newburgh, N.Y., 2,139.
 257, Gregory Krumnow, Vickery, Ohio, 2,137.
 258 (tie), Ron Glick, Morganville, N.J., and Jack Pieraccini, Pittsfield, Mass., 2,136.
 260, Kevin Cartier, Beverly, N.J., 2,135.
 261, Lawrence King, Billerica, Mass., 2,134.
 262 (tie), Eddie Torres, Port Ewen, N.Y., and Daniel Dunleavy, Staten Island, N.Y., 2,133.
 264 (tie), Kirk Trahan, Houma, La., and Billy Asbury, Odenton, Md., 2,132.
 266, Raymond Johnston Jr., Leonardtown, Md., 2,131.
 267 (tie), David Knight Jr., Folcroft, Pa., and Michael Dutkiewicz, Nicholson, Pa., 2,130.
 269, Mark McNear, Altamonte Springs, Fla., 2,129.
 270 (tie), Chris Thornhill, Salisbury, Md., and Stephen Habel, Dubuque, Iowa, 2,128.
 272, Dave Martorella, Meriden, Conn., 2,126.
 273 (tie), Wayne Bolin, Lumberton, N.C., and Keith Goldberg, Yonkers, N.Y., 2,125.
 275, Patrick Donohoe Jr., Hampstead, N.H., 2,123.
 276 (tie), David Perry, Fairfield, Maine, and Larry Del Vecchio, Chalfont, Pa., 2,118.
 278 (tie), Steven Maruffi, Brooklyn, N.Y., and Chris Fisher, Brooklyn, N.Y., 2,117.
 280, Billy Bertuch III, Yonkers, N.Y., 2,113.
 281, Brian Lake, Warren, Mich., 2,111.
 282 (tie), Devin Golden, Bethlehem, Pa., and Sylvain Brisson, Canada, 2,109.
 284, Douglas Tonucci, Waldorf, Md., 2,108.
 285, Frank Gray Jr., North East, Md., 2,107.
 286, Scott Salem, Oradell, N.J., 2,105.
 287 (tie), Chris Knappenberger, Slatington, Pa., and Frank Bellavia Jr., Niagara Falls, N.Y., 2,101.
 289, Taylor Swartz, Windsor, N.Y., 2,100.
 290 (tie), Michael Ciardulli Jr., Valley Stream, N.Y.; Nicole Toto, Piscataway, N.J., and David Rosengarten, Gardendale, Ala., 2,099.
 293, Tim Panek, Randolph, N.J., 2,098.
 294 (tie), Brian DiCicco, Agawam, Mass., and Ryan Funk, Midlothian, Ill., 2,094.
 296 (tie), Chris Helton, Fountain, Colo., and Greg Stahora, West Hazelton, Pa., 2,092.
 298, Richard Horsley, Morrisville, N.C., 2,089.
 299 (tie), Chris Blaison, Newburgh, N.Y., and Michael McCord, Bayonne, N.J., 2,087.
 301, Michael Healy, Yonkers, N.Y., 2,085.
 302, Matt Russo, Millstone Township, N.J., 2,084.
 303 (tie), Pierre-Luc Larouche, Canada, and Paul Lemond, Jasper, Ind., 2,082.
 305, Andrew Graff, Las Vegas, 2,081.
 306, Charles Harris, Macungie, Pa., 2,078.
 307 (tie), Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev., and Jimmy Clark, Corinna, Maine, 2,077.
 309, Brandon Robertson, Clinton, Conn., 2,072.
 310, Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 2,068.
 311, Gaetano Sereno, Ridgewood, N.Y., 2,065.
 312, Michael Robey, Morrisville, Pa., 2,064.
 313, Gregory Matera, Staten Island, N.Y., 2,061.
 314, Gary Smalling, Johnson City, Tenn., 2,059.

315 (tie), John Touhey, Miamisburg, Ohio, and Joaquim Fernandes, France, 2,058.
 317, Leon Platt, Summerville, S.C., 2,051.
 318 (tie), Ken Karamichael, Somerset, N.J., and Mark Cornelius, Peru, Ind., 2,050.
 320, Robert Brownie, Richmond, Va., 2,046.
 321, Michael Favor III, Bayville, N.J., 2,045.
 322, Bryan Eaton, Wyoming, Mich., 2,042.
 323, Christopher Lee, Brooklyn, N.Y., 2,041.
 324, Sun Kim, Flushing, N.Y., 2,039.
 325, Brian Crater, Hudson, Mich., 2,037.
 326, Marty Kirsten Jr., Greentown, Pa., 2,034.
 327 (tie), Richard Ayers, Union, N.J., and Ed Rabbitt, Norwalk, Conn., 2,033.
 329, Daniel Gassera, Port Charlotte, Fla., 2,032.
 330, Jason Wilt, San Diego, 2,027.
 331, Maverick Mackovic, Oak Ridge, N.C., 2,025.
 332, Jason Phillips, Greenwood, Ind., 2,020.
 333 (tie), Ralph Ehrlich, N. Massapequa, N.Y., and Chris Boyd, Brick, N.J., 2,018.
 335, Joseph Truchan Jr., Ringwood, N.J., 2,016.
 336, Cyril Assie, France, 2,014.
 337, Kevin Dziuba, Howell, N.J., 2,013.
 338, Robert Wade, Winter Springs, Fla., 2,012.
 339, Jean Marie Gaudin, France, 2,008.
 340 (tie), Mike Carmean, Georgetown, Del., and Al Giolat, Florissant, Mo., 2,007.
 342, Bradley Branam, Bloomington, Ind., 2,006.
 343, Jim Dilyard, Burbank, Ohio, 2,005.
 344, Yves Crouzat, France, 2,003.
 345, Brian Sulzbach, Levittown, N.Y., 2,002.
 346, Daniel Eremias, Edison, N.J., 1,996.
 347, Jonathan Sellers, Stratford, Conn., 1,995.
 348, Richard Page II, Hillsborough, N.J., 1,992.
 349, Armando Santacruz, Ecuador, 1,991.
 350, Andrew Wojcik, Doylestown, Pa., 1,989.
 351, Philip Karl, Jackson, Ohio, 1,981.
 352, Thomas Grunwald, Astoria, N.Y., 1,978.
 353, Matt Vancil, Dexter, Mo., 1,976.
 354, Judge Abruzzese, Bronx, N.Y., 1,972.
 355, Brandon Boyer, Hudson Falls, N.Y., 1,971.
 356, Christopher Keane, New City, N.Y., 1,970.
 357 (tie), David Zeitz, Philadelphia, and Thomas McLane, Lusby, Md., 1,967.
 359, Jerry Bohlman, Milton, Fla., 1,957.
 360, Michael LoBianco, Brick, N.J., 1,951.
 361, Emmanuel Rigas, Trenton, N.J., 1,949.
 362, M. Humphrey, Cape Girardeau, Mo., 1,942.
 363, Joel Eyssen, Manville, N.J., 1,938.
 364, Jason Lowery, Baltimore, 1,934.
 365, Giovanni Jimenez, Plainsboro, N.J., 1,925.
 366 (tie), Chris Riolo, Springfield, N.J., and Shaun English, Lebanon, Pa., 1,914.
 368, Amanda Warren, Naperville, Ill., 1,905.
 369, Michael Sucena, Philadelphia, 1,903.
 370, Steve Wilstein, Boston, 1,896.
 371, Jonathan Glattstein, North Bergen, N.J., 1,895.
 372, Steven Landry, Oakville, Conn., 1,894.
 373, Minh-Duc Le, France, 1,889.

374, Chris Liotta, Dix Hills, N.Y., 1,886.
375, Sylvie LaLancette, Canada, 1,885.
376, Thomas VanGorden, Hamilton, N.J., 1,874.
377, J. Marc Rougelin, France, 1,858.
378, Anssi Valtonen, Finland, 1,855.
379, Domenico Curra, Mahopac, N.Y., 1,843.
380, Greg Eskow, Syosset, N.Y., 1,837.
381, Michael Shaw, Maple Shade, N.J., 1,778.
382, Beau Geier, Watertown, S.D., 1,777.
383, Shane Cunningham, Claryville, N.Y., 1,763.
384, Christopher Gillette, Scotia, N.Y., 1,728.
385, Joseph Gentile, Huntington Station, N.Y., 1,717.
386, Mike Gossman, Emmaus, Pa., 1,714.
387, Kevin Junice, Old Bridge, N.J., 1,687.
388, Roy Cadoo Jr., Matawan, N.J., 1,663.
389, Aaron Knoll, Plainview, N.Y., 1,573.
390, Carlos Nieves, New York, 2,114.
391, Kevin Bandrowski, Lancaster, Pa., 1,980.
392, Greg Flood, Philadelphia, 1,822.
393, David Fantl, Springfield, N.J., 937.
394, Robert French, Warner Robins, Ga., 790.

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: Because competition for the full day of qualifying today 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 release and full standings will be sent after each round is completed)

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"Bridesmaid" Shafer Back in Front as Early Second Round Leader in U.S. Open

25-year PBA Tour veteran hopes to end record streak of TV finals without a title in major championships

NORTH BRUNSWICK, N.J. (Feb. 22, 2012) – Ryan Shafer, the ultimate bridesmaid in professional bowling major championship tournaments, is once again posed to grasp the title he covets most.

Shafer, a 45-year-old 25-year veteran of Professional Bowlers Association competition, is the early second round leader in the 69th U.S. Open Wednesday after averaging 225.17 through the first 12 qualifying games at Brunswick Zone-Carolier.

On the freshly-oiled lane condition Wednesday morning, the Horseheads, N.Y., resident rolled games of 236, 188, 250, 255, 255 and 229 to finish with 2,702 pins and a 37-pin cushion over co-runners-up Mike Fagan of Dallas and Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio. Amateur Ron Nelson Jr. of Bridgeview, Ill., was fourth with 2,654 pins. First round leader Dan MacLelland of Canada, who led Shafer by 140 pins going into Wednesday's round, dropped to fifth place with a 2,651 total.

Defending champion Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., was in 33rd place among the early finishers with 2,478 pins.

The final one-third of the field of 394 players completed their second round Wednesday evening.

Shafer's goal is to end a PBA-record string of 13 television finals in major championships without a title. He has finished second in majors five times, including the PBA World Championship earlier this season, and he has three additional top five finishes in majors when fewer than five players advanced to the TV finals.

In the U.S. Open alone, he has six top five finishes.

While Shafer has made at least one television appearance for 15 consecutive years, and has won four standard PBA Tour titles, he has never won a major.

He also realizes the only way he can end the streak is to continue putting himself into position to win one.

"This tournament is too long to worry about Sunday," Shafer said. "You can't think ahead."

"Ahead" is the four-player stepladder finals which will be contested live on ESPN Sunday at 3 p.m. Eastern. There also is a \$60,000 carrot dangling in front of the winner, but there are still 14 qualifying games plus another 24 games of match play on the sport's most demanding bowling conditions to get through. Shafer just hopes to be one of the final four.

"I love this tournament," he said. "It can be frustrating at time, but house knowledge helps a lot. We've bowled a lot of tournaments here (at Brunswick Zone-Carolier) and I remember characteristics of the center that help. There are certain sections of the house where I know I can't use the same ball on both lanes. You're taking a chance when you do that, but I know I'll shoot 160 if I don't do it.

"You don't expect to bowl that well on the fresh condition," he said. "But I got a good night's sleep and came in feeling good. I had one bad game, but for the most part, everything went as planned and I carried the pocket. That was the big thing."

The entire field will bowl six more qualifying games Thursday. The top 98 players after 18 games will then advance to the eight-game cashers' round Friday morning. After a total of 27 games, the top 24 will advance to three eight-game round robin match play rounds Friday evening and Saturday to decide the four stepladder finalists.

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Brunswick Zone-Carolier, North Brunswick, N.J., Wednesday

EARLY SECOND ROUND (top 64 after 12 games; one-third of the field had yet to complete the second round)

- 1, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 2,702.
- 2 (tie), Mike Fagan, Dallas, and Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 2,665.
- 4, Ron Nelson Jr., Bridgeview, Ill., 2,654.
- 5, Dan MacLelland, Canada, 2,651.
- 6, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2,620.
- 7, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2,607.
- 8, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 2,591.
- 9, Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan., 2,589.
- 10, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 2,580.
- 11, Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 2,566.
- 12 (tie), Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, and John Janawicz, Winter Haven, Fla., 2,560.
- 14, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 2,555.
- 15, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 2,554.
- 16, Shannon Buchan, Waterloo, Iowa, 2,553.
- 17, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2,541.
- 18, Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 2,537.
- 19, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 2,529.
- 20, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 2,527.
- 21, Rusty Thomsen, Morgan, N.J., 2,526.

22 (tie), Daniel Farish, Louisville, Ky., and Missy Parkin, Lake Forest, Calif., 2,518.
 24, Adam Chase, Seaford, N.Y., 2,510.
 25, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 2,498.
 26 (tie), Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y., and John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y., 2,494.
 28, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 2,489.
 29, Matthew O'Grady, South Amboy, N.J., 2,486.
 30, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 2,482.
 31, David Stouffer, Fort Myers, Fla., 2,480.
 32, Stephen Haas, Enola, Pa., 2,479.
 33, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,478.
 34, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 2,477.
 35, Michael Steil, Wheeling, Ill., 2,470.
 36, Brandon Tarabek, Cleveland Hts., Ohio, 2,459.
 37, Jake Peters, Decatur, Ill., 2,458.
 38 (tie), Rob Gotterbarn, Garden City South, N.Y., and Carleton Chambers, Detroit, 2,457.
 40, Dom Barrett, England, 2,456.
 41, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,455.
 42, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 2,450.
 43, T.J. Schmidt, Osceola, Ind., 2,449.
 44, Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 2,446.
 45, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 2,445.
 46, Stephen Pavlinko, Sewell, N.J., 2,441.
 47, Lee Vanderhoef, Greenville, S.C., 2,433.
 48, Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz., 2,431.
 49, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 2,428.
 50 (tie), Andrew Burke, St. Clair Shores, Mich., and Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 2,427.
 52, Anthony Colosimo, Pembroke Pines, Fla., 2,417.
 53, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 2,412.
 54 (tie), Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn.; Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio; Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, and Paul Gibson, Brunswick, Ohio, 2,411.
 58, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 2,408.
 59 (tie), Alex Aguiar, N. Dartmouth, Mass., and Kenneth Lane, Rosedale, Md., 2,406.
 61, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 2,401.
 62, Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland, 2,400.
 63, Brian Himmler, Cincinnati, 2,396.
 64, John Briggs, Warwick, N.Y., 2,395.

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Newly-elected PBA Hall of Famer Jason Couch fires 300, sits in third place

NORTH BRUNSWICK, N.J. (Feb. 21, 2012) – Dan MacLelland has done the imaginary role-playing during practice, dreaming about the day when he'll become the first Canadian citizen to win a Professional Bowlers Association Tour title.

The 26-year-old Windsor, Ontario, native took the first step toward converting his dream into reality by taking the first round lead in the 69th U.S. Open at Brunswick Zone-Carolier on Tuesday, averaging 238.17 for six games for a six-pin lead over journeyman Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio, 1,429-1,423.

Newly-elected PBA Hall of Famer Jason Couch of Clermont, Fla., fired a 300 game to close his first round and held onto third place with 1,410 pins. Mike Fagan of Dallas was fourth with 1,403 pins and Joe Ciccone of Buffalo, N.Y., was fifth at 1,374. Defending champion Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., finished with 1,225 pins and sat in 59th place.

MacLelland, who is bowling in only his second full-time season as a PBA Tour player, has established himself as a top contender to win his first title, and he has been particularly impressive in some of the Tour's most demanding tournaments. In late January, the three-time Collegiate Bowler of the Year finished fourth in the Alka-Seltzer Plus Liquid Gels United States Bowling Congress Masters, one of the Tour's four major championship. During the 2010-11 season, he recorded sixth-place finishes in two other majors, the U.S. Open and the PBA Tournament of Champions.

"I like tough tournaments," the former Saginaw Valley (Mich.) State University star said. "There's more emphasis on making good shots. Today, you had to get the ball into the air. The front part of the lanes got pretty dry, but I made the right ball choices and decisions, and everything worked out.

"Throughout my collegiate career, we had to loft the ball on a weekly basis. We haven't had to do that so much this year because there has been more oil on the front part of the lanes, but I was kinda scared coming into this week knowing we'd have to get the ball into the air, and I had to convince myself I could do it."

MacLelland is aware that a Canadian has never won a PBA Tour title, and that has only fueled his drive.

"It's always in the back of my mind," he said. "I've been knocking on the door. I've been fine-tuning my game to get me to the point where I'll have that chance. For me, the hurdle is winning a match on TV. I think once I get past that, it'll be a little easier.

"Last year I made TV for the U.S. Open, but I was nervous. I can't hide it. The other times I've lost on TV it was a matter of getting experience, learning what ball to use, how to handle the lights. But the U.S. Open is the U.S. Open. It's the most prestigious tournament we have. To make it to TV the first time I bowled in it gave me a sense that I belong here and good things are yet to come."

MacLelland fired games of 209, 246, 206, 247, 255 and 266 to hold off the 45-year-old Kretzer, a 12-year PBA Tour veteran who owns one title.

Couch, a 16-time PBA titlist, was as surprised as anyone in the building by his performance Tuesday because the U.S. Open hasn't been kind to him over the years.

"I've struggled in the U.S. Open. Mightily," he said. "It's probably because it's the one tournament I've wanted to win more than any other. I finished second at Mohegan Sun in Uncasville, Conn., back in 1999 (he lost in the title match to Bob Learn Jr., 231-215), and that's one I'll never forget.

"This tournament is so hard. You gear yourself mentally, but it just drains you, especially if you don't have much success over a few years."

Just a week after learning he had been elected to the PBA Hall of Fame, the usually intense Couch was uncharacteristically laid back during his opening round.

"I'm more relaxed these days. I know I'm on the downside of my career," the 42-year-old left-hander said. "I'm not expecting or asking so much of myself. I'm more patient. Five, 10 years ago, I would have demanded a good block out of the gate for myself, but I had no high expectations coming in the door this morning.

"I think I was more shocked than anyone with that 300 game," he grinned. "I've been throwing one or two bad shots every game the past few weeks, but today I just bore down and focused."

The 69th U.S. Open concludes Sunday with a four-player stepladder final televised live on ESPN at 3 p.m. Eastern. First prize is \$60,000.

The entire field of 394 will bowl two more six-game qualifying rounds Wednesday and Thursday. The top 98 players after 18 games will advance to a nine-game cashers' round Friday morning. After a total of 27 games, the top 24 will advance to three eight-game round robin match play rounds Friday evening and Saturday to decide the four stepladder finalists.

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Brunswick Zone-Carolier, North Brunswick, N.J., Tuesday

FIRST ROUND (after 6 games)

- 1, Dan MacLelland, Canada, 1,429.
- 2, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,423.
- 3, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 1,410.
- 4, Mike Fagan, Dallas, 1,403.
- 5, Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 1,374.
- 6, Ron Nelson Jr., Bridgeview, Ill., 1,361.

7, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 1,341.
 8, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 1,339.
 9, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 1,322.
 10, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,321.
 11, Matthew O'Grady, South Amboy, N.J., 1,320.
 12, Shannon Buchan, Waterloo, Iowa, 1,316.
 13 (tie), Stephen Haas, Enola, Pa., and Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,313.
 15, Rusty Thomsen, Morgan, N.J., 1,310.
 16, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,309.
 17, P.J. Sondag, Luzerne, Pa., 1,304.
 18, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 1,301.
 19, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,294.
 20, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 1,291.
 21, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,289.
 22 (tie), Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., and Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 1,283.
 24, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,281.
 25, Missy Parkin, Lake Forest, Calif., 1,280.
 26, John Janawicz, Winter Haven, Fla., 1,279.
 27 (tie), Michael Steil, Wheeling, Ill.; Wayne Porr, Hamburg, Pa., and Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 1,276.
 30, Jesse Buss, Wichita, Kan., 1,271.
 31, Steve Rogers, Manteno, Ill., 1,270.
 32, John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y., 1,264.
 33 (tie), Tom Baker, King, N.C., and John Briggs, Warwick, N.Y., 1,256.
 35, Paul Gibson, Brunswick, Ohio, 1,253.
 36 (tie), Daniel Farish, Louisville, Ky., and David Stouffer, Fort Myers, Fla., 1,252.
 38 (tie), Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., and Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 1,249.
 40 (tie), Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela; Adam Chase, Seaford, N.Y., and Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,247.
 43 (tie), Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., and Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,245.
 45 (tie), Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., and Carleton Chambers, Detroit, 1,239.
 47, Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz., 1,238.
 48 (tie), Christopher Blackmore, Fairfax, Va.; Dom Barrett, England, and Dan Furman, Amsterdam, N.Y., 1,237.
 51, John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 1,236.
 52 (tie), Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., and Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 1,233.
 54 (tie), Rob Gotterbarn, Garden City South, N.Y.; Stephen Pavlinko, Sewell, N.J., and Billy Pautz, St. Peter, Minn., 1,230.
 57, Kevin Brophy, Oakhurst, N.J., 1,228.
 58, Joshua Berry, Glasgow, Ky., 1,227.
 59, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,225.
 60 (tie), Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., and Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,223.
 62 (tie), Ken Yokobosky, Fredon, N.J.; Anthony Colosimo, Pembroke Pines, Fla., and Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 1,222.
 65, Jimmy Cook, Indianapolis, 1,220.
 66, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,219.
 67 (tie), Darren Andretta, New Hyde Park, N.Y., and Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 1,216.
 69, Chris Lawson, Parker, Colo., 1,215.
 70, Patrick Girard, Canada, 1,211.
 71, Chad Hastings, Greenwood, Del., 1,210.
 72, Dale Coleman, High Springs, Fla., 1,209.
 73, Ken Simard, Greenville, S.C., 1,208.
 74 (tie), Paul Pinto, Philadelphia, and Jason Freeman, Maple Shade, N.J., 1,207.

76, John Furey, East Windsor, N.J., 1,205.
 77, David Canady, Germany, 1,204.
 78 (tie), Eddie Graham, Centerville, Ohio; Brandon Tarabek, Cleveland Hts., Ohio; Gary Faulkner, Memphis, Tenn., and Juhani Tonteri, Finland, 1,203.
 82, Lee Vanderhoef, Greenville, S.C., 1,202.
 83, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,200.
 84 (tie), T.J. Schmidt, Osceola, Ind., and Chris Kramer, Richlandtown, Pa., 1,199.
 86, Stephen Dieter, Bowmanstown, Pa., 1,198.
 87, Fero Williams, Fairfield, Ohio, 1,195.
 88, Robert Butler Jr., Staten Island, N.Y., 1,194.
 89, Jake Peters, Decatur, Ill., 1,192.
 90, Richard Rathjen Jr., Naples, Fla., 1,191.
 91, William Guszczko, Orland Park, Ill., 1,189.
 92, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,188.
 93, Brad Kemp, Allentown, Pa., 1,185.
 94 (tie), Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., and Jason Stadtler, Cherry Hill, N.J., 1,184.
 96 (tie), Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C.; Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., and Joe Goldstein Sr., Hayward, Calif., 1,183.
 99 (tie), George Branham III, Indianapolis, and Kenneth Lane, Rosedale, Md., 1,182.
 101 (tie), Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y., and Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 1,180.
 103, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 1,179.
 104, Scott Lavy, Troy, Mo., 1,178.
 105 (tie), Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., and Frank Guccione, Castle Rock, Colo., 1,177.
 107, Ray Struck, Orland Park, Ill., 1,176.
 108, Jon Van Hees, Charlestown, R.I., 1,173.
 109 (tie), George Kruse, Clifton, N.J., and Tommy Dakouvanos, Belford, N.J., 1,172.
 111 (tie), Rob Sperling, Livingston, N.J.; Tim McAuliffe, Staten Island, N.Y., and Storm DeVincent, Westford, Mass., 1,171.
 114, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., 1,170.
 115, Alex Aguiar, N. Dartmouth, Mass., 1,169.
 116 (tie), Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., and Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev., 1,168.
 118, Matt Gasn, Laurel, Md., 1,167.
 119, Justin Bychkowski, Newtown, Conn., 1,166.
 120 (tie), Glenn Smith, New York, and Vinny D'Ambrosio III, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,164.
 122, James Fielder, Murray, Ky., 1,162.
 123 (tie), Edward Bienvenue, Edison, N.J., and Lanndyn Carnate, Glendale, Ariz., 1,160.
 125 (tie), B.J. Moore III, Apex, N.C., and E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,159.
 127 (tie), Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga.; Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, and Brian Himmler, Cincinnati, 1,158.
 130, Walter Williams Jr., Lodi, N.J., 1,156.
 131, Aaron Williams, Pennsauken, N.J., 1,155.
 132, Kenny Ryan, Ocean, N.J., 1,154.
 133, Tony Ament, Monroe, N.J., 1,153.
 134, Sylvain Brisson, Canada, 1,152.
 135, Ron Hurt, Fairfax, Va., 1,151.
 136, Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,150.
 137 (tie), Sean Riccardi, Piscataway, N.J.; Andres Gomez, Colombia, and Cory Nichols, Hudson Falls, N.Y., 1,148.
 140, Matt Taylor, Knightdale, N.C., 1,147.
 141 (tie), Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, and Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 1,145.
 143, Eric Cornog, Cherry Hill, N.J., 1,143.
 144, Duane Kilts, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 1,141.

145, Michelle Arrington, Philadelphia, 1,140.
 146, Ernest Lukacs Jr., Manville, N.J., 1,139.
 147 (tie), Shane Companion, Barre, Vt., and David Kilts, New York, 1,138.
 149, Corey Husted, Milwaukie, Ore., 1,137.
 150 (tie), Bernard Vandermeersch, France; Andrew Burke, St. Clair Shores, Mich., and Kevin Williams, Colorado Springs, Colo., 1,136.
 153, Joel Larche, Canada, 1,133.
 154 (tie), Martin Larsen, Sweden; Frankie Calca, Elmont, N.Y., and Michael Fontenot, Hampton, Va., 1,132.
 157, Russell Wiltsey, Hamilton, N.J., 1,131.
 158 (tie), David Carroll, Carbondale, Pa.; PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif.; Carlos Nieves, New York; Jaime Gonzalez, Colombia, and Joseph Schuld, Farmingdale, N.J., 1,130.
 163 (tie), Stuart Williams, England; Robert Mockenhaupt, Rutherford, N.J., and Sean McAuliffe, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,129.
 166 (tie), Jeff Schrum, Cherryville, N.C.; Art Swain Jr., Philadelphia, and Patrick Donohoe Jr., Hampstead, N.H., 1,128.
 169, Mike Dole, Chicago, 1,127.
 170 (tie), John Nolen, Waterford, Mich.; Chad Reiffer, Kentwood, Mich., and Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., 1,126.
 173 (tie), Diante Fields, Mount Royal, N.J., and Bryan Paul, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1,125.
 175 (tie), Craig LeMond, Jasper, Ind.; Fran Luzzi, Port Jervis, N.Y., and Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland, 1,123.
 178 (tie), Gregory Krumnow, Vickery, Ohio, and Mark Cornelius, Peru, Ind., 1,121.
 180, Stephen Hardy, Manchester, N.H., 1,120.
 181 (tie), Chico Santiago, Tuckahoe, N.Y., and Chad Roberts, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, 1,119.
 183 (tie), A.J. Johnson, Oswego, Ill., and Tyler Armour, Barre, Vt., 1,118.
 185 (tie), Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., and Ron Dixon, Boynton Beach, Fla., 1,117.
 187 (tie), Jason Baker, Sharon Springs, N.Y.; Manuel Otalora, Colombia; Clint Dacy, Fort Worth, Texas, and Alex Cavagnaro, Massapequa, N.Y., 1,116.
 191 (tie), Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C.; Jose Marte, Elmwood Park, N.J., and Terry Krawec, Canada, 1,114.
 194 (tie), Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, and Gaetano Sereno, Ridgewood, N.Y., 1,113.
 196 (tie), Charles Anderson, Sloatsburg, N.Y.; Kasey Normandin, Canada, and Diandra Asbaty, Chicago, 1,111.
 199 (tie), Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., and Taylor Swartz, Windsor, N.Y., 1,108.
 201 (tie), Travis Celmer, Wernersville, Pa., and Keith Goldberg, Yonkers, N.Y., 1,107.
 203 (tie), Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., and Austin Boulds, Cereal Springs, Ill., 1,106.
 205, Greg Rottengen, Washington, N.J., 1,103.
 206 (tie), Drew Balta, Swisher, Iowa, and David Rosengarten, Gardendale, Ala., 1,102.
 208, Michael Favor III, Bayville, N.J., 1,101.
 209 (tie), Douglas Tonucci, Waldorf, Md., and Sean Wilson, Hawthorn Woods, Ill., 1,100.
 211 (tie), Vincent Balisky, Elmhurst, N.Y.; Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif.; Joe Krajcovich, North Brunswick, N.J., and Alain Bouchard, Canada, 1,099.
 215 (tie), Gregory Matera, Staten Island, N.Y., and Marcelo Suartz, Brazil, 1,098.
 217, Nicolas Forestier, France, 1,097.
 218 (tie), Matthew Zasowski, Buffalo, N.Y.; Ryan Branson, Bordentown, N.J., and Tatu Lehtonen, Finland, 1,095.
 221 (tie), Michael Santonastaso, Lebanon, N.J.; Raymond Johnston Jr., Leonardtown, Md.; Eric Vanderford, Brooklyn, N.Y., and Sean Rangel, Oskaloosa, Iowa, 1,093.
 224 (tie), Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa; Scott Santos, Quakertown, Pa., and Scott Salem, Oradell, N.J., 1,093.
 228 (tie), Jim Rogers, Brick, N.J., and Paul Bober, Morton Grove, Ill., 1,092.
 230, Joseph Auger, Newburgh, N.Y., 1,090.

231 (tie), Justin Sloan, Fair Lawn, N.J.; Alexander Marx, Toms River, N.J., and Tim Panek, Randolph, N.J., 1,088.
 234, Noel Pabilonia, Jersey City, N.J., 1,086.
 235, Joaquim Fernandes, France, 1,085.
 236 (tie), Michael Markis, Hawley, Pa., and Chris Deemer, Hamilton, N.J., 1,084.
 238 (tie), Jeremy Boyer, Desloge, Mo., and Justin Warhol, Sound Beach, N.Y., 1,083.
 240 (tie), Armando Santacruz, Ecuador and Jimmy Clark, Corinna, Maine., 1,080.
 242 (tie), Todd Klinko, Oil City, Pa., and Chris Forry, Bridgeport, Conn., 1,079.
 244, Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 1,078.
 245 (tie), Jason Lowery, Baltimore; Jim Dilyard, Burbank, Ohio; Melissa Kammerer, Staten Island, N.Y.; Frankie Mazzella, Staten Island, N.Y., and Michael Ahlquist, Sweden, 1,077.
 250, Chris Fisher, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1,075.
 251 (tie), Stephen Habel, Dubuque, Iowa, and Andrew Graff, Las Vegas, 1,073.
 253 (tie), Michael Robey, Morrisville, Pa.; Michael Cimba, Monroeville, Pa.; Brandon Boyer, Hudson Falls, N.Y., and Daniel Dunleavy, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,072.
 257, Jonathan Sellers, Stratford, Conn., 1,071.
 258 (tie), Chris Thornhill, Salisbury, Md., and Billy Asbury, Odenton, Md., 1,070.
 260, Ryan Friend, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,068.
 261 (tie), Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., and David Simard, Canada, 1,067.
 263, Deric Morris, Warner Robins, Ga., 1,066.
 264 (tie), Jack Pieraccini, Pittsfield, Mass., and Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 1,065.
 266 (tie), Toney Nelson, North Branford, Conn., and Anthony Colangelo, Helmetta, N.J., 1,064.
 268 (tie), Jeremy Hunt, Sikeston, Mo.; Mike Rose Jr., West Henrietta, N.Y., and Mike Deckelman, Milford, Del., 1,063.
 271, Greg Stahora, West Hazelton, Pa., 1,060.
 272, Brian Lake, Warren, Mich., 1,059.
 273, Michael McCord, Bayonne, N.J., 1,058.
 274, Richard Horsley, Morrisville, N.C., 1,057.
 275, Larry Del Vecchio, Chalfont, Pa., 1,055.
 276, Charles Harris, Macungie, Pa., 1,052.
 277, Kevin Bandrowski, Lancaster, Pa., 1,051.
 278 (tie), Ron Glick, Morganville, N.J.; Sun Kim, Flushing, N.Y., and Kirk Trahan, Houma, La., 1,050.
 281 (tie), John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., and Robert Wade, Winter Springs, Fla., 1,049.
 283 (tie), Shane Holbert, Clifton Heights., Pa.; Brandon Robertson, Clinton, Conn.; Gary Smalling, Johnson City, Tenn., and Nicole Toto, Piscataway, N.J., 1,048.
 287, Michael Ciardulli Jr., Valley Stream, N.Y., 1,047.
 288 (tie), Cedric Anthon, France; Ken Karamichael, Somerset, N.J., and Ryan Funk, Midlothian, Ill., 1,046.
 291 (tie), Keith DeCambra, Quincy, Mass., and Dave Martorella, Meriden, Conn., 1,045.
 293 (tie), Chris Blaison, Newburgh, N.Y., and Tim West, Easton, Conn., 1,044.
 295, Logan Klinge, Dubuque, Iowa, 1,041.
 296 (tie), Kevin Cartier, Beverly, N.J.; Robert Fusik III, Hamilton, N.J., and James Wallace, Hicksville, N.Y., 1,040.
 299, Michael Healy, Yonkers, N.Y., 1,039.
 300 (tie), Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev., and Paul Lemond, Jasper, Ind., 1,037.
 302 (tie), Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., and Joseph Truchan Jr., Ringwood, N.J., 1,036.
 304, Corey Kistner, Decatur, Ill., 1,035.
 305, Billy Bertuch III, Yonkers, N.Y., 1,034.
 306, Judge Abruzzese, Bronx, N.Y., 1,033.
 307, Eddie Torres, Port Ewen, NY, 1,032.
 308, Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 1,030.
 309 (tie), Yves Crouzat, France, and Pierre-Luc Larouche, Canada, 1,029.
 311, Ethan Gray, North East, Md., 1,026.

312, Wayne Bolin, Lumberton, N.C., 1,021.
 313 (tie), Frank Bellavia Jr., Niagara Falls, N.Y., and Marty Kirsten Jr., Greentown, Pa., 1,020.
 315, Ed Rabbitt, Norwalk, Conn., 1,019.
 316, Andrew Wojcik, Doylestown, Pa., 1,018.
 317, Michael Dutkiewicz, Nicholson, Pa., 1,016.
 318, Eric Page Sr., Templeton, Mass., 1,015.
 319 (tie), Philip Karl, Jackson, Ohio; David Knight Jr., Folcroft, Pa., and Thomas McLane, Lusby, Md., 1,014.
 322, Chris Tomlinson, Franklin, Tenn., 1,012.
 323, Robert Brownie, Richmond, Va., 1,009.
 324, Jonathan Glattstein, North Bergen, N.J., 1,008.
 325 (tie), Sylvie LaLancette, Canada; Adam Monks, Conway, S.C., and Mark McNear, Altamonte Springs, Fla., 1,007.
 328 (tie), Christopher Lee, Brooklyn, N.Y., and Chris Helton, Fountain, Colo., 1,003.
 330, Jean Marie Gaudin, France, 1,002.
 331 (tie), David Zeitz, Philadelphia; Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., and David Perry, Fairfield, Maine., 1,001.
 334, M. Humphrey, Cape Girardeau, Mo., 1,000.
 335 (tie), Brian DiCicco, Agawam, Mass., and Al Giolat, Florissant, Mo., 999.
 337 (tie), John Touhey, Miamisburg, Ohio, and Steven Maruffi, Brooklyn, N.Y., 998.
 339, John Brown, Dexter, Mo., 996.
 340 (tie), Richard Page II, Hillsborough, N.J., and Lawrence King, Billerica, Mass., 994.
 342, Frank Gray Jr., North East, Md., 993.
 343, Jerry Bohlman, Milton, Fla., 988.
 344, Leon Platt, Summerville, S.C., 987.
 345 (tie), Shaun English, Lebanon, Pa., and Jason Phillips, Greenwood, Ind., 986.
 347, Maverick Mackovic, Oak Ridge, N.C., 984.
 348, Devin Golden, Bethlehem, Pa., 983.
 349, Chris Knappenberger, Slatington, Pa., 982.
 350, Bradley Branam, Bloomington, Ind., 981.
 351, Chris Boyd, Brick, N.J., 979.
 352, Chris Riolo, Springfield, N.J., 976.
 353, Matt Russo, Millstone Township, N.J., 974.
 354, Thomas Grunwald, Astoria, N.Y., 973.
 355, Mike Carmean, Georgetown, Del., 971.
 356, Brian Crater, Hudson, Mich., 969.
 357, Brian Sulzbach, Levittown, N.Y., 968.
 358, Amanda Warren, Naperville, Ill., 964.
 359, Daniel Gassera, Port Charlotte, Fla., 962.
 360, J Marc Rougelin, France, 956.
 361, Minh-Duc Le, France, 955.
 362, Kevin Dziuba, Howell, N.J., 948.
 363 (tie), Christopher Keane, New City, N.Y., and Jason Wilt, San Diego, 946.
 365, Daniel Eremias, Edison, N.J., 945.
 366 (tie), Chris Liotta, Dix Hills, N.Y., and Giovanni Jimenez, Plainsboro, N.J., 943.
 368, Bryan Eaton, Wyoming, Mich., 942.
 369, David Fantl, Springfield, N.J., 937.
 370, Greg Flood, Philadelphia, 936.
 371 (tie), Cyril Assie, France, and Matt Vancil, Dexter, Mo., 935.
 373, Ralph Ehrlich, N.Massapequa, N.Y., 933.
 374, Joel Eyssen, Manville, N.J., 932.
 375 (tie), Thomas VanGorden, Hamilton, N.J., and Richard Ayers, Union, N.J., 931.

377 (tie), Anssi Valtonen, Finland, and Michael Shaw, Maple Shade, N.J., 926.
379, Domenico Curra, Mahopac, N.Y., 923.
380, Steve Wilstein, Boston, 910.
381, Shane Cunningham, Claryville, N.Y., 907.
382, Mike Gossman, Emmaus, Pa., 903.
383, Michael LoBianco, Brick, N.J., 897.
384, Michael Sucena, Philadelphia, 881.
385 (tie), Emmanuel Rigas, Trenton, N.J., and Beau Geier, Watertown, S.D., 866.
387, Greg Eskow, Syosset, N.Y., 848.
388, Steven Landry, Oakville, Conn., 841.
389, Aaron Knoll, Plainview, N.Y., 829.
390, Kevin Junice, Old Bridge, N.J., 828.
391, Christopher Gillette, Scotia, N.Y., 804.
392, Roy Cadoo Jr., Matawan, N.J., 795.
393, Robert French, Warner Robins, Ga., 790.
394, Joseph Gentile, Huntington Station, N.Y., 765.

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(Editor's Note: PBA Tour stats in formatted columns are attached in a Word document)

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Rash, Fagan Lead 2011-12 PBA Tour Stats After Seven Events

Close competition points race underway for PBA Playoffs, Japan Cup exemptions

SEATTLE (Feb. 21, 2012) – Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., on the basis of a record-setting performance during the PBA World Series of Bowling, has raced into a commanding lead in the 2011-12 PBA Tour competition points race, a statistical category with significant implications as the season progresses.

In two other key PBA statistical races, Mike Fagan of Dallas is the Tour's average and earnings leader, thanks in part to his triumphant performance in the Alka-Seltzer Plus Liquid Gels United States Bowling Congress Masters.

Rash, who finished among the top four in all four World Series events completed thus far (PBA World Championship, Bayer Viper Open, Chameleon Open and Scorpion Open), has compiled 101,485 points in the six events he has entered, taking a lead of 12,545 points over his closest challenger, Australia's Jason Belmonte (88,940 points). Finland's Osku Palermaa is third with 82,180 points followed by Englishmen Dom Barrett (81,837) and Stu Williams (80,401).

While the PBA has eliminated its "exempt tour" as of this season, points status remains important because the top six as of March 12 earn two "bye" rounds in the Dick Weber PBA Playoffs, March 30-April 1 at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis, and players who rank seventh through 12th will earn first-round byes in the PBA Playoffs. The top 66 players in PBA Tour points will be eligible for the Playoffs.

In addition, the top 16 players in competition points at the conclusion of the 2011-12 PBA Tour season will receive invitations to compete in the renewal of the Japan Cup, Nov. 29-Dec. 2, in Tokyo. The 2012 Japan Cup will offer just over \$285,000 in prize money, including \$78,000 and a PBA Tour title to the winner.

After seven PBA Tour events, Fagan is scoring at a 236.90 per-game pace after 82 games, more than nine pins ahead of runner-up Bill O'Neill of Southampton, Pa. (227.83) in the high average race. Close behind O'Neill are Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y. (227.75), Rash (227.38) and P.J. Haggerty of Roseville, Calif. (227.29).

Fagan tops the earnings list with \$61,250. He is followed by Palermaa, the PBA World Championship titlist (\$58,850); Belmonte, the Chameleon Open winner (\$53,675); Rash (\$44,300) and Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y. (\$33,205).

2011-12 PBA TOUR STATISTICAL LEADERS (as of February 19, 2012)

PBA COMPETITION POINTS

1, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 101,485. 2, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 88,940. 3, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 82,180. 4, Dom Barrett, England, 81,837. 5, Stuart Williams, England, 80,401. 6, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 77,675. 7, Mike Fagan, Dallas, 77,012. 8, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 69,316. 9, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 65,517. 10, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 59,963.

11, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 58,548. 12, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 54,051. 13, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 53,028. 14, Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 52,463. 15, Dan MacLelland, Canada, 49,695. 16, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 48,872. 17, Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 47,603. 18, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 46,582. 19, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 46,463. 20, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 46,458.

21, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 46,263. 22, Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev., 44,635. 23, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 42, 58. 24, Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz., 39,759. 25, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 39,262. 26, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 38,811. 27, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 38,597. 28, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 38,078. 29, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 36,620. 30, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 34,460.

31, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 34,412. 32, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 32,555. 33, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 32,219. 34, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 31,519. 35, Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., 30,769. 36, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 29,944. 37, Lee Vanderhoef, Greenville, S.C., 29,201. 38, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 29,026. 39, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 29,022. 40, Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga., 28,985.

PBA TOUR AVERAGES (min. 72 games)

1, Mike Fagan, Dallas, 82 games, 236.90 average. 2, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 96, 227.83. 3, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 95, 227.75. 4, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 95, 227.38. 5, PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 76, 227.29. 6, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 97, 226.96. 7, Stuart Williams, England, 110, 226.43. 8, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 112, 226.33. 9, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 104, 226.29. 10, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 82, 225.98.

11, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 101, 225.85. 12, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 100, 225.70. 13, Dom Barrett, England, 92, 225.30. 14, Michael Haugen Jr., Carefree, Ariz., 78, 224.45. 15, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 72, 224.21. 16, Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 80, 224.01. 17, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 81, 222.94. 18, Dan MacLelland, Canada, 106, 222.88. 19, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 74, 222.26. 20, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 88, 222.02.

2011-12 PBA TOUR EARNINGS (after 7 events)

1, Mike Fagan, Dallas, \$61,250. 2, Osku Palermaa, Finland, \$58,850. 3, Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$53,675. 4, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., \$44,300. 5, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., \$33,205. 6, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, \$30,275. 7, Dom Barrett, England, \$27,540. 8, Stuart Williams, England, \$27,235. 9, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, \$17,050. 10, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., \$16,760.

11, Dan MacLelland, Canada, \$15,290. 12, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., \$15,000. 13, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., \$13,525. 14, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., \$12,970. 15, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., \$12,725. 16, Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., \$12,600. 17, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, \$11,550. 18, Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., \$11,500. 19, Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev., \$11,285. 20, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, \$10,200.

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**England's Dom Barrett, Three U.S. Players Meet
in Sunday's Scorpion Open Finals on ESPN**

Second "doubleheader" weekend of season also will feature Xtra Frame Ricart Ford Open finals

LAS VEGAS (Feb. 13, 2012) – England's Dom Barrett, fully recovered from a broken collar bone sustained nine months earlier in a near-tragic all-terrain vehicle accident in Saudi Arabia, will lead the field of four finalists into the battle for the Professional Bowlers Association's Scorpion Open title Sunday at 3 p.m. ET on ESPN.

Also on Sunday, PBA fans will be able to watch the final rounds of the Xtra Frame Ricart Ford Open presented by Columbia 300 live on the Internet from Sequoia Pro Bowl in Columbus, Ohio.

The Scorpion Open is the third of four PBA "animal pattern" championships conducted during the World Series of Bowling at South Point Casino and Hotel in Las Vegas.

Barrett's Scorpion Open opponents will include Dave Wodka of Henderson, Nev., who won his only PBA Tour title in the 1999 Greater Detroit Open; Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., who qualified for the ESPN finals in a record six PBA World Series of Bowling events, and 13-time PBA Tour titlist Patrick Allen of Baltimore, who is seeking his first title in two years.

Barrett earned the top qualifier position for the Scorpion finals by averaging 233.14 over 14 qualifying games, posting a 3,264 pinfall total. Wodka finished 17 pins behind, followed by Rash and Allen.

Barrett, who qualified for the end-of-season PBA Tournament of Champions by winning a PBA West Regional title in Reno, Nev., just before the World Series of Bowling, hopes to join fellow British competitor Stuart Williams as the second English player to win a PBA Tour title. Williams won his first PBA Tour title in the Bayer Viper Open.

"I came (to the United States) to win one of these tournaments," Barrett said. "Winning the regional gave me a lot of confidence. This is going to be my first (PBA) show and I couldn't be happier."

Sunday's ESPN eliminator-format finals will feature three one-game rounds. All four players bowl the opening game, with the lowest-scoring player after each game being eliminated. In the two rounds to follow, the same "low man out" format applies. In the title match, the two surviving players will bowl for a \$15,000 first prize, a PBA Tour title and a berth in the Round of 36 for the end-of-season PBA Tournament of Champions.

In addition to the other benefits, Barrett hopes to become the fourth straight international player to win a World Series of Bowling title. Rash, a four-time PBA Tour champion, is trying for his first title since the 2007 USBC Masters.

The Xtra Frame Ricart Ford Open presented by Columbia 300 will be webcast live in its entirety on pba.com's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame, including Saturday's qualifying rounds and Sunday's match play competition. Saturday's schedule includes nine-game qualifying rounds for Squads A and B at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. ET, with the top 24 qualifiers advancing to match play Sunday. Sunday's live coverage will include round-robin match play sessions at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., with the top four advancing to the live stepladder finals at 6 p.m.

A Scorpion Open pre-event show will be webcast at no cost on pba.com's Xtra Frame online bowling channel starting Wednesday, with a follow-up post-game show immediately following Sunday's ESPN telecast. To subscribe to Xtra Frame, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame logo.

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Belmonte Ends Quest for Second PBA Tour Title, Wins Chameleon Open

Australian two-hander strings eight strikes to cruise past Rash

LAS VEGAS (Feb. 12, 2012) – Australia's Jason Belmonte ended his nearly three-year quest for his second Professional Bowlers Association title, stringing eight strikes to run away from Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., 268-191, in the finals of the Chameleon Open at South Point Casino and Hotel.

The Chameleon Open finals, the second of four PBA "animal pattern" championships contested during the third annual PBA World Series of Bowling, aired Sunday on ESPN.

Belmonte, who came into the Chameleon elimination-format finals as the leading qualifier, barely survived the first two games before finding his groove in the title match.

In the opening game, Belmonte's two-handed rival, Osku Palermaa of Finland, led the four-man field with a 213. Rash was second with a 201, and Belmonte nipped Venezuela's Ildemaro Ruiz, 189-187, to avoid elimination as low man in the round.

In game two, Rash led the survivors with a 226 while Belmonte edged Palermaa, 200-190, to advance to the title match. Belmonte had lost to Palermaa in the only two previous meetings of the two-handed rivals, and barely escaped a third loss. After throwing a strike on his first ball in the 10th to take the lead over Palermaa, Belmonte left the 3-6-9-10 on his next shot to hand a one-pin lead back to the Finn. But Palermaa then left a 10 pin on his first shot in the 10th frame and failed to convert the spare to hand the game back to Belmonte.

In the title match, the Australian kicked in the afterburners. After converting the 6-10 spare in the first frame, the 2008-09 PBA Rookie of the Year ran off a string of eight consecutive strikes to run away with the \$15,000 first prize and a berth in the Round of 36 for the end-of-season PBA Tournament of Champions. Belmonte won his only previous PBA Tour title in the 2009 Bowling Foundation Long Island Open.

"This feels a million times better than my first title," Belmonte beamed. "I bowled one of the best games of my life.

"In the second match, I got very lucky," he added. "When you get a break like that, you have to take it, pardon the expression, in both hands and I was able to do that."

By winning the Chameleon Open, Belmonte became the third straight international player to win a PBA World Series of Bowling title. In two previous events, Palermmaa captured the PBA World Championship and England's Stuart Williams won the Bayer Viper Open.

The third "animal pattern" championship, the Scorpion Open, will be settled next Sunday at 3 p.m. ET on ESPN. The finalists will be England's Dom Barrett; Dave Wodka of Henderson, Nev.; Rash and Patrick Allen of Wesley Chapel, Fla.

PBA CHAMELEON OPEN
South Point Exhibition Hall, Las Vegas

Round One (lowest score eliminated): Osku Palermmaa, Finland, 213; Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 201; Jason Belmonte, Australia, 189; Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 187 (\$4,000).

Round Two (lowest score eliminated): Rash 226, Belmonte 200, Palermmaa 190 (\$4,500).

Championship: Belmonte (\$15,000) def. Rash (\$7,500), 268-191.

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Australia's Belmonte vs. Finland's Palermmaa Prove All Two-Handed Bowlers Aren't the Same

PBA's premier two-handed players have grown and prospered worlds apart, literally and figuratively

SEATTLE (Feb. 10, 2012) – Jason Belmonte and Osku Palermmaa aren't the only two-handed bowlers to make waves in bowling, but the fact that they have risen to the top of the game at virtually the same age, but half a world apart, is too ironic to ignore.

And while their stories are similar in many aspects, they remain worlds apart as competitors and bowling stylists.

For starters, Belmonte grew up in Orange, New South Wales, Australia. Born on July 29, 1983, he's the older of the two by 112 days. "Belmo" is 5-foot-10 and weighs 185 pounds. Palermmaa, who also is 28, was born on Nov. 18, 1983 and grew up in Espoo, Finland. He is 6-foot and weighs 200 pounds.

"It's pretty weird how our stories are the same, and we're the same age," said Palermmaa. "We just happened to live, one here and the other on the other side of the globe. The only difference is (Belmo's) father owned a bowling center and mine worked at one."

Both naturally migrated to the two-handed technique as tots, far too young to be able to pick up a bowling ball and throw it with one hand. So they independently learned to roll the ball using two hands. Neither had mentors teaching them the technique because it just wasn't the way you were supposed to bowl. But for them, it worked.

And even though they both engage both hands in their delivery, they don't think they bowl the same, at all.

"We actually throw the ball quite a bit different," Palermmaa said, "but there are similarities as well. I guess I'm a little more powerful. I have a little more speed and more revs. I've been working on getting the revs down and I think he has been, also. I'm also working on slowing my speed. With the bowling balls we have now, it's not an advantage to have 500, 600 revs."

Belmonte agrees.

"Just like one-handed bowlers, no two two-handers will throw the ball alike," he said. "It's kind of frustrating to put us all into one category, that we throw the ball the same, because we're different people, we're different bowlers."

"Osku has his skills and I have mine. It's like saying Pete Weber and Walter Ray throw the ball the same because they throw the ball one-handed. It's a really ridiculous comment. And what about Brian Valenta (another two-handed PBA Tour player who lives in Lockport, Ill.)? I could keep going. Of every two-hander I've ever seen, no one throws the ball like me, and I don't throw it like them, and I've never seen two who are alike.

"It's just another style," Belmonte said, "and you put your own spin on it – your own touch, your own personality. Unless there are two people who are identical in every way, shape and form, then perhaps they could bowl the same. But as far as I know there are no two bowlers who are alike.

"There are a lot of things (Osku and I) have in common. Our rev rates are high, our ball speeds are high. But Osku's tilt on the ball, his hand position, his feet are a lot different than mine. I can't quite throw it a million miles an hour like he can, but we also share a lot of traits.

"We have really quick steps, we're both very much over the ball at the release point, our follow-throughs are very close, right in front of our faces. There are a lot of similarities, but we're a world apart, too."

The bottom line for Belmonte is, he no longer feels like an oddity. He and Palermmaa and a handful of others have provide the two-handed style is a legitimate, effective way to bowl, and it appears there are a growing number of young people who are embracing the high-revolution, pin-scattering technique as their way of playing the game.

"Seven or eight years ago, you didn't see a single person bowling two-handed. Now you see Osku, and Brian Valenta, and Cassidy Schaub, and others. I get all kinds of e-mails from people who want to learn how to do it. It's really an inspiration."

Belmonte and Palermmaa will meet in a PBA Tour televised contest for the third time when ESPN airs the finals of the Chameleon Open Sunday at 3 p.m. ET. In their two previous meetings, Palermmaa has won both times, defeating Belmonte, 182-176, in the 2010 GEICO Shark Championship semifinal match and 10-6 in a one-ball rolloff after they tied at 203-203 in round one of the PBA World Championship elimination finals, knocking Belmonte out of title contention in that event.

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2012 PBA World Series of Bowling Returns to South Point in Las Vegas

Fourth annual multi-event international competition set for November 2-11

LAS VEGAS (Feb. 9, 2012) – South Point Bowling Center in Las Vegas will host the fourth annual Professional Bowlers Association World Series of Bowling, a multi-event international competition, Nov. 2-11, that will kick off the 2012-13 PBA Tour season, PBA Commissioner Tom Clark announced Thursday.

The 2012 World Series of Bowling, the third consecutive hosted by South Point, will feature four PBA “animal pattern” championships and conclude with the PBA World Championship. The package of events also will include six ESPN television events, plus the 2012 WTBA World Bowling Tour Finals presented by the PBA. Two PBA Regional special events also are in the preliminary planning stage.

“Since its inception in 2009, the PBA World Series has evolved into the true world showcase for bowling that we hoped it would become,” Clark said. “Our newly-adopted relationships with the World Tenpin Bowling Association to expand PBA competition around the world will only enhance the drama that will unfold when we return to South Point in November. World Series IV is going to be fun.”

The World Series, which last year attracted more than 200 players from a record 15 different countries, will get underway with an open practice session on Friday, Nov. 2. Over the next four days, competitors will bowl eight-game qualifying sessions in the Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon and Scorpion Opens, respectively. At the conclusion of each daily qualifying round, the top 16 players will advance to an additional six-game qualifying session to determine the four players who will advance to the ESPN eliminator finals.

Combined 32-game pinfall from the four animal pattern events also will serve as qualifying scores for the PBA World Championship. The top 24 after 32 games will advance to round robin match play on Nov. 7 and 8. After 24 additional games of match play, the top eight players will advance to an eight-player stepladder final.

Television finals for delayed telecast on ESPN will be conducted on specially-installed lanes in an exhibition hall at South Casino and Hotel. The preliminary schedule calls for the WTBA World Bowling Tour Men’s and Women’s Finals, Cheetah Open and Viper Open finals to be conducted on Saturday, Nov. 10, with the Scorpion Open, Chameleon Open and PBA World Championship stepladder finals (in two sessions) to be conducted on Sunday, Nov. 11.

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Griffin Helps Dethrone Teammate in Chris Paul PBA Celebrity Invitational

PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber, actor Jerry Ferrara help end Paul's two-year grip on his own trophy

LOS ANGELES (Feb. 5, 2012) – National Basketball Association All-Star point guard Chris Paul and his new Los Angeles Clippers teammate, power forward Blake Griffin, are rapidly becoming the most dynamic duo in the NBA.

But on the bowling lanes in Sunday's ESPN telecast of the Chris Paul PBA Celebrity Invitational presented by Sheets Brand from Lucky Strike LA Live, Paul gave Griffin an unwanted "assist" that helped Griffin's team win the trios event and end Paul's two-year hold on the trophy.

The fourth annual Chris Paul PBA Celebrity Invitational presented by Sheets Brand, a fundraiser to benefit Paul's CP3 Foundation, featured PBA stars Pete Weber, Jason Belmonte, Wes Malott and Ryan Shafer along with several of Paul's celebrity friends from the worlds of sports and entertainment.

In this year's event, an expanded roster of celebrities got the competition underway with a special one-ball, low-man-out Super Shootout. Miami Dolphins running back Reggie Bush was the first player eliminated, followed by Grammy Award-winning recording artist Ciara, former New York Giants defensive end Michael Strahan, comedian Kevin Hart, Entourage actor Jerry Ferrara and Griffin. In the final showdown frame between Paul and Grey's Anatomy actor Jesse Williams, Williams threw back-to-back strikes for the victory.

The celebrities then teamed up with the PBA stars for the Baker format trios event, with the PBA player throwing shots in the first, fourth, seventh and 10th frames, and the celebrities filling out the other frames. In the opening round, Belmonte, Hart and Paul routed Shafer, Ciara and Strahan, 178-90, while Weber, Ferrara and Griffin eliminated Malott, Williams and Bush, 154-131.

In the championship match, Belmonte, Hart and Paul trailed Weber, Ferrara and Griffin by only one pin after seven frames. Hart and Paul converted eight-count spares in the eighth and ninth frames, respectively, but consecutive strikes by Ferrara and Griffin set up a dramatic finish. Belmonte's double in the 10th frame forced Weber to strike on his first shot to lock up the 187-180 victory.

"Blake (Griffin) set me up for the 10th frame when he threw the best shot of the entire night," Weber said. "It was kind of neat of him to do that. I don't think Chris (Paul) enjoyed it, but I'm sure Blake enjoyed it a whole lot.

"For someone who doesn't bowl a lot, Blake understands the object of the game," Weber added. "He hit the headpin almost every time he threw the ball, and then he made his spares."

"Normally it comes down to the pro needing to strike to win, but in this case it was up to the celebrities," Belmonte said. "Chris and Kevin did their jobs on my team by getting spares, but unfortunately Jerry and Blake got strikes on the other team. Kevin made lots of comments about the odds of that ever happening. It was very funny. I didn't expect both of them to strike, but they both stepped up and did their jobs."

"I doubled to force Pete to strike and then he did what he does best, which is strike when he has to strike."

If Paul would have struck in the ninth frame, the outcome might have been different.

"Chris is a competitor. They all are," Belmonte added. "He doesn't like losing, whether it's basketball or bowling, or anything else. He was a good sport about it, but I know it killed him to tell the other guys they did well."

"Michael Strahan was great," said Shafer, who bowled with the former NFL star, "and he doesn't like to lose. But I don't think anyone doesn't like to lose as much as Chris Paul. He really doesn't like to lose."

"It was a great time for all of us," Shafer added, "and I gained a lot of respect for Chris Paul because he had to play host, he had to do the PBA thing, the charity thing, the Sheets Brand thing, and bowl. He did all of them and he did a great job."

The PBA Tour's next telecast will be the finals of the Chameleon Open Sunday at 3 p.m. ET on ESPN. The finalists will be Belmonte, Finland's Osku Palermaa, Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., and Venezuela's Ildemaro Ruiz. A free preview of the finals will be webcast on pba.com's Xtra Frame starting Wednesday.

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PBA Membership Drive Targets Renewals, Youth, International Players

Tournament of Champions eligibility, new World Bowling Tour program among incentives

SEATTLE (Feb. 3, 2012) – The Professional Bowlers Association has launched a new membership drive to encourage new members to experience PBA competition, former members to return to the fold, invite young bowlers to test their skills at the PBA level at an affordable price, and attract bowlers from around the world to enjoy the benefits of PBA membership as competitors in the new PBA-World Tenpin Bowling Association World Bowling Tour program.

The new membership campaign introduces a new low-cost PBA24 membership specifically designed for players ages 19-24, and a new PBA International membership to grant specific PBA benefits, including the ability to win PBA Tour titles, to international players who bowl in PBA-WBT events.

"The PBA24 program is designed to make membership significantly more accessible to a vital group of talented young bowlers who have decided they are not going to bowl in college or exhausted their collegiate eligibility, and are looking for the next challenge to expand their skills," said PBA CEO Geoff Reiss. "There is no better place to do that than in PBA competition."

In addition to the competitive challenges, membership in the PBA includes financial advances including discounted lineage fees for practice at hundreds of bowling centers across the nation that support the PBA, discounts on the latest in bowling equipment provided by PBA's Registered Product Companies, instructional opportunities, a membership newsletter and a number of other privileges.

"From a purely economic standpoint, PBA membership provides a wide range of benefits that vastly outweigh the cost of membership dues," said PBA Commissioner Tom Clark.

For past members, the PBA is offering a no-penalty renewal program through March 31. Reinstatement and/or initiation fees will be waived for those who restore full and standard memberships – a savings of \$99 – and an amnesty program will waive up to three months of dues owed for 2010 and/or 2011. Players who rejoin by March 1 who have won a PBA Tour, Regional or Senior title at any point in their careers will be eligible to enter the 2012 PBA Tournament of Champions.

New members and players who rejoin will be eligible for the new Regional Players Doubles Championship presented by Hammer (Feb. 10-12 at South Point Bowling Center in Las Vegas), and to receive invitations for the 2013 Dick Weber PBA Playoffs. And they will be eligible for all PBA Tour events during the 2012-13 season when the PBA returns to an open entry (non-exempt) policy for all tournaments.

The new PBA24 membership costs only \$49 and includes all Standard Membership benefits plus a \$50 discount off the entry fee for the player's first PBA Regional tournament. Players must have a 200 or higher average for at least 36 games in the current league season, or a 190 or higher average in a PBA Experience or USBC Sport league, or in USBC-certified collegiate competition.

The PBA International membership costs \$99 and is designed to allow international bowlers who compete in World Bowling Tour events to earn PBA titles, and to make those players eligible to bowl in the 2012 PBA World Series of Bowling. International members also will be allowed to enter up to three PBA Regionals and one non-WBT PBA Tour event in the U.S. other than a World Series event.

Players who apply for PBA International membership must be members-in-good-standing in their home country's WTBA federation. A player who wins a PBA-WBT co-branded event must upgrade to full or standard membership in order to bowl future PBA events.

The PBA also has introduced a referral program whereby existing PBA members will earn a \$50 discount on a PBA Regional entry for every PBA24 member who enrolls and designates the player as his/her "sponsor."

To apply for PBA membership, visit pba.com and click on the "Join PBA" link in the upper right-hand corner.

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PBA, World Tenpin Bowling Association Unveil International Tour

For first time in bowling history, American professional stars to compete for titles around the world

LAS VEGAS (Feb. 1, 2012) – The Professional Bowlers Association and the World Tenpin Bowling Association Wednesday announced an historic agreement that will result in the first true global professional bowling tour.

The alliance between the PBA and the WTBA, the international governing body for tenpin bowling in the eyes of the International Olympic Committee, will allow international and domestic PBA members who compete in World Bowling Tour events to earn PBA Tour titles in WBT events and to bowl in PBA Tour events in the United States.

"This agreement fulfills a dream for all lifelong bowling fans," said PBA Commissioner Tom Clark. "We created the PBA World Series of Bowling in 2009 to give bowlers from around the world an opportunity to come together in a unique competitive environment. Our goal was to take the next step in expanding competition around the world. To see it happen is the most significant step our sport has ever taken in creating world-wide awareness and recognition for bowling's best players, regardless of where they live."

WTBA President Kevin Dornberger said that the alliance is just the beginning.

"We are greatly indebted to the international bowling federations and tournament hosts who have given us the opportunity to create the World Bowling Tour," said Dornberger. "We sincerely believe this alliance will lead to even bigger things."

PBA CEO Geoff Reiss said the expanded relationship between the PBA and WTBA has the potential to lead to greater marketing and sponsorship opportunities.

"The PBA is ecstatic over the overwhelming acceptance and support we have received from the World Tenpin Bowling Association's leadership in making this relationship happen," Reiss said. "For the sport of bowling, we have literally opened an entire new world of possibilities."

The agreement was finalized during a meeting in Las Vegas between PBA leadership and WTBA's Executive Board (Christer Jonsson, Secretary-General, Sweden; Addie Ophelders, ETBF President, Netherlands; Jose Guandique, PABCON President, El Salvador; Pekka Korpi, First Vice-President, Finland; Vivien Lau, FIQ Secretary-General and ABF Past President, Hong Kong; Dornberger, FIQ and WTBA President and CEO; Mike Seymour, Vice-President, WTBA and the Australia Tenpin Bowling Federation; Kim Jensen, ETBF Vice President, Denmark, and Veronica Rajii, 1st VP of PABCON, Chile.

The 2012 World Bowling Tour began in January with the Brunswick Ballmaster Open in Helsinki, Finland, which was won by Bill O'Neill of Southampton, Pa. The PBA-WBT agreement includes three tournaments in the United States (the Alka-Seltzer Plus Liquid Gels United States Bowling Congress Masters, won by Mike Fagan of Dallas in Las Vegas on Sunday; a new WTBA International Open currently underway in Las Vegas, and the U.S. Open Feb. 20-26 in North Brunswick, N.J.)

Other events will include stops in Japan, Kuwait, France, the Bahamas, Korea, Thailand, Austria and Australia. Players who bowl in the WBT events will earn points toward the second annual World Bowling Tour Finals presented by the PBA, which will be held during the 2012 PBA World Series of Bowling on a date to be announced.

WBT points are compiled over a cumulative span of two years. The top three men and three top women in WBT points will bowl for \$20,000 first prizes in November during the fourth PBA World Series of Bowling. The finals will be televised by ESPN.

Beginning with the U.S. Open, all international and domestic PBA members who win WBT-PBA titles will be eligible to bowl in the end-of-season PBA Tournament of Champions in Las Vegas. PBA members will receive credit for official PBA Tour earnings from WBT events, but will only earn PBA Tour competition points in the USBC Masters and U.S. Open.

A new PBA international membership is available for non-domestic players. For information, call the PBA Membership Services at 206-654-6025.

While several WBT events allow women to compete in their own category, women will be eligible for PBA Tour titles only if they compete as equals against their male counterparts. Two events on the WBT schedule are for women only and will not be part of the PBA agreement.

Tournament formats and prize money will be announced later.

2012 PBA-WTBA WORLD BOWLING TOUR SCHEDULE

Jan. 6-15 - Brunswick Ballmaster Open, Tali Bowling Center, Helsinki, Finland, (men's winner: Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa.; women's winner: Krista Pöllänen, Finland; WBT points only).

Jan. 23-29 – Alka-Seltzer Plus Liquid Gels United States Bowling Congress Masters, Sunset Station's Strike Zone, Henderson, Nev. (winner: Mike Fagan, Dallas; PBA title and PBA/WBT points awarded).

Jan. 28-Feb. 5 – WTBA International Open, Sunset Station's Strike Zone, Henderson, Nev. (WBT points only).

Feb. 7-11 - International Bowling Championship 2012 supported by DHC, Hakata Star Lanes, Hakata, Japan (WBT points only).

Feb. 20-26 - 69th U.S. Open, Brunswick Zone Carolier, North Brunswick, N.J. (PBA title and PBA/WBT points awarded).

March 15-19 - 9th Kuwait International Open, Cozmo Bowling Center, Kuwait City, Kuwait (PBA title and WBT points awarded).

March 16-25 - Brunswick Euro Challenge, Plaza Saint Maximin, Saint Maximin, France (PBA title and WBT points awarded).

April 19-24 - USBC Queens (non-PBA event), AMF Eules Lanes, Eules, Texas.

May 14-20 - Bahamas International Bowling Classic, Mario's Bowling and Entertainment Palace, Nassau, Bahamas (PBA title and WBT points awarded).

June 16-21 - Daejeon International Open, Daejeon World Cup Bowling Center, Daejeon, Korea (PBA title and WBT points awarded).

June 22-28 - Bowling's U.S. Women's Open (non-PBA event), National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev.

Sept. 24-30 - PTT World Bowling Tour Thailand, center to be announced, Bangkok, Thailand (PBA title and WBT points awarded).

Oct. 2-7 - 10th Columbia 300 Vienna Open, Plus Bowling, Vienna, Austria (PBA title and WBT points awarded).

Oct. 8-27 - AMF Australian Masters, center to be announced, Sydney, Australia (PBA title and WBT points awarded).

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The World Tenpin Bowling Association is made up of 115 tenpin bowling federations in its Asian, American and European Zones. Founded in the 1930s as the International Bowling Federation, the WTBA conducts world-wide and zone championship competitions for men, women and youth bowlers. The WTBA is recognized as the world governing body for tenpin bowling by the International Olympic Committee. For more information on WTBA and the World Bowling Tour, visit WorldTenpinBowling.com.

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Resumption of Japan Cup Adds Incentive to PBA Tour for 2011-12 Season

Sixteen PBA players will earn automatic berths; four invitational spots also to be awarded

SEATTLE (Jan. 20, 2012) – After a one-year absence due in great part to the massive earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan in 2011, the Japan Cup has been resurrected for the fall of 2012 and will provide additional incentive for Professional Bowlers Association players to perform at a high level during the 2011-12 season.

Sixteen PBA Tour players, based upon competition points at the close of the current season, will earn automatic berths in a field that will include top Japan and Korean PBA competitors, and international amateurs. An additional four PBA players will receive special invitations from the host organization.

"We could not be more pleased with this renewed partnership with the Japan PBA and look forward to bringing fresh energy to one of bowling's pinnacle events worldwide," said PBA Commissioner Tom Clark. "Our players will be excited for the opportunity to compete, participating sponsors will gain great value from their association and the resulting action on the lanes will undoubtedly thrill fans once again."

"We are very happy with the return of the Japan Cup, in a new way," said Japan PBA President Ritsuko Nakayama.

The 2012 Japan Cup will be held Nov. 29-Dec. 2 in Tokyo, with preliminary qualifying at Minami-Suna Bowling Center followed by additional qualifying, match play and television finals at Shinagawa Princess Hotel Bowling Center.

The tournament will offer a total of just over \$285,000 in prize money, including a \$78,000 first prize and a PBA Tour title. Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., is defending champion.

The Japan Cup originated as the Japan Gold Cup in 1968. The late PBA Hall of Famer Don Johnson won the inaugural event. In the 25 years that PBA players have been invited to the event, it has been won 23 times by PBA pros and twice by Japan PBA players. Walter Ray Williams Jr. is the only player who has competed in all 25 Japan Cup tournaments.

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PBA's Sunday Doubleheader Includes Bayer Viper Open Finals on ESPN, Historic Xtra Frame Tour Cheetah Open Live on the Internet

Fagan heads field of four finalists in season's first "animal pattern" championship

SEATTLE (Jan. 17, 2012) – For the first time in Professional Bowlers Association history, bowling fans will have an opportunity to watch two championships decided in a single day Sunday when the Bayer Viper Open airs on ESPN followed by live online coverage of the inaugural Xtra Frame Tour Cheetah Open presented by Ebonite.

The Bayer Viper Open is the first of four PBA "animal pattern" championships conducted during the PBA World Series of Bowling at South Point Casino and Hotel in Las Vegas. ESPN will air the finals at 3 p.m. ET (noon PT).

The Cheetah Open is the first of four Xtra Frame Tour events that will be covered live, exclusively on the PBA's online bowling channel. Sunday's coverage from Fountain Bowl in Fountain Valley, Calif., begins with a six-game round of head-to-head match play for the top 24 qualifiers at noon ET (9 a.m. PT) followed by a seven-game match play round at 4:30 p.m. ET (1:30 p.m. PT). The top four will advance to the Cheetah Open stepladder finals at 9 p.m. ET (6 p.m. PT).

Mike Fagan of Dallas, a two-time PBA Tour champion, will head the field of four for the eliminator-format finals of the Viper Open. Fagan averaged 242.36 for 14 qualifying games to advance to the finals. He'll bowl against England's Stuart Williams, Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., and Ildemaro Ruiz of Venezuela for the Viper title.

Eliminator-format finals feature three one-game rounds. All four players bowl the opening game, with the lowest-scoring player after each game being eliminated. Fagan, 31, is a nine-year PBA Tour veteran who won his last title in the 2010 One A Day Dick Weber Open, held at Fountain Bowl. Rash, 28, is a four-time PBA Tour winner who is seeking his first title since the 2007 USBC Masters. Williams and Ruiz are making their second PBA television appearances. Neither has won a PBA Tour title.

The Xtra Frame Tour Cheetah Open presented by Ebonite gets underway on Saturday with nine qualifying games that will reduce the estimated field of 150 players to 24 for Sunday's head-to-head match play competition. Saturday's qualifying rounds also will be webcast live on Xtra Frame.

Eugene McCune of Munster, Ind., won the 2010 Cheetah Open during the PBA World Series of Bowling at South Point Lanes in Las Vegas, nipping Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., 238-237, in the title match. But Fagan won the last event hosted by Fountain Bowl, defeating Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Ocala, Fla., 241-213, for the title.

The winners of both events Sunday will earn berths in the Round of 36 for the end-of-season PBA Tournament of Champions, April 8-15, at Red Rock Lanes in Las Vegas.

To watch the Cheetah Open, bowling fans must subscribe to Xtra Frame. One-month subscriptions are available for \$7.99 and full-year subscriptions are \$64.99. To sign up, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame logo.

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Belmonte Fires 300 En Route to Earning Fourth Berth in PBA World Championship Finals

Australian two-hander survives 196-179 final match against Kretzer to win Mike Aulby Division

LAS VEGAS – A funny thing happened to Australian two-handed star Jason Belmonte in Sunday's Mike Aulby Division telecast on ESPN. He recorded the 21st nationally-televised 300 game in Professional Bowlers Association history, but it was a sub-200 game that earned him a trip to the Jan. 15 PBA World Championship final round.

Belmonte, who won his only PBA Tour title in the 2009 Bowling Foundation Long Island Classic, followed his game-two perfect effort with a less-than-perfect 196-179 victory over Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio, to capture the final berth in the World Championship finals at South Point Hotel Exhibition Hall.

Each of the divisional elimination contests consist of three one-game rounds, starting with four players. The lowest-scoring player after each game is eliminated.

In Sunday's ESPN telecast, Belmonte was fortunate to survive the opening game. Kretzer's 231 led the opening round. Mike Fagan of Dallas was second with a 194, Belmonte struggled through a pair of open frames for a 188, but PBA rookie Josh Blanchard of Gilbert, Ariz., had even more problems in his PBA television debut, posting a 139 game to get eliminated.

Belmonte righted his ship in game two, however, earning a \$10,000 bonus for his perfect game. Kretzer's second consecutive 231 game was enough to eliminate Fagan, who started with five strikes but failed to convert the 3-6-10 in the ninth frame and finished with a 220.

Belmonte maintained his poise into the final game, striking on four of his first five shots. He failed to convert the 5-10 and 6-7-10 splits in the eighth and ninth frames, but by that time, Kretzer's inability to string strikes proved to be his downfall.

"The struggle was to forget about the 300 because you have one more game to bowl," Belmonte said. "You kinda want those games as your last game, not second-to-last, but I was so thrilled it was difficult to put it behind me and work on the next game. I actually thought about it in the second frame. It just popped into my head and I threw a really bad shot. But the next three or four frames were OK, so I kind of loosened up.

"Then the lanes started playing tricks with me, but Brian was having troubles as well. I was fortunate he didn't find the look that would allow him to strike. If that game had gone on another four or five frames, I don't know what would have happened."

Belmonte will now join Finland's Osku Palermaa, winner of the Don Carter Division; Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., winner of the Billy Hardwick Division, and Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., winner of the Johnny Petraglia Division in the World Championship finals on ESPN on Sunday, Jan. 15, at 1 p.m. ET. At stake will be a \$50,000 first prize, the first major title of the 2011-12 PBA Tour season, and a berth in the Round of 36 for the end-of-season PBA Tournament of Champions.

The Aulby finals were conducted on the PBA's Shark lane condition, selected by Belmonte as the high qualifier in his group.

A special World Championship pre-game show will be webcast on the Wednesday on pba.com's Xtra Frame and a post-game Xtra Frame interview with the winners will immediately follow the Sunday telecast.

**PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
MIKE AULBY DIVISION FINALS
South Point Exhibition Hall, Las Vegas**

Round One (lowest score eliminated): Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 231; Mike Fagan, Dallas, 194; Jason Belmonte, Australia, 188; Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 139 (\$4,000).

Round Two (lowest score eliminated): Belmonte 300, Kretzer 231, Fagan 220 (\$4,500).

Championship (winner advances to PBA World Championship finals): Belmonte def. Kretzer (\$5,000), 196-179.

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Jason Belmonte Leads Mike Aulby Division Field into Final PBA World Championship Elimination Round

Kretzer, Blanchard, Fagan round out field for fourth ESPN eliminator battle on Sunday

LAS VEGAS – Australia's two-handed star, Jason Belmonte, leads the field of four players in Sunday's Mike Aulby Division finals, the fourth and final elimination round leading into the PBA World Championship finals. The Aulby round will air in high-definition on ESPN Sunday at 1 p.m. ET.

The Aulby Division winner will join Finland's Osku Palermaa; Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., and Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., in the World Championship finals on Sunday, Jan. 15, at 1 p.m. ET. At stake will be a \$50,000 first prize, the Earl Anthony Trophy and the PBA Tour's first major title of the 2011-12 season.

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

Belmonte, 28, hasn't won a title since his first PBA Tour victory in the 2009 Bowling Foundation Long Island Classic propelled him to 2009-09 PBA Rookie of the Year honors. During the 40-game qualifying portion of the PBA World Championship, he finished third behind Rash and Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., averaging 226.18 for five rounds on five different lane conditions. He will be joined in the Aulby elimination round by Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio; rookie Josh Blanchard of Gilbert, Ariz., and Mike Fagan of Dallas.

Kretzer won his only PBA Tour title in the 2010 Go RVing Match Play Championship. Fagan is a two-time title winner. His most recent victory was in the 2010 One A Day Dick Weber Open. Blanchard, a former Wichita State University star, joined the PBA in October and won a PBA West Region Non-Champions tournament in Reno, Nev., in his first appearance as a member. Sunday's telecast will be his PBA Tour television debut.

In the Aulby eliminator event, all four players will bowl a one-game match with the lowest scoring player eliminated. The three survivors will bowl a second game, again with the low man knocked out. The two finalists will bowl a final game to determine who will advance 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. Palermaa won the Don Carter Division berth, Shafer the Billy Hardwick Division title and Rash topped the Johnny Petraglia Division. The championship trophy is named in honor of Anthony, the only player ever to win the event six times.

A preview of the Aulby 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.

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Rash Wins Petraglia Division, Advances to PBA World Championship Finals

Aulby Division winner to join Rash, Palermmaa, Shafer for championship eliminations on Jan. 15

LAS VEGAS – Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., the runaway qualifying leader in the Professional Bowlers Association World Championship preliminary rounds, advanced to the Jan. 15 final round with a victory in the Johnny Petraglia Division finals that aired Sunday on ESPN.

Rash, who won his only major title in the 2007 United States Bowling Congress Masters, defeated PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., 246-222, to capture the third of four berths in the World Championship finals at South Point Hotel Exhibition Hall.

The divisional finals consist of three one-game rounds, starting with four players. The lowest-scoring player after each game is eliminated.

Rash will join Finland's Osku Palermmaa, winner of the Don Carter Division; Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., winner of the Billy Hardwick Division, and the winner of next Sunday's Mike Aulby Division finals in the World Championship finals on ESPN on Sunday, Jan. 15, at 1 p.m. ET. The PBA World Championship offers a \$50,000 first prize and the first major title of the 2011-12 PBA Tour season.

Rash, a four-time PBA Tour winner who is trying to end a four-year title slump, survived a high-scoring opening game led by Weber's 279. Left-hander Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., was second with a 267 and Rash posted a 257. Nathan Bohr of Wichita, Kan., rolled a respectable 236 in his PBA television debut, but was eliminated.

Rash took command in game two, starting with nine strikes before leaving the 6-10 on his first shot in the 10th frame and finishing with a 278 game. Weber was right behind, starting with eight strikes on his way to a 268. Ciminelli was ousted after rolling a 219 game.

In the final game, Weber lost the strike pocket for four frames, allowing Rash to jump into a 34-pin lead after five frames, and he never let the 35-time PBA Tour titlist back into the match.

"I think we broke down the lanes extremely well," Rash said. "Ciminelli was all by himself on the left side. Nathan played a little right of where Pete and I were playing. We were in the track area and just chased the transition to the left. Pete's got a phenomenal ball roll. He can do things the rest of us can't. But I got into a little groove and my confidence got higher and higher."

Rash said beating Weber was a "special thing" because of a bond the two have developed ever since Rash arrived on the scene.

"Pete and I have been friends since I came out on tour," he said. "A lot of people figure I'm the new bad-boy, the role Pete played for 25-or-so years. He has given me a lot of great advice, to be who I am, not worry about what people think and not try to change. When I'm on the lanes I'm by myself. The only people I care about are my wife and family. But to beat Pete is a special thing."

Rash also will head into the PBA World Championship finals with a dark cloud hanging over his head. He has not won a title in his last eight television appearances.

"I've had some mental issues over the years. Everyone knows that," he said. "I've had some things come up bowling-wise, family-wise that get in the way of the sport sometimes. And some personal things. Physically, I bowled well for several years, but I remember Chris Barnes made 12 shows in a row and never won. Look at Amleto (Monacelli) and Walter (Ray Williams Jr.) and they had years between titles. Chris Barnes told me a long time ago – and Parker Bohn the same thing – that you have to put yourself in position to win. No one remembers who bowled Friday night in the Round of 32. You remember the guys who got to TV on Sunday and had a chance to win. And now I'm in position to win again."

Rash also noted he was inspired during the Petraglia round by the presence of new-found friend Dan McCarty, an 8-year-old who was born with a medical condition commonly called "brittle bone disease." Rash met the youngster during a "Best Buddies" gathering in Las Vegas prior to the PBA World Series of Bowling, struck up a friendship and invited McCarty to attend the television show.

"It was a thrill to have Danny at the show," Rash said. "When you realize what that kid's been through, what he lives with his entire life, he's such an inspiration."

The Petraglia finals were conducted on the PBA's Scorpion lane condition, selected by Rash as the high qualifier.

The Mike Aulby Division finalists will be the final group to bowl, on Sunday, Jan. 8, at 1 p.m. ET on ESPN. Australia's Jason Belmonte is top qualifier for that group which also includes Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio; PBA Tour rookie Josh Blanchard of Gilbert, Ariz., and Mike Fagan of Dallas.

Special pre-game shows for each World Series of Bowling telecast will be webcast beginning on the Wednesday preceding the ESPN finals on pba.com's Xtra Frame and a post-game Xtra Frame interview with the winners will immediately follow the Sunday telecasts.

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JOHNNY PETRAGLIA DIVISION FINALS
South Point Exhibition Hall, Las Vegas**

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Round Two (lowest score eliminated): Rash 278, Weber 268, Ciminelli 219 (\$4,500).

Championship (winner advances to PBA World Championship finals): Rash def. Weber (\$5,000), 246-222.

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