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D.J. Archer Wins First PBA Title in Emotional Chameleon Championship

Runner-up Ronnie Russell bowls first perfect game at South Point Bowling Plaza in opening match

LAS VEGAS – Two months after losing his mother to cardiac failure, D.J. Archer of Friendswood, Texas, bowled the biggest game of his life, winning his first Professional Bowlers Association Tour title in the PBA Chameleon Championship and stealing the spotlight from Ronnie Russell of Marion, Indiana, who bowled the first nationally-televised 300 game in the new, \$35 million South Point Bowling Plaza a game earlier.

The Chameleon finals, the third of five PBA Tour title events conducted during GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI, aired Sunday on ESPN.

After starting the championship match with two strikes, Archer left the 1-2-4-7-10 in the third frame and failed to convert. But he quickly righted his ship and closed the match with a string of seven strikes to lock Russell out, winning, 241-215.

"Coming into the finals, with everything that's gone on in my life the past month-and-a-half, I just felt like (my mother) was there," Archer said about the loss of his mother Sharon at age 59 in mid-September. "The only thing that could have happened in the 10th frame was for me to throw two really good shots and that's what I did. I felt like nothing was going to stand up. She knocked the pins over for me, and I'm very grateful."

Archer had finished second once before (in the 2013 Carmen Salvino Classic) during his 12-year PBA Tour career, so he got to experience the thrill of victory for the first time.

"I've been chasing this feeling for years, and now that I know what it feels like, I'm going to work harder and get stronger, and hopefully I'll get this feeling more often," he said. "I'm excited, very excited. Those guys have been beating my head in for a long time and I figured out a way I learned how to bowl."

In the opening three-player shootout match, Russell and Sean Rash of Montgomery, Illinois, each started with six strikes to open a big lead over J.R. Raymond of Bay City, Michigan, who was making his PBA television debut. Raymond opened in the second frame and never had a chance to catch up.

Rash was the first to end his strike string, leaving a 10 pin in the seventh frame and the 1-2-4-10 "washout" in the eighth, while Russell kept on striking on his way to the PBA's 24th nationally-televised 300 game. Rash finished with a 265 and Raymond a 186.

"That was a lot of fun," Russell said, "but you're still trying to get the win. I had three really good breaks where I tripped 4 or 10 pins, and I think that hurt me in the title game because my laydown point went away a little bit. I kept chasing the transition (in the changing lane condition) with my eyes and feet, but I knew I should have changed balls. I just did it two frames too late."

The fourth PBA WSOB VI final to air on ESPN will be the Scorpion Championship on Sunday, Jan. 4, at 1 p.m. ET. In the title match, top qualifier Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix will bowl the winner of a three-player shootout match involving No. 2 Scott Newell, Deland, Fla.; No. 3 Martin Larsen, Sweden, and No. 4 Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa.

PBA CHAMELEON CHAMPIONSHIP
South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas

Championship: D.J. Archer, Friendswood, Texas (\$20,000) def. Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., (\$10,000), 241-215.

Shootout Match (winner advanced to championship match, eliminated players earned \$6,000): Russell (300) def. Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill. (265) and J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich. (186).

About the PBA

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Mika Koivuniemi Wins 14th Career Title in PBA Viper Championship

Finnish native nips top qualifier Connor Pickford to end three-year U.S. television drought

LAS VEGAS – Finnish native Mika Koivuniemi of Hartland, Michigan, defeated first-time television finalist Connor Pickford of Charlotte, North Carolina, 224-214, to win his 14th career PBA Tour title in the PBA Viper Championship at the new South Point Bowling Plaza, ending a three-year title drought on American soil.

The Viper finals, the second of five PBA Tour title events conducted during GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI, aired Sunday on ESPN.

Koivuniemi, 47, had won four PBA International titles after winning the 2011 PBA Tournament of Champions, but he had to throw three strikes in the 10th-frame twice to end a three-year winless streak in U.S.-based competition.

"I was lucky I finished on the left lane," Koivuniemi said of his victory over Pickford. "I was lined up much better on the left lane than I was on the right lane, but I still needed to make a good shot. I got a great break in the fifth frame, but it's about time some luck was with me. I feel like luck hasn't been on my side on TV very much lately.

"It's been three years since I've won in the U.S. so, yes, it feels excellent."

In the title match, Pickford left the 2-4-6-7 split in his fourth frame and failed to convert for the only serious mistake of the match. He followed the open with three strikes, but Koivuniemi took the lead when he carried a high crossover strike in fifth, converting that break into a turkey. Pickford failed to strike in the eighth and ninth frames, giving Koivuniemi room to lock up the title with strikes on his first two shots in the 10th frame and that's what he did.

In the three-player shootout to start the Viper finals, a similar 10th frame performance got Koivuniemi into the title match. Koivuniemi started with four strikes and appeared to have the match under control, but he missed a 4-7 spare attempt in the fifth and momentarily lost his strike shot. He stayed out of trouble, leaving makeable spares until throwing three strikes in the 10th frame to lock up the match. His 221 game was too much for Ronnie Russell of Marion, Indiana (190) and England's Dom Barrett (126).

Barrett, the reigning PBA World Champion, ran into early trouble, leaving splits he couldn't convert in four of the first six frames, and quickly bowled himself out of contention. Two more splits resulted in the second-lowest nationally-televised game in PBA history (the record is Tom Daugherty's 100 game in the 2011 PBA Tournament of Champions).

Russell stayed close to Koivuniemi until he left the 6-7-10 split in the eighth frame. After a strike in the ninth frame, a 10 pin on his first shot in the 10th ended his title hopes.

The next GEICO PBA WSOB VI final to air on ESPN will be the Chameleon Championship on Sunday, Dec. 28, at 1 p.m. ET. In the title match, top qualifier D.J. Archer of Friendswood, Texas, will bowl the winner of a three-player shootout match involving No. 2 Russell; No. 3 Sean Rash, Montgomery, Illinois, and No. 4 J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Michigan. Raymond will be making his PBA television debut.

PBA VIPER CHAMPIONSHIP

South Point Bowling Plaza, Las Vegas

Championship: Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich. (\$20,000) def. Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., (\$10,000), 224-214.

Shootout Match (winner advanced to championship match, eliminated players earned \$6,000): Koivuniemi (221) def. Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind. (190) and Dom Barrett, England (126).

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Detroit Open Brings Expanded 2015 PBA Tour Schedule to 30 Title Events

PBA players to visit 22 different cities, eight different countries in new year

CHICAGO (Dec. xx, 2014) – The Xtra Frame Detroit Open at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Michigan, December 11-13, has been added to the Professional Bowlers Association's 2015 schedule, expanding next year's PBA calendar to 30 tournaments that will award PBA Tour titles.

PBA fans will be able to follow the entire schedule of events through the PBA Network which includes national television coverage on ESPN and CBS Sports Network, and online video streaming on Xtra Frame.

Overall, the 2015 PBA Tour schedule includes three major championships (United States Bowling Congress Masters, 50th anniversary Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions and PBA World Championship), nine PBA International-World Bowling Tour events, a total of 21 domestic Tour events (including three doubles tournaments), PBA League competition, and special events including Chris Paul's CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational presented by AMF, Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort King of the Swing, and World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals. The PBA Tour will visit 22 different cities and eight different countries in 2015.

The PBA also announced it has re-scheduled the Xtra Frame Pensacola South Open at New Liberty Lanes in Pensacola, Florida, to June 19-21, in order to avoid conflict for players who want to participate in the lucrative PBA-World Bowling Tour H.H. Emir Cup in Doha, Qatar.

Complete schedules and entry details will be available on pba.com.

2015 PBA TOUR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Jan. 8: Chris Paul's CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational presented by AMF, AMF Bowl-O-Drome, Torrance, Calif. (ESPN, Feb. 1, 4:30 p.m. ET)

Jan. 6-11: PBA International-World Bowling Tour Ballmaster Open, Tali Bowling Center, Helsinki, Finland

Jan. 11: GEICO WSOB VI PBA World Championship stepladder finals, South Point Bowling Stadium, Las Vegas (ESPN live, 1 p.m. ET)

Jan. 14-18: DHC PBA Japan Invitational 2015, Tokyo Port Bowl, Tokyo, Japan (Xtra Frame)

Jan. 26-30: PBA Players Championship and Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship qualifying and match play, Bowlmor AMF Bowlero, Wauwatosa, Wis. (Xtra Frame)

Feb. 1-8: United States Bowling Congress Masters, Ashwaubenon Bowl, Green Bay, Wis. (preliminary rounds on Xtra Frame, finals on ESPN live, Feb. 8, 1 p.m. ET)

Feb. 10-15: 50th Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions, Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis (preliminary rounds on Xtra Frame, finals on ESPN live, Feb. 15, 1 p.m. ET); PBA Players Championship finals, Feb. 14 (ESPN, Feb. 22, 1 p.m. ET); Mark Roth/Marshall Homan PBA Doubles Championship finals, Feb. 15 (ESPN, March 1, 1 p.m. ET)

Feb. 24-March 2: PBA International-World Bowling Tour H.H. Emir Cup, Qatar Bowling Center, Doha, Qatar

March 5-10: PBA International-World Bowling Tour Kingdom of Bahrain Open, Ozone Entertainment Center, Oman, Bahrain

March 13-17: PBA International-World Bowling Tour Kuwait Open, Cozmo Bowling Center, Kuwait City, Kuwait

March 19-22: PBA International-World Bowling Tour Brunswick Euro Challenge, Dream-Bowl Palace, Munich, Germany

March 28-30: PBA League Playoffs and Elias Cup Finals, Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine (ESPN, March 29, 4:30 p.m. ET; April 5, 3:30 p.m. ET; April 12, 2 p.m. ET and April 19, 1 p.m. ET)

March 30-31: PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout, Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine (Xtra Frame)

May 9-17: Oklahoma's Grand Casino and Resort PBA Summer Swing (Wolf, Bear, Badger and Oklahoma Open tournaments), Firelake Bowling Center and Grand Casino Event Center, Shawnee, Okla. (preliminary rounds on Xtra Frame, finals on CBS Sports Network, air dates to be announced)

June 19-21: PBA Xtra Frame Pensacola South Open, New Liberty Lanes, Pensacola, Fla. (Xtra Frame)

June 26-28: PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Southwest Open, South Plains Lanes, Lubbock, Texas (Xtra Frame)

July 31-Aug. 2: PBA Xtra Frame Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, Palace Lanes, Houston, Texas (Xtra Frame)

Aug. 4-7: PBA/PBA50 South Shore Doubles, Olympia Lanes, Hammond, Ind. (Xtra Frame)

Aug. 21-23: PBA Xtra Frame Middletown East Open, Mid-County Lanes, Middletown, Del. (Xtra Frame)

Sept. (tba): PBA International-World Bowling Tour Thailand, Blu-O Paragon, Bangkok

Oct. 9-11: PBA Xtra Frame Iowa Midwest Open, Thunderbowl, Council Bluffs, Iowa (Xtra Frame)

Oct. 16-Nov. 1: PBA World Series of Bowling VII (Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon, Scorpion Opens; PBA World Championship; World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals presented by PBA), South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas (preliminary rounds on Xtra Frame, finals on ESPN, air dates to be announced)

Nov. 21-27: PBA International-World Bowling Tour Qatar Open, Qatar Bowling Center, Doha, Qatar

Nov. 28-Dec. 3: PBA International-World Bowling Tour 9th Kingdom International Open, Universal Bowling Center, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Dec. 11-13: PBA Xtra Frame Detroit Open, Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich. (Xtra Frame)

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"Rookie" Marshall Kent Wins First PBA Title in Saudi Arabia's 8th Kingdom International Open

Former collegiate star now eligible to enter 50th Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (Dec. 2, 2014) – Professional Bowlers Association rookie Marshall Kent of Yakima, Washington, won his first PBA Tour title Tuesday, defeating Sweden's Martin Larsen, 257-206, to claim the eighth Kingdom International Open title at Universal Bowling Center Tuesday.

Kent earned \$10,000 and became eligible to enter the 50th anniversary Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions in Indianapolis in February. The Kingdom International Open is the final PBA International Tour-World Bowling Tour event on the 2014 schedule.

Kent, 22, a former two-time Collegiate Bowler of the Year with Robert Morris University-Illinois, was the top qualifier for the finals in Riyadh and defeated No. 4 qualifier Mike Fagan of Fort Worth, Texas, 243-237, to advance to the championship match. Larsen, who also was trying for his first PBA title, defeated Kuwait's Khaled Al Dubyyan, 224-174, in the other semifinal match.

The Kingdom International Open featured a unique format. All players bowled three six-game qualifying rounds on different lane conditions. The first round was contested on World Bowling's 39-foot Seoul oil pattern, day two on the 45-foot Mexico City pattern, and day three with the Seoul pattern on the left lane and Mexico City pattern on the right lane. After each day's competition, the top four players for that day bowled a "shootout" round for a \$5,000 first prize, and after 18 combined games, the top 30 plus the top six Saudi Arabian competitors advance to Tuesday's "masters" finals.

In the daily "shootout" rounds, Craig Nidiffer of Trenton, Michigan, won both the Seoul pattern and mixed pattern events, earning \$5,000 in each event. He defeated England's Dom Barrett in the Seoul finale, 278-269, and Mike Fagan of Fort Worth, Texas, 239-228, in the mixed pattern final. Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, won the Mexico City event, defeating Saudi Arabia's Bader Al Shaikh, 223-181, for the \$5,000 first prize.

The masters qualifying round involved nine games from scratch (no carryover pins), three game each of the Seoul, Mexico City and mixed conditions. The top four after nine games bowled advanced to the one-game single-elimination match play finals with qualifier No. 1 meeting No. 4, and No. 2 vs. No. 3. The two winners then bowled a one-game match for the title.

Following the Kingdom International Open, a number of PBA members from the U.S. and around the world will close out the year by competing representing their home countries in the World Men's Bowling

Championships – a non-PBA event – in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. The Men's World Championships will include singles, doubles, trios, Baker team, all-events and Masters events.

The PBA Tour officially concludes its 2014 season with the finals of the PBA World Championship which will air live on ESPN on Sunday, Jan. 11, at 1 p.m. ET from South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas. The PBA World Championship finalists, in qualifying order, are Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas; Fagan; Ronnie Russell of Marion, Indiana; Todd Book of Russells Point, Ohio, and Stuart Williams of England.

8TH KINGDOM INTERNATIONAL OPEN **Universal Bowling Center, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Dec. 2**

Championship: Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash. (\$10,000) def. Martin Larsen, Sweden (\$7,000), 257-206.

Semifinal Results: Kent def. Mike Fagan, Fort Worth, Texas (\$5,000), 243-237. Larsen def. Khaled Al Dubyyan, Kuwait (\$4,000), 224-174.

Masters Qualifying Round Final Standings (after nine games, top four advanced to championship round):

- 1, Kent, 2,161.
- 2, Larsen, 2,108.
- 3, Al Dubyyan, 2,096.
- 4, Fagan, 2,091.
- 5, Dom Barrett, England, 2,076, \$2,800.
- 6, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 2,046, \$2,400.
- 7, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 2,034, \$2,000.
- 8, a-John Janawicz, Lake Wales, Fla., 2,030, \$1,800.
- 9, Bader Al Shaikh, Saudi Arabia, 2,015, \$1,700.
- 10, Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 2,006, \$1,500.
- 11, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,004, \$1,500.
- 12, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2,001, \$1,500.
- 13, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,992, \$1,400.
- 14, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1,985, \$1,400.
- 15, Yousif Falah, Bahrain, 1,982, \$1,400.
- 16, Shaik Abdul Hameed, Indonesia, 1,969, \$1,300.
- 17, Stuart Williams, England, 1,966, \$1,300.
- 18, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 1,955, \$1,300.
- 19, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,936, \$1,200.
- 20, Paul Moor, England, 1,931, \$1,200.
- 21, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,913, \$1,200.
- 22, Mohammed Sultan, Bahrain, 1,910, \$1,000.
- 23, Michael Mak, Hong Kong, 1,885, \$1,000.
- 24, Yousef Al Jaber, Qatar, 1,876, \$1,000.
- 25, Matt Chamberlain, England, 1,853, \$900.
- 26, Tim Mack, Indianapolis, 1,845, \$900.
- 27, Abdullah Al Dolijan, Saudi Arabia, 1,835, \$900.
- 28, Yaqoub Al Shatti, Kuwait, 1,824, \$800.
- 29, Rakan Al Ameer, Kuwait, 1,814, \$800.
- 30, Adel Al Barqi, Saudi Arabia, 1,811, \$800.
- 31, Mohammed Al Saud, Saudi Arabia, 1,811, \$700.
- 32, Mansour Al Awamy, Qatar, 1,723, \$700.
- 33, Abdulrahman Al Kheliawi, Saudi Arabia, 1,700, \$700.
- 34, Yaser Abu Alreesh, Saudi Arabia, 1,699, \$600.

35, Salman Al Shehri, Saudi Arabia, 1,637, \$600.
36, Majed Aslani, Saudi Arabia, 1,543, \$600.

Round One Seoul Pattern Shootout:

Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich. (\$5,000) def. Dom Barrett, England (\$3,500), 278-269.

Semifinals: Nidiffer def. Bader Al Shaikh, Saudi Arabia (\$2,500), 234-198. Barrett def. Rakan Al Ameer, Kuwait (\$2,000), 169-166.

Round Two Mexico City Pattern Shootout:

Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas (\$5,000) def. Bader Al Shaikh, Saudi Arabia (\$3,500), 223-181.

Semifinals: Barnes def. Matt Chamberlain, England (\$2,500), 267-236. Al Shaikh def. Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y. (\$2,000), 269-188.

Round Three Mixed Seoul/Mexico City Patterns Shootout:

Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich. (\$5,000) def. Mike Fagan, Fort Worth, Texas (\$3,500), 239-228.

Semifinals: Nidiffer def. Martin Larsen, Sweden (\$2,500), 278-222. Fagan def. Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C. (\$2,000), 215-186.

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From: Bill Vint [Bill.Vint@pba.com]
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The correct score of the Qatar Open championship match, sent Thursday, was 395-388, not 495-488 as noted in the Qatar Open release. Our apologies for the error.

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England's Dom Barrett Repeats as Qatar Open Champion

Countryman Stuart Williams falls seven pins short in two-game title match

DOHA, Qatar (Nov. 27, 2014) – Dom Barrett won an all-England championship match, defeating country Stuart Williams, 495-488, in the two-game title match to successfully defending his Qatar Open title at Qatar Bowling Center Thursday. Barrett earned \$40,000 and his fourth PBA Tour title.

The Qatar Open is a PBA International Tour-World Bowling Tour event.

After the two English bowlers tied at 206 at the end of the first game, Barrett rolled a 189 game to top Williams' 182 for the seven-pin margin of victory.

In the semifinal round, Williams, who earned the No. 1 qualifying position earlier in the day, eliminated Robert Morris University-Illinois collegiate star Cameron Weier of Federal Way, Washington, 434-421, while Barrett ended Sweden's Martin Larsen's bid for his first PBA Tour title, 510-469.

PBA International Tour players now travel to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, for the 8th Kingdom International Open, Nov. 28-Dec. 2. A number of PBA members from the U.S. and around the world will then close the year by competing representing their home countries in the World Men's Bowling Championships – a non-PBA event – in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

QATAR OPEN

Qatar Bowling Center, Doha, Qatar, Nov. 27

Championship (two games, total pinfall): Dom Barrett, England (\$40,000) def. Stuart Williams, England (\$20,000), 495-488.

Semifinal Results (two games total pinfall, losers each earned \$7,000): Williams def. Cameron Weir, Federal Way, Wash., 434-421. Barrett def. Martin Larsen, Sweden, 510-469.

Step 2 Final Standings (after six games, top four advanced to championship round): 1, Williams, 1,474. 2, Larsen, 1,419. 3, Barrett, 1,407. 4, Weier, 1,404. 5, Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 1,384, \$3,500. 6, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 1,365, \$3,500. 7, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,364, \$3,500.

8, Mike Fagan, Fort Worth, Texas, 1,364, \$3,500. 9, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,350, \$3,500. 10, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,322, \$3,500. 11, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,316, \$3,500. 12, f-Mai Ginge Jensen, Denmark, 1,313, \$3,500. 13, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,311, \$2,500. 14, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,299, \$2,500.

15, John Wells, England, 1,298, \$2,500. 16, Richard Teece, England, 1,280, \$2,500. 17, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1,279, \$2,500. 18, Mattias Wetterberg, Sweden, 1,277, \$2,500. 19, Craig

Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 1,267, \$2,500. 20, Michael Mak, Hong Kong, 1,267, \$2,500. 21, f-Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 1,258, \$2,000.

22, Markus Jansson, Sweden, 1,253, \$2,000. 23, Perttu Jussila, Finland, 1,248, \$2,000. 24, Marshall Kent, 1,243, \$2,000. 25, Peter Hellstrom, Sweden, 1,235, \$2,000. 26, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 1,231, \$2,000. 27, Yousif Falah, Bahrain, 1,225, \$2,000. 28, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,174, \$2,000.

f-denotes female bowler (under tournament rules, female bowlers received an additional 8 handicap pins per game).

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Korea's Song Si Ra Wins It's Daejeon International Open

First woman to win World Bowling Tour "major" title

DAEJEON, Korea (Nov. 22, 2014) – Korea's Song Si Ra became the first woman to win a World Bowling Tour major title when she upset countryman and top qualifier Choi Tae Seung, 231-205, to win the It's Daejeon International Open at the Daejeon World Cup Bowling Centre Sunday.

Song, 24, advance to the title match by defeating Canada's Dan MacLelland, 213-195, in the semifinal match after MacLelland won a three-player shootout match to start the championships round.

In the It's Daejeon International Open, like many international events, women who entered the "open" division received eight handicap pins per game, but Song didn't need the "bonus" pins because she won each match by more than eight pins. Along with her title, Song earned 40 million Korean won, the equivalent of \$37,200 U.S. dollars. Choi earned \$18,600 and MacLelland took home \$9,00 for his third-place finish.

In the shootout match, which was televised nationally in Korea, MacLelland's 196 eliminated Korea's Lee Na Hyun (168) and Jang Dong Chul (167). Lee was the second woman to make the championship round.

Song does not receive credit for a PBA International Tour title because she is a non-member, and in order for a woman to earn a PBA Tour title, she must be a PBA member and bowl the event without receiving handicap pins.

PBA International Tour players now travel to Doha, Qatar for the Qatar Open, Nov. 22-27, and the 8th Kingdom International Open in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Nov. 28-Dec. 2. A number of PBA members from around the world will then close the year by competing in the World Men's Bowling Championships – a non-PBA event – in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

IT'S DAEJEON INTERNATIONAL OPEN

Daejeon World Cup Bowling Centre, Daejeon, Korea, Nov. 22

Final Standings: 1, f-Song Si Ra, Korean, \$37,200. 2, Choi Tae Seung, Korea, \$18,600. 3, Dan MacLelland, Canada, \$9,300. 4, f-Lee Na Hyun, Korea, \$4,650. 5, Jang Dong Chul, Korea, \$3,050.

Stepladder Results: Shootout Match: MacLelland (196) def. Lee (168) and Jang (167). Semifinal Match: Song def. MacLelland, 213-195. Championship: Song def. Choi, 231-205.

f-denotes female bowler (under tournament rules, female bowlers received an additional 8 handicap pins per game).

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Buffalo Area PBA Players Struggling Through Historic Snowfall

Ryan Ciminelli and friends contending with catastrophic early winter storm; rain and flooding next?

CHEEKTOWAGA, N.Y. (Nov. 21, 2014) – Two-time Professional Bowlers Association titlist Ryan Ciminelli feels lucky today to be among the survivors of what may be the worst snowstorm to bury the Buffalo, New York, area in a century.

Ciminelli, a 28-year-old lifelong resident of Buffalo suburb Cheektowaga, explained his harrowing story while taking a break Friday from trying to clear more than five feet of snow from the roof of his house.

Last Sunday, Ciminelli flew home from Tokyo, where he had competed in the Round1 Japan Cup, when the lake-effect snow across Lake Erie began to bury the region in up to nine feet of snow. Ciminelli's personal troubles began with an airline maintenance problem that delayed his arrival in Buffalo from Monday night until Tuesday.

"When we got in, there was only about three inches of snow on the ground at the airport, but no one could come and get me, so I decided to walk home (about three miles)," he said. "I wasn't dressed for the snow. I didn't have a hat or gloves, or anything. By the time I got to the end of my street, there was no way I could get to my house. I could either try to walk through five feet of snow to a neighbor's house, or turn around and go back toward another friend's house near the airport. I decided to try for my neighbor's house.

"By the time I got through the snow – it was less than 500 feet – my legs had gone numb. I literally fell into their garage. They got me inside and warmed me up, but I couldn't stay there, so I went to another neighbor's. I was really scared; I'm convinced I almost died," he said.

"Apparently someone called in a false alarm to the fire department, so a small bobcat went through and plowed a path down my street on Wednesday morning, so I was able to follow that path to get home. That night, my wife Chelsea was making dinner, and I looked up and saw stress cracks all over the ceiling, so we called the fire department to ask what we should do. They told us they couldn't remove the snow, but we should evacuate the house, so we went to my parents' house.

"We decided to go back and try to get the snow off our roof," Ciminelli continued. "I had a couple of guys helping and we got most of it off, but Chelsea said it seemed pretty cold in the house. Turns out our furnace is broken, so we've had no heat for the past 14-16 hours.

"And it could get worse. Rain is on the way, which will add more weight to the snow on the roof," he added. "I think the news said there were 30 roof collapses last night alone, and there have been 13

deaths reported so far. And it's supposed to warm up to 40-50 degrees, so it's going to flood. It's bad, really bad."

Fellow Cheektowaga resident Liz Johnson had similar issues with snow, but made it safely back to the Buffalo airport late Monday night following the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling, where she qualified for the ESPN finals of the PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game, followed by a promotional engagement in Las Vegas. She made it home without incident but knowing heavy snow was on its way, immediately headed to the closest hardware store to buy a new snow blower.

"All of the snow blowers were gone, and by the time I got back home, it was insane. It didn't stop snowing for two days, so other than going outside to try to help others dig out, I haven't been out of the house," Johnson said Friday. "It's unbelievable. I live about a half mile from (Ciminelli), and we got about 80 inches of snow, but you can go five miles north, and they got next to nothing. The bands of snow were amazing. There are areas with next to nothing, but then you run into a wall of snow.

"I've lived here for 15 years," the native of nearby Niagara Falls said, "and I remember some pretty bad snowfalls before. But this is double the worse I've ever seen. It's pretty, but it's pretty crazy. And now we're going to have to deal with the flooding."

Two-time PBA titlist Jack Jurek, who lives in Lackawanna on Buffalo's south side – right in the path of the worst of it – said he got home from work Monday night "just when it started, and it snowed steadily for the next 30 to 36 hours. The band of snow coming off the lake never moved.

"I was born and raised in Lackawanna," the 50-year-old PBA50 Tour "rookie" said, "but I've never seen anything like this. The blizzard of '77 was bad, but that one didn't have as much snow. It just covered a bigger area. This time we got as much snow in two days as we normally get in a whole year."

Other than being tired from shoveling, Jurek said "we're getting low on milk, but otherwise we're good, and there's light at the end of the tunnel. It's going to start warming up, so the snow is going to start melting. But now we'll start worrying about flooding."

Other PBA players who live in the area, but apparently were spared the worst of the weather, are John Szczerbinski, who lives on the north side of Buffalo; Buffalo resident Joe Ciccone and Brad Angelo, who lives northeast of Buffalo in Lockport.

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Korea's Kyung Shin Park Wins 28th Round1 Japan Cup

Eventual champ eliminates Loschetter, ends Williams' bid for history en route to title

TOKYO, Japan (Nov. 15, 2014) – South Korea's Kyung Shin Park became his country's first Round1 Japan Cup winner Saturday when he defeated Japan's Akio Ishihara, 241-203, in the 28th edition of the international tournament.

Park, who ended Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr.'s bid for history in the Round of 8 at Minami Suna Round1, earned \$51,700 along with his title. Park also eliminated Chris Loschetter of Avon, Ohio, in the semifinal round, 244-166, ending the PBA's last hope for a title for the second straight year.

In the other semifinal match, Ishihara defeated Korea's Young Kwan Kim, 226-225, to prevent an all-Korea title match.

Williams, 55, entered the championship round seeking his third Japan Cup title, a record 48th PBA Tour title, and his first PBA Tour title since 2010. But Park's 278 made easy work of the Oxford, Florida, superstar.

PBA Rookie of the Year contender Marshall Kent of Yakima, Washington, and past Japan Cup titlist Mika Koivuniemi of Finland also were eliminated in the Round of 8. Ishihara ended Kent's hopes for his first PBA title, 216-203, and Kim knocked Koivuniemi out of the finals, 247-226.

PBA Tour players now travel to South Korea and the Middle East to complete the 2014 season with three PBA International-World Bowling Tour events: the It's Daejeon International Open in Daejeon, South Korea, today-Nov. 22; the Qatar Open in Doha, Qatar, Nov. 22-27, and the 8th Kingdom International Open in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Nov. 28-Dec. 2.

ROUND1 JAPAN CUP

Minami Suna Round1, Tokyo, Saturday

CHAMPIONSHIP

Kyung Shin Park, Korea (\$51,700) def. Akio Ishihara, Japan (\$27,570), 241-203.

SEMIFINAL ROUND (losers earned \$12,925)

Ishihara def. Young Kwan Kim, Korean, 226-225.

Park def. Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 244-166.

ROUND OF 8 (losers earned \$6,545)

Kim def. Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 247-226.
Ishihara def. Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 216-203.
Loschetter def. Takuya Miyazawa, Japan, 205-173.
Park def. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 278-214.

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Walter Ray Williams Jr. Headlines Round1 Japan Cup Finalists

55-year-old PBA Hall of Famer seeks third title in Japan, 48th all-time PBA Tour title

TOKYO, Japan (Nov. 14, 2014) – A month after celebrating his 55th birthday, Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Florida, put himself into position to add to his stunning portfolio of PBA accomplishments, advancing to the Round of 8 finals in the 28th Round1 Japan Cup Friday at Minami Suna Round 1.

Williams, the only player who has bowled in all 28 modern Japan Cups, will try for his third Japan Cup title and a 48th PBA Tour title – expanding upon his PBA titles record – when the eight finalists bowl for the \$51,700 first prize on national television in Japan Saturday. The eight-time PBA Player of the Year hasn't won a PBA Tour title since the 2010 United States Bowling Congress Masters.

Williams, the 1991 and 2006 Japan Cup winner, will join fellow PBA Tour competitors Mika Koivuniemi, Finland; Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, and Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., in the eight-man finals along with Japan's Akio Ishihara and Takuya Miyazawa, and Korea's Park Kyung Shin and Kim Young Kwan.

Williams advanced to the Round of 8 by sweeping Park Sang Pil, Korea, 3-0, and fellow PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., 3-0, before finally losing a game to Mike Fagan of Fort Worth, Texas, in a 3-1 win during Friday's best-of-five-game elimination matches.

Another player pursuing a milestone first PBA Tour title is Kent, a former Robert Morris-Illinois University star and Team USA member, who needs a PBA victory to become eligible for the 50th anniversary Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions in February.

Saturday's finals will be a continuation of the bracket elimination matches, but matches will be one game.

ROUND1 JAPAN CUP

Minami Suna Round1, Tokyo, Friday

ROUND OF 16

(Best of five games; winners advance to Round of 8 finals, losers earned \$2,840)

Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., def. Mike Fagan, Fort Worth, Texas, 3-1.

Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, def. Hiroyuki Kuretake, Japan, 3-2.

Akio Ishihara, Japan, def. Toshifumi Kojima, Japan, 3-0.

Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, def. Nobuhito Fujii, Japan, 3-2.

Park Kyung Shin, Korea, def. Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3-1.

Takuya Miyazawa, Japan, def. Yoshihiro Gima, Japan, 3-0.

Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., def. Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 3-1.
Kim Young Kwan, Korea, def. Osku Palermaa, Finland, 3-2.

ROUND OF 32

(A Squad, winners advance to Round of 16, losers earned \$1,375)

Gima def. Takashi Kudoh, Japan, 3-1.
Miyazawa def. Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 3-1.
Park def. Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3-1.
Jones def. Nobuaki Takahashi, Japan, 3-1.
Palermaa def. Shigeo Saito, Japan, 3-2.
Kim def. Stuart Williams, England, 3-2.
Malott def. Masanori Satoh, Japan, 3-2.
Kent def. Takuya Saitoh, Japan, 3-1.

(B Squad, winners advance to Round of 16, losers earned \$1,375)

Koivuniemi def. Yugo Imakita, Japan, 3-1.
Kuretake def. Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 3-1.
W.R. Williams def. Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3-0.
Fagan def. Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 3-2.
Fujii def. Seo Jeng Hwan, Korea, 3-1.
Loschetter def. Hiroki Takada, Japan, 3-1.
Kojima def. Takeo Sakai, Japan, 3-2.

ROUND OF 64

(A Squad, winners advance to Round of 32, losers earned \$685)

Sterner def. Shigenori Sakata, Japan, 3-1.
Malott def. Joji Takabuchi, Japan, 3-1.
Belmonte def. Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 3-0.
Kim def. Shinya Ishida, Japan, 3-2.
Palermaa def. Kengo Tagata, Japan, 3-0.
Takahashi def. Katsuhito Ito, Japan, 3-1.
Kent def. Tamiki Miike, Japan, 3-1.
Kudoh def. Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 3-2.
Gima def. Choi Won Young, Korea, 3-2.
Saitoh def. Shunsuke Miyata, 3-1.
Jones def. Akio Harada, Japan, 3-0.
Saito def. Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3-2.
S. Williams def. Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 3-2.
Park def. Takahiro Satoh, 3-2.
Masanori Satoh def. Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3-0.
Miyazawa def. Hayato Hijikata, Japan, 3-0.

(B Squad, winners advance to Round of 32, losers earned \$685)

Smallwood def. Kaname Yamamoto, Japan, 3-0.
Endo def. Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3-1.
Duke def. Yoshimi Kitaoka, Japan, 3-0.
Loschetter def. Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3-1.
Seo def. Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 3-1.
Ciminelli def. Eisuke Miyazaki, Japan, 3-0.
Sakai def. Jeong Tae Hwa, Korea, 3-1.
Koivuniemi def. Fumihito Yoshida, Japan, 3-0.
Imakita def. Shuichi Heki, Japan, 3-0.
Kojima def. Jo Nam Yi, Korea, 3-0.
Fagan def. Shinichi Horie, Japan, 3-1.

Fuji def. Makoto Kawakami, Japan, 3-0.
Takada def. Dom Barrett, England, 3-1.
W.R. Williams def. Park Sang Pil, Korea, 3-0.
Ishihara def. Kenichi Kadokawa, 3-0.
Kuretake def. Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 3-0.

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23 PBA Players Advance to Round1 Japan Cup Match Play Finals

Defending champion Yuya Kato among players who failed to advance

TOKYO, Japan (Nov. 13, 2014) – Twenty-three Professional Bowlers Association players who traveled to Tokyo to compete in the 28th Round1 Japan Cup have advanced to the field of 64 match play finalists at Minami Suna Round 1.

After 10 qualifying games by the field of 176 players from around the world on Thursday, Japan's Shigenori Sakata led the 32 players who advanced out of A Squad with a 10-game total of 2,483 pins – a 248.3 average – while two-time PBA Tour titlist Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Michigan, paced the B squad qualifiers with a 2,437 total (243.7 average).

The tournament field was split into two squads of 88 players, with PBA Tour players divided between the two squads. Among those who failed to advance to match play was defending Japan Cup champion Yuya Kato, who became the first Japanese player in 25 years to win the event in the 47th edition of the tournament held last December.

Under the Japan Cup format, the top 32 qualifiers from A squad and the top 32 from B squad will begin best-of-five-game, single-elimination play Friday. Winners will remain in their respective brackets into the Round of 8, which will be nationally-televvised in Japan.

FINAL QUALIFYING STANDINGS

Minami Suna Round1, Tokyo, Thursday

A Squad (after 10 games; top 32 advance to Round of 64 best-of-five-game single-elimination match play):

- 1, Shigenori Sakata, 2,483.
- 2, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 2,379.
- 3, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2,369.
- 4, Kim Young Kwan, 2,358.
- 5, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 2,349.
- 6, Katsuhito Itoyama, 2,324.
- 7, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,323.
- 8, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2,316.
- 9, Choi Won Young, 2,304.
- 10, Takuya Saitoh, 2,288.
- 11, Akio Harada, 2,288.
- 12, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2,286.
- 13, Stuart Williams, England, 2,266.

14, Park Kyung Shin, 2,262.
 15, Masanori Satoh, 2,257.
 16, Takuya Miyazawa, 2,239.
 17, Hayato Hijikata, 2,239.
 18, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2,234.
 19, Takahiro Satoh, 2,231.
 20, Shota Kawazoe, 2,228.
 21, Shigeo Saito, 2,228.
 22, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,216.
 23, Shunsuke Miyata, 2,206.
 24, Yoshihiro Gima, 2,204.
 25, Takashi Kudoh, 2,203.
 26, Tamiki Miike, 2,198.
 27, Nobuaki Takahashi, 2,197.
 28, Kengo Tagata, 2,188.
 29, Shinya Ishida, 2,187.
 30, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 2,185.
 31, Joji Takabuchi, 2,182.
 32, Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 2,181.
Failed to advance: 33, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2,177. 50, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 2,089.

B Squad (after 10 games; top 32 advance to Round of 64 best-of-five-game single-elimination match play):

1, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2,437.
 2, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,347.
 3, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,330.
 4, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 2,293.
 5, Seo Jeng Hwan, 2,280.
 6, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 2,276.
 7, Jeong Tae Hwa, 2,275.
 8, Fumihito Yoshida, 2,273.
 9, Yugo Imakita, 2,260.
 10, Jo Nam Yi, 2,260.
 11, Mike Fagan, 2,260.
 12, Nobuhito Fujii, 2,256.
 13, Dom Barrett, England, 2,245.
 14, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 2,238.
 15, Akio Ishihara, 2,226.
 16, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 2,226.
 17, Hiroyuki Kuretake, 2,225.
 18, Kenichi Kadokawa, 2,221.
 19, Park Sang Pil, 2,220.
 20, Hiroki Takada, 2,213.
 21, Makoto Kawakami, 2,205.
 22, Shinichi Horie, 2,204.
 23, Toshifumi Kojima, 2,201.
 24, Shuichi Heki, 2,199.
 25, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 2,195.
 26, Takeo Sakai, 2,181.
 27, Eisuke Miyazaki, 2,171.
 28, Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 2,167.
 29, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,166.

30, Yoshimi Kitaoka, 2,166.

31, Makoto Endo, 2,157.

32, Kaname Yamamoto, 2,155.

Failed to advance: 47, Dan MacLelland, Canada, 2,110. 50, Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 2,101. 68, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 2,033.

ROUND OF 64 A SQUAD BRACKET PAIRINGS

(Friday, best of five games; winners advance to Round of 32)

No. 1 Shigenori Sakata vs. No. 32 Jason Sterner.

No. 2 Wes Malott vs. No. 31 Joji Takabuchi.

No. 3 Jason Belmonte vs. No. 30 Brian Voss.

No. 4 Kim Young Kwan vs. No. 29 Shinya Ishida.

No. 5 Osku Palermaa vs. No. 28 Kengo Tagata.

No. 6 Katsuhito Itoyama vs. No. 27 Nobuaki Takahashi.

No. 7 Marshall Kent vs. No. 26 Tamiki Miike.

No. 8 Ronnie Russell vs. No. 25 Takashi Kudoh.

No. 9 Choi Won Young vs. No. 24 Yoshihiro Gima.

No. 10 Takuya Saitoh vs. No. 23 Shunsuke Miyata.

No. 11 Akio Harada vs. No. 22 Tommy Jones.

No. 12 Parker Bohn III vs. No. 21 Shigeo Saito.

No. 13 Stuart Williams vs. No. 20 Shota Kawazoe.

No. 14 Park Kyung Shin vs. No. 19 Takahiro Satoh.

No. 15 Masanori Satoh vs. No. 18 Pete Weber.

No. 16 Takuya Miyazawa vs. No. 17 Hayato Hijikata.

ROUND OF 64 B SQUAD BRACKET PAIRINGS

(Friday, best of five games; winners advance to Round of 32)

No. 1 Tom Smallwood vs. No. 32 Kaname Yamamoto.

No. 2 Bill O'Neill vs. No. 31 Makoto Endo.

No. 3 Norm Duke vs. No. 30 Yoshimi Kitaoka.

No. 4 Chris Loschetter vs. No. 29 Sean Rash.

No. 5 Seo Jeng Hwan vs. No. 28 Craig Nidiffer.

No. 6 Ryan Cimielli vs. No. 27 Eisuke Miyazaki.

No. 7 Jeong Tae Hwa vs. No. 26 Takeo Sakai.

No. 8 Fumihito Yoshida vs. No. 25 Mika Koivuniemi.

No. 9 Yugo Imakita vs. No. 24 Shuichi Heki.

No. 10 Jo Nam Yi vs. No. 23 Toshifumi Kojima.

No. 11 Mike Fagan vs. No. 22 Shinichi Horie.

No. 12 Nobuhito Fuji vs. No. 21 Makoto Kawakami.

No. 13 Dom Barrett vs. No. 20 Hiroki Takada.

No. 14 Walter Ray Williams Jr. vs. No. 19 Park Sang Pil.

No. 15 Akio Ishihara vs. No. 18 Kenichi Kadokawa.

No. 16 Scott Norton vs. No. 17 Hiroyuki Kuretake.

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PBA Stars Hope to Regain Round1 Japan Cup

20 PBA invitees, nine PTQ hopefuls ready to begin competition Wednesday in Tokyo

CHICAGO (Nov. 11, 2014) – A contingent of 29 Professional Bowlers Association competitors, including 20 invitees and nine PTQ hopefuls, are headed to Tokyo for the start of the 28th Round1 Japan Cup at Minami Suna Round 1 in Tokyo, hoping to return the prestigious Japan Cup to PBA hands.

The Round1 Japan Cup field includes 16 PBA Tour players who qualified based upon competition points, four players invited by the hosts, and nine players who will bowl in a “pre tournament qualifier” on Wednesday in hopes of joining the 20 invited players in the tournament field.

Players who are exempt from the PTQ include Dom Barrett, England; Jason Belmonte, Australia; Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J.; Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y.; Mike Fagan, Ft. Worth, Texas; Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C.; Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich.; Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio; Dan MacLelland, Canada; Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas; Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa.; Osku Palermaa, Finland; Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill.; Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind.; Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich.; E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind.; Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo.; Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo.; Stuart Williams, England, and Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla.

Players entered in the PTQ are Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz.; Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa.; Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla.; Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash.; Thomas Larsen, Denmark; Brad Miller, St. Charles, Mo.; Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich.; Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., and Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga.

The Japan Cup is currently in the hands of Japan's Yuya Katoh who defeated countryman Kazuaki Watanabe, 243-235, in the first all-Japan title match in the entry's 27-year history. In doing so, Katoh became the first Japanese player to win the Cup in 25 years.

Competition begins Thursday when all players will be divided into A and B squads to bowl two five-game qualifying rounds to determine the 64 match play finalists. The 20 invited PBA players will be divided equally with 10 players assigned to each squad. After qualifying, the top 32 from each squad will advance to Friday's best-of-five-game, single-elimination match play finals which will cull the field to the top eight for Saturday's finals.

The Round1 Japan Cup is a PBA Tour title event, but it is not part of the World Bowling Tour.

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BROOKLYN STyLES Make Sean Rash First Pick in 2015 PBA League Draft

PBA World Championship top qualifier Wes Malott goes No. 2 by Pittsburgh Jack Rabbits

LAS VEGAS (Oct. 31, 2014) – Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., was the first of 40 players selected in the 2015 PBA League Draft, held Friday at South Point Bowling Plaza. Eight PBA League teams will compete for the Elias Cup in two days of competition at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, March 28-29.

Draft order was determined by a random drawing. The BROOKLYN STyLES are managed by PBA Hall of Famer Johnny Petraglia, who was watching the draft along with a crowd at Bayside Bowl in Maine. Petraglia was represented at South Point by his son, John Petraglia Jr., who lives in Las Vegas.

"It's an honor to be picked No. 1," said Rash, who was re-united with his Brooklyn team. "I'm looking forward to a great PBA League competition. We have a great team. We're excited. We have great chemistry, and now we'll see what happens."

Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, who earned the No. 1 berth in the 2014 PBA World Championship finals a day earlier at South Point, was the first pick of the Pittsburgh Jack Rabbits' manager Tim Mack.

With the third pick, L.A. X manager Andrew Cain selected Australian two-handed star and leading 2014 PBA Player of the Year candidate Jason Belmonte. Belmonte was L.A. X's franchise player the previous two years of PBA League competition.

In the No. 4 position, the defending Elias Cup champion Silver Lake Atom Splitters' manager Mark Baker picked Chris Barnes, keeping his top player on the Silver Lake roster for a third year.

Picking fifth, Philadelphia Hitmen manager Jason Couch selected 2013 PBA World Champion Dom Barrett of England.

In the sixth slot, the Barbasol Motown Muscle's Del Ballard Jr. picked 2013 PBA Rookie of the Year E.J. Tackett of Huntington, Ind.

Dallas Strikers' player-manager Norm Duke then selected Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa.

The final first-round selection was PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., picked by GEICO New York City WTT KingPins manager Carolyn Dorin-Ballard. By picking Weber, Dorin-Ballard re-united the KingPins with their top player for the past two seasons. The KingPins won the inaugural Elias Cup in 2013. In the serpentine draft, which reversed the draft order for all subsequent rounds, Dorin-Ballard picked Mike Fagan of Fort Worth, Texas.

The 2015 PBA League competition will feature two days of Baker format team elimination matches with a combined championship match featuring singles, doubles, trio and Baker team contests to determine the Elias Cup winner. All rounds of the PBA League will air on ESPN on a tape-delayed basis.

A special Maine Event Shootout, a match play singles event offering a PBA Tour title, will be held on Monday, March 30, at Bayside Bowl and covered live on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. All players who were eligible for the draft will be invited to participate in the Maine Event Shootout.

2015 PBA LEAGUE ROSTERS

(Rosters listed in order of player selections)

BROOKLYN STyLES (manager Johnny Petraglia): Sean Rash, Tom Smallwood, Parker Bohn III, Jason Sterner, Osku Palermaa.

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L.A. X (manager Andrew Cain): Jason Belmonte, Stuart Williams, Martin Larsen, Patrick Allen, Andres Gomez.

Silver Lake Atom Splitters (manager Mark Baker): Chris Barnes, Mika Koivuniemi, Tom Daugherty, Dick Allen, Craig Nidiffer.

Philadelphia Hitmen (manager Jason Couch): Dom Barrett, Chris Loschetter, Dave Wodka, Ryan Shafer, Rhino Page.

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First PBA League Trade Finalized: Walter Ray for Osku

PBA Hall of Famer Williams returns to BROOKLYN STyLES, Finland's Palermmaa back with Jack Rabbits

CHICAGO (Nov. 5, 2014) – The first trade in the 2015 PBA League program has been finalized, with BROOKLYN STyLES manager Johnny Petraglia bringing PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. back to his former team in a trade with Pittsburgh Jack Rabbits' manager Tim Mack, who got his 2013 franchise player, Finland's two-handed star Osku Palermmaa, in return.

Under PBA League rules, trades are permitted until November 30.

With Williams, the all-time leader in PBA Tour titles (47) back in the fold, Brooklyn's roster now includes Sean Rash, Tom Smallwood, Parker Bohn III, Jason Sterner, and Williams while Pittsburgh's roster features Wes Malott, Dan MacLelland, Ryan Ciminelli, Bryon Smith and Palermmaa.

The PBA League Elias Cup competition is set for March 28-29 at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine. All rounds of PBA League competition will be televised on ESPN on four consecutive Sundays, beginning on March 29.

2015 PBA LEAGUE ROSTERS (REVISED)

BROOKLYN STyLES (manager Johnny Petraglia): Sean Rash, Tom Smallwood, Parker Bohn III, Jason Sterner, Walter Ray Williams Jr.

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Malott Clinches No. 1 Berth for PBA World Championship Finals

England's Stuart Williams claims fifth position with strong finish

LAS VEGAS (Oct. 30, 2014) – Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, captured the top qualifying position for the PBA World Championship, the concluding event of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI, by 118 pins over Mike Fagan of Fort Worth, Texas, Thursday at South Point Bowling Center.

Malott, Fagan, Ronnie Russell of Marion, Indiana; Todd Book of Russells Point, Ohio, and Stuart Williams of England will return to South Point's new 60-lane Bowling Plaza for the live ESPN stepladder finals on Sunday, Jan. 11. The World Championship is officially the third and final major championship of the PBA's 2014 season.

Malott, a 38-year-old nine-time PBA Tour champion, averaged 229.44 over 52 games conducted on five different lane conditions to pace the World Championship qualifiers with a 12,381 pinfall total, 118 pins ahead of Fagan.

"I never really put anything together tonight. I just stayed out of trouble, and got a couple wins here and there," Malott said. "The biggest thing was in the second game tonight against Sean Rash. I doubled in the 10th to shut him out and that gave me some confidence and opened the gap a little.

"I was disappointed with my loss to Fagan in the last match Wednesday. I had a big lead and let him catch up, but I was able to get past that, focus on the positive and that helped."

If Malott wins the title in January, his 10th title will qualify him for PBA Hall of Fame consideration at some point down the road, but it's not something Malott is concerned about.

"We'll have a couple of months to prepare and think about the finals," he said. "Ten titles, yeah, maybe it's in the back of my mind, but it's not a big thing at this point. It's not like I'm going for the most PBA titles or anything. If my career ended today, I'd be very happy. I'm very grateful and fortunate to be where I'm at, and I'm still living the dream."

Fagan, 33, chased Malott throughout the 24-game match play finals, but could never quite catch up. Russell, who qualified for his third World Series television final, finished 16 pins behind Fagan. Book, 43, will make his second television appearance in eight years as mostly a part-time touring player.

Williams, who won his only PBA Tour title in the 2011 Viper Championship, made the biggest move, advancing from seventh to fifth with a 258-194 victory over defending World Champion and fellow Englishman Dom Barrett in the final match game.

GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI competition continues Saturday and Sunday when finals in the Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon and Scorpion Championships plus a PBA Challenge special event and the World Bowling Tour Finals presented by PBA will be conducted in the South Point Bowling Plaza.

PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Thursday

FINAL MATCH PLAY STANDINGS (after 52 games, includes match play bonus pins)

- 1, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 15-9, 12,381.
- 2, Mike Fagan, Ft. Worth, Texas, 14-10, 12,263.
- 3, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 13-11, 12,147.
- 4, Todd Book, Russells Point, Ohio, 15-9, 12,126.
- 5, Stuart Williams, England, 10-14, 12,091.
- 6, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 12-12, 12,078, \$8,100.
- 7, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 12-12, 12,071, \$7,000.
- 8, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 15-9, 12,064, \$6,600.
- 9, Eddie VanDaniker Jr., Chatsworth, Calif., 13-11, 12,002, \$6,000.
- 10, Dom Barrett, England, 12-12, 11,997, \$5,600.
- 11, Patrick Girard, Canada, 15-9, 11,981, \$5,000.
- 12, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 13-11, 11,932, \$4,800.
- 13, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 9-15, 11,915, \$4,600.
- 14, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 14-10, 11,883, \$4,400.
- 15, Mike DeVaney, Winchester, Calif., 13-11, 11,863, \$4,200.
- 16, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 11-13, 11,832, \$4,000.
- 17, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 11-13, 11,782, \$3,800.
- 18, B.J. Moore III, Apex, N.C., 9-15, 11,767, \$3,600.
- 19, John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 11-13, 11,728, \$3,500.
- 20, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 10-14, 11,724, \$3,400.
- 21, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 9-15, 11,713, \$3,300.
- 22, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 11-13, 11,700, \$3,200.
- 23, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 11-13, 11,695, \$3,100.
- 24, Shuichi Heki, Japan, 10-14, 11,624, \$3,000.

300 Games: Sean Rash.

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Draft-Eligible List Set for Friday's 2015 PBA League Draft

Xtra Frame to cover player selections live at 3 p.m. ET from South Point Bowling Plaza

LAS VEGAS (Oct. 30, 2014) – An all-star list of bowling stars has set confirmed for Friday's 2015 PBA League Draft, which will be conducted Friday at 3 p.m. ET (noon PT) from the new South Point Bowling Plaza. A live international audience will be able to watch the third annual PBA League draft on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame.

The eight-team PBA League will compete for the Elias Cup March 28-30 at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine.

The 2015 PBA League in 2015 will feature the same eight team names and team managers from last season, but after a random draw will determine the draft order and managers will fill their rosters with five players each for the Elias Cup competition in Maine. The Elias Cup will be decided by points earned in singles, doubles, trio and Baker team matches.

Based on the competition points list, the top 10 players in the draft, in points order, will be Jason Belmonte, Dom Barrett, E.J. Tackett, Sean Rash, Wes Malott, Tom Smallwood, Pete Weber, Bill O'Neill, Chris Barnes, Ryan Ciminelli.

Returning team managers are: Mark Baker (defending Elias Cup champion Silver Lake Atom Splitters), Carolyn Dorin-Ballard (GEICO New York City WTT KingPins), Johnny Petraglia (Brooklyn STyLES), Norm Duke (Dallas Strikers), Tim Mack (Pittsburgh Jack Rabbits), Jason Couch (Philadelphia Hitmen), Andrew Cain (L.A. X) and Del Ballard Jr. (Barbasol Motown Muscle).

- Players eligible for the PBA League Draft were based on PBA Tour competition points between the 2013 World Series of Bowling V and the 2014 Oklahoma Summer Swing, plus any player who was on a PBA League roster for 2014.

- For the draft, players who committed to participation in the PBA League program will be ranked based upon their position on the points list. The first player elected by each team must be taken from the group of players ranking 1-10 on the points list. The second player drafted will come from the group ranked 11-20 in points, plus any undrafted players from group one. The third player drafted will come from those ranked 21-30 in points. The fourth player will come from those ranked 31-40 in points, and the fifth player will come from the players ranked 41-50 and previous team members not among the points leaders. Players undrafted in each round will be eligible in the following round, expanding the pool of players as each round continues. The draft exception will be Dallas player-manager Norm Duke, who finished 39th on the points list, will draft himself in the fourth round.

- A random draw will determine the team draft order. The draft will then be conducted in “serpentine” format whereby Team No. 1 will pick first in the first round and last in the second round, and Team No. 8 will pick last in the first round and first in the second round, etc.

2015 PBA LEAGUE DRAFT-ELIGIBLE PLAYERS

(Listed by round order based on their rankings on the PBA competition points list)

Round 1: Jason Belmonte, Dom Barrett, E.J. Tackett, Sean Rash, Wes Malott, Tom Smallwood, Pete Weber, Bill O'Neill, Chris Barnes, Ryan Ciminelli.

Round 2: Tommy Jones, Mike Fagan, Ronnie Russell, Dick Allen, Mika Koivuniemi, Chris Loschetter, Dan MacLelland, Stuart Williams, Tom Daugherty, Josh Blanchard.

Round 3: Dave Wodka, Martin Larsen, Michael Haugen Jr., Thomas Larsen, Parker Bohn III, D.J. Archer, Brian Valenta, Brian Kretzer, Shawn Maldonado, Nathan Bohr.

Round 4: Jake Peters, Jason Sterner, Tom Baker, Ryan Shafer, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Lee Vanderhoef, Scott Norton, Patrick Allen, Norm Duke, John Szczerbinski.

Round 5: Eugene McCune, Craig Nidiffer, Bryon Smith, Osku Palermaa, Rhino Page, Dino Castillo, Clara Guerrero, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Jesse Buss, Andres Gomez, Mike DeVaney, Amleto Monacelli, Brad Angelo.

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Wes Malott Takes PBA World Championship Lead into Final Match Play Round

Fort Worth's Mike Fagan finishes strong to move into second place

LAS VEGAS (Oct. 29, 2014) – Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, won 11 of his 16 matches Wednesday and will take a 125-pin lead into Thursday's final round of match play in the PBA World Championship, the concluding event of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI, at South Point Bowling Center.

Malott, who qualified for the match play finals in fourth place after four PBA animal pattern championships held earlier in the week, led by more than 200 pins going into Wednesday night's final match against fellow Texan Mike Fagan of Fort Worth.

Fagan, after rolling a 300 a game earlier, defeated Malott, 276-204, to cut Malott's lead in half. Malott, a nine-time PBA Tour title winner, finished with a 44-game total of 10,541 pins. Fagan, who also fired 276 and 268 games earlier in the second round, had a 10,416 total.

Recently-retired PBA Hall of Famer Jason Couch of Clermont, Florida, returned to competition and sat in third place with 10,226 pins. A third Texan, two-handed player Shawn Maldonado of Houston, also rolled a 300 game to move into fourth place with 10,213 pins. Defending PBA World Champion Dom Barrett of England was fifth with a 10,168 total. Seven other players were within less than 100 pins of qualifying for the ESPN finals.

The final eight-game match play round will take place Thursday at 2 p.m. PT. A total of 52 games of qualifying and match play will determine the five player stepladder finalists who will return to South Point's new Bowling Plaza on Sunday, Jan. 11, for the live ESPN finals.

The final round will be covered live on Xtra Frame. For subscription information, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame Season Ticket link.

PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Wednesday

MATCH PLAY ROUND TWO STANDINGS (after 44 of 52 games, includes match play bonus pins)

- 1, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 11-5, 10,541.
- 2, Mike Fagan, Fort Worth, Texas, 12-4, 10,416.
- 3, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 10-6, 10,226.
- 4, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 11-5, 10,213.
- 5, Dom Barrett, England, 9-7, 10,168.

6, Stuart Williams, England, 7-9, 10,148.
 7, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 8-8, 10,129.
 8, Patrick Girard, Canada, 10-6, 10,128.
 9, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 8-8, 10,122.
 10, Todd Book, Russells Point, Ohio, 10-6, 10,112.
 11, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 8-8, 10,096.
 12, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 7-9, 10,073.
 13, Eddie VanDaniker Jr., Chatsworth, Calif., 9-7, 9,997.
 14, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 7-9, 9,995.
 15, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 10-6, 9,981.
 16, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 7-9, 9,973.
 17, B.J. Moore III, Apex, N.C., 5-11, 9,916.
 17, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 7-9, 9,916.
 19, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 6-10, 9,824.
 20, Shuichi Heki, Japan, 7-9, 9,789.
 21, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 6-10, 9,782.
 22, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 5-11, 9,767.
 22, John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 6-10, 9,767.
 24, Mike DeVaney, Winchester, Calif., 6-10, 9,747.
300 Games: Mike Fagan, Shawn Maldonado.

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Michael Haugen Jr. Earns Top Berth in PBA Scorpion Championship

England's Barrett heads field as 24 PBA World Championship qualifiers set for match play

LAS VEGAS (Oct. 28, 2014) – Three-time Professional Bowlers Association titlist Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix jumped from sixth to first in the final game Tuesday night to capture the top berth in the PBA Scorpion Championship in the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling Tuesday at South Point Bowling Center.

Haugen, who entered the final qualifying round in 13th place, fired games of 203, 255, 223, 234, 226, 216 and 247 to finish the Scorpion event with a 14-game total of 3,213 pins and a four-pin lead over Scott Newell of Daytona, Florida. Sweden's Martin Larsen qualified third with 3,206 pins and Tom Hess of Urbandale, Iowa, qualified fourth at 3,205 – one pin ahead of Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, South Carolina and four pins ahead of first-round leader B.J. Moore III of Apex, North Carolina.

Newell and Hess have each won one PBA Tour title. Larsen will be trying for his first when the finals are conducted Saturday in the new South Point Bowling Plaza. The finals will air on Sunday, Jan. 4, at 1 p.m. ET.

"That was a little too exciting, but I don't do anything the easy way," Haugen said. "I was losing my ball reaction a bit. I drilled a new ball for the night round, but it was slipping away. I knew I had to either make better shots or change balls, so I changed balls again and went with it."

Haugen said an open frame in the seventh almost ended his hopes, "but I threw the last five strikes and the other guys waited for me. Go figure."

The first round of the Scorpion Championship earlier Tuesday was the fourth and final qualifying event to determine the 24 match play finalists for the PBA World Championship. The match play finals include eight-game rounds Wednesday at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., and Thursday at 2 p.m. England's Dom Barrett was top qualifier for the World Championship with a 6,430 pinfall total, three pins ahead of Ronnie Russell of Marion, Indiana, and 14 ahead of Moore. Bryon Smith of Roseburg, Oregon, captured the 24th spot by two pins over Newell.

All qualifying and match play rounds of the animal pattern events and PBA World Championship will be covered live on Xtra Frame. For subscription information, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame Season Ticket link.

PBA SCORPION CHAMPIONSHIP

South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Tuesday

FINAL QUALIFYING STANDINGS (after 14 games; top four advance to ESPN finals Saturday, Nov. 1)

- 1, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3,213.
- 2, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 3,209.
- 3, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 3,206.
- 4, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 3,205.
- 5, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,204, \$4,000.
- 6, B.J. Moore III, Apex, N.C., 3,201, \$3,500.
- 7, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 3,198, \$3,000.
- 8, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 3,192, \$2,500.
- 9, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,170, \$2,200.
- 10, John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 3,168, \$2,000.
- 11, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 3,156, \$1,800.
- 12, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 3,150, \$1,700.
- 13, Patrick Girard, Canada, 3,131, \$1,650.
- 14, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3,124, \$1,600.
- 15, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 3,119, \$1,550.
- 16, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 3,092, \$1,500.
- 17, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 3,067, \$1,450.
- 18, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 3,011, \$1,400.
- 19, David Beres, Waukesha, Wis., 3,010, \$1,350.
- 20, Eddie VanDaniker Jr., Chatsworth, Calif., 2,996, \$1,300.
- 21, Manuel Otalora, Colombia, 2,994, \$1,275.
- 22, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 2,962, \$1,250.
- 23, Mike DeVaney, Winchester, Calif., 2,947, \$1,225.
- 24, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 2,916, \$1,200.

Other Cashers (after 7 games):

- 25, Santiago Mejia, Colombia, 1,560, \$800.
- 26, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 1,558, \$770.
- 27, Dom Barrett, England, 1,555, \$750.
- 28, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,554, \$740.
- 29, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 1,552, \$730.
- 30, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 1,545, \$720.
- 31, Martin Paulsson, Sweden, 1,544, \$710.
- 32, Lee Vanderhoef, Canton, Ga., 1,542, \$700.

300 Games: Manuel Otalora.

PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL QUALIFYING STANDINGS

(Top 24 after 28 combined games in Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon and Scorpion Championships advance to PBA World Championship round-robin match play Wednesday at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., and Thursday at 2 p.m. PT)

- 1, Dom Barrett, England, 6,430.
- 2, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 6,427.
- 3, B.J. Moore III, Apex, N.C., 6,416.
- 4, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 6,401.
- 5, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 6,380.
- 6, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 6,365.
- 7, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 6,347.
- 8, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 6,336.
- 9, John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 6,333.
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B.J. Moore Back on Top as PBA Scorpion Championship First Round Leader

England's Barrett heads field as 24 PBA World Championship qualifiers set for match play

LAS VEGAS (Oct. 28, 2014) – B.J. Moore III of Apex, North Carolina, was back on top of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling Tuesday at South Point Bowling Center as the first round leader in the PBA Scorpion Championship, but this time he is hoping for a better long-term outcome in Tuesday night's final qualifying session.

Moore, 26, had never finished higher than 26th place in his six previous PBA Tour appearances before he led the Viper Championship after one round on Sunday. But he couldn't hold on during the evening round, finishing sixth and missing his first television show by 11 pins.

Tuesday, he rolled games of 258, 226, 280, 239, 246, 224 and 211, averaging 241 for a seven-game 1,687 total and a 16-pin lead over another non-title winner, John Szczerbinski of North Tonawanda, New York. Both will be among the 24 players who will bowl a second seven-game qualifying round Tuesday night to determine the field of four Scorpion Championship TV finalists.

The first round of the Scorpion Championship also was the fourth and final animal pattern qualifying event to determine the 24 match play finalists for the PBA World Championship. Moore's strong performance Tuesday assured him a spot in the World Championship match play finals which will include eight-game rounds Wednesday at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., and Thursday at 2 p.m. England's Dom Barrett was top qualifier for the World Championship with a 6,430 pinfall total, three pins ahead of Ronnie Russell of Marion, Indiana, and 14 ahead of Moore. Bryon Smith of Roseburg, Oregon, captured the 24th spot by two pins over Scott Newell of Daytona, Florida.

"I missed the Viper TV show by 11 pins and I kept replaying that in my mind yesterday (in the Chameleon Championship). I wasn't there mentally, but it was a re-group day and today I came back re-freshed," Moore said. "I had a talk with my coach about what to expect and how to attack the lane conditions, and I stuck to my plan. I didn't want to over-think anything. I just shut down my brain and threw one shot at a time.

"In the Viper second round, I'd never been in the position to make a TV show before and I'm not happy with what happened, but I'm not going to beat myself up about it. I kind of worked myself up last time, so tonight I'm just going to shut my brain down and bowl."

All qualifying and match play rounds of the animal pattern events and PBA World Championship will be covered live on Xtra Frame. For subscription information, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame Season Ticket link.

PBA SCORPION CHAMPIONSHIP

South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Tuesday

FIRST ROUND STANDINGS (after 7 games; top 24 advanced to second round Tuesday night)

- 1, B.J. Moore III, Apex, N.C., 1,687.
- 2, John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 1,671.
- 3, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 1,641.
- 4, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 1,634.
- 5 (tie), Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa; Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., and Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,631.
- 8, Mike DeVaney, Winchester, Calif., 1,623.
- 9, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,622.
- 10, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 1,614.
- 11, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 1,613.
- 12, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,611.
- 13, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,609.
- 14, David Beres, Waukesha, Wis., 1,602.
- 15, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 1,600.
- 16, Eddie VanDaniker Jr., Chatsworth, Calif., 1,598.
- 17, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 1,594.
- 18, Manuel Otalora, Colombia, 1,587.
- 19, Patrick Girard, Canada, 1,584.
- 20, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 1,580.
- 21, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,576.
- 22, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,573.
- 23, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,571.
- 24, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,568.

Other Cashers (after 7 games):

- 25, Santiago Mejia, Colombia, 1,560, \$800.
- 26, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 1,558, \$770.
- 27, Dom Barrett, England, 1,555, \$750.
- 28, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,554, \$740.
- 29, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 1,552, \$730.
- 30, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 1,545, \$720.
- 31, Martin Paulsson, Sweden, 1,544, \$710.
- 32, Lee Vanderhoef, Canton, Ga., 1,542, \$700.

Failed to Cash:

- 33, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,537.
- 34 (tie), Chad Lusche, Arvada, Colo., and Mitch Beasley, Nashville, Tenn., 1,536.
- 36 (tie), Andrew Cain, Phoenix, and Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 1,535.
- 38, Gerald Marrs, Huntley, Ill., 1,534.
- 39, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,532.
- 40 (tie), Kris Koeltzow, Wheat Ridge, Colo., and Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 1,531.
- 42 (tie), Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill.; Todd Book, Russells Point, Ohio, and Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,524.
- 45 (tie), Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev.; Aaron Lorincz, Saginaw, Mich., and Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,523.
- 48 (tie), Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., and Jaime Monroy, Colombia, 1,521.
- 50, Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 1,518.
- 51, Stuart Williams, England, 1,516.
- 52, David Williams JR, Omaha, Neb., 1,515.

53, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,514.
 54, Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 1,512.
 55, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 1,510.
 56, Andrew Graff, Las Vegas, 1,505.
 57, Kim Bolleby, Sweden, 1,504.
 58 (tie), Osku Palermaa, Finland; Tetsuya Kobayashi, Japan, and Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,502.
 61, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,501.
 62 (tie), Shuichi Heki, Japan; Daniel Fransson, Sweden, and Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 1,497.
 65 (tie), Maria Rodriguez, Pflugerville, Texas, and Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,491.
 67 (tie), John Furey, Freehold, N.J., and Dan MacLelland, Canada, 1,490.
 69 (tie), Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., and Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 1,489.
 71, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,488.
 72 (tie), Joachim Karlsson, Sweden; Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., and David Maycock, Bermuda, 1,485.
 75, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 1,484.
 76 (tie), Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich.; Giorgio Clinaz Jr., Venezuela, and Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 1,483.
 79 (tie), Kevin Donovan, Painted Post, N.Y., and Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 1,480.
 81, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 1,479.
 82, PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 1,478.
 83, Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 1,477.
 84 (tie), Tom Baker, King, N.C., and Blake Demore, Springfield, Mo., 1,473.
 86 (tie), Clint Land, Richmond, Texas, and Robert Andersson, Sweden, 1,472.
 88, Julio Cesar Blancas, Mexico, 1,471.
 89, Richie Teece, England, 1,470.
 90, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,468.
 91, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,467.
 92, Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif., 1,465.
 93 (tie), Robert Kelley, Auburn, Wash.; Mats Maggi, Belgium, and Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,463.
 96 (tie), Austin Hunt, Kennewick, Wash., and Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., 1,462.
 98 (tie), Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., and Dave Han, Orlando, Fla., 1,461.
 100 (tie), Jeremy Mooney, West Palm Beach, Fla., and Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 1,460.
 102, Fabio Garcia, Colombia, 1,456.
 103, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 1,452.
 104, T.J. Schmidt, Mishawaka, Ind., 1,451.
 105, Vinny D'Ambrosio III, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,450.
 106, Robert Lee, Japan, 1,448.
 107, Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas, 1,447.
 108, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 1,446.
 109 (tie), Mike Fagan, Ft. Worth, Texas; Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., and Mattias Olsson, Sweden, 1,445.
 112 (tie), Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., and Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 1,443.
 114, Tommy Berish, Cordova, Tenn., 1,438.
 115, Mike Williams II, Montgomery, Ala., 1,436.
 116 (tie), Jim Pratt, Glendale, Ariz.; Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J.; Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, and Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 1,435.
 120, Josh Conner, Columbus, Ohio, 1,434.
 121, Clemens Ulsamer, Germany, 1,433.
 122, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 1,431.
 123, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 1,430.
 124 (tie), John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, and Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,429.
 126 (tie), Paul Moor, England, and Chris Spoo, Boyton Beach, Fla., 1,428.
 128 (tie), Mike Keily, Golden, Colo., and Robert Townsend, Australia, 1,427.
 130, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 1,426.

131, Jon VanHees, Charlestown, R.I., 1,423.
 132, Rickai Binns, Bermuda, 1,422.
 133 (tie), Natalia Rico, Colombia, and Yuya Kato, Japan, 1,421.
 135, Rodolfo Monacelli R, Venezuela, 1,420.
 136, Ernest Lukacs Jr., Manville, N.J., 1,418.
 137 (tie), Joonas Jehkinen, Finland, and Kristina Wendell, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., 1,417.
 139, Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev., 1,416.
 140 (tie), Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, and Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,415.
 142 (tie), Dale Coleman, High Springs, Fla., and Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 1,414.
 144, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,412.
 145, Brian Gunn, Chicago, 1,409.
 146, Matt Watson, Australia, 1,407.
 147, Jonden Soper, Lake Havasu, Ariz., 1,405.
 148 (tie), Scott Schmal, Dyer, Ind., and Erik Gulbrandson, Wichita, Kan., 1,404.
 150 (tie), Lindsay Boomershine, Bingham City, Utah, and Richard Leon, Venezuela, 1,402.
 152 (tie), Harvey Ramos, Colombia, and Hernan Ramirez, Venezuela, 1,401.
 154, Brett Cunningham, Clay, N.Y., 1,400.
 155, Mason Sherman, Northridge, Calif., 1,396.
 156, Roger Petrin, Wichita, Kan., 1,394.
 157, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,392.
 158, Miguel Lopez, Wichita, Kan., 1,389.
 159, Cris Ferreira, Visalia, Calif., 1,388.
 160 (tie), Brad Miller, St. Charles, Mo., and Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,386.
 162, Mauricio Chaparro, Colombia, 1,382.
 163, James McClelland, Venice, Fla., 1,375.
 164 (tie), Yuka Tsuchiya, Japan, and Kalani Dilliner, Las Vegas, 1,373.
 166, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,368.
 167, Chris Arcaro, Wilmington, N.C., 1,365.
 168, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,364.
 169, Derek Handy, Redmond, Wash., 1,363.
 170, Scott LaRiviere, Murrieta, Calif., 1,361.
 171, Mike Armstrong Jr., Battle Ground, Wash., 1,358.
 172, Pat Nolan, Japan, 1,357.
 173, Manuel Mrosek, Germany, 1,356.
 174, Chad Roberts, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, 1,353.
 175 (tie), Jaime Gonzalez, Colombia, and Amanda Greene, Romney, W.Va., 1,352.
 177, Carsten Hansen, Denmark, 1,350.
 178, Mario Lemos, Ecuador, 1,348.
 179, Joe Claspell, Lexington, Ky., 1,342.
 180, John Ferraro, Kingston, N.Y., 1,341.
 181, Perttu Jussila, Finland, 1,340.
 182, Michael J. Cimba, Monroeville, Pa., 1,338.
 183, Kyle Bigelow, Troy, Ohio, 1,335.
 184, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 1,334.
 185, David Sevier, Gilbert, Ariz., 1,330.
 186, Troy Kendrick, Coto de Caza, Calif., 1,329.
 187, Michael L. Cimba, Monroeville, Pa., 1,327.
 188, D.J. Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 1,320.
 189, Brian Nicodemus, Akron, Ind., 1,317.
 190, Eric Manthei, Lumberton, Texas, 1,314.
 191, Michael Martin Jr., Cheyenne, Wyo., 1,313.
 192, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 1,311.

193 (tie), Ivan Vallejo Jr., Ecuador, and Stephen Carter, Australia, 1,308.
 195 (tie), Wes Newman, Panama City, Fla.; Qin Xiaogang, China; Rameses Chambers, Kansas City, Mo., and Peter Nordenson, Sweden, 1,304.
 199, Mark Milasinovich, Macomb, Mich., 1,302.
 200, Michael Ciardulli Jr., Bloomfield, N.J., 1,301.
 201, Jonathan Hocsman, Argentina, 1,300.
 202, Michael Smith, Centennial, Colo., 1,298.
 203, Michael Markis, Tafton, Pa., 1,291.
 204, Chad Pojas, Wahiawa, Hawaii, 1,290.
 205, Carlos Cottone, Venezuela, 1,287.
 206, Chris Watson, Australia, 1,282.
 207, Jimmy Smith, Puyallup, Wash., 1,281.
 208, Daniel Hellmich, Germany, 1,273.
 209, Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 1,262.
 210, Joe Salvemini, Silt, Colo., 1,260.
 211, Tim Gillick, Milford, Conn., 1,257.
 212, Brij Patel, Hollywood, Calif., 1,251.
 213, Emilio Molinary, Venezuela, 1,249.
 214, Lin Jianfeng, China, 1,247.
 215, Steven Adams, Grass Valley, Calif., 1,241.
 216, Christina Hardee, Mount Dora, Fla., 1,239.
 217 (tie), Kevin Gallagher, Torrance, Calif., and Ding Tianbao, China, 1,238.
 219, Mario Ortez, Visalia, Calif., 1,235.
 220, Liu Shenyuan, China, 1,224.
 221, Josh Lewis, Asheville, N.C., 1,210.
 222, Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 1,207.
 223, Frankie Mazzella, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,201.
 224, Li Weijun, China, 1,197.
 225, J.T. "Action" Jackson, Sherman Oaks, Calif., 1,182.
 226, Armando Santacruz, Ecuador, 1,169.
 227, Zhu Tao, China, 1,162.
 228, Adrian McCoy, British Virgin Islands, 1,144.
 229, Mervin Hastings, British Virgin Islands, 1,142.
 230, Timothy Tripp, Santa Clarita, Calif., 1,133.
 231, Dave Gualeni, Las Vegas, 1,125.
 232, Steve Ford, Seaside, Ore., 1,113.
 233, Rob Johnson, Canada, 1,112.
 234, Yumi Oyobe, Japan, 1,083.
 235, Mike Keough, Stockton, Calif., withdrew.
 236, Alan Mojado, Pala, Calif., withdrew.
300 Games: Manuel Otalora.

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 65 (tie), Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas; Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., and Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev., 6,051.
 68, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 6,050.
 69 (tie), Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., and Perttu Jussila, Finland, 6,047.
 71, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 6,040.
 72, John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 6,036.
 73, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 6,034.
 74, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 6,032.
 75, Joachim Karlsson, Sweden, 6,027.
 76, Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 6,024.
 77, Mitch Beasley, Nashville, Tenn., 6,015.
 78, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 5,998.
 79, Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas, 5,994.
 80, Gerald Marrs, Huntley, Ill., 5,991.
 81, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 5,990.
 82, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 5,973.
 83, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 5,972.
 84, Peter Nordenson, Sweden, 5,962.
 85, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 5,957.
 86, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 5,951.
 87, Martin Paulsson, Sweden, 5,949.
 88, Kris Koeltzow, Wheat Ridge, Colo., 5,947.
 89, Giorgio Clinaz Jr., Venezuela, 5,940.
 90, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 5,931.
 91, Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 5,930.
 92, Kim Bolleby, Sweden, 5,923.
 93, Dan MacLelland, Canada, 5,922.
 94, Richie Teece, England, 5,916.
 95, Mike Keily, Golden, Colo., 5,913.
 96, T.J. Schmidt, Mishawaka, Ind., 5,906.
 97 (tie), Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., and Tommy Berish, Cordova, Tenn., 5,905.
 99, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 5,904.
 100, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 5,900.
 101, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 5,877.
 102, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 5,876.
 103, Yuya Kato, Japan, 5,873.
 104, Kevin Donovan, Painted Post, N.Y., 5,872.
 105, Carsten Hansen, Denmark, 5,871.
 106, Jaime Monroy, Colombia, 5,868.
 107, Brad Miller, St. Charles, Mo., 5,865.
 108, Lee Vanderhoef, Canton, Ga., 5,864.
 109, Dale Coleman, High Springs, Fla., 5,863.
 110, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 5,862.
 111, Chad Roberts, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, 5,854.
 112, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 5,848.
 113, Jeremy Mooney, West Palm Beach, Fla., 5,846.
 114, Jon VanHees, Charlestown, R.I., 5,840.
 115, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 5,838.
 116, Mats Maggi, Belgium, 5,837.

117, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 5,829.
 118, Blake Demore, Springfield, Mo., 5,827.
 119, Mike Williams II, Montgomery, Ala., 5,818.
 120 (tie), PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., and Mike Armstrong Jr., Battle Ground, Wash., 5,817.
 122, Jaime Gonzalez, Colombia, 5,816.
 123, Ernest Lukacs Jr., Manville, N.J., 5,808.
 124, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 5,807.
 125, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 5,805.
 126, Richard Leon, Venezuela, 5,803.
 127, Andrew Graff, Las Vegas, 5,797.
 128, Chad Lusche, Arvada, Colo., 5,792.
 129, David Maycock, Bermuda, 5,787.
 130, Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 5,782.
 131, Clemens Ulsamer, Germany, 5,776.
 132 (tie), Roger Petrin, Wichita, Kan., and Miguel Lopez, Wichita, Kan., 5,774.
 134, Julio Cesar Blancas, Mexico, 5,769.
 135, Paul Moor, England, 5,768.
 136, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 5,767.
 137, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 5,766.
 138, Brett Cunningham, Clay, N.Y., 5,761.
 139 (tie), Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, and Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 5,758.
 141, Harvey Ramos, Colombia, 5,757.
 142, Kyle Bigelow, Troy, Ohio, 5,741.
 143, Mason Sherman, Northridge, Calif., 5,711.
 144, Hernan Ramirez, Venezuela, 5,705.
 145, Robert Townsend, Australia, 5,702.
 146, Josh Conner, Columbus, Ohio, 5,689.
 147, Lindsay Boomershine, Bingham City, Utah, 5,685.
 148, Kristina Wendell, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., 5,680.
 149, Cris Ferreira, Visalia, Calif., 5,675.
 150, Vinny D'Ambrosio III, Staten Island, N.Y., 5,672.
 151, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 5,671.
 152, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 5,666.
 153, Maria Rodriguez, Pflugerville, Texas, 5,659.
 154, Tetsuya Kobayashi, Japan, 5,658.
 155, Brian Nicodemus, Akron, Ind., 5,653.
 156, Santiago Mejia, Colombia, 5,651.
 157, David Williams JR, Omaha, Neb., 5,647.
 158 (tie), Clint Land, Richmond, Texas, and Dave Han, Orlando, Fla., 5,642.
 160, Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 5,636.
 161 (tie), James McClelland, Venice, Fla., and Pat Nolan, Japan, 5,634.
 163, Robert Kelley, Auburn, Wash., 5,632.
 164, Amanda Greene, Romney, W.Va., 5,631.
 165, Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif., 5,630.
 166, Chris Spoo, Boyton Beach, Fla., 5,625.
 167, John Ferraro, Kingston, N.Y., 5,621.
 168, Fabio Garcia, Colombia, 5,615.
 169, Austin Hunt, Kennewick, Wash., 5,610.
 170, Chris Arcaro, Wilmington, N.C., 5,606.
 171, Derek Handy, Redmond, Wash., 5,599.
 172, Jonden Soper, Lake Havasu, Ariz., 5,592.
 173, Chris Watson, Australia, 5,588.

174, David Sevier, Gilbert, Ariz., 5,575.
 175, Wes Newman, Panama City, Fla, 5,571.
 176, Michael J. Cimba, Monroeville, Pa., 5,551.
 177, Eric Manthei, Lumberton, Texas, 5,544.
 178, Timothy Tripp, Santa Clarita, Calif., 5,536.
 179, Daniel Hellmich, Germany, 5,527.
 180, Brian Gunn, Chicago, 5,523.
 181, Matt Watson, Australia, 5,514.
 182, Rickai Binns, Bermuda, 5,513.
 183, Michael L. Cimba, Monroeville, Pa., 5,511.
 184, Manuel Mrosek, Germany, 5,507.
 185, Robert Lee, Japan, 5,493.
 186, Troy Kendrick, Coto de Caza, Calif., 5,490.
 187, Yuka Tsuchiya, Japan, 5,482.
 188, Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 5,478.
 189, Natalia Rico, Colombia, 5,470.
 190, Kalani Dilliner, Las Vegas, 5,434.
 191, Scott Schmal, Dyer, Ind., 5,429.
 192, Ivan Vallejo Jr., Ecuador, 5,415.
 193, Kevin Gallagher, Torrance, Calif., 5,405.
 194 (tie), Rodolfo Monacelli, Venezuela, and Scott LaRiviere, Murrieta, Calif., 5,399.
 196, Erik Gulbrandson, Wichita, Kan., 5,396.
 197, Joe Salvemini, Silt, Colo., 5,384.
 198, Mario Lemos, Ecuador, 5,329.
 199, Carlos Cottone, Venezuela, 5,322.
 200 (tie), Michael Ciardulli Jr., Bloomfield, N.J., and Christina Hardee, Mount Dora, Fla., 5,317.
 202, Tim Gillick, Milford, Conn., 5,312.
 203, Stephen Carter, Australia, 5,310.
 204, Michael Markis, Tafton, Pa., 5,303.
 205, Rameses Chambers, Kansas City, Mo., 5,299.
 206 (tie), Jonathan Hocsmán, Argentina, and Lin Jianfeng, China, 5,294.
 208, Chad Pojas, Wahiawa, Hawaii, 5,290.
 209, Michael Smith, Centennial, Colo., 5,279.
 210, Joe Claspell, Lexington, Ky., 5,245.
 211, Qin Xiaogang, China, 5,219.
 212, Jimmy Smith, Puyallup, Wash., 5,210.
 213, Mario Ortez, Visalia, Calif, 5,207.
 214, Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 5,192.
 215, Josh Lewis, Asheville, N.C., 5,177.
 216, Mauricio Chaparro, Colombia, 5,171.
 217, Michael Martin Jr., Cheyenne, Wyo., 5,135.
 218, Mark Milasinovich, Macomb, Mich., 5,114.
 219, Emilio Molinary, Venezuela, 5,063.
 220, Frankie Mazzella, Staten Island, N.Y., 5,022.
 221, Steven Adams, Grass Valley, Calif., 5,007.
 222, Ding Tianbao, China, 5,003.
 223, Liu Shenyuan, China, 4,994.
 224, Armando Santacruz, Ecuador, 4,970.
 225, Brij Patel, Hollywood, Calif., 4,938.
 226, Dave Gualeni, Las Vegas, 4,899.
 227, J.T. "Action" Jackson, Sherman Oaks, Calif., 4,895.
 228, Yumi Oyobe, Japan, 4,879.

229, Mervin Hastings, British Virgin Islands, 4,869.
230 (tie), Zhu Tao, China, and Rob Johnson, Canada, 4,840.
232, Li Weijun, China, 4,707.
233, Steve Ford, Seaside, Ore., 4,609.
234, Adrian McCoy, British Virgin Islands, 4,435.
235, Alan Mojado, Pala, Calif., 4,045.
236, Mike Keough, Stockton, Calif., 4,006.
237, Chris Skillings, Shawnee, Okla., 2,726.
238, Matt Miller, England, 2,661.
239, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 2,079.
240, Andres Molinary, Venezuela, 1,261.

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Indiana's Ronnie Russell paces PBA World Championship qualifying after three of four rounds

LAS VEGAS (Oct. 27, 2014) – D.J. Archer of Friendswood, Texas, stumbled out of the gate, but righted himself quickly to take charge of the PBA Chameleon Championship, the third of four animal pattern events in GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI, Monday at South Point Bowling Center.

Archer, a 34-year-old, 12-year veteran who is still trying for his first PBA Tour title, fought through the emotional memories of his mother's death in September on his way to the top qualifying position in the Chameleon Championship television finals. After rolling a 175 game to start the day, he rebounded immediately with a 275 and scored at a blistering 242.29 pace in the morning round. He only managed to take a nine-pin lead over Ronnie Russell of Marion, Indiana, into Monday night's final qualifying round, but finished with games of 240 and 235 to retain his top position by 35 pins over Russell.

Archer won the day with a 14-game total of 3,202 pins. Russell was second with 3,167 pins. Sean Rash of Montgomery, Illinois, qualified third with 3,158 pins and J.R. Raymond, who will make his ESPN debut in the finals on Saturday, Nov. 1, at the new South Point Bowling Plaza, qualified fourth with 3,142 pins.

"What's crazy is that in practice this morning, I threw about 20 strikes in a row. Normally when that happens, the first game is always bad and I don't know why," Archer said. "I said to myself, 'this isn't good,' but after that, it was just like it never happened and I bowled real well. I bowled 275 the second game and I just matched up with the right ball all day. When you get those things on the right page, you can throw a lot of strikes in this facility."

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Russell leads Dom Barrett of England in PBA World Championship qualifying by 29 pins with a 21-game total of 4,904 pins heading into Tuesday's Scorpion Championship, the final qualifying event. Barrett, who led World Champion qualifying a year ago on his way to winning that event for his first PBA major title, was another 34 pin ahead over Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill. Scorpion qualifying rounds will take place at 8 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. PT.

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

FINAL QUALIFYING STANDINGS (after 14 games; top four advance to ESPN finals on Nov. 1)

- 1, D.J. Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 3,202.
- 2, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 3,167.
- 3, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3,158, \$100.
- 4, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 3,146.
- 5, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 3,142, \$4,000.
- 6 (tie), Stuart Williams, England, and Dom Barrett, England, 3,135, \$3,250.
- 8, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 3,128, \$2,500.
- 9, Mattias Olsson, Sweden, 3,124, \$2,200.
- 10, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3,063, \$2,000.
- 11, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 3,062, \$1,800.
- 12, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 3,042, \$1,700.
- 13, Richie Teece, England, 3,031, \$1,650.
- 14, Gerald Marrs, Huntley, Ill., 3,026, \$1,600.
- 15, Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev., 3,003, \$1,550.
- 16, Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 3,001, \$1,500.
- 17, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 3,000, \$1,450.
- 18, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 2,975, \$1,400.
- 19, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 2,973, \$1,350.
- 20, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 2,970, \$1,300.
- 21, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2,969, \$1,275.
- 22, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 2,961, \$1,250.
- 23, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,906, \$1,225.
- 24, Perttu Jussila, Finland, 2,883, \$1,200.

Other Cashers (after 7 games):

- 25 (tie), Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., 1,548, and Robert Andersson, Sweden, 1,548, \$785.
- 27, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 1,547, \$750.
- 28, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,546, \$740.
- 29, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,543, \$730.
- 30, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 1,541, \$720.
- 31, Mike Armstrong Jr., Battle Ground, Wash., 1,535, \$710.
- 32 (tie), Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,534, and Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 1,534, \$350.

300 Games: Sean Rash, Mike Keily.

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PBA CHAMELEON CHAMPIONSHIP

South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Monday

FIRST ROUND STANDINGS (after 7 games; top 24 advance to second round Monday night; top four after 14 games advance to ESPN finals on Nov. 1)

- 1, D.J. Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 1,696.
- 2, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,687.
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- 13, Richie Teece, England, 1,589.
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- 15, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,573.
- 16, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 1,569.
- 17, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,565.
- 18, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,563.
- 19 (tie), Gerald Marrs, Huntley, Ill., and Mattias Olsson, Sweden, 1,561.
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Failed to Cash:

- 34, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,532.
- 35, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 1,529.
- 36, Todd Book, Russells Point, Ohio, 1,526.
- 37, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,525.
- 38 (tie), Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, and Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1,524.
- 40, Peter Nordenson, Sweden, 1,521.
- 41, Patrick Girard, Canada, 1,519.
- 42 (tie), Mike Fagan, Ft. Worth, Texas, and Kevin Donovan, Painted Post, N.Y., 1,517.
- 44, Kyle Bigelow, Troy, Ohio, 1,516.
- 45 (tie), Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., and Joonas Jehkinen, Finland, 1,515.
- 47, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 1,514.
- 48 (tie), Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., and Mason Sherman, Northridge, Calif., 1,513.
- 50, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 1,511.
- 51 (tie), Jon VanHees, Charlestown, R.I., and Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 1,509.
- 53, Brad Miller, St. Charles, Mo., 1,507.
- 54, Chad Roberts, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, 1,506.
- 55, Harvey Ramos, Colombia, 1,505.
- 56, Vinny D'Ambrosio III, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,501.
- 57, Shuichi Heki, Japan, 1,499.
- 58, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,498.

59, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,494.
 60, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,493.
 61 (tie), Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, and Blake Demore, Springfield, Mo., 1,492.
 63, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 1,489.
 64, Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 1,488.
 65, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 1,487.
 66, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,486.
 67, Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 1,485.
 68, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 1,484.
 69, Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,482.
 70, Roger Petrin, Wichita, Kan., 1,481.
 71 (tie), Jim Pratt, Glendale, Ariz., and John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 1,480.
 73, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 1,479.
 74, Mitch Beasley, Nashville, Tenn., 1,474.
 75, Aaron Lorincz, Saginaw, Mich., 1,473.
 76, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,471.
 77, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 1,470.
 78 (tie), Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, and Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 1,467.
 81 (tie), Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., and Kris Koeltzow, Wheat Ridge, Colo., 1,466.
 83, Jaime Gonzalez, Colombia, 1,464.
 84, Tetsuya Kobayashi, Japan, 1,463.
 85, Carlos Cottone, Venezuela, 1,462.
 86, Timothy Tripp, Santa Clarita, Calif., 1,461.
 87 (tie), Mario Lemos, Ecuador, and Robert Townsend, Australia, 1,460.
 89, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 1,459.
 90, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,458.
 91, Hernan Ramirez, Venezuela, 1,457.
 92, Mike Keily, Golden, Colo., 1,457.
 93 (tie), David Beres, Waukesha, Wis., and Carsten Hansen, Denmark, 1,456.
 95, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,454.
 96 (tie), Mike DeVaney, Winchester, Calif., and Paul Moor, England, 1,453.
 98, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 1,450.
 99 (tie), Ernest Lukacs Jr., Manville, N.J., Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, T.J. Schmidt, Mishawaka, Ind., Giorgio Clinaz Jr., Venezuela, and Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 1,449.
 104 (tie), Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., and Miguel Lopez, Wichita, Kan., 1,446.
 106, Brian Nicodemus, Akron, Ind., 1,445.
 107, Kim Bolleby, Sweden, 1,444.
 108, Joachim Karlsson, Sweden, 1,443.
 109, B.J. Moore III, Apex, N.C., 1,442.
 110, Dan MacLelland, Canada, 1,440.
 111, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 1,439.
 112 (tie), Amanda Greene, Romney, W.Va., and Tommy Berish, Cordova, Tenn., 1,438.
 114, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,435.
 115, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 1,434.
 116 (tie), Rickai Binns, Bermuda, and Eddie VanDaniker Jr., Chatsworth, Calif., 1,432.
 118, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,429.
 119, Richard Leon, Venezuela, 1,428.
 120 (tie), Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, and Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 1,426.
 123, Santiago Mejia, Colombia, 1,425.
 124, Mike Keough, Stockton, Calif., 1,424.

125, Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 1,423.
 126, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,422.
 127, Ivan Vallejo Jr., Ecuador, 1,421.
 128, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 1,418.
 129 (tie), Manuel Otalora, Colombia, and Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 1,417.
 131, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,416.
 132 (tie), John Ferraro, Kingston, N.Y., and Lee Vanderhoef, Canton, Ga., 1,413.
 134 (tie), Martin Paulsson, Sweden, and Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas, 1,410.
 136 (tie), Dave Han, Orlando, Fla., and Josh Conner, Columbus, Ohio, 1,408.
 138, Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 1,407.
 139, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,406.
 140, Eric Manthei, Lumberton, Texas, 1,405.
 141, Wes Newman, Panama City, Fla., 1,403.
 142 (tie), Erik Gulbrandson, Wichita, Kan., and John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 1,399.
 144, Mike Williams II, Montgomery, Ala., 1,398.
 145, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 1,396.
 146 (tie), Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif., and Chris Watson, Australia, 1,394.
 148, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 1,393.
 149, Derek Handy, Redmond, Wash., 1,392.
 150, Julio Cesar Blancas, Mexico, 1,391.
 151, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,388.
 152, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,385.
 153, Austin Hunt, Kennewick, Wash., 1,382.
 154 (tie), Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., and Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 1,380.
 156 (tie), James McClelland, Venice, Fla., and Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,378.
 158, Brett Cunningham, Clay, N.Y., 1,374.
 159, Lindsay Boomershine, Bingham City, Utah, 1,371.
 160, Pat Nolan, Japan, 1,369.
 161, Mats Maggi, Belgium, 1,368.
 162 (tie), Chad Pojas, Wahiawa, Hawaii, and Joe Salvemini, Silt, Colo., 1,366.
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 165 (tie), Cris Ferreira, Visalia, Calif., and Chad Lusche, Arvada, Colo., 1,362.
 167, PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 1,361.
 168, Rameses Chambers, Kansas City, Mo., 1,360.
 169, Maria Rodriguez, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,356.
 170, Michael J. Cimba, Monroeville, Pa., 1,355.
 171, Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 1,352.
 172, Yuya Kato, Japan, 1,351.
 173, Lin Jianfeng, China, 1,346.
 174 (tie), Brian Gunn, Chicago, and Clemens Ulsamer, Germany, 1,338.
 176, Scott Schmal, Dyer, Ind., 1,336.
 177, Kevin Gallagher, Torrance, Calif., 1,333.
 178 (tie), Daniel Hellmich, Germany, 1,330, and Michael L. Cimba, Monroeville, Pa., 1,330.
 180 (tie), John Burkett, Southlake, Texas; Rodolfo Monacelli, Venezuela, and Robert Kelley, Auburn, Wash., 1,329.
 183, Natalia Rico, Colombia, 1,327.
 184 (tie), David Maycock, Bermuda, and Kristina Wendell, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., 1,322.
 186, Jaime Monroy, Colombia, 1,320.
 187, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 1,319.
 188, Michael Martin Jr., Cheyenne, Wyo., 1,317.
 189 (tie), Stephen Carter, Australia, and Yuka Tsuchiya, Japan, 1,314.
 191, Troy Kendrick, Coto de Caza, Calif., 1,312.

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 193 (tie), Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, and Jonden Soper, Lake Havasu, Ariz., 1,310.
 195, Fabio Garcia, Colombia, 1,309.
 196, Scott LaRiviere, Murrieta, Calif., 1,304.
 197 (tie), Frankie Mazzella, Staten Island, N.Y., and Qin Xiaogang, China, 1,303.
 199, Robert Lee, Japan, 1,295.
 200 (tie), Jeremy Mooney, West Palm Beach, Fla., and Chris Spoo, Boyton Beach, Fla., 1,292.
 202, Steven Adams, Grass Valley, Calif., 1,289.
 203, Matt Watson, Australia, 1,288.
 204, Chris Arcaro, Wilmington, N.C., 1,283.
 205 (tie), Manuel Mrosek, Germany, and Josh Lewis, Asheville, N.C., 1,282.
 207, Andrew Graff, Las Vegas, 1,281.
 208 (tie), Clint Land, Richmond, Texas, and Kalani Dilliner, Las Vegas, 1,280.
 210, Rob Johnson, Canada, 1,271.
 211, Michael Markis, Tafton, Pa., 1,264.
 212, Dale Coleman, High Springs, Fla., 1,259.
 213, Emilio Molinary, Venezuela, 1,258.
 214, Tim Gillick, Milford, Conn., 1,255.
 215, Michael Smith, Centennial, Colo., 1,249.
 216, Mario Ortez, Visalia, Calif., 1,246.
 217, Jimmy Smith, Puyallup, Wash., 1,243.
 218, Liu Shenyuan, China, 1,240.
 219, Joe Claspell, Lexington, Ky., 1,239.
 220, Brij Patel, Hollywood, Calif., 1,237.
 221, Michael Ciardulli Jr., Bloomfield, N.J., 1,231.
 222, Alan Mojado, Pala, Calif., 1,228.
 223, Mark Milasinovich, Macomb, Mich., 1,227.
 224, J.T. "Action" Jackson, Sherman Oaks, Calif., 1,224.
 225, Christina Hardee, Mount Dora, Fla., 1,222.
 226, Mervin Hastings, British Virgin Islands, 1,220.
 227, Dave Gualeni, Las Vegas, 1,215.
 228, Zhu Tao, China, 1,203.
 229, Jonathan Hocsmán, Argentina, 1,198.
 230, Ding Tianbao, China, 1,184.
 231, Mauricio Chaparro, Colombia, 1,180.
 232, Yumi Oyobe, Japan, 1,158.
 233, Armando Santacruz, Ecuador, 1,148.
 234, Li Weijun, China, 1,123.
 235, Steve Ford, Seaside, Ore., 1,118.
 236, Adrian McCoy, British Virgin Islands, 1,025.
 237, Matt Miller, England, withdrew.
 238, Chris Skillings, Shawnee, Okla., withdrew.

300 Games: Sean Rash, Mike Keily.

PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING STANDINGS

(Top 50 after 21 games in Cheetah, Viper and Chameleon Championships; Scorpion round will be contested Tuesday. Top 24 after 28 combined games advance to PBA World Championship match play rounds Wednesday and Thursday)

1, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 4,904.
 2, Dom Barrett, England, 4,875.
 3, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 4,841.

- 4, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 4,833.
- 5, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 4,812.
- 6, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 4,807.
- 7 (tie), D.J. Archer, Friendswood, Texas, and Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 4,795.
- 9, Stuart Williams, England, 4,792.
- 10, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 4,782.
- 11 (tie), Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, and Mike Fagan, Ft. Worth, Texas, 4,774.
- 13, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 4,758.
- 14 (tie), E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., and Shuichi Heki, Japan, 4,754.
- 16, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 4,753.
- 17, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 4,739.
- 18, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 4,731.
- 19, B.J. Moore III, Apex, N.C., 4,729.
- 20, Todd Book, Russells Point, Ohio, 4,726.
- 21, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 4,715.
- 22, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 4,710.
- 23, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 4,708.
- 24, Perttu Jussila, Finland, 4,707.
- 25, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 4,706.
- 26, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 4,691.
- 27, Patrick Girard, Canada, 4,688.
- 28, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 4,683.
- 29, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 4,676.
- 30, Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 4,668.
- 31, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 4,664.
- 32, John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 4,662.
- 33, Peter Nordenson, Sweden, 4,658.
- 34, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 4,655.
- 35, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 4,653.
- 36, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 4,647.
- 37 (tie), Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., and Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 4,642.
- 39, Jim Pratt, Glendale, Ariz., 4,641.
- 40, Joonas Jehkinen, Finland, 4,640.
- 41, Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev., 4,635.
- 42, Eddie VanDaniker Jr., Chatsworth, Calif., 4,634.
- 43, Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 4,632.
- 44, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 4,627.
- 45 (tie), Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., and Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 4,625.
- 47, Mike DeVaney, Winchester, Calif., 4,624.
- 48 (tie), Mattias Olsson, Sweden, and Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 4,623.
- 50, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 4,608.

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Connor Pickford Wins No. 1 Berth for PBA Viper Championship Finals

Fourth-year pro from North Carolina to make national television debut

LAS VEGAS (Oct. 26, 2014) – Connor Pickford of Charlotte, North Carolina, who has never finished higher than 14th in his abbreviated four-year Professional Bowlers Association Tour career, will make his national television debut as the top qualifier in the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI's Viper Championship.

Pickford, 22, averaged 230.57 for 14 games on the Viper lane condition at South Point Bowling Center Sunday, finishing with a 3,228 pinfall total to capture the No. 1 berth in the Viper Championship ESPN finals by 32 pins over Ronnie Russell of Marion, Indiana. England's Dom Barrett jumped for fifth to third with a 223 final game and veteran Mika Koivuniemi of Hartland, Michigan, held on to fourth place with a 3,141 total, six pins ahead of Australia's Jason Belmonte and 11 ahead of first-round leader B.J. Moore III of Apex, North Carolina.

The top four players will bowl for the Viper Championship title on Saturday, Nov. 1, in the new South Point Bowling Plaza. The finals will air on ESPN on Sunday, Dec. 21.

"I had an amazing ball reaction tonight," Pickford said. "I've had all of my success with a MOTIV Venom Shock, my purple ball. I told my ball rep when I got into that ball tonight, it was game on. I didn't realize scores were so low because my ball reaction was so good."

Being in position to win his first national professional title is a dream Pickford began chasing at age 14 when he entered a PBA regional tournament, with parental consent. His dreams were temporarily derailed, he said, when he won \$100 in a youth tournament, which resulted in a year-long suspension from the national governing body. After sitting out a year, he was reinstated and returned to PBA competition, earning 2011-12 PBA South Region Player of the Year honors.

"That's when I decided this is what I'm supposed to do with my life," he said. "It's unbelievable to know (making his first TV final) is what I've worked for. A couple of years ago, I watched Jason Sterner – a fellow South Region competitor and a good friend – three all three strikes in 10th to make the show and I remember it was an incredible feeling. Now I get to bowl for my first title. I don't know what to think, but I'm pretty sure I won't get much sleep tonight."

World Series competition continues with qualifying for the PBA Chameleon Championship, the third of four qualifying legs in the PBA World Championship, Monday. Qualifying squads will bowl at 8 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. local time.

All qualifying and match play rounds of the animal pattern events and PBA World Championship will be covered live on Xtra Frame. For subscription information, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame Season Ticket link.

PBA VIPER CHAMPIONSHIP

South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Sunday

FINAL QUALIFYING STANDINGS (after 14 games; top 4 advance to ESPN finals on Saturday, Nov. 1, at South Point Bowling Plaza)

- 1, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 3,228.
- 2, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 3,196.
- 3, Dom Barrett, England, 3,148, \$100.
- 4, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 3,141.
- 5, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3,135, \$4,000.
- 6, B.J. Moore III, Apex, N.C., 3,130, \$3,500.
- 7, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 3,116, \$3,000.
- 8, Mike Fagan, Ft. Worth, Texas, 3,101, \$2,500.
- 9, Shuichi Heki, Japan, 3,080, \$2,200.
- 10, Eddie Van Daniker Jr., Chatsworth, Calif., 3,064, \$2,000.
- 11, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,063, \$1,800.
- 12, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,061, \$1,700.
- 13 (tie), Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., and Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 3,060, \$1,625.
- 15, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 3,049, \$1,550.
- 16, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3,042, \$1,500.
- 17, Mike DeVaney, Winchester, Calif., 3,041, \$1,450.
- 18, Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 3,037, \$1,400.
- 19, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 3,008, \$1,350.
- 20, John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 3,002, \$1,300.
- 21, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2,995, \$1,275.
- 22, Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 2,965, \$1,250.
- 23, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,913, \$1,225.
- 24, John Ferraro, Kingston, N.Y., 2,853, \$1,200.

Other Cashers (after 7 games):

- 25 (tie), Giorgio Clinaz Jr., Venezuela; Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, and Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,546, \$773.
- 28, D.J. Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 1,542, \$740.
- 29, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 1,541, \$730.
- 30, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,540, \$720.
- 31, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1,538, \$710.
- 32, Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., 1,537, \$700.

300 Game: Dom Barrett.

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North Carolina's Moore Takes First Round Lead in PBA Viper Championship

Texan Shawn Maldonado leads PBA World Championship qualifying after two rounds

LAS VEGAS (Oct. 26, 2014) – B.J. Moore III of Apex, North Carolina, who has never finished higher than 26th place in six previous Professional Bowlers Association Tour appearances, seized the first round lead in the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI's Viper Championship Sunday at South Point Bowling Center.

Moore, a 26-year-old one-time PBA South Region title winner, averaged 234.57 on the Viper lane condition, rolling games of 226, 265, 213, 201, 258, 234 and 245 for a 1,642 total and a 26-pin lead over Ronnie Russell of Marion, Indiana. Connor Pickford of Charlotte, North Carolina, who also is trying for his first PBA Tour title, was third with 1,606 pins heading into Sunday night's second qualifying round.

The top four players after Sunday night's round will advance to the Viper Championship finals on Saturday, Nov. 1, in the new South Point Bowling Plaza. The Viper Championship finals will air on ESPN on Sunday, Dec. 21.

Moore said his success Sunday was based on bad decision-making Saturday in the Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Challenge Mobile Game, the first of the four animal pattern championships that are part of the World Series.

"Yesterday I had a game plan and I bailed on it, and it cost me making the cut," Moore said. "Today I just reiterated the same plan and told myself not to bail out on it.

"The plan was that I had certain bowling balls I wanted to use as I moved across the center. During practice they looked like I had planned, so I put them into play and it worked out. Yesterday I had the same plan, but I was a game too late in making the ball changes I should have made, and it cost me."

Moore said competing in World Series V a year ago at South Point also was a factor in Sunday's success.

"I didn't do very well last year, but it was a matter of getting your feet wet and seeing what it was like," he said. "It definitely gave me a lot of notes to work on. It helped me out a lot in knowing what to expect this time."

The Viper Championship also was the second of four qualifying events that will determine the 24-player field for the PBA World Championship match play competition which starts Wednesday. The combined seven-game qualifying round scores in the Cheetah, Viper, Monday's Chameleon and Tuesday's Scorpion Championships will determine the World Championship match play field. After 14 of 28 games, the

leading World Championship qualifiers are two-handed player Shawn Maldonado of Houston, Texas, with a 236.85 composite average and 3,316 pins, six ahead of Brad Angelo of Lockport, New York. PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber of St. Ann, Missouri, a 37-time PBA Tour title winner, is third with a 3,297 total.

World Series competition continues Monday with the PBA Chameleon Championship qualifying rounds. Squads will bowl at 8 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. PT.

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PBA VIPER CHAMPIONSHIP

South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Sunday

FIRST ROUND STANDINGS (after 7 games; top 24 advance to second round Sunday night)

- 1, B.J. Moore III, Apex, N.C., 1,642.
- 2, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,616.
- 3, Eddie VanDaniker Jr., Chatsworth, Calif., 1,609.
- 4, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,608.
- 5, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 1,606.
- 6, (tie) Shawn Maldonado, Houston, and Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,593.
- 8, John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 1,590.
- 9, Shuichi Heki, Japan, 1,588.
- 10, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,586.
- 11, (tie) Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, and Dom Barrett, England, 1,583.
- 13, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,573.
- 14, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 1,572.
- 15, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 1,571.
- 16, Mike DeVaney, Winchester, Calif., 1,569.
- 17, Mike Fagan, Ft. Worth, Texas, 1,568.
- 18, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,567.
- 19, Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 1,563.
- 20, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 1,557.
- 21, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,555.
- 22, (tie), John Ferraro, Kingston, N.Y., Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., and Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,551.

Other Cashers (after 7 games):

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- 28, D.J. Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 1,542, \$740.
- 29, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 1,541, \$730.
- 30, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 1,540, \$720.
- 31, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1,538, \$710.
- 32, Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., 1,537, \$700.

Failed to Cash:

- 33, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,532.
- 34, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 1,527.
- 35 (tie), Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, and Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,525.
- 37, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,524.
- 38, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 1,523.
- 39, Joachim Karlsson, Sweden, 1,521.
- 40, Jaime Monroy, Colombia, 1,518.

41, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 1,515.
 42, Patrick Girard, Canada, 1,512.
 43, (tie) Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., and Ernest Lukacs Jr., Manville, N.J., 1,511.
 45, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 1,510.
 46 (tie), David Beres, Waukesha, Wis., and Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 1,509.
 48 (tie), Martin Paulsson, Sweden, and Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 1,508.
 50, Todd Book, Russells Point, Ohio, 1,507.
 51, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 1,506.
 52 (tie), Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, and Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 1,505.
 54, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 1,504.
 55 (tie), Stuart Williams, England, and Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 1,499.
 57 (tie), Mike Keily, Golden, Colo., Mitch Beasley, Nashville, Tenn., and Richard Leon, Venezuela, 1,498.
 60 (tie), Perttu Jussila, Finland, 1,497, and Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 1,497.
 62, John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 1,496.
 63 (tie), Peter Nordenson, Sweden, Robert Andersson, Sweden, 1,495.
 65 (tie), Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., and Jeremy Mooney, West Palm Beach, Fla., 1,493.
 67, Chad Roberts, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, 1,491.
 68 (tie), Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., and Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas, 1,488.
 70, Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,486.
 71, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,485.
 72 (tie), Martin Larsen, Sweden, and Chad Lusche, Arvada, Colo., 1,483.
 74 (tie), Mats Maggi, Belgium, Yuya Kato, Japan, and Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,482.
 77, Clemens Ulsamer, Germany, 1,478.
 78 (tie), Dale Coleman, High Springs, Fla., and Cris Ferreira, Visalia, Calif., 1,477.
 80, Miguel Lopez, Wichita, Kan., 1,476.
 81, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 1,475.
 82 (tie), John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, and Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,473.
 84, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,468.
 85, James McClelland, Venice, Fla., 1,467.
 86, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 1,466.
 87, Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 1,463.
 88, Tommy Berish, Cordova, Tenn., 1,462.
 89 (tie), Joonas Jehkinen, Finland, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., and Kyle Bigelow, Troy, Ohio, 1,461.
 92, Jim Pratt, Glendale, Ariz., 1,460.
 93, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,457.
 94 (tie), Mike Williams II, Montgomery, Ala., Mike Armstrong Jr., Battle Ground, Wash., and Troy Kendrick, Coto de Caza, Calif., 1,454.
 97 (tie), Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., T.J. Schmidt, Mishawaka, Ind., and Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 1,453.
 100, Daniel Hellmich, Germany, 1,452.
 101, Robert Kelley, Auburn, Wash., 1,448.
 102, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 1,445.
 103, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 1,442.
 104, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,441.
 105, Aaron Lorincz, Saginaw, Mich., 1,439.
 106 (tie), Harvey Ramos, Colombia, and Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,438.
 108, Julio Cesar Blancas, Mexico, 1,436.
 109 (tie), Robert Townsend, Australia; Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev.; Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., and Jonathan Hocsmán, Argentina, 1,434.
 113, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,433.
 114, Jon VanHees, Charlestown, R.I., 1,432.
 115, Manuel Otalora, Colombia, 1,430.

116 (tie), Mason Sherman, Northridge, Calif., and Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,429.
 118, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 1,427.
 119 (tie), Chris Watson, Australia, and Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev., 1,426.
 121, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 1,425.
 122, Jaime Gonzalez, Colombia, 1,424.
 123 (tie), Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., and Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 1,423.
 126, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,421.
 127, Alan Mojado, Pala, Calif., 1,420.
 128 (tie), PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., and Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,415.
 130, Roger Petrin, Wichita, Kan., 1,413.
 131, Josh Conner, Columbus, Ohio, 1,412.
 132 (tie), Brian Gunn, Chicago, and Brett Cunningham, Clay, N.Y., 1,407.
 134 (tie), Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, and Kris Koeltzow, Wheat Ridge, Colo., 1,403.
 136, Blake Demore, Springfield, Mo., 1,402.
 137 (tie), Jonden Soper, Lake Havasu, Ariz., and David Sevier, Gilbert, Ariz., 1,399.
 139, Lindsay Boomershine, Bingham City, Utah, 1,397.
 140, Carsten Hansen, Denmark, 1,396.
 141, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,395.
 142 (tie), Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., and Gerald Marrs, Huntley, Ill., 1,393.
 144 (tie), Wes Newman, Panama City, Fla., and Joe Salvemini, Silt, Colo., 1,391.
 146, Kim Bolleby, Sweden, 1,389.
 147, Chris Spoo, Boyton Beach, Fla., 1,387.
 148, Clint Land, Richmond, Texas, 1,386.
 149 (tie), Pat Nolan, Japan, and Amanda Greene, Romney, W.Va., 1,385.
 151 (tie), Dan MacLelland, Canada, and Mark Milasinovich, Macomb, Mich., 1,384.
 153 (tie), Clara Guerrero, Colombia, and David Maycock, Bermuda, 1,381.
 155 (tie), Vinny D'Ambrosio III, Staten Island, N.Y., and Maria Rodriguez, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,379.
 157, Mattias Olsson, Sweden, 1,378.
 158 (tie), Brad Miller, St. Charles, Mo., Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., and Mervin Hastings, British Virgin Islands, 1,376.
 161, Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 1,374.
 162, Paul Moor, England, 1,373.
 163 (tie), Lee Vanderhoef, Canton, Ga., and Yuka Tsuchiya, Japan, 1,372.
 165, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 1,371.
 166, Matt Watson, Australia, 1,366.
 167, Michael Ciardulli Jr., Bloomfield, N.J., 1,365.
 168, Manuel Mrosek, Germany, 1,362.
 169 (tie), Kristina Wendell, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and Kevin Donovan, Painted Post, N.Y., 1,361.
 171, Christina Hardee, Mount Dora, Fla., 1,359.
 172, Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 1,358.
 173, Michael Smith, Centennial, Colo., 1,357.
 174 (tie), Rameses Chambers, Kansas City, Mo., and Chris Arcaro, Wilmington, N.C., 1,355.
 176 (tie), Dave Han, Orlando, Fla., and Chris Skillings, Shawnee, Okla., 1,353.
 178 (tie), Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., and Michael L. Cimba, Monroeville, Pa., 1,352.
 180, Michael J. Cimba, Monroeville, Pa., 1,351.
 181, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 1,347.
 182 (tie), Richie Teece, England, and Michael Markis, Tafton, Pa., 1,346.
 184, Derek Handy, Redmond, Wash., 1,343.
 185, Chad Pojas, Wahiawa, Hawaii, 1,342.
 186, Kevin Gallagher, Torrance, Calif., 1,341.
 187, Mike Keough, Stockton, Calif., 1,335.

188, Timothy Tripp, Santa Clarita, Calif., 1,332.
 189, Qin Xiaogang, China, 1,327.
 190, Carlos Cottone, Venezuela, 1,326.
 191, Fabio Garcia, Colombia, 1,325.
 192 (tie), Andrew Graff, Las Vegas; Lin Jianfeng, China; Ding Tianbao, China, and Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 1,324.
 196 (tie), Hernan Ramirez, Venezuela, and Eric Manthei, Lumberton, Texas, 1,323.
 198, Rickai Binns, Bermuda, 1,320.
 199, Tetsuya Kobayashi, Japan, 1,319.
 200, Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif., 1,317.
 201 (tie), Santiago Mejia, Colombia, and Mario Ortez, Visalia, Calif., 1,308.
 203, Kalani Dilliner, Las Vegas, 1,307.
 204, David Williams JR, Omaha, Neb., 1,297.
 205 (tie), Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., and Armando Santacruz, Ecuador, 1,295.
 207, Joe Claspell, Lexington, Ky., 1,284.
 208, Erik Gulbrandson, Wichita, Kan., 1,277.
 209, Scott LaRiviere, Murrieta, Calif., 1,276.
 210, Natalia Rico, Colombia, 1,274.
 211 (tie), Jimmy Smith, Puyallup, Wash., and Matt Miller, England, 1,267.
 213, Brian Nicodemus, Akron, Ind., 1,265.
 214, Liu Shenyuan, China, 1,264.
 215, Austin Hunt, Kennewick, Wash., 1,263.
 216, Tim Gillick, Milford, Conn., 1,262.
 217, Robert Lee, Japan, 1,259.
 218, Ivan Vallejo Jr., Ecuador, 1,258.
 219, Rodolfo Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,253.
 220, Steven Adams, Grass Valley, Calif., 1,250.
 221, Josh Lewis, Asheville, N.C., 1,245.
 222, Mauricio Chaparro, Colombia, 1,236.
 223, Scott Schmal, Dyer, Ind., 1,233.
 224, Brij Patel, Hollywood, Calif., 1,231.
 225, Frankie Mazzella, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,228.
 226, Zhu Tao, China, 1,223.
 227, Emilio Molinary, Venezuela, 1,221.
 228, Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 1,212.
 229, Dave Gualeni, Las Vegas, 1,211.
 230, Yumi Oyobe, Japan, 1,205.
 231, Mario Lemos, Ecuador, 1,196.
 232, Steve Ford, Seaside, Ore., 1,192.
 233, Rob Johnson, Canada, 1,191.
 234, Michael Martin Jr., Cheyenne, Wyo., 1,190.
 235, J.T. "Action" Jackson, Sherman Oaks, Calif., 1,185.
 236, Li Weijun, China, 1,169.
 237, Stephen Carter, Australia, 1,168.
 238, Adrian McCoy, British Virgin Islands, 1,094.
 239, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., withdrew.
 240, Andres Molinary, Venezuela, withdrew.

300 Game: Dom Barrett.

PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING STANDINGS

(Top 50 after 14 games in Cheetah and Viper Championships; Chameleon and Scorpion rounds will be conducted Monday and Tuesday, respectively. Top 24 after 28 combined games advance to PBA World Championship match play rounds Wednesday and Thursday)

- 1, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 3,316.
- 2, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 3,310.
- 3, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,297.
- 4, B.J. Moore III, Apex, N.C., 3,287.
- 5 (tie), Mike Fagan, Ft. Worth, Texas, and Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 3,257.
- 7, Shuichi Heki, Japan, 3,255.
- 8, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 3,249.
- 9, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3,242.
- 10, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 3,233.
- 11, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 3,228.
- 12, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3,224.
- 13, Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 3,219.
- 14, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 3,217.
- 15, Eddie VanDaniker Jr., Chatsworth, Calif., 3,202.
- 16, Dom Barrett, England, 3,201.
- 17, Todd Book, Russells Point, Ohio, 3,200.
- 18, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,197.
- 19, Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 3,196.
- 20, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 3,195.
- 21, Dale Coleman, High Springs, Fla., 3,190.
- 22, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 3,187.
- 23, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,184.
- 24, John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 3,182.
- 25, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 3,181.
- 26, Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 3,180.
- 27, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 3,177.
- 28, Mike DeVaney, Winchester, Calif., 3,171.
- 29, Patrick Girard, Canada, 3,169.
- 30, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 3,166.
- 31, Jim Pratt, Glendale, Ariz., 3,161.
- 32 (tie), Devyn Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., and Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 3,159.
- 34 (tie), Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, and Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 3,154.
- 36, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 3,153.
- 37, Stuart Williams, England, 3,152, \$100.
- 38, Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 3,150.
- 39, Perttu Jussila, Finland, 3,148.
- 40, John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 3,147.
- 41, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3,146.
- 42, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 3,142.
- 43, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 3,141.
- 44 (tie), Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., and Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 3,139.
- 46 (tie), Peter Nordenson, Sweden, and Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas, 3,137.
- 48, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 3,136.
- 49, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 3,133.
- 50 (tie), Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., and Joonas Jehkinen, Finland, 3,125.

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South Carolina's Dick Allen Leads PBA Cheetah Championship After First Round

Top 24 advance to second round as GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI gets underway

LAS VEGAS (Oct. 25, 2014) – Dick Allen of Columbia, South Carolina, averaged 252.71 for his first seven games to take the first round lead in the PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Challenge Mobile Game as the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI officially got underway Saturday at South Point Bowling Center.

Allen, a 36-year-old three-time PBA Tour titlist, fired games of 185, 258, 289, 247, 298, 246 and 246 for a seven-game pinfall total of 1,769 and a three-pin lead over Jason Sterner of Covington, Georgia. The top 24 players advanced to a second seven-game qualifying round Saturday night, competing for four berths in the Cheetah Championship finals which will be contested on Saturday, Nov. 1, in the new South Point Bowling Plaza for telecast on ESPN on Sunday, Dec. 14.

Heading into Saturday night's second round, Brad Angelo of Lockport, New York, was in third place with 1,743 pins followed by Shawn Maldonado of Houston, Texas, with 1,723 pins and Jason Couch of Clermont, Florida, with a 1,714 total

"I had a bad first game, but then I got into a ball that worked better and started making shots," Allen said. "Most of it was probably due to my off-season preparation.

"I lost 15 pounds after the Summer Swing in Oklahoma last May. Physically I felt a lot better, and I worked a lot on my spine tilt from front to back and side-to-side on the approach. The end result is more shots are thrown correctly for a longer amount of time. Today was the day I really tried it in competition and it seems to be paying off."

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PBA CHEETAH CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY PBA CHALLENGE MOBILE GAME
South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Saturday

FIRST ROUND STANDINGS (after 7 games; top 24 advance to second round; top 24 after 14 games advance to ESPN finals Saturday, Nov. 1)

1, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,769.

2, Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 1,766.

- 3, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,743.
- 4, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 1,723.
- 5, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 1,714.
- 6, Dale Coleman, High Springs, Fla., 1,713.
- 7, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,711.
- 8, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,703.
- 9, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 1,702.
- 10 (tie), Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., and Jim Pratt, Glendale, Ariz., 1,701.
- 12, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,700.
- 13, Todd Book, Russells Point, Ohio, 1,693.
- 14, Mike Fagan, Ft. Worth, Texas, 1,689.
- 15, Andrew Graff, Las Vegas, 1,687.
- 16, John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 1,686.
- 17, Mattias Olsson, Sweden, 1,684.
- 18, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 1,680.
- 19, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 1,672.
- 20 (tie), Jason Belmonte, Australia, and Carsten Hansen, Denmark, 1,669.
- 22, Shuichi Heki, Japan, 1,667.
- 23 (tie), Joonas Jehkinen, Finland, and Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,664.

Other Cashers (after 7 games):

- 25, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,659, \$800.
- 26, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 1,658, \$770.
- 27 (tie), Patrick Girard, Canada, 1,657, and E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,657, \$745.
- 29, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,656, \$730.
- 30, Stuart Williams, England, 1,653, \$720.
- 31, Perttu Jussila, Finland, 1,651, \$710.
- 32, Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas, 1,649, \$700.

Failed to Cash:

- 33, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 1,648.
- 34, B.J. Moore III, Apex, N.C., 1,645.
- 35, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 1,644.
- 36, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 1,643.
- 37 (tie), Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J.; Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J.; Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., and Peter Nordenson, Sweden, 1,642.
- 41, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,638.
- 42, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,637.
- 43 (tie), Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, and Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,636.
- 45, Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 1,634.
- 46, Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 1,632.
- 47, Brian Nicodemus, Akron, Ind., 1,626.
- 48, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,625.
- 49, Aaron Lorincz, Saginaw, Mich., 1,624.
- 50 (tie), Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., and Manuel Otalora, Colombia, 1,621.
- 52, Yuya Kato, Japan, 1,619.
- 53, Dom Barrett, England, 1,618.
- 54, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,616.
- 55, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 1,615.
- 56, Timothy Tripp, Santa Clarita, Calif., 1,610.
- 57, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 1,609.
- 58, Dan MacLelland, Canada, 1,608.
- 59 (tie), Chris Arcaro, Wilmington, N.C., and Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,603.
- 61, Mike DeVaney, Winchester, Calif., 1,602.

62 (tie), Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., and Jeremy Mooney, West Palm Beach, Fla., 1,601.
 64, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,600.
 65, David Maycock, Bermuda, 1,599.
 66, Brad Miller, St. Charles, Mo., 1,596.
 67, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,594.
 68 (tie), Eddie VanDaniker Jr., Chatsworth, Calif., and Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 1,593.
 70, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 1,589.
 71, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 1,587.
 72, Kim Bolleby, Sweden, 1,586.
 73, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 1,583.
 74 (tie), Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., and David Haynes, Las Vegas, 1,582.
 76 (tie), Brett Cunningham, Clay, N.Y.; Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., and Kristina Wendell, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., 1,580.
 79 (tie), J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich.; Joachim Karlsson, Sweden, and Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 1,578.
 82, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,577.
 83, Jaime Gonzalez, Colombia, 1,576.
 84, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 1,574.
 85, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,571.
 86, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,570.
 87, Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev., 1,569.
 88, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 1,568.
 89, Tommy Berish, Cordova, Tenn., 1,567.
 90 (tie), Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela; David Beres, Waukesha, Wis., and PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 1,563.
 93 (tie), Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich.; D.J. Archer, Friendswood, Texas, and John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 1,557.
 96, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 1,554.
 97 (tie), T.J. Schmidt, Mishawaka, Ind., and Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 1,553.
 99, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 1,550.
 100, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,549.
 101, Kris Koeltzow, Wheat Ridge, Colo., 1,547.
 102, Robert Andersson, Sweden, 1,544.
 103, Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 1,540.
 104, Tim Gillick, Milford, Conn., 1,538.
 105 (tie), Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, and Lee Vanderhoef, Canton, Ga., 1,537.
 107, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 1,536.
 108, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,532.
 109, Mike Keily, Golden, Colo., 1,531.
 110, Mike Williams II, Montgomery, Ala., 1,530.
 111, Clemens Ulsamer, Germany, 1,527.
 112 (tie), Christopher Sloan, Ireland, and Fabio Garcia, Colombia, 1,525.
 114 (tie), Hernan Ramirez, Venezuela, David Williams Jr., Omaha, Neb., and Mats Maggi, Belgium, 1,524.
 117, Pat Nolan, Japan, 1,523.
 118, Stephen Carter, Australia, 1,520.
 119, Chris Spoo, Boyton Beach, Fla., 1,518.
 120 (tie), Lindsay Boomershine, Bingham City, Utah, and Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,515.
 122 (te), Kevin Donovan, Painted Post, N.Y., and Paul Moor, England, 1,514.
 124, Richie Teece, England, 1,511.
 125, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,510.
 126, Jaime Monroy, Colombia, 1,509.
 127 (tie), Manuel Mrosek, Germany, Mitch Beasley, Nashville, Tenn., Michael Cimba, Manchester, Conn., and Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 1,507.
 131 (tie), Chad Roberts, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, Clint Land, Richmond, Texas, and Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., 1,504.
 134 (tie), Gerald Marrs, Huntley, Ill., and Austin Hunt, Kennewick, Wash., 1,503.
 136 (tie), Michael Cimba, Monroeville, Pa., Eric Manthei, Lumberton, Texas, and Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 1,502.
 139 (tie), Derek Handy, Redmond, Wash., and Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 1,501.
 141, Christina Hardee, Mount Dora, Fla., 1,497.
 142, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 1,494.
 143 (tie), Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., and Kevin Gallagher, Torrance, Calif., 1,493.
 145, Robert Lee, Japan, 1,491.
 146, Martin Paulsson, Sweden, 1,487.

147 (tie), Chris Watson, Australia, and Roger Petrin, Wichita, Kan., 1,486.
 149, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 1,485.
 150, Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 1,483.
 151, David Sevier, Gilbert, Ariz., 1,481.
 152, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 1,480.
 153, Jonden Soper, Lake Havasu, Ariz., 1,478.
 154, Jon VanHees, Charlestown, R.I., 1,476.
 155 (tie), Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., and Richard Leon, Venezuela, 1,475.
 157, Kalani Dilliner, Las Vegas, 1,474.
 158, Wes Newman, Panama City, Fla., 1,473.
 159, Daniel Hellmich, Germany, 1,472.
 160 (tie), Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa.; Julio Cesar Blancas, Mexico, and Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,471.
 163 (tie), Mike Armstrong Jr., Battle Ground, Wash., and Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,470.
 165, Miguel Lopez, Wichita, Kan., 1,463.
 166, Giorgio Clinaz Jr., Venezuela, 1,462.
 167, Blake Demore, Springfield, Mo., 1,460.
 168, Scott LaRiviere, Murrieta, Calif., 1,458.
 169 (tie), Scott Schmal, Dyer, Ind., and Amanda Greene, Romney, W.Va., 1,456.
 171, Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif., 1,454.
 172, Matt Watson, Australia, 1,453.
 173, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,450.
 174 (tie), Natalia Rico, Colombia, and Cris Ferreira, Visalia, Calif., 1,448.
 176, Josh Lewis, Asheville, N.C., 1,440.
 177 (tie), Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, and Josh Conner, Columbus, Ohio, 1,435.
 179 (tie), Maria Rodriguez, Pflugerville, Texas, and Yumi Oyobe, Japan, 1,433.
 181, Ernest Lukacs Jr., Manville, N.J., 1,430.
 182, Kyle Bigelow, Troy, Ohio, 1,429.
 183, Ivan Vallejo Jr., Ecuador, 1,428.
 184, Yuka Tsuchiya, Japan, 1,423.
 185 (tie), Michael Ciardulli Jr., Bloomfield, N.J., and Dave Han, Orlando, Fla., 1,420.
 187, Jimmy Smith, Puyallup, Wash., 1,419.
 188, Mario Ortez, Visalia, Calif., 1,418.
 189, James McClelland, Venice, Fla., 1,414.
 190, Harvey Ramos, Colombia, 1,413.
 191, Chad Lusche, Arvada, Colo., 1,411.
 192, Michael Markis, Tafton, Pa., 1,402.
 193 (tie), Alan Mojado, Pala, Calif., and Rodolfo Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,397.
 195, Troy Kendrick, Coto de Caza, Calif., 1,395.
 196, Matt Miller, England, 1,394.
 197, Tony Rodriguez Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 1,393.
 198, Robert Kelley, Auburn, Wash., 1,392.
 199, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,384.
 200, Robert Townsend, Australia, 1,381.
 201, Joe Claspell, Lexington, Ky., 1,380.
 202, Lin Jianfeng, China, 1,377.
 203, Michael Smith, Centennial, Colo., 1,375.
 204, Tetsuya Kobayashi, Japan, 1,374.
 205 (tie), Mason Sherman, Northridge, Calif., Chris Skillings, Shawnee, Okla., and Mauricio Chaparro, Colombia, 1,373.
 208, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,371.
 209, Brian Gunn, Chicago, 1,369.
 210, Joe Salvemini, Silt, Colo., 1,367.
 211, Jonathan Hocsman, Argentina, 1,362.
 212 (tie), Santiago Mejia, Colombia, and Armando Santacruz, Ecuador, 1,358.
 214, Dave Gualeni, Las Vegas, 1,348.
 215, Vinny D'Ambrosio III, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,342.
 216, Rickai Binns, Bermuda, 1,339.
 217, Emilio Molinary, Venezuela, 1,335.

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 224, Frankie Mazzella, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,290.
 225, Qin Xiaogang, China, 1,285.
 226, Rameses Chambers, Kansas City, Mo., 1,280.
 227 (tie), Rob Johnson, Canada, and Liu Shenyuan, China, 1,266.
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South Carolina's Dick Allen Tops PBA Cheetah Championship Qualifying

Liz Johnson makes women's bowling history as GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI gets underway

LAS VEGAS (Oct. 25, 2014) – Dick Allen of Columbia, South Carolina, averaged 244.36.71 for 14 games Saturday to earn the top qualifying berth for the PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Challenge Mobile Game as the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI officially got underway at South Point Bowling Center.

Allen needed a double in the final frame of his last game to retain the No. 1 position, but a bigger story developed a couple of pairs of lanes away when Liz Johnson of Cheektowaga, New York, completed a charge out of 24th place at the end of the first round to finish fourth and become the first woman to advance to a second PBA Tour national television finals. Johnson was the first woman ever to appear on a PBA Tour television show when she finished second in the 2004 Banquet Open in Wyoming, Mich., losing in the title match to 15-time PBA Tour titlist Tommy Jones.

After a 190 game in her second game Saturday night, Johnson caught fire, rolling games of 279, 245, 278, 258 and 248 to track down PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber of St. Ann, Missouri, and knock him out of the four-player television finals field by 43 pins.

Brad Angelo of Lockport, New York, who returned to competition after a year of battling injuries, qualified second with 3,414 pins, seven behind Allen, and Anthony Pepe of Elmhurst, New York, advanced to his first PBA TV final in third place with 3,412 pins.

Allen, who led the World Series field of 240 players throughout the day, is trying for his fourth PBA Tour title.

"I had a bad first game (185), but then I switched to a ball that worked better and started making shots," the 36-year-old Allen said. "Most of it was probably due to my off-season preparation.

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The GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI continues Sunday at South Point with seven-game qualifying rounds for the Viper Championship at 8 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Pacific Time.

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South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Saturday

SECOND ROUND STANDINGS (after 14 games; top four advance to ESPN finals Saturday, Nov. 1)

- 1, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 3,421.
- 2, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 3,414.
- 3, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 3,412.
- 4, Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 3,397.
- 5, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,354, \$4,000.
- 6, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 3,335, \$3,500.
- 7, Andrew Graff, Las Vegas, 3,333, \$3,000.
- 8, Dale Coleman, High Springs, Fla., 3,322, \$2,500.
- 9, Carsten Hansen, Denmark, 3,308, \$2,200.
- 10, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 3,302, \$2,000.
- 11, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 3,295, \$1,800.
- 12, Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 3,247, \$1,800.
- 13, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3,239, \$1,650.
- 14, Shuichi Heki, Japan, 3,237, \$1,600.
- 15, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 3,219, \$1,550.
- 16, Joonas Jehkinen, Finland, 3,215, \$1,500.
- 17, Todd Book, Russells Point, Ohio, 3,187, \$1,450.
- 18, Mike Fagan, Ft. Worth, Texas, 3,178, \$1,400.
- 19, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 3,170, \$1,350.
- 20, Mattias Olsson, Sweden, 3,139, \$1,300.
- 21, John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 3,129, \$1,275.
- 22, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 3,128, \$1,250.
- 23, Jim Pratt, Glendale, Ariz., 3,089, \$1,225.
- 24, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 3,087, \$1,200.

Other Cashers (after 7 games):

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Hall of Famers Monacelli, Williams Lead Field of PBA Challenge Finalists

PBA50 Tour, PBA Regional, PBA Women's Regional representatives advance to ESPN special event

LAS VEGAS (Oct. 24, 2014) – Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famers Amleto Monacelli of Venezuela and Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Florida, advanced to the finals of the PBA Challenge, a made-for-ESPN special event, as the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI got underway Friday at South Point Bowling Center.

Monacelli and Williams finished one-two in an eight-game match play qualifying event for the 2014 season's top PBA50 Tour players, earning berths in the November 2 PBA Challenge television finals. Also advancing to the PBA Challenge from the PBA Regional qualifier were Josh Blanchard of Gilbert, Arizona, representing the PBA's West Region, and EJ Tackett of Huntington, Indiana, representing the PBA Central Region. The PBA Women's Regional finalists will be Colombia native Clara Guerrero of Pflugerville, Texas, representing the PBA Southwest Region, and Missy Parkin of Laguna Hills, California, who won the PBA West Region berth in the qualifying event.

The PBA Challenge will include four one-game matches, with the four winners then competing in a unique Knock-Out Round finale on Sunday, Nov. 2, at the South Point Bowling Plaza. The ESPN telecast will air on Sunday, Jan. 19. The fourth match in the PBA Challenge telecast will be a contest between 2014 Teen Masters boys' division champion Coffey of Melbourne, Florida, bowling girls' division winner Kelly Skalacki of Coram, New York. The Teen Masters Grand Champion will receive a \$6,500 scholarship.

Monacelli won the PBA50 berth by winning all eight of his head-to-head matches, but Williams surged from third place to second behind a 287 final game, knocking fellow hall of famer Pete Weber of St. Ann, Missouri, out of the finals by 20 pins.

Blanchard also was dominant in the PBA Regional qualifier, winning seven of his eight matches to beat Tackett by 106 pins. Tackett finished 53 pins ahead of Midwest Region representative Tom Hess of Urbandale, Iowa.

In the Women's Regional event, Guerrero advanced from third to first with a victory over East Region representative Kristina Wendell of Poughkeepsie, New York, in her final match while Parkin held on to second with a spare in the 10th frame, dropping Amanda Greene of Romney, West Virginia, to third place by 45 pins.

The World Series officially gets underway Saturday with qualifying rounds of the Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Challenge Mobile Game, the first of four PBA Tour animal pattern lane condition championship events that are part of the World Series. Animal pattern qualifying rounds continue with

the Viper Championship on Sunday, the Chameleon Championship on Monday and the Scorpion Championship on Tuesday. Each animal pattern event features a distinctly different scoring environment and each will advance four players to the championship rounds which will be contested on Saturday, Nov. 1, at the South Point Bowling Plaza for airing on ESPN beginning Sunday, Dec. 14.

The animal pattern events also will serve as the qualifying event for PBA World Championship. The top 24 players after 28 combined games on the four animal patterns will advance to match play competition Wednesday and Thursday. A total of 52 games of qualifying and match play will produce the five finalists who will return to South Point for the live ESPN finals of the PBA World Championship on Jan. 11.

All qualifying and match play rounds of the animal pattern events and PBA World Championship will be covered live on Xtra Frame. For subscription information, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame Season Ticket link.

PBA CHALLENGE MATCH PLAY QUALIFYING EVENTS **South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Friday**

PBA50 Tour Finals (after 8 games, including match play bonus pins; top two advance to PBA Challenge Finals on Nov. 2 at South Point Bowling Plaza): 1, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 8-0, 2,048. 2, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 4-4, 1,929. 3, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 4-4, 1,909, \$1,000. 4, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 4-4, 1,810, \$700. 5, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 2-6, 1,801, \$600. 6, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3-5, 1,786, \$500. 7, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 4-4, 1,747, \$400. 8, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 3-5, 1,666, \$300.

PBA Regional Finals (after 8 games, including match play bonus pins; top two advance to PBA Challenge Finals on Nov. 2 at South Point Bowling Plaza): 1, Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 7-1, 2,043. 2, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 5-3, 1,937. 3, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 5-3, 1,884, \$1,000. 4, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 4-4, 1,824, \$700. 5, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas, 2-6, 1,810, \$600. 6, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3-5, 1,795, \$500. 7, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 5-3, 1,775, \$400. 8, Pat Nolan, Japan, 1-7-0, 1,553, \$300.

PBA Women's Regional Finals (after 8 games, including match play bonus pins; top two advance to PBA Challenge Finals on Nov. 2 at South Point Bowling Plaza): 1, Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 5-3, 1,857. 2, Missy Parkin, Lake Forest, Calif., 6-2, 1,844. 3, Amanda Greene, Romney, W.Va., 4-4, 1,799, \$1,000. 4, Kristina Wendell, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., 4-4, 1,751, \$700. 5, Lindsay Boomershine, Brigham City, Utah, 4-4, 1,717, \$550. 6, Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, New York, 3-5, 1,717, \$550. 7, Yuka Tsuchiya, Japan, 4-4, 1,683, \$400. 8, Christina Hardee, Mount Dora, Fla., 2-6, 1,583, \$300.

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New Scoring System for Competitive Bowling to be Unveiled During World Bowling Tour Finals at WSOB VI

International task force develops fast-paced, easy-to-understand format for match play competition

ARLINGTON, Texas (Oct. 23, 2014) – Athletes and bowling fans around the world will be introduced to a proposed new scoring system for competitive bowling during the World Bowling Tour (WBT) Men's and Women's Finals in Las Vegas on November 2.

The new scoring system for competitive bowling is the result of the work done by an all-star panel of international bowling experts, including World Bowling leaders, athletes, coaches, news media and commercial bowling industry executives. The international task force, with the additional input of Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) leadership, developed the new system in order to make the sport more attractive and easier to understand for casual bowling fans, the news media and the competitors.

The new system, which impacts how the sport is scored as well as the format for competition, will be unveiled during the WBT Finals. The singles match play competition will be conducted as follows:

- 1) A match will involve 12 frames.
- 2) In each frame, each player will throw one shot.
- 3) If Player A gets a higher pin count than Player B, he/she will win the frame.
- 4) If both players strike, the frame will be tied.
- 5) If neither player strikes, but each has the same pin count, each player will try to convert the spare. If both successfully convert their spares, the frame will be a tie. If one player has a higher pin count than the other after two shots, that player will win the frame.
- 6) Scoring for the match will reflect who has won the most frames (example, 1 up, 2 up, etc. All-square means the match is tied).
- 7) At the point one player has won more frames than frames remain (example: 3 up after 10 frames), he/she will be declared the winner.
- 8) If a match is "all-square" after 12 frames, the tie will be broken using the single-frame format described above until the tie is broken.

The new system emphasizes winning the frame, much like golf's Ryder Cup places emphasis on winning a hole. This new system is expected to dramatically reduce the length of time and complexity of scoring required to complete a two-player match.

World Bowling President and CEO Kevin Dornberger noted "We believe we have found the right balance between modernizing our sport while retaining credibility and tradition our athletes and fans value. All of us involved with this project are looking forward to its introduction in Las Vegas".

The World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals will be contested in the new South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas on Sunday, Nov. 2, and will air on ESPN on Sunday, Jan. 25.

About the World Bowling Tour Finals: The top-ranked bowlers in the world will be featured in the season-ending World Bowling Tour (WBT) Finals in November in the grand finale to the WBT season. The top three men and top three women in the WBT rankings were finalized over the weekend as the final stop on the 2014 schedule was held in Bangkok, Thailand. The finalists were determined based on the WBT points standings and will compete for a \$70,000 prize pool on Nov. 1 or 2 in Las Vegas.

About World Bowling: World Bowling is the official trade name for former FIQ, recognized by the International Olympic Committee as the world governing body for the sport of Bowling. World Bowling is autonomous in administering the sport and is responsible to promote the development of bowling throughout the world, promote the Olympic movement, contribute to the achievement of the goals set forth in the Olympic Charter, establish rules for the uniform practice of bowling throughout the world, and ensure that official bowling activities meet the requirements of the Olympic Charter. Visit the new website at www.worldbowling.org.

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Bonus coverage during animal pattern qualifying rounds offered to Xtra Frame subscribers

CHICAGO (Oct. 22, 2014) – Rolltech, the official Live Scoring Partner of the 2014 GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling, will give PBA's Xtra Frame subscribers a chance to watch the WSOB VI in exceptional detail when the multi-event series gets underway Friday at South Point Bowling Center in Las Vegas, PBA Vice President of Media Dave Schroeder announced Wednesday.

Under the new agreement, Rolltech will provide exclusive live frame-by-frame scoring to Xtra Frame subscribers during qualifying rounds of all four animal pattern championship events. In order to access the exclusive feature, Xtra Frame subscribers must log in during qualifying rounds to receive a special "password of the day" which will be used (along with the user's email address) as a link to the live scoring page on Rolltech's website.

Frame-by-frame scoring will be available for the PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game on Saturday, Oct. 25; PBA Viper Championship on Sunday, Oct. 26; PBA Chameleon Championship on Monday, Oct. 27, and the PBA Scorpion Championship on Tuesday, Oct. 28.

"This agreement is another example of how the PBA, working closely with its technology partners, is able to provide Xtra Frame subscribers with insights into PBA competition that have never been available before," Schroeder said.

Rolltech CEO Rich Belsky agreed. "Rolltech's live scoring technology will take PBA fans' connection to the sport and its pros to a truly exciting place. Great things happen when forward thinking, customer-focused companies work together, and this partnership is a perfect example."

PBA.com will continue to provide free frame-by-frame scoring during match play rounds for the PBA Challenge match play qualifiers on Friday, Oct. 24, and for the PBA World Championship match play rounds on Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 29 and 30. PBA.com also will provide free, live game-by-game scoring for all WSOB events.

PBA fans are encouraged to enroll in the new Xtra Frame Season Ticket program in time for the World Series. A special XF Season Ticket offer now available will provide new subscribers with up to 15 months of Xtra Frame access for the 12-month price of \$64.99 plus a "bonus" copy of the 2015 PBA Yearbook. To sign up, visit pba.com and click on the XF Season Ticket link.

Xtra Frame coverage of the World Series gets underway Friday with the \$10,000 winner-take-all match between Chris Barnes and JT (Action) Jackson at 5 p.m. ET, followed by the PBA Challenge match play qualifying events for the top eight PBA50 Tour, PBA Regional and PBA Women's Regional competitors.

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About Rolltech Bowling

Bowlers – real bowlers – forged Rolltech from their passion for the lanes and vision for the future of the sport. What started as a simple desire to track performance has evolved into a platform for bowlers to earn, track and compete as well as connect and compete with bowlers at home and around the world. Rolltech also provides centers with powerful, free analytics and real-time communication tools that make lasting connections between bowler and center. Rolltech is available for download from the iTunes and Google Play stores, or visit www.rolltechbowling.com.

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Bob Glass, Chris Peters, Barb Wilt Elected to PBA Hall of Fame

2015 induction ceremonies planned for February 10 in Indianapolis

CHICAGO (Oct. 20, 2014) – Bob Glass, a dominant player during a 10-year career on the PBA50 Tour; former Microsoft executive Chris Peters, who played a key role as a new owner in reviving the Professional Bowlers Association, and Barb Wilt, the longest-tenured employee in PBA history, have been elected to the PBA Hall of Fame.

Induction ceremonies will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 10, at the Marriott Indianapolis North in conjunction with the 50th anniversary Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions. The Hall of Fame Dinner will be open to the public; ticket information will be announced later.

Glass was elected in the PBA50 Performance category. Peters and Wilt will be recognized in the Meritorious Service category for their extraordinary efforts behind the scenes to advance the PBA.

Glass, one of the first true power players on the PBA50 Tour, competed as a senior between 1997 and 2007 when he won nine titles and finished in the top five 38 times in 78 tournaments, earning just shy of a half-million dollars (\$487,215). He won a pair of majors – the 2000 Brunswick PBA Senior Championship and 2001 United States Bowling Congress Seniors Masters – and earned PBA50 Player of the Year honors in 2000, 2001 and 2004.

Glass, who holds a PhD in economics and has a law degree, lives in Lawrence, Kansas, and currently is Chief of Economics and Rates with the Kansas Corporation Commission in nearby Topeka. Glass will celebrate his 67th birthday on Friday, Oct. 24.

"I was really surprised," Glass said of his election. "I bowled some on the regular tour, and I really only bowled full-time 5 1/2 years on the senior tour. I just feel real lucky. It's kind of shocking.

"I used to tell people that my game degenerated slower than other people's because as a senior, I was able to beat guys who used to beat me regularly," he added.

With an imposing 6-foot-2, 230-pound frame, Glass said, "I was still pretty strong when I came out (on the PBA50 Tour). Actually, Steve Wunderlich (a three-time PBA Tour titlist), who was with Track at the time, probably saved my career when he convinced me to drop from 16-pound equipment for 15 pounds because the heavier ball was too powerful."

Peters, an early employee of Microsoft who later became an executive with the company, led the effort to purchase the PBA with partners and fellow Microsoft executives Mike Slade and Rob Glaser in 2000. Peters and his partners provided an infusion of capital to ensure a solid foundation for the organization

while at the same time providing vision and innovative ideas to enhance the fan experience especially in the areas of event presentation and online coverage. The introduction of a professionally-designed "arena style set for TV finals, including professional presentation of signage and an overall enhanced image, helped the PBA generate more new non-bowling corporate sponsorships than the PBA had seen in several years.

During Peters' tenure as an owner and Chairman of the PBA Board of Directors, the PBA:

- Hired former Nike executives to enhance the organization's position as a major sports organization;
- Re-launched a more comprehensive and fan-friendly PBA.com;
- Developed live online broadcasting of PBA competition through Strike Pass subscription service (now Xtra-Frame). Strike Pass was one of the first online ventures in the sports world to provide fans with live video-streaming coverage;
- Successfully negotiated long-term contracts with ESPN to establish a consistent time slot for PBA Tour telecasts;
- Introduced the PBA Exempt Tour for the 2004-05 season, creating an "elite" tour to better showcase PBA Tour players and provide the Tour's most successful players with guaranteed opportunities to make a living by including record prize money for standard events. Each major featured a minimum \$100,000 first prize, with the PBA World Championship offering a then-record \$120,000 first prize.

"I was very excited when (PBA Commissioner) Tom Clark called," Peters said. "It's great. I'm a bit overwhelmed, but obviously this is shared with (co-owners) Rob (Glaser) and Mike (Slade). They were responsible, not just financially, but with their enthusiasm and ideas and everything else. I never could have done this without them.

"It's been 15 years since I first talked with (former PBA Commissioner) Mark Gerberich," Peters continued "Way back then, Rob and Mike and I thought there might be a way to showcase bowling on the Internet. The idea was crazy at the time, but now the world is catching up, and that's great to see.

"The nicest thing about my involvement is the people I met in the bowling industry," he added. "They are the nicest people I've met in the world, bar none, and that's what makes this so special. The PBA didn't have to do this. It's a huge honor. It's kind of a sad note, but my father was a big bowling fan, and he died during the past 15 years. He was the first one I wanted to call, so that kind of explains how much this means to me."

Wilt, who joined the PBA staff in 1970, retired to North Carolina in 2014 after 44 years of service to the organization. Her duties ranged from processing all PBA Tour entries to managing all of the PBA's statistical records, and virtually every other hands-on office chore over her extensive career.

When the PBA was sold in 2000, the new owners asked Wilt to assist with the transition to the new headquarters in Seattle, so she moved to Seattle and continued to work to make improvements in membership, entries and statistical processes.

She was the face of the PBA among most of its thousands of members over four-plus decades, providing a familiar and friendly voice to help them with their needs, and she was conduit between PBA's national and regional tournament directors in bridging the gap between the "office and the road." She also became the organization's unofficial historian and served as a guardian of old records, photographs and historical information.

"I'm overwhelmed. I never believed this would happen," Wilt said. "It's pretty overwhelming and I'm very very honored.

"I did a job I loved to do, and worked with great people and terrific athletes, and I got the better end of the deal. It's pretty cool."

There were no candidates elected in the PBA Performance category.

Eligibility for the PBA Hall of Fame in the performance category requires a minimum of 20 years of PBA membership plus a minimum of 10 standard PBA Tour titles, or five titles plus two majors. Eligibility for the PBA50 performance category, which is intended to recognize players who excelled after reaching the age of 50, requires a minimum of 10 years of PBA50 competition plus a minimum of eight PBA50 Tour titles, or five standard PBA50 titles plus two majors. Candidates must receive a two-thirds majority of ballots cast in order to be elected.

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**PBA Awards International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame
Presenting Sponsorship of WSOB VI PBA Challenge Telecast**

CHICAGO (Oct. 14, 2014) – The International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame will be presenting sponsor of the PBA Challenge telecast on ESPN on Sunday, Jan. 18, PBA Commissioner Tom Clark has announced. The presenting sponsorship was awarded by the PBA to create awareness for the IBMHOF, which is located in Arlington, Texas.

The PBA Challenge presented by the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame telecast will be contested on Sunday, Nov. 2, at 10:30 p.m. local time in the new South Point Bowling Plaza as part of PBA World Series of Bowling VI. The telecast will feature four two-player matches involving PBA50 Tour, PBA Regional, PBA Women's Regional and Teen Masters competitors.

The PBA Challenge finalists will be determined in eight-game round-robin match play events covered live on Xtra Frame on Friday, Oct. 24, at South Point. The qualifying events will include PBA Regional points leaders representing the eight PBA Regions, eight PBA Women's Regional points winners, and eight PBA50 Tour competition points leaders. The fourth match will include the 2014 Teen Masters boys' and girls' division champions in a Grand Championship contest. The four match winners will then bowl in a one-ball, low-score-eliminated Knock Out Bonus Round to conclude the telecast.

"I think it's a fantastic idea and a generous offer on behalf of the PBA," said Bob Gudorf, President of the IBMHOF Board of Trustees. "Any visibility the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame gets is great. It's good for bowling."

The IBMHOF is the home for the history of the sport, which includes the heritage of the PBA, its stars and its events. For more information about the IBMHOF, visit bowlingmuseum.com.

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New "Xtra Frame Season Ticket" Offers Front Row Seat to 2015 PBA Season

Special offer provides up to 15 months of online video-streaming for price of 12 plus free PBA Yearbook

CHICAGO (Oct. 10, 2014) – The Professional Bowlers Association's exclusive online video-streaming service, Xtra Frame, is now offering PBA fans around the world a front row seat to an expanded 2015 season through a new Xtra Frame Season Ticket which will provide subscribers with up to 15 months of access for the price of 12 months, plus a copy of the new 2015 PBA Yearbook.

The Xtra Frame Season Ticket will provide fans with more than 60 hours of live coverage of the PBA World Series of Bowling VI, similar coverage of WSOB VII in 2015, and a 24/7 package of more than 300 hours of live "online television" at a subscription price of \$64.99 at the cost of a 12-month subscription. Everyone who enrolls in the XF Season Ticket program by no later November 30 will receive access to Xtra Frame through December 31, 2015.

Beyond PBA's packages of ESPN and CBS Sports Network television programs, which are available to cable television viewers in the United States, Xtra Frame will expand coverage of the stars of the PBA in action in a new series of seven exclusive PBA Tour Xtra Frame tournaments, full coverage of the PBA50 Tour plus the PBA's first live coverage of an event from Japan, the DHC PBA Japan Invitational, January 13-18.

"I always tell our fans they can see all of the action more than ever, from anywhere in the world, on Xtra Frame," said PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke, "and my mother is the biggest Xtra Frame fan. She never misses a shot."

Xtra Frame, which is an integral part of the comprehensive PBA Network, also allows fans an opportunity to watch historic PBA Tour telecasts from previous seasons through its extensive archive of more than 100 telecasts, new product videos from PBA's Product Registered partners, instructional videos, interviews with PBA stars and more.

"Xtra Frame has grown in popularity every year as we have expanded live coverage of PBA competition at all levels," said PBA Commissioner Tom Clark. "Xtra Frame has become a cornerstone of the PBA, giving PBA fans around the world unique access to the best of the PBA, 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

As a special bonus, XF Season Ticket subscribers who enroll by the November 30 deadline will receive a copy of the new 2015 PBA Yearbook by mail when it is published in January.

To enroll, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

2014-15 PBA SCHEDULE OF XTRA FRAME EVENTS

Oct. 24-30: GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI (PBA Regional, PBA50 Tour, PBA Women's Regional Match Play Elimination Rounds; Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game, Viper, Scorpion, Chameleon and PBA World Championship preliminary rounds, South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas

Oct. 31: 2015 PBA League Draft, South Point, Las Vegas

Jan. 14-18: DHC PBA Japan Invitational 2015, Tokyo Port Bowl, Tokyo, Japan

Jan. 26-30: PBA Players Championship and Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship qualifying and match play, Bowlmor AMF Bowlero, Wauwatosa, Wis.

Feb. 1-8: United States Bowling Congress Masters, Ashwaubenon Bowl, Green Bay, Wis. (preliminary rounds)

Feb. 10-15: 50th Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions, Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis (preliminary rounds)

Feb. 27-March 1: PBA Xtra Frame Pensacola South Open, New Liberty Lanes, Pensacola, Fla.

March 30-31: PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout, Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine

April 11-14: PBA50 Pasco County Open, Lane-Glo Bowl, New Port Richey, Fla.

April 18-21: PBA50 Sun Bowl in The Villages, Spanish Springs Lanes, The Villages, Fla.

April 26-29: PBA50 Miller High Life Classic, George Pappas' Victory Lanes, Mooresville, N.C.

May 9-17: Oklahoma's Grand Casino and Resort PBA Summer Swing (Wolf, Bear, Badger and Oklahoma Open tournaments), Firelake Bowling Center and Grand Casino Event Center, Shawnee, Okla. (preliminary rounds; CBS Sports Network finals archived one week after original air date)

May 31-June 5: Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open, Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas

June 7-10: PBA50 Northern California Classic, Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood, Calif.

June 13-16: PBA50 Grants Pass Open, Cave Man Bowl, Grants Pass, Ore.

June 26-28: PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Southwest Open, South Plains Lanes, Lubbock, Texas

July 19-22: PBA50 Treasure Island Resort & Casino Open, Island Xtreme Bowl, Welch, Minn.

July 27-Aug. 1: USBC Senior Masters, Ashwaubenon Bowl, Green Bay, Wis.

July 31-Aug. 2: PBA Xtra Frame Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, Palace Lanes, Houston, Texas

Aug. 4-7: PBA/PBA50 South Shore Doubles, Olympia Lanes, Hammond, Ind.

Aug. 8-11: PBA50 Pro Bowl West Fort Wayne Classic, Pro Bowl West, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Aug. 13-15: PBA60 Dick Weber Super Senior Classic, Pro Bowl West, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Aug. 21-23: PBA Xtra Frame Middletown East Open, Mid-County Lanes, Middletown, Del.

Oct. 9-11: PBA Xtra Frame Iowa Midwest Open, Thunderbowl, Council Bluffs, Iowa

Oct. 16-Nov. 1: PBA World Series of Bowling VII (Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon, Scorpion Opens; PBA World Championship; World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals presented by PBA), South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas (preliminary rounds)

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PBA Network Launch Provides PBA Access to Bowling Fans Around the World

Diversity of events, programs, media outlets combined under one umbrella

CHICAGO (Sept. 19, 2014) – The Professional Bowlers Association has announced the launch of the PBA Network, a multi-platform media umbrella built for fans and highlighted by televised and digital event coverage of the best players in the world competing for the most coveted titles in the sport.

Through the PBA Network, fans will have unprecedented access to the PBA including wall-to-wall coverage of an expanded schedule of live events, player interaction, mobile gaming, original programming, archived events and immediate news updates anytime, on varying communications devices anywhere in the world.

PBA.com, the official website of the PBA, will be the home base for the PBA Network (<http://www.pba.com/PBANetwork/>), linking to all of its media touch points at pba.com/PBANetwork. Xtra Frame, the PBA's streaming video service, is the lynchpin of the PBA Network with a yearly subscription fee of \$64.99 (\$5.41 a month) or monthly subscription rate of \$7.99, available at xtraframe.tv/pba/.

"The PBA has provided the most memorable moments and defined icons in bowling since its inception in 1958. Along the way it has been part of the fabric of the sports world as a staple on national television for more than 50 consecutive years, including every year of broadcast partner ESPN's history since 1979," PBA Commissioner Tom Clark said. "The PBA has also been a trailblazer and leader in digital online coverage of sporting events since 2001, first on our Strike Pass, now Xtra Frame platform.

"The PBA Network celebrates the diversity of media outlets, competition and programming we have developed to make it better than ever for bowling fans to play games and get the best bowling action, news and information they want, whenever they want it, using whatever communications tools available to them."

The PBA Network is also a cohesive vehicle for the PBA's sponsors and partners to reach its great fan base across the PBA's expanding media universe, including:

- Network television (ESPN, ESPN2, ESPN Classic, CBS Sports Network). In 2015, PBA's network telecasts will include more than 47 hours of original programming and will reach a total audience of more than 50 million viewers.
- Live streaming video (Xtra Frame). PBA produces hundreds of hours of live coverage of PBA Tour, PBA50 and PBA Regional events, plus original programming and archived ESPN shows, qualifying rounds

and match play from hundreds of events serving a dedicated audience of more than 5,500 paid subscribers on a daily basis. Captivated subscribers spend an average of 60 minutes per viewing.

- Web site (PBA.com). Featuring live scoring of major events, statistical updates, calendar information, video, player bios, scoring records, historical data and links to player web sites and social media. In the past 12 months, more than 2.5 million unique users from over 100 countries visited pba.com, recording just over 19 million page views.
- Online video (PBA YouTube Channel). PBA's video content on its dedicated YouTube Channel has recorded more than nine million views.
- PBA In-box (PBA e-Newsletter, email notices). More than 200,000 PBA fans have signed up to receive the PBA's electronic fan newsletter to get news and sponsor updates via email.
- Mobile gaming (PBA Bowling Challenge by Concrete Software is on Google Play, Apple iOS, Amazon App Store, Nook). Nearly 11 million mobile device users have been exposed to PBA competition through downloads and more than 115,000 play the PBA game on a daily basis.
- Social media (Professional Bowlers Association [PBA] Facebook page and associated PBA Regional, PBA50, PBA League and PBA personality Facebook pages; and @PBATour on Twitter). PBA's most prominent social media outlets include 150,000-plus likes and 27,000-plus followers. PBA Player and PBA League owner communications via social media bring those numbers into millions of followers.

"Access and availability have been critical in developing the PBA Network along with digital partners such as our Xtra Frame host NeuLion and mobile game developer Concrete Software," Clark said. "Whether your favorite communications device is your smart phone, lap top, tablet or TV, the PBA has created a media outlet that allows you to access news and watch bowling action easily anytime and anywhere."

The recently-released 2015 PBA calendar of events (<http://news.pba.com/post/2014/9/17/29-PBA-Tour-Titles-Will-Be-Decided-During-Expanded-2015-Season.aspx>) includes a global tournament schedule that will reward 37 PBA national titles from now until the end of 2015. In 2015, the PBA will conduct more than 180 tournaments in the USA and more in cooperation with a growing number of international partners and World Bowling. The PBA Network includes on-site fan interaction and pro-ams in over 150 cities worldwide for PBA Tour, PBA50 Tour, PBA Regionals for men, seniors and women; World Bowling-PBA International Tour and PBA Japan Regional program events.

PBA Network promotional posters featuring reigning PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte, Rookie of the Year E. J. Tackett, Summer Swing King of the Swing Bill O'Neill and World Bowling Tour Finals champion Sean Rash have been distributed to most bowling centers in the USA and the PBA Network launch video is on the PBA's free YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KjUFx5-lhcM&feature=youtu.be>.

About the PBA

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29 PBA Tour Titles Will Be At Stake During 2015 Season

Three majors, new Xtra Frame events, doubles tournaments, expanded international series on tap

CHICAGO (Sept. 17, 2014) – An expanded schedule of tournament activity is on tap for the Professional Bowlers Association for calendar year 2015, including three major championships, six Xtra Frame tournaments, three doubles events and nine PBA International-World Bowling Tour tournaments among 29 PBA Tour title events.

The comprehensive schedule of PBA events will include 22 PBA television programs on ESPN and the CBS Sports Network, plus live online coverage of more than 40 events by PBA's Xtra Frame online broadcast crew, PBA Commissioner Tom Clark announced today.

In addition to following the stars of the PBA on television and via the Internet, fans will be able to attend PBA events in person in California, Delaware, Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Nevada, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin. International tour stops will include visits to Japan, Korea, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Finland, Bahrain, Kuwait and Germany.

Highlights of the 2015 schedule include:

- The PBA Tour's first visit to Maine for the third annual PBA League eliminations and Elias Cup finals along with a new PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout in late March.
- Three doubles tournaments, including the renewal of the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship; the PBA Xtra Frame Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles in Houston, Texas, July 31-Aug. 2, and the PBA/PBA50 Tour Doubles Championship which will pair PBA Tour players with "senior" partners in August in Hammond, Indiana.
- Six new PBA Tour title-events covered live on Xtra Frame in Pensacola, Florida; Lubbock, Texas; Middletown, Delaware; Portland, Maine; Houston, Texas (mixed doubles), and Council Bluffs, Iowa. The former regional events will feature enhanced prize funds and elevation to PBA Tour title status.
- The return of the Chris Paul PBA Celebrity Invitational, a special fund-raising event, to be held on Jan. 8 in Los Angeles for airing on Super Bowl Sunday.
- The return of the Grand Casino Resort PBA Summer Swing to Shawnee, Okla., May 9-17, which means four PBA Tour title events and five telecasts on CBS Sports Network.

- The return of PBA World Series of Bowling VII to the South Point Hotel, Casino and Spa complex in Las Vegas.

The 2015 PBA calendar also includes 11 PBA50 Tour events, plus special events for the PBA's 50-and-older top players during PBA World Series of Bowling VI and VII, and the PBA will conduct more than 140 Regional tournaments in cities within the PBA's East, South, Central, Midwest, Southwest and West Regions, plus tournaments conducted by the new PBA Japan Region.

The PBA will conclude its 2014 campaign with five championship tournaments and two special events in World Series of Bowling VI at South Point in Las Vegas, followed by the Japan Cup and PBA International-World Bowling Tour events in Korea, Qatar and Saudi Arabia, which means that between November 2014 and the end of 2015, PBA Tour players will compete for 37 titles and nearly \$4 million in prize money.

PBA fans will be able to follow hundreds of hours of PBA Tour, PBA50 Tour and regional action throughout the schedule by subscribing to Xtra Frame at the monthly rate of \$7.99, or for a full-year for only \$64.99 (less than \$5.50 per month). Visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link for complete details. Extensive PBA coverage also will be available on PBA's Facebook, Twitter and YouTube pages.

2014 PBA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Oct. 24-Nov. 2: GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI (PBA Regional, PBA50 Tour, PBA Women's Regional Match Play Elimination Rounds; Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game, Viper, Scorpion, Chameleon and PBA World Championship preliminary rounds, South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas (preliminary rounds on Xtra Frame, finals Nov. 1-2 and Jan. 11)

Nov. 13-15: Japan Cup, Minami Suna Round1 Bowling Center, Tokyo, Japan

Nov. 9-22: PBA International-World Bowling Tour Daejeon International Open, Daejeon World Cup Bowling Center, Daejeon, Korea

Nov. 21-27: PBA International-World Bowling Tour Qatar Open, Qatar Bowling Center, Doha, Qatar

Nov. 28-Dec. 3: PBA International-World Bowling Tour 8th Kingdom International Open, Universal Bowling Center, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Dec. 4-15: WTBA Men's World Championships (non-PBA event), Khalifa International Bowling Centre, Abu Dhabi, UAE

2015 PBA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (tentative; visit pba.com for updates)

Jan. 8: Chris Paul PBA Celebrity Invitational, site to be announced, Los Angeles (ESPN, Feb. 1, 4:30 p.m. ET)

Jan. 6-11: PBA International-World Bowling Tour Ballmaster Open, Tali Bowling Center, Helsinki, Finland

Jan. 11: GEICO WSOB VI PBA World Championship stepladder finals, South Point Bowling Stadium, Las Vegas (ESPN live, 1 p.m. ET)

Jan. 14-18: DHC PBA Japan Invitational 2015, Tokyo Port Bowl, Tokyo, Japan (Xtra Frame)

Jan. 26-30: PBA Players Championship and Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship qualifying and match play, Bowlmor AMF Bowlero, Wauwatosa, Wis. (Xtra Frame)

Feb. 1-8: United States Bowling Congress Masters, Ashwaubenon Bowl, Green Bay, Wis. (preliminary rounds on Xtra Frame, finals on ESPN live, Feb. 8, 1 p.m. ET)

Feb. 10-15: 50th Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions, Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis (preliminary rounds on Xtra Frame, finals on ESPN live, Feb. 15, 1 p.m. ET); PBA Players Championship finals, Feb. 14 (ESPN, Feb. 22, 1 p.m. ET); Mark Roth/Marshall Homan PBA Doubles Championship finals, Feb. 15 (ESPN March 1, 1 p.m. ET)

Feb. 24-March 2: PBA International-World Bowling Tour H.H. Emir Cup, Qatar Bowling Center, Doha, Qatar

Feb. 27-March 1: PBA Xtra Frame Pensacola South Open, New Liberty Lanes, Pensacola, Fla. (Xtra Frame)

March 5-10: PBA International-World Bowling Tour Kingdom of Bahrain Open, Ozone Entertainment Center, Oman, Bahrain

March 13-17: PBA International-World Bowling Tour Kuwait Open, Cozmo Bowling Center, Kuwait City, Kuwait

March 19-22: PBA International-World Bowling Tour Brunswick Euro Challenge, Dream-Bowl Palace, Munich, Germany

March 28-30: PBA League Playoffs and Elias Cup Finals, Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine (ESPN, March 29 4:30 p.m. ET; April 5, 3:30 p.m. ET; April 12, 2 p.m. ET and April 19, 1 p.m. ET)

March 30-31: PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout, Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine (Xtra Frame)

April 11-14: PBA50 Pasco County Open, Lane-Glo Bowl, New Port Richey, Fla. (Xtra Frame)

April 18-21: PBA50 Sun Bowl in The Villages, Spanish Springs Lanes, The Villages, Fla. (Xtra Frame)

April 26-29: PBA50 Miller High Life Classic, George Pappas' Victory Lanes, Mooresville, N.C. (Xtra Frame)

May 9-17: Oklahoma's Grand Casino and Resort PBA Summer Swing (Wolf, Bear, Badger and Oklahoma Open tournaments), Firelake Bowling Center and Grand Casino Event Center, Shawnee, Okla. (preliminary rounds on Xtra Frame, finals on CBS Sports Network, air dates to be announced)

May 31-June 5: Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open, Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas (Xtra Frame)

June 7-10: PBA50 Northern California Classic, Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood, Calif. (Xtra Frame)

June 13-16: PBA50 Grants Pass Open, Cave Man Bowl, Grants Pass, Ore. (Xtra Frame)

June 26-28: PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Southwest Open, South Plains Lanes, Lubbock, Texas (Xtra Frame)

July 19-22: PBA50 Treasure Island Resort & Casino Open, Island Xtreme Bowl, Welch, Minn. (Xtra Frame)

July 27-Aug. 1: USBC Senior Masters, Ashwaubenon Bowl, Green Bay, Wis.

July 31-Aug. 2: PBA Xtra Frame Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, Palace Lanes, Houston, Texas (Xtra Frame)

Aug. 4-7: PBA/PBA50 South Shore Doubles, Olympia Lanes, Hammond, Ind. (Xtra Frame)

Aug. 8-11: PBA50 Pro Bowl West Fort Wayne Classic, Pro Bowl West, Fort Wayne, Ind. (Xtra Frame)

Aug. 13-15: PBA60 Dick Weber Super Senior Classic, Pro Bowl West, Fort Wayne, Ind. (Xtra Frame)

Aug. 21-23: PBA Xtra Frame Middletown East Open, Middletown, Del. (Xtra Frame)

Sept. (tba): PBA International-World Bowling Tour Thailand, Blu-O Paragon, Bangkok

Oct. 9-11: PBA Xtra Frame Iowa Midwest Open, Council Bluffs, Iowa (Xtra Frame)

Oct. 16-Nov. 1: PBA World Series of Bowling VII (Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon, Scorpion Opens; PBA World Championship; World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals presented by PBA), South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas (preliminary rounds on Xtra Frame, finals on ESPN, air dates to be announced)

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PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game to Sponsor PBA Cheetah Championship

Concrete Software's popular mobile device game continues to attract millions of users

CHICAGO (Sept. 5, 2014) – PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game has been named presenting sponsor of the 2014 PBA Cheetah Championship, PBA Commissioner Tom Clark announced today.

The PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game will be the first of four animal pattern championships conducted during PBA World Series of Bowling VI at South Point Bowling Center in Las Vegas. Qualifying and match play rounds will be contested on Saturday, Oct. 25, with the four-player stepladder finals to be conducted on Saturday, Nov. 1, for telecast on ESPN on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 1 p.m. ET.

Since its introduction in January 2013, the "Official Mobile Game of the PBA" has surpassed 8.3 million downloads on Android mobile devices, and has added almost 2 million downloads on iOS devices since its availability for Apple products in November of 2013. Those figures from Concrete Software, the creator of the PBA Bowling Challenge, translate into 4,700 downloads per day by Android users and 2,700 daily downloads by iOS users. Another 350,000 downloads have been recorded by Amazon and Barnes & Noble device users.

PBA Bowling Challenge is a mobile game that features actual tournaments, oil patterns, bowling balls and legendary PBA bowlers who are faithfully represented throughout the game's extensive career mode.

"The fact that an average of roughly 117,000 people play PBA Bowling Challenge every day is a testament to the game's popularity," said Keith Pichelman, CEO of Concrete Software.

Pichelman noted PBA Bowling Challenge is especially appealing to young people, with 40 percent of the players being between the ages of 13 and 24, and another 29 percent in the 25-34 age group – all exciting numbers for both Concrete Software and the sport of bowling.

To download the PBA game in a version to fit your mobile device, visit <http://www.concretesoftware.com/web/games/pba-bowling-challenge/> and click on the proper app store button.

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Frame, the PBA's exclusive online bowling channel. PBA sponsors include Barbasol, Brunswick, Ebonite International, GEICO, HotelPlanner.com, Jack Link's, MOTIV, Storm Products and the United States Bowling Congress, among others. For more information, log on to www.pba.com.

About Concrete Software

Since 2003, Concrete Software has been creating your favorite games across all major mobile platforms, including iOS, Android, BlackBerry and Windows Phone. Fun, challenging, addictive — Concrete Software makes rock solid games. Find out how at www.concretesoftware.com.

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PBA's 50th Anniversary Tournament of Champions Highlights ESPN Schedule

Live coverage of three major championships on tap as 34th season on ESPN begins on December 14

SEATTLE (Aug. 29, 2014) – The Professional Bowlers Association's 34th consecutive season of coverage on ESPN begins on Sunday, Dec. 14, and includes 16 weeks of national television coverage for the world's best bowlers, including live coverage of three major championships: the 50th anniversary Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions, PBA World Championship and United States Bowling Congress Masters.

The new season on ESPN begins on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 1 p.m. ET with the finals of the PBA Cheetah Championship. The ESPN schedule will feature 27.5 hours of coverage, including six GEICO World Series of Bowling VI shows originating from the South Point Bowling Stadium in Las Vegas (the first events ever held in the new start-of-the-art facility), four PBA League telecasts and the 2014 Chris Paul PBA Celebrity Invitational. Over the course of the season, PBA competition will be seen by more than 50 million bowling fans across North America and in selected markets around the world.

The broadcast team of Mike Jakubowski, color analyst Randy Pedersen and sideline reporter Kimberly Pressler will return to handle ESPN coverage. Pedersen, a 2010 PBA Hall of Fame inductee, returns to the broadcast booth for the 14th consecutive season. Pressler, Miss USA 1999, made her debut as PBA's sideline reporter during WSOB II in 2010. Jakubowski, the voice of PBA's Xtra Frame, is back for his second season as ESPN play-by-play announcer.

The highlights of the 2014-15 schedule will be the historic 50th anniversary PBA Tournament of Champions, sponsored by Barbasol and hosted by Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis, along with PBA World Championship finals from South Point Bowling Stadium in Las Vegas on Sunday, Jan. 11. The five players who qualify for the World Championship stepladder finals during GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI at South Point in late October will return to Las Vegas for the live telecast.

The USBC Masters finals from Green Bay, Wis., on the Sunday preceding the PBA Tournament of Champions telecast also has potential to write a new page in bowling history as two-time defending champion Jason Belmonte of Australia will enter the tournament trying to become the first player ever to win that event three years in a row. PBA Hall of Famer Mike Aulby is the only player to win the Masters three times, but he didn't win in consecutive years.

All of the 2014-15 ESPN telecasts will be two hours except for the four PBA animal pattern championships which will be four-player, one-hour shows, and the Chris Paul PBA Invitational, which will be a 90-minute telecast in its traditional timeslot on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 1. Eleven of the 16 telecasts will begin at 1

p.m. ET, and the Jan. 25 telecast of the World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals presented by the PBA will air on ESPN2.

In addition to the ESPN schedule, the PBA will provide extensive live on-site coverage of preliminary rounds of all PBA Tour events on its subscription-based online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. Xtra Frame subscriptions are available for \$7.99 for one month or \$64.99 for a full year. For subscription information and complete video streaming schedule details, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

ESPN-PBA TELEVISION SCHEDULE **(All times are Eastern)**

Sunday, Dec. 14 – GEICO WSOB VI PBA Cheetah Championship, 1 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 21 – GEICO WSOB VI PBA Viper Championship, 1 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 28 – GEICO WSOB VI PBA Chameleon Championship, 1 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 4 – GEICO WSOB VI PBA Scorpion Championship, 1 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 11 – GEICO WSOB VI PBA World Championship, 1 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 18 – GEICO WSOB VI PBA Challenge (PBA50 Tour Finals, PBA Women's Regional Finals, PBA Regional Finals, Teen Masters Grand Championship), 3 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 25 (ESPN2) –GEICO WSOB VI World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals presented by PBA, 1 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 1 – Chris Paul PBA Celebrity Invitational, 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 8 – United States Bowling Congress Masters, 1 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 15 – 50th anniversary Barbasol PBA Tournament of Championships, 1 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 22 – PBA Players Championship, 1 p.m.
Sunday, March 1 –Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship, 1 p.m.
Sunday, March 29 – PBA League Quarterfinals, 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 5 – PBA League Quarterfinals, 3:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 12 – PBA League Semifinals, 2 p.m.
Sunday, April 19 – PBA League Elias Cup Finals, 1 p.m.

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GEICO Returns as Entitlement Partner of PBA World Series of Bowling VI

SEATTLE (Aug. 29, 2014) – GEICO, one of America’s largest automobile insurers with more than 17 million policyholders, will celebrate its 12th anniversary as a primary partner of the Professional Bowlers Association by serving as the Entitlement Partner of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI.

The multi-event international bowling competition will be held Oct. 24 through Nov. 2 at South Point Casino, Hotel and Bowling Center in Las Vegas. The GEICO WSOB VI will feature seven ESPN-televised events, beginning Sunday, Dec. 14, at 1 p.m. ET, and continuing every Sunday through Jan. 25.

The World Series will generate a significant television audience for GEICO. WSOB V reached a television audience of more than 4.5 million viewers resulting in 13 million impressions. In addition, 175,000 unique fans visited pba.com during the World Series, generating 2.5 million page views to monitor results while the event was underway.

GEICO made its debut as a PBA Tour sponsor in the 2003 GEICO Open in West Babylon, New York, and has been a PBA entitlement sponsor every year since, in addition to being one of the PBA Tour’s leading advertisers in support of PBA’s telecasts.

“The PBA’s partnership with GEICO has been mutually beneficial on all levels, and it’s especially significant when the package involves the World Series of Bowling,” said PBA Commissioner Tom Clark.

The entitlement partnership provides GEICO with more than \$500,000 in measured media exposure through signage, commercial units and more over a span of two months, Clark noted. Part of the enhanced exposure includes incorporation of the GEICO logo into the official World Series logo, prime on-camera visibility on masking units above the lanes and on ball returns, as well as extensive audio recognition.

Over the years, the PBA has been able to dramatically expand the exposure it provides to GEICO, he continued. In addition to exposure on ESPN telecasts, GEICO is prominently featured in more than 50 hours of live, online video streaming coverage through Xtra Frame, the PBA’s Internet bowling channel that didn’t exist when the PBA and GEICO began their relationship.

The GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling will award more than \$650,000 in prize money, making it the richest event in professional bowling. A sold-out field of 240 bowlers representing a record-tying 21 different countries is already confirmed. Since its inception, the WSOB has welcomed bowlers from 36 different countries.

The PBA's growing legion of international bowling fans will also follow the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling on pba.com's live scoring feature as well as on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

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About GEICO

GEICO, the Government Employees Insurance Company, has been helping people save money on insurance for over 75 years. GEICO's mission was simple: keep costs low, and pass the saving on to the customer. This philosophy remains as the cornerstone of the company, and has helped GEICO become the nation's third-largest private auto insurance company. GEICO continues to offer competitive rates, discounts for federal and military service members, and 24/7 customer service. Additionally, GEICO also offers motorcycle and RV coverage, and can help with homeowners, renters, boat insurance and more through the GEICO Insurance Agency, Inc. GEICO. 15 minutes could save you 15% or more on car insurance. ®

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2015 PBA League Draft Set for Live Xtra Frame Coverage on October 31

Team managers to draft new rosters during PBA World Series of Bowling VI in Las Vegas

SEATTLE (Aug. 28, 2014) – Who will be the first player selected when the Professional Bowlers Association conducts its 2015 PBA League Draft on Friday, Oct. 31, during the PBA World Series of Bowling VI? Reigning Player of the Year Jason Belmonte? Hall of Famer Pete Weber? A left-hander, right-hander, budding future star?

A live international audience watching the third annual PBA League draft on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame, will be the first to know as eight team managers select all-new team rosters in preparation for the PBA Tour's first-ever visit to the state of Maine.

The eight-team PBA League will compete in two days of team competition for delayed telecast on ESPN on Saturday and Sunday, March 28-29, at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine.

The PBA League in 2015 will feature the same eight teams it fielded during its first two seasons, but the only thing about the teams that will remain the same is their names and team managers. After a random draw to determine the draft order, managers will fill their rosters with five players who will compete in Maine in two days of intense competition featuring Baker-format elimination rounds leading to the Elias Cup Finals. The Elias Cup will be decided by points earned in singles, doubles, trio and Baker team matches.

Highlights of the 2015 program include:

- The 2015 draft will be held on Friday, Oct. 31, during PBA WSOB VI at South Point in Las Vegas and carried live on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel. Team managers will be: Mark Baker (defending Elias Cup champion Silver Lake Atom Splitters), Carolyn Dorin-Ballard (GEICO New York City WTT KingPins), Johnny Petraglia (Brooklyn STyLES), Norm Duke (Dallas Strikers), Tim Mack (Pittsburgh Jack Rabbits), Jason Couch (Philadelphia Hitmen), Andrew Cain (L.A. X) and Del Ballard Jr. (Barbasol Motown Muscle).
- Players eligible for the 2015 PBA League Draft will be the top 50 in PBA Tour competition points between the 2013 World Series of Bowling V and the 2014 Oklahoma Grand Casino and Resort Summer Swing, plus any player who was on a PBA League roster for 2014, but didn't qualify based on points (see the complete draft-eligible player list below).
- For the draft, eligible players will be ranked based upon their position on the points list. The first player elected by each team must be taken from the group of players ranking 1-10 on the points list. The

second player drafted will come from the group ranked 11-20 in points, plus any undrafted players from group one. The third player drafted will come from those ranked 21-30 in points. The fourth player will come from those ranked 31-40 in points, and the fifth player will come from the players ranked 41-50 and previous team members not among the points leaders. Players undrafted in each round will be eligible in the following round, expanding the pool of players as each round continues. The draft exception will be Dallas player-manager Norm Duke, who finished 39th on the points list, will draft himself in the fourth round.

- The only draft-eligible woman on the list is Colombia native Clara Guerrero, who last year became the third woman in history to bowl in a nationally-televised final when she qualified for the PBA Cheetah Championship stepladder in WSOB V, eventually finishing fourth.
- Draft-eligible players must declare their desire to participate in the PBA League. Players may begin declaring for the draft on October 1. The deadline to declare is October 15.
- A random draw will determine the team draft order. The draft will then be conducted in "serpentine" format whereby Team No. 1 will pick first in the first round and last in the second round, and Team No. 8 will pick last in the first round and first in the second round, etc.

In the 2015 PBA League playoffs, players will compete for a projected \$250,000 in prize money.

The three-day visit to Portland will include a day of practice and pro-am activity where Maine adult, youth and senior league bowlers will have a chance to bowl with the stars of the PBA, followed by two days of Baker-format team competition for delayed telecast on ESPN. The quarterfinal round will include four best-of-two-game Baker team matches, with all five players bowling two frames per game. The four winning teams will advance to the two-game, Baker format semifinal round which will produce two winners to bowl for the Elias Cup.

The Elias Cup will be decided based upon total pinfall for a singles match (with 10 bonus pins to the winner), alternate-shot doubles match (15 bonus pins), trios match (20 bonus pins) and five-player Baker team match (50 bonus pins).

- ESPN will televise the PBA League quarterfinal, semifinal and Elias Cup Finals on four consecutive Sundays, March 29, April 5, 12 and 19.

2015 PBA LEAGUE SCHEDULE

Friday, October 31

PBA League Draft, South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas (live coverage on Xtra Frame)

Competition Schedule, Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine

Friday, March 27

9 a.m. – Practice Session

Tba – Pro-Am squads

Saturday, March 28 (best of two games, Baker format; one-ball roll-off to break ties)

Noon – Quarterfinal Match One: Team 1 vs. Team 8

Quarterfinal Match Two: Team 5 vs. Team 4

4:30 P.M. – Quarterfinal Match Three: Team 2 vs. Team 7

Quarterfinal Match Four: Team 6 vs. Team 3

Sunday, March 29

Noon – Semifinal Match One: Winner Match One vs. Winner Match Two (best of two games, Baker format; one-ball roll-off to break ties)
Semifinal Match Two: Winner Match Three vs. Winner Match Four (best of two games, Baker format; one-ball roll-off to break ties)
4:30 p.m. – Elias Cup Finals: Winner Semifinal One vs. Winner Semifinal Two, total pinfall (singles, 10 bonus pins; alternate-shot doubles, 15 bonus pins; trios, 20 bonus pins; Baker team, 50 bonus pins)

2015 PBA LEAGUE DRAFT-ELIGIBLE LIST

(based upon PBA Tour competition points earned between 2013 WSOB IV and 2014 PBA Summer Swing)

PBAL Group One

- 1,** Jason Belmonte, 138,842
- 2,** Dom Barrett, 101,973
- 3,** E.J. Tackett, 71,757
- 4,** Sean Rash, 69,465
- 5,** Wes Malott, 67,665
- 6,** Tom Smallwood, 64,909
- 7,** Pete Weber, 62,824
- 8,** Bill O'Neill, 61,324
- 9,** Chris Barnes, 60,008
- 10,** Ryan Ciminelli, 55,551

PBAL Group Two

- 11,** Tommy Jones, 49,557
- 12,** Mike Fagan, 47,609
- 13,** Ronnie Russell, 40,795
- 14,** Dick Allen, 38,557
- 15,** Mika Koivuniemi, 38,312
- 16,** Chris Loschetter, 37,853
- 17,** Dan MacLelland, 33,955
- 18,** Stuart Williams, 33,396
- 19,** Tom Daugherty, 29,836
- 20,** Josh Blanchard, 28,529

PBAL Group Three

- 21,** Dave Wodka, 27,129
- 22,** Martin Larsen, 26,777
- 23,** Michael Haugen, 26,634
- 24,** Thomas Larsen, 25,653
- 25,** Parker Bohn, 25,579
- 26,** D.J. Archer 25,070
- 27,** Brian Valenta, 24,034
- 28,** Brian Kretzer, 22,806
- 29,** Shawn Maldonado, 22,190
- 30,** Nathan Bohr, 22,054

PBAL Group Four

- 31,** Jake Peters, 21,780
- 32,** Jason Sterner, 21,759
- 33,** Tom Baker, 21,546

34, Ryan Shafer, 21,386
35, Walter Ray Williams Jr., 21,186
36, Lee Vanderhoef, 21,054
37, Scott Norton, 20,717
38. Patrick Allen. 20,600
39, Norm Duke, 20,543
40, John Szczerbinski, 19,444

PBAL Group Five

41, Eugene McCune, 19,387
42, Craig Nidiffer, 18,826
43, Bryon Smith, 18,218
44, Osku Palermaa, 17,076
45, Rhino Page, 16,860
46, Dino Castillo, 16,684
47, Clara Guerrero, 16,262
48, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, 15,726
49, Jesse Buss, 15,168
50, Andres Gomez, 15,067

Draft Eligible (2014 PBAL team member)

53, Michael Machuga, 14,279
57, Mike DeVaney, 13,035
63, Amleto Monacelli, 11,337
77, Mike Scroggins, 9,262

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Jack Jurek Wins PBA50 South Shore Open for First PBA50 Tour Title

HAMMOND, Ind. (Aug.7, 2014) – Jack Jurek of Lackawanna, N.Y., who has endured a series of bad breaks in his quest for his first PBA50 Tour title, made a breakthrough Thursday night when he struck on eight of his first nine shots to defeat PBA Hall of Famer Randy Pedersen of Clermont, Fla., 242-205, in the title match of the PBA50 South Shore Open at Olympia Lanes.

"It's never an easy battle out here," Jurek said. "I've won a couple of Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Awards because I've lost a lot of times in title matches and people think I'm a nice guy."

Jurek, who had disappointing losses in Dayton, Ohio, a week earlier after losing a crushing loss to Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. earlier in the year in the USBC Senior Masters title match, came into the finale in Hammond with a fresh attitude, thanks in part to some advice he got from Pedersen, his traveling roommate.

"(Randy) and I talked a little after my debacle in Dayton and he gave me some thoughts about how he approaches things," Jurek said. "It helped. I've got a lot of guys who have been trying to help. (PBA legend) Mark Roth has been telling me, stop being so nice. Go beat people, so tonight I just decided to go for it. I was a lot more aggressive than I have been."

Against Pedersen, Jurek's only major mistake was leaving a 2-4-8-10 split in the fourth frame, but otherwise he was nearly perfect.

"Jack was due," Pedersen said. "He's been bowling really well. After he left the 2-4-8-10 (in the fifth frame), I was wondering if the old Jack was going to show up or the new one. He preserved."

In the first semifinal round between a pair of PBA Hall of Famers, Pedersen defeated Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., 267-226, putting a crimp in Weber's hopes to overtake fellow PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke in the 2014 PBA50 Player of the Year race. That battle will be decided in the PBA50 Tour's season finale in Welch, Minn., next week.

Duke, who leads the race with 56 points, failed to add to his total in Hammond when he was eliminated in the Round of 8. Weber picked up four points for finishing fourth to increase his total to 48 heading into Welch, Minn. Tom Baker of King, N.C., also remains in contention with 44 points. In the Player of the Year competition, 16 points will be awarded to the tournament winner, the runner-up gets eight points, third-place is worth four points and the fourth-place finisher earns two points.

In the second semifinal match, Jurek, a PBA50 Tour rookie and two-time PBA Tour title winner, used a string of nine strikes to defeat Canadian John Chapman, 267-206. For Chapman, who was trying for his first PBA50 title, it was his highest finish as a senior player.

The most dramatic match of the tournament came in the best-of-five-game Round of 16 when Chapman eliminated Duke, 3-2. After Duke jumped out to a 2-0 lead, Chapman rallied to win the last three games, 247-234, 231-224 and 248-247.

The PBA50 Tour concludes its 2014 season next week with the PBA50 Treasure Island Resort & Casino Open presented by Hammer at Island Xtreme Bowl in Welch, Minn. The season-finale gets underway with a special "Pete Weber Knock Down Pins for Cancer" event on Sunday, Aug. 10, followed by eight-game qualifying rounds Monday and Tuesday at 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. each day. After 16 games, the top 32 players will advance to single-elimination match play competition beginning at 8 a.m. Wednesday. The Round of 8, followed by semifinal and championship rounds, begin at 5 p.m.

The Pete Weber fund-raising event and all rounds of the tournament will be carried live on Xtra Frame, PBA's online bowling channel. For subscription information, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

PBA50 SOUTH SHORE OPEN PRESENTED BY DV8
Thursday's final results
At Olympia Lanes, Hammond, Ind.

Championship:

Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y. (\$7,500) def. Randy Pedersen, Clermont, Fla. (\$4,000), 242-205.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$2,500):

Pedersen def. Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 267-226.

Jurek def. John Chapman, Canada, 267-206.

Round of 8 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$1,600):

Jurek def. Tom Baker, King, N.C., 2-0.

Weber def. Don Breeden, Clive, Iowa, 2-0.

Pedersen def. Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2-1.

Chapman def. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 2-1.

Round of 16 (best of five games, losers eliminated and earned \$1,300):

Weber def. Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3-0.

Breeden def. Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 3-1.

Pedersen def. Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev., 3-2.

Bohn def. Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3-1.

Jurek def. Rick Thomas, Willowbrook, Ill., 3-1.

Baker def. Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., 3-2.

Williams def. Monacelli, 3-0.

Round of 24 (best of five games, losers eliminated and earned \$1,100):

Goebel def. Leroy Johnson, Chicago, 3-1.

Breeden def. Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 3-1.

Painter def. Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 3-0.

Mohr def. Tracy Teeters, Salem, Ore., 3-2.

Thomas def. Brad Snell, Mount Prospect, Ill., 3-0.

Baker def. Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 3-2.

Williams def. Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3-0.
Duke def. Lennie Boresch, Kenosha, Wis., 3-0.
Chapman def. Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3-2.
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50th Anniversary Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions Returns to Indianapolis

Historic PBA major championship returns to the city of its birth Feb. 11-15, 2015

INDIANAPOLIS (Aug. 7, 2014) – Woodland Bowl, the host for some of the most memorable championships in Professional Bowlers Association history, will once again step into the spotlight early in 2015 when the 50th anniversary PBA Tournament of Champions returns to the city where it was born.

The newly-renovated Woodland Bowl will host the milestone Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions Monday, Feb. 11 through Sunday, Feb. 15, when ESPN will televise the finals live at 1 p.m. ET. First prize will be \$50,000. All qualifying and match play rounds will be covered live on PBA's subscription-based online bowling channel, Xtra Frame.

Throughout its history, Woodland Bowl has hosted 30 PBA Tour events including four U.S. Opens, two PBA World Championships, two PBA Touring Players Championships and, most recently, the 2013 PBA Tournament of Champions which was won in historic fashion by PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber.

Weber also won the 1991 U.S. Open and 1992 PBA Touring Players Championships at Woodland.

"I told (Woodland Bowl general manager) Jim Doty, what a great place to break Earl's record," Weber said, referring to the fact that he's currently tied with PBA legend Earl Anthony with 10 PBA major titles. "I feel comfortable when I walk in the door because I know I'm going to bowl well."

Weber will have opportunities to break the majors record in the PBA World Championship later this year in Las Vegas or the United States Bowling Congress Master the week prior to the Tournament of Champions, but if he doesn't win either of those events, he'll come to Indianapolis with a lot of confidence.

"When I heard the news that we're going back to Woodland, I told myself I know I can win there. You always want to do something Earl hasn't done, so winning my 11th major there would be really cool."

Weber tied Anthony for most PBA majors when he defeated Australia's Jason Belmonte, 224-179, to win the 2013 Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions, becoming the oldest player ever to win at the TOC at age 50 and becoming the only player in PBA history to complete the PBA Triple Crown (TOC, U.S. Open and PBA World Championship) twice. Belmonte will return to Indianapolis as defending TOC champion after winning the 2014 title in Allen Park, Mich.

The return of the TOC to Indianapolis is significant because the tournament originated at Play Bowl in 1962 in Indianapolis and Indianapolis was the home to titled sponsor Barbasol when it was invented as the first commercial shaving cream in 1919.

"We're very happy to continue our long-standing partnership with the PBA," said Barbasol Director of Media Relations Dean Bring. "Barbasol has a rich legacy of sports sponsorship and to be aligned with the PBA's signature event is a great fit for both of our organizations."

Tournament of Champions week will begin with PBA Hall of Fame induction ceremonies on Tuesday, Feb. 10. The PBA will announce additional details regarding the hall of fame soon.

A capacity field of 150 champions will begin competition on Wednesday, Feb. 11, with eight-game qualifying rounds at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Every PBA member in good standing who has ever won a PBA title – PBA Tour, PBA50 Tour, PBA International Tour, PBA Regional or PBA Women's Series – will be eligible to participate.

After a third qualifying round Thursday morning, the top 24 players will advance to eight-game round-robin match play rounds Thursday and Friday to determine the five stepladder finalists.

Saturday's schedule will feature three pro-am squads for Indianapolis area grassroots men, women, youth and senior league bowlers.

In addition to live coverage of the finals on ESPN, the Tournament of Champions will be seen around the world on Xtra Frame from the start of qualifying through match play, plus pre- and post-finals special shows. Xtra Frame subscriptions are available for \$64.99 for a full year or \$7.99 for one month. To subscribe, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS SCHEDULE **(All times Eastern)**

Tuesday, Feb. 10

1 p.m. – Official practice session
6 p.m. – PBA Hall of Fame ceremonies and dinner

Wednesday, Feb. 11

10 a.m. – 8 games qualifying, all players
5 p.m. – 8 games qualifying, all players

Thursday, Feb. 12

10 a.m. – 8 games qualifying, all players
Top 24 after 24 games advance to round-robin match play
5 p.m. – Top 24, 8 games round-robin match play

Friday, Feb. 13

10 a.m. – Top 24, 8 games round-robin match play
5 p.m. – Top 24, 8 games round-robin match play
Top five after 48 games advance to stepladder finals

Saturday, Feb. 14

9:30 a.m., 3:30 and 6 p.m. – Pro-Am squads

Sunday, Feb. 15

1 p.m. – Top five, ESPN stepladder finals (live)

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Entries Open Aug. 15 for PBA World Series of Bowling VI

World's top players to compete in traditional events; new PBA Challenge added to ESPN lineup

SEATTLE (Aug. 4, 2014) – Entries will open on Friday, Aug. 15, for the Professional Bowlers Association's World Series of Bowling VI which returns to South Point Bowling Center in Las Vegas Oct. 24-Nov. 2 with a proven formula, a capacity field of the world's most talented bowlers and a few new wrinkles.

The World Series, which made its debut in suburban Detroit in 2009, has evolved into an international showcase for bowlers from around the world, and the sixth edition of the multi-event championships will carry on the tradition of drama and excitement with the addition of a new PBA Challenge television show and a first-look at the new South Point Bowling Stadium which will host World Series TV finals.

WSOB VI will include more than 50 hours of live coverage on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame, as well as 10 hours of national television coverage on ESPN.

WSOB VI will include its traditional PBA "animal pattern" championships – the Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon and Scorpion Championships – along with the final major of the 2014 season, the PBA World Championship. Cumulative qualifying scores for 28 games in the four animal pattern events will determine the 24 players who will advance to the PBA World Championship match play finals.

As always, the World Series also will play a key role in deciding the 2014 PBA Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year races.

The PBA anticipates another sold-out field of 240 of the world's most talented players representing an estimated 20 countries (the 2013 field drew representatives from a record 23 countries). Among the star-studded field of bowlers will be defending champions Wes Malott (Cheetah), Chris Barnes (Viper), Ryan Ciminelli (Chameleon), Tom Smallwood (Scorpion) and Dom Barrett (PBA World Championship).

A \$900 entry fee will include all five PBA Tour events. Based on a full field, first prize in each of the four animal pattern events will be \$20,000 with 32 places cashing. The PBA World Championship will offer a \$50,000 first prize with 60 cashing positions. With a total prize fund of more than \$650,000, the World Series will be the richest event in professional bowling.

New to the World Series program will be the PBA50 Tour Finals, PBA Regional Finals and PBA Women's Regional Finals – each of which will include eight competitors who will earn berths based on competition points races earlier in the season. The eight PBA50 Tour players will qualify based on 2014 competition points. The eight PBA Regional Finals and eight PBA Women's Regional Finals players will include top

points qualifiers from the PBA's East, South, Central, Midwest, Southwest, West and Northwest Regions along with players from the new PBA Japan Region.

In each case, the eight players will bowl an eight-game round-robin match play event on Friday, Oct. 24, with the top two players advancing to a new PBA Challenge TV show where they'll join 2014 Teen Masters boys and girls champions Michael Coffey of Melbourne, Fla., and Kelly Skalacki of Coram, N.Y., in a four-match special event for ESPN.

The PBA International Tour/World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals also will be part of the World Series lineup. Additional details regarding World Series television events will be announced soon.

All of the preliminary rounds of the World Series will be covered live on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. For subscription information, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

PBA WORLD SERIES OF BOWLING VI SCHEDULE

South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas (ESPN finals in South Point Bowling Stadium)

(All times Pacific)

Thursday, Oct. 23

6 p.m. – Players meeting (mandatory for all WSOB participants)

7:45 p.m. – Tournament rules meeting (mandatory for first-time WSOB participants)

Friday, Oct. 24

8 a.m. – Squad A practice session

Noon – Squad B practice session

2:30 p.m. – Xtra Frame Champion's Challenge match play finals (eight PBA50 Tour qualifiers; eight PBA Regional Tour qualifiers, eight PBA Women's Regional qualifiers; top two in each event advance to PBA Challenge Finals ESPN telecast), live coverage on Xtra Frame

Saturday, Oct. 25

PBA Cheetah Championship

8 a.m. – A squad qualifying (7 games)

2 p.m. – B squad qualifying (7 games)

Top 24 advance to semifinal round

7:30 p.m. – Semifinal round (7 games)

Top four after 14 games advance to TV finals

Sunday, Oct. 26

PBA Viper Championship

8 a.m. – B squad qualifying (7 games)

2 p.m. – A squad qualifying (7 games)

Top 24 advance to semifinal round

7:30 p.m. – Semifinal round (7 games)

Top four after 14 games advance to TV finals

Monday, Oct. 27

PBA Chameleon Championship

8 a.m. – A squad qualifying (7 games)

2 p.m. – B squad qualifying (7 games)

Top 24 advance to semifinal round

7:30 p.m. – Semifinal round (7 games)

Top four after 14 games advance to TV finals

Tuesday, Oct. 28**PBA Scorpion Championship**

8 a.m. – B squad qualifying (7 games)

2 p.m. – A squad qualifying (7 games)

Top 24 advance to semifinal round

7:30 p.m. – Semifinal round (7 games)

Top four after 14 games advance to TV finals

Wednesday, Oct. 29

Top 24 based on 28 combined qualifying games from Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon and Scorpion championships advance to PBA World Championship round robin match play

11 a.m. – PBA World Championship round-robin match play (8 games)

6 p.m. – PBA World Championship round-robin match play (8 games)

Thursday, Oct. 30

12:30 p.m. – All Regions practice session

2 p.m. – PBA World Championship round-robin match play (8 games)

Top five advance to TV finals

Friday, Oct. 31

8 a.m. – South Point All Regions Singles (A squad qualifying, 8 games)

2 p.m. – South Point All Regions Singles (B squad qualifying, 8 games)

Top 16 advance to single elimination match play

Saturday, Nov. 1

8 a.m. – South Point All Regions Singles Round of 16 (best of five games)

10 a.m. – All Regions Singles Round of 8 (best of three games)

11 a.m. – All Regions Singles Semifinal Round (one game)

11:30 a.m. – All Regions Singles Championship (one game)

2 p.m. – Member/Non-Member Doubles qualifying (7 games)

Top 16 teams advance to single-elimination match play

Sunday, Nov. 2

8 a.m. – Member/Non-Member Doubles Round of 16 (best of five games)

11 a.m. – Member/Non-Member Doubles Round of 8 (best of three games)

1 p.m. – Member/Non-Member Doubles Semifinal Round (one game)

1:45 p.m. – Member/Non-Member Doubles Championship (one game)

WORLD SERIES OF BOWLING VI TELEVISION SCHEDULE

Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 1-2, to be announced

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PBA Adjusts Women's Dues, Re-Schedules Central, Midwest Region Events

SEATTLE (July 18, 2014) – Based upon input from women bowlers, Professional Bowlers Association Deputy Commissioner Kirk von Krueger announced Friday that the PBA has adjusted membership dues for women for the balance of the 2014 season as part of a revised PBA Women's Regional program.

The inaugural PBA Women's Regional program, offering women bowlers close-to-home opportunities to bowl in PBA-caliber competition, will culminate with a PBA Challenge television event on ESPN which also will feature the PBA Regional Finals match, PBA50 Tour Finals match and Teen Masters Grand Championship match. To enhance the program, the PBA will pro-rate membership dues for women to \$75 for the balance of the 2014 season, and waive the standard initiation fee for new members.

Von Krueger also announced tournaments originally scheduled for this weekend in the Central and Midwest Regions have been replaced due to an unforeseen conflict with the BPAA Women's All Star which gets underway Sunday in Rockford, Ill.

"We've received a lot of favorable reaction from interested women bowlers since we announced this new program, and based upon that feedback, we're making a few other adjustments to the program – including a pro-rated membership structure for women for the rest of the 2014 season – to make it more accessible and more affordable," von Krueger said.

The new regional program will result in eight women's points leaders based on three-tournament series conducted by the PBA's East, South, Central, Midwest, Southwest, West/Northwest combined and Japan Regions advancing the PBA World Series of Bowling VI in Las Vegas.

The PBA Women's Regional Finals in Las Vegas will feature an eight-game round-robin match play competition at South Point Bowling Center on Oct. 24. The top two players will advance to the ESPN telecast. The eight regional qualifiers also will receive paid entries into the World Series where they will compete in the PBA Cheetah, Scorpion, Chameleon and Viper Opens – all leading to a chance to qualify for the PBA World Championship.

Additional updates to the women's program announced Friday include:

- A new \$75 PBA membership, with no initiation fee, will be offered to women for the duration of 2014 if they wish to join. Women who want to compete for berths in the PBA Women's Regional Finals in Las Vegas must be PBA members in order to earn points in their regions, and to enter the PBA World Series of Bowling VI.

- Tournaments scheduled in the PBA Central and Midwest Regions for the July 19-20 weekend have been re-scheduled to avoid a conflict with the BPAA Women's All Star in Rockford, Ill., and to give more players an opportunity to enter (see revised schedule below).
- The competition points leaders for three designated tournaments in the eight regional programs will also receive paid entries to bowl in the PBA World Series of Bowling VI. The top two women in combined West/Northwest Region points will qualify for the PBAW Regional Finals.
- A PBA Regional title will be awarded if the regional tournament field includes 20 or more PBA women members, or if a woman wins the "open" portion of the regional outright. Winning a PBA Regional title also means a player is eligible to enter the PBA Tournament of Champions.

Other aspects of the PBA Women's Regional program will continue as originally announced:

- Women will bowl with and against male bowlers in each regional tournament, but women will be guaranteed at least one cashing spot (minimum \$250). All women will be eligible to cash in the general prize fund and if she is a PBA member and wins the regional, she will earn a PBA Regional title (which also means eligibility for the PBA Tournament of Champions).
- Women who are PBA members may enter regionals at the PBA member entry fee; non-member women will pay the non-member entry fee.

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2014 PBA WOMEN'S REGIONAL TOUR SCHEDULE

PBA East Region

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 Aug. 15-17 – PBA Bethmann Russell Syracuse Eastern Open presented by Radical, Flamingo Bowl, Liverpool, N.Y.
 Aug. 22-24 – PBA Mil-Ray Foods East Open presented by Columbia 300, Brunswick Zone Deptford, Deptford, N.J.

PBA South Region

July 11-13 – PBA Spring Hill South Open, Spring Hill Lanes, Spring Hill, Fla. (top woman finisher: a-Kimberly Roe, New Smyrna Beach, Fla.; top PBA member woman finisher: Christina Hardee, Mount Dora, Fla.)
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 Oct. 17-19 – PBA Franklin South Open, Franklin Bowling Center, Franklin, Va.

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Aug. 15-17 – PBA Lefeld Implement Central Classic, Pla-Mor Lanes, Coldwater, Ohio
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 Oct. 5 – PBA Northway Lanes/Muskegon Central Open, Northway Lanes, Muskegon, Mich.

PBA Midwest Region

Aug. 22-24 – PBA Bowlerama Lanes Midwest Open presented by Radical, Bowlerama Lanes, Des Moines, Iowa

Sept. 20-21 – PBA Diamond Jo's Casino Midwest Open presented by Dexter, Cherry Lanes, Dubuque, Iowa
Oct. 3-5 – PBA Calvert's Express Auto Midwest/Southwest Open, Aaron's Family Fun Center, Belton, Mo.

PBA Southwest Region

Aug. 8-10 – PBA Killeen Southwest Open, Hallmark Lanes, Killeen, Texas
Aug. 22-24 – PBA Greenville Southwest Open, Shenaniganz, Greenville, Texas
Sept. 26-28 – PBA Tomball Southwest Open, Tomball Lanes, Tomball, Texas

PBA West/Northwest Region

Aug. 22-24 – PBA Steve Cook's Capital City West/NW Open presented by DV8, Fireside Lanes, Citrus Heights, Calif.
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Oct. 10-12 – PBA Battle at Black Oak Casino West Open, Black Oak Lanes, Tuolumne, Calif.

PBA World Series of Bowling VI, South Point Casino, Hotel and Bowling Center, Las Vegas

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Weber was the leading vote-getter among Best Bowler candidates Jason Belmonte, Wes Malott and Sean Rash, who attended the event with his wife Sara and father Gene Rash. ESPN awards for a variety of sports categories and special moments are determined by fan voting on espn.com.

Weber, who previously won the Best Bowler ESPY in 2002, 2004 and 2013, won after completing the PBA's Triple Crown for a second time, winning the USBC Senior Masters title – a PBA50 Tour major – and earning PBA50 Rookie of the Year honors.

"It's not necessarily based on whoever did the best bowling because Belmo should have won, hands down," Weber said, "But that just goes to show I have more fans around the world than he does.

"That said, it's absolutely a nice thing," he added. "I'm honored, I'm humbled, I'm grateful, all of the above. It's neat to see I actually do have that many fans."

HISTORY OF BEST BOWLER ESPY AWARD WINNERS

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PBA Badger Open champ brings PBA Summer Swing to near perfect ending

SHAWNEE, Okla. – Top qualifier Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., brought the Professional Bowlers Association Tour's Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort PBA Summer Swing to a near-perfect close, cruising past Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., to win the King of the Swing finale, 245-181, at the Grand Event Center.

The concluding event in Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort PBA Summer Swing aired Tuesday on CBS Sports Network. The Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort King of the Swing was contested on the 52-foot Badger lane condition, selected by O'Neill as the Summer Swing points leader. O'Neill won the PBA Badger Open earlier in the swing.

The final match was decided early. O'Neill struck on eight of his first nine shots and held a 55-pin lead after five frames when Rash failed to convert the 4-7-9-10 split in his fifth frame. After a second split and open by Rash in the seventh frame, O'Neill had the match locked up. O'Neill's open in the 10th frame was meaningless.

The King of the Swing was a special event. No PBA Tour title was awarded, but O'Neill took home \$10,000 and a lot of restored confidence.

"I've been working hard. I've had some struggles over the past couple of years, but I've tried to stay mentally right," he said. "Any time you win it's a boost to your confidence, but to win the way I did here by doubling in the 10th on a really difficult condition (to win the Badger Open), and bowling a really good game today really helps. You don't often bowl a guy like Sean and have the match closed out by the eighth or ninth frame.

"I'm just really happy overall," O'Neill said with a smile. "It may not be an official PBA title, but I got a trophy and it's a title in my heart."

In the first match, Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., who earned the "wild card" berth as the player with the most Summer Swing points without winning a title, eliminated Bear Open champion Ronnie Russell of Marion, Ind., 236-206, in a contest that featured seven strikes by Jones and five 10 pins sandwiched between strikes by Russell.

Rash, the Wolf Open winner, started match two with six strikes to take a 33-pin lead over Jones and won handily, 257-212. Jones' rally was cut short when he left the 4-9 split in the ninth frame and failed to convert.

In the semifinal match, Oklahoma Open winner Jason Belmonte of Australia had a chance to eliminate Rash with two strikes in the 10th frame, but he left a 10 pin on his first ball and missed the spare. Rash won, 236-224, and advanced to the championship match.

The PBA Tour will return to action Oct. 24-Nov. 2 when South Point Hotel, Casino and Bowling Center in Las Vegas hosts PBA World Series of Bowling VI, a multi-event competition featuring the PBA Cheetah, Scorpion, Chameleon and Viper Championships, the PBA World Championship, the World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals, and a new PBA Champion's Challenge special event. In the interim, PBA players will compete in World Bowling-PBA International Tour's World Bowling Tour Thailand in Bangkok, Aug. 18-25.

CBS Sports Network is available across the country through local cable, video and telco providers and via satellite on DirecTV Channel 221 and Dish Network Channel 158. For more information, including a full programming schedule and how to get CBS Sports Network, go to www.cbssportsnetwork.com.

A King of the Swing post-game show is available on PBA's subscription-based online bowling channel, Xtra Frame and on PBA's YouTube page. The complete telecasts of all five Summer Swing events are archived on Xtra Frame seven days after the original air date.

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Playoff Results: Match One – Jones def. Russell, 236-206. Match Two – Rash def. Jones, 257-212. Semifinal Match – Rash def. Belmonte, 236-224. Championship – O'Neill def. Rash, 245-181.

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The new PBA Champion's Challenge will culminate with the tops stars of the PBA50 Tour, PBA Regional Tour, the new PBA Women's Regional Tour, and the Teen Masters boys' and girls' division champions bowling in the four-match television show at the South Point Casino complex over the Nov. 1-2 weekend. Preliminary rounds in the PBA50, Women's and Regional competitions will be covered live on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame.

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"The new PBA Champion's Challenge telecast gives us an opportunity to showcase the diversity of competition the PBA provides," Clark said. "It will focus attention on our senior players, the legion of players who compete in our extensive regional program, women bowlers who have had very few opportunities to bowl on national television over the past few years, and the future stars of bowling. It'll be a very entertaining two hours of television, and it will add another dimension to our already popular World Series of Bowling."

The PBA50 Tour Finals will feature the top six players from the 2014 PBA50 Tour competition points list. All six will receive a free entry into WSOB VI. The PBA50 players will compete in a six-game Champion's Challenge Match Play Round on Friday, Oct. 24. The top two players at the end of the match play round will advance to the ESPN-televised PBA50 Tour Finals.

The PBA Regional Tour Finals will feature the 2014 competition points leader from each of the seven PBA regions (East, South, Central, Midwest, Southwest and West/Northwest) as of Oct. 12. All seven will receive a free entry into the WSOB. On Friday, Oct. 24, the West and Northwest points leaders will bowl a two-game match with the winner advancing to the six-player PBA Regional Champion's Challenge Match Play Round. The top two players after the six-game match play round will advance to the ESPN televised PBA Regional Tour Finals.

The PBA Women's Regional Tour Finals will feature the points leaders from six PBA Regional Women's Tour programs (East, South, Central, Midwest, Southwest and West/Northwest combined). Each will receive a free entry into the World Series. The six qualifiers will bowl the same Champion's Challenge Match Play Round format as the PBA50 and PBA Regional players on Friday, Oct. 24 with the top two advancing to the PBA Regional Women's Finals match.

The fourth match on the PBA Champion's Challenge ESPN telecast will be a non-PBA event. The 2014 Teen Masters Grand Championship will feature the boys' and girls' division champions who survive preliminary competitions conducted by Killer B Promotions.

Additional details concerning the time of the finals in Las Vegas and the ESPN air date will be announced later.

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PBA Introduces New Women's Regional Tournament Program

Six PBA Regional programs to offer three events; series to conclude at PBA World Series of Bowling VI

SEATTLE (June 24, 2014) – The Professional Bowlers Association has created a new PBA Women's Regional Tour program that will begin in July and culminate at the PBA World Series of Bowling VI in Las Vegas this fall, Commissioner Tom Clark announced today.

The PBA Women's Regional Tour will provide women bowlers with opportunities to compete against other women in the same kind of affordable, close-to-home tournament structure that has given thousands of male bowlers an opportunity to develop their skills since the PBA introduced its regional program 1969.

"Women bowlers have been without a formal tournament structure for too long," Clark said. "The PBA took steps to address that problem when we introduced the PBA Women's Series in 2007. The program was suspended after three seasons, but we have always wanted to provide women with a place to compete. This new program is a step in that direction. Our sincere hope is that it will evolve into something more substantial in the future."

The PBA has allowed women to bowl with and against their male counterparts since 2004, and a number of women bowl in PBA Tour, PBA Regional and PBA50 events each year. Eight women have won PBA Regional Tour titles. Kelly Kulick of Union, N.J., made history when she won the 2010 PBA Tournament of Champions.

Under the new program, six PBA Regional programs (East, South, Central, Midwest, Southwest and West/Northwest combined) will each conduct three events that will be designated as PBAW competition points events (see schedule below). Women will bowl with and against their male counterparts, but there will be specific prizes and benefits for women only, similar to the cashing system for "super seniors" who bowl in PBA50 tournaments. The tournaments will not diminish PBA Regional prize funds in any way, but at least one woman will cash for \$250 in each tournament if a woman doesn't cash in the regular prize list. Additional cash prizes will be paid based upon the number of women entered.

In each designated event, competition points will be awarded based upon how the women finish. The leader in competition points in each of the six programs will receive a paid entry into PBA World Series of Bowling VI at South Point Bowling Center in Las Vegas Oct. 24-Nov. 2, and the six regional qualifiers will compete in a special six-game, round robin Champion's Challenge Match Play round on Oct. 24. The top two women from the match play round will compete for the PBA Women's Regional Finals title.

Women's entry fees for regional events will be the same as for men: \$220 for members or \$285 for non-members. Non-members are welcome for all PBAW events, but only PBA members will earn points and be eligible for the paid WSOB entries.

Complete details about all PBA Regional tournaments are available on pba.com under the Schedule menu (click on Regional Tour and then the appropriate region link to find details about each tournament).

2014 PBA WOMEN'S REGIONAL TOUR SCHEDULE

PBA East Region

July 25-27 – Lebanon, Pa.

Aug. 15-17 – Liverpool, N.Y.

Aug. 22-24 – Deptford, N.J.

PBA South Region

July 11-13 – Spring Hill, Fla.

Aug. 15-17 – Gloucester, Va.

Oct. 17-19 – Franklin, Va.

PBA Central Region

July 18-20 – Fishers, Ind.

Sept. 19-21 – Troy, Ohio

Oct. 3-5 – Muskegon, Mich.

PBA Midwest Region

July 19-20 – St. Charles, Mo.

Sept. 20-21 – Dubuque, Iowa

Oct. 3-5 – Belton, Mo.

PBA Southwest Region

Aug. 8-10 – Killeen, Texas

Aug. 22-24 – Greenville, Texas

Sept. 26-28 – Tomball, Texas

PBA West/Northwest Region

Aug. 22-24 – Citrus Heights, Calif.

Sept. 26-28 – Daly City, Calif.

Oct. 10-12 – Tuolumne, Calif.

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Belmonte, Malott, Rash, Weber Nominated for "Best Bowler" ESPY Award

Voting now underway; 20th annual award to be presented on July 16

SEATTLE (June 24, 2014) – Voting began Tuesday for the 20th annual "Best Bowler" ESPY Award, presented by ESPN. Candidates selected by ESPN for 2014 ESPY consideration are Jason Belmonte of Australia; Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas; Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., and Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo. Brief bios for each player are listed in the voting section on espn.com.

To cast your vote, click on this link: <http://espn.go.com/espys/2014/?voting=bestbowler>. Click on the photo of each player to view the biographical information for that player. Click on the "submit" tab at the bottom of the player you'd like to vote for.

Voting ends on Wednesday, July 16, the date of the winners will be announced in the live ESPY telecast from Nokia Theater LA Live in Los Angeles.

Weber is the 2013 ESPY winner. He had previously won the fan voting competition in 2002 and 2004. Rash won the 2012 ESPY. Belmonte was the 2011 winner. Malott has never won the award.

HISTORY OF ESPY BEST BOWLER AWARD WINNERS

2013 – Pete Weber
2012 – Sean Rash
2011 – Jason Belmonte
2010 – Walter Ray Williams Jr.
2009 – Norm Duke
2008 – Norm Duke
2007 – Norm Duke
2006 – Walter Ray Williams Jr.
2005 – Walter Ray Williams Jr.
2004 – Pete Weber
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1997 – Bob Learn Jr.
1996 – Mike Aulby
1995 – Norm Duke

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Bill O'Neil Slows Brian Valenta Express to Win PBA Badger Open

Pennsylvania veteran throws clutch double in 10th frame to win fifth PBA Tour title

SHAWNEE, Okla. – Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., derailed Brian Valenta's hopes for a first title, throwing two strikes in the 10th frame to edge Valenta, 243-235, in the Professional Bowlers Association Tour Badger Open championship match at the Grand Casino Resort Event Center.

The finals of the third of five Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort PBA Summer Swing events, contested on a 52-foot Badger lane condition – the longest oiling pattern in PBA's library of lane conditions – aired Tuesday on CBS Sports Network.

Along with his fifth career PBA Tour title – and first since the 2012 Cheetah Championship – O'Neill earned \$10,000 and a berth in Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort King of the Swing, a special event that will conclude the Summer Swing.

While Valenta, a two-handed, high-revolution player, played a severe inside line, lofting the ball 10 feet or more down the lane, O'Neill moved to the right side of the lane and played a much straighter shot to the pocket.

"I knew I couldn't play (as far inside as Valenta was playing)," O'Neill said. "Mika (Koivuniemi) couldn't do it, Marshall (Kent) couldn't do it and Pete (Weber) couldn't do it. If Pete can't play inside, I have no business being there, so I told myself two hours ago, in practice, I'm going to stay right here and make it work.

"It was one of those days when everything worked out, and when I got up in the 10th, I really wasn't nervous. I knew what I had to do. Whatever (Valenta) did, it didn't matter. I knew I was going to get up there and double, and that's what I did.

"It felt great to do so. It's been a while since I've been in that position. I couldn't be happier."

Valenta was obviously disappointed about falling short of his first title, but the 29-year-old seventh-year pro was pleased about winning three matches in his first PBA Tour television appearance.

"My 'A' game is lofting, and I did pretty well today," Valenta said. "I only made two bad shots. I knew if other guys played to the right of me, they had to go straight. If they moved left to where I was, then it

was playing my game against yours and we'll see who wins. I wanted them to come my way because I figured my rev rate would be the equalizer.

"I had a great time," he added. "I got a little intense, but I didn't go crazy."

In his first match, Valenta threw strikes on his first five shots and filled the final five frames in cruising to a 237-172 win over Koivuniemi, a 13-time PBA Tour winner from Hartland, Mich.

With the oil burning out in the front part of the lane, Valenta began lofting the ball past the arrows and continued striking in an easy 236-165 win over Kent, a PBA rookie from Yakima, Wash., who didn't strike until the eighth frame.

Valenta moved even farther left and lofted the ball farther down the lane, putting together one string of three strikes in a cat-and-mouse battle with Weber, a PBA Hall of Famer and 37-time titlist, in the semifinal match. Weber trailed by four pins after eight frames, but missed a 7 pin spare attempt in the ninth to let Valenta escape with a 204-190 decision.

The title match was a frame-to-frame battle all the way to the 10th where Valenta doubled to force O'Neill to duplicate his feat for the win.

Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort PBA Summer Swing continues next Tuesday at 7 p.m. ET on CBS Sport Network with the finals of the PBA Oklahoma Open. Finalists will be top qualifier E.J. Tackett of Huntington, Ind., the 2013 PBA Rookie of the Year; Chris Loschetter of Avon, Ohio; Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa.; Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., and reigning PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia. As top qualifier, Tackett earned the right to select the lane conditioning pattern, and he decided to bowl the finals on the demanding 40-foot flat Bear pattern.

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2014 PBA BADGER OPEN

Grand Casino Resort Event Center, Shawnee, Okla.

Final Standings: 1, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., \$10,000. 2, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., \$5,000. 3, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., \$4,000. 4, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., \$3,500. 5, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., \$3,000.

Playoff Results: Match One – Valenta def. Koivuniemi, 237-172. Match Two – Valenta def. Kent, 236-165. Semifinal Match – Valenta def. Weber, 204-190. Championship – O'Neill def. Valenta, 243-235.

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Indiana's Ronnie Russell Wins PBA Bear Open for Second PBA Tour Title

New-found confidence key to first victory in U.S. after 11 years, 159 tournaments

SHAWNEE, Okla. – After 11 years and 159 tournaments, Ronnie Russell of Marion, Ind., won his first Professional Bowlers Association Tour title on U.S. soil at the Grand Casino Resort Event Center, defeating top qualifier Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., 234-164, to win the PBA Bear Open.

The finals of the second of five Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort PBA Summer Swing events, contested on a demanding flat, 40-foot Bear lane condition, aired Tuesday on CBS Sports Network.

Russell, who said he discovered what it takes to win when he won the 2013 Brunswick Euro Challenge in Munich, earned \$10,000 for winning the Bear Open.

He also claimed a spot in the Oklahoma's Grand Resort Casino King of the Swing special event that will conclude the Summer Swing. Wolf Open winner Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., previously qualified for the King of the Swing.

Russell, a 34-year-old right-hander, said a high level of focus and excellent spare shooting led to his title, but in the title match, it was a string of four strikes and another double that made it look easy as Jones struggled the entire match.

"The biggest key is, I've bowled on TV quite a bit now and I've been through the worst imaginable things you can do to lose titles – I mean absolutely the worst – so now I just tell myself to focus on the shot and no matter what you do, you can't do as bad as you did before," Russell said. "I've been to the bottom, so I figured there has to be a top somewhere.

"Ever since I threw a strike to win in Germany, I've known I can do it again. My composure and everything has changed, and I actually have confidence now. It's awesome."

Russell advanced to his first title-match appearance in the U.S. since the 2009 Chameleon Open, where he lost to Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa. He avenged that loss in the semifinal match when he took a 21-pin lead over O'Neill, the No. 2 qualifier, with a string of four strikes early in the game and held on for a 215-212 victory when O'Neill failed to double in the 10th frame.

In the first match, Dick Allen of Columbia, S.C., missed a 3 pin in the fifth frame to give Rhino Page of Dade City, Fla., the lead, but Allen followed the missed spare with a string of five strikes to pull away to a 234-213 victory.

In match two, Allen and Russell were never more than eight pins apart and Allen's spectacular conversion of the 2-8-10 split in the ninth frame gave him a chance to win after Russell failed to double in the 10th frame. Needing a double to advance, Allen got the first strike but left a 10 pin on his second, handing Russell a 195-192 decision.

The finals capped a calm, steady qualifying performance by Russell in the preliminary rounds at nearby FireLake Bowling Center.

"I didn't shoot under 200 the entire (first 12 games at FireLake)," he said. "My spare shooting was awesome. The only reason I didn't lead the tournament was that every time I had a chance to shoot 240, I'd open in the 10th frame. I just stayed in that pace between 200 and 220 and ground it out."

Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort PBA Summer Swing continues next Tuesday at 7 p.m. ET on CBS Sport Network with the finals of the PBA Badger Open. Finalists will be top qualifier Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa.; 37-time PBA Tour winner Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo.; highly-touted PBA rookie Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash.; two-handed player Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., in his PBA TV debut, and 13-time titlist Mika Koivuniemi of Hartland, Mich.

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2014 PBA BEAR OPEN

Grand Casino Resort Event Center, Shawnee, Okla.

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Playoff Results: Match One – Allen def. Page, 234-213. Match Two – Russell def. Allen, 195-192. Semifinal Match – Russell def. O'Neill, 215-212. Championship – Russell def. Jones, 234-164.

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PBA to Expand Regional Tournament Program into Japan

Inaugural eight-event series will be part of qualifying for 2015 DHC Japan World Challenge

SEATTLE (June 4, 2014) – The Professional Bowlers Association and Japan Bowling Promotions have jointly announced an historic agreement that will create the first PBA International Regional program, a series that will serve as a qualifying system for the DHC Japan World Challenge in January, 2015.

The first events, the PBA Japan Women's DHC Cheetah Open and PBA Japan DHC Cheetah Open for men and women, will be held July 5 and 6, respectively, at Tokyo Port Bowl in Tokyo.

"I am very excited," said Japan Bowling Promotions Managing Director Shinichiro Kinoshita. "This program has been a goal since we formed our company five years ago. It is a huge leap forward for the sport of bowling."

"The cultivation of very high level competition that will help develop world-class bowling talent around the globe has always been a goal of the PBA," said PBA Commissioner Tom Clark. "This landmark program is an example of how cooperation at the highest levels can produce great results for the international bowling community."

The inaugural PBA Japan Regional series will include eight tournaments – six sponsored by DHC Corporation, Japan's largest skincare product company and two events with multiple sponsors – and two with multiple sponsors. Five of the events will be for men, three for women. All of the tournaments will involve qualifying for the 2015 DHC Japan World Challenge, a PBA International Tour event that will feature an estimated \$225,000 prize fund for its men's and women's divisions next January.

All of the PBA Japan Regional events will be contested on PBA "animal pattern" lane conditions, providing international players an opportunity to experience the same lane conditioning patterns that are used in PBA Tour competition in the United States. The regionals will be open to any bowler who cares to enter.

The regional format will be: one-day events start with two squads bowling eight qualifying games. The top 14 per squad will bowl two more qualifying games with the top eight per squad bowling two additional games. The top four per squad will then advance to single-elimination match play to determine winners. Each regional will feature an estimated \$20,000 prize fund. The top four men and top two women based on competition points at the end of the regional series will automatically qualify for the DHC Japan World Challenge.

"We have held numerous meetings with the PBA over the past six months to establish this tour," Kinoshita said. "We have faced many twists and turns, but we have solved problems along the way and the PBA has given us the go-ahead.

"We want to provide our Japanese athletes with an opportunity to look beyond Japan to world-wide tournaments," Kinoshita continued. "We hope to create a hero who will attract more news media coverage and build our reputation.

"We thank our sponsors, the Japan bowling centers that have supported us, the Japan bowling industry and the PBA for working hard to help us achieve this goal. Without their cooperation, we could not have accomplished this program."

Clark and PBA Deputy Commissioner Kirk Von Krueger, who spearheaded the project, will attend the July 12-13 Women's DHC Chameleon Open and DHC Chameleon Open at Sound Bowl in Ushiku, a Tokyo suburb.

For more information about the PBA Japan Regional program, visit Japan Bowling Promotions' Japanese-language website: http://www.japanbowlingpromotion.com/user_data/regional.php

2014 PBA JAPAN REGIONAL SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 5 – PBA Japan Women's DHC Cheetah Open, Tokyo Port Bowl, Tokyo

Sunday, July 6 – PBA Japan DHC Cheetah Open, Tokyo Port Bowl, Tokyo

Saturday, July 12 – PBA Japan Women's DHC Chameleon Open, Sound Bowl, Ushiku, Japan

Sunday, July 13 – PBA Japan DHC Chameleon Open, Sound Bowl, Ushiku, Japan

Monday, Sept. 15 – PBA Japan Viper Open, Sagami Fast Lane, Sagami-hara, Japan

Saturday, Nov. 8 – PBA Japan Women's DHC Scorpion Open, Higashiyamoto Grand Bowl, Tokyo

Sunday, Nov. 9 – PBA Japan DHC Scorpion Open, Higashiyamoto Grand Bowl, Tokyo

TBA – PBA Japan Badger Open, date and location to be announced

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Sean Rash Rolls 300, Strikes His Way to PBA Wolf Open title

23rd nationally-televised 300 game helps former Player of the Year win eighth career title

SHAWNEE, Okla. – Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., started the Professional Bowlers Association Wolf Open with the PBA's 23rd nationally-televised 300 game and continued his strike barrage in winning his eighth career title in the opening event of Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort PBA Summer Swing at the Grand Event Center.

The first of five PBA Summer Swing events aired Tuesday on CBS Sports Network.

Rash, the 2011-12 PBA Player of the Year, threw 37 strikes out of a possible 48 attempts in defeating Chris Loschetter, 300-236; Martin Larsen, 225-221; Mike Fagan of Fort Worth, Texas, 241-214, and top qualifier Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, 238-179, in the title match. Rash won \$10,000 plus a \$10,000 bonus for his televised 300 game.

"It seems like forever (since my last title in the U.S.), but it's only been two years since I won the Tournament of Champions," Rash said. "Winning's everything. It doesn't matter if it's in a parking lot in Alaska or wherever."

Rash spoiled Loschetter's 34th birthday when he threw his perfect game at the Avon, Ohio, resident and defending Wolf Open champion in the first match. It was the first nationally-televised perfect game since Barnes threw a 300 game at Rash and Australia's Jason Belmonte in an elimination match in the 2011 PBA Shark Open finals during PBA World Series of Bowling III at South Point in Las Vegas.

"I was a little nervous because I had the front eight (strikes) a few years ago in Medford (Ore.) and I've had a few other chances," Rash said. "You just want to make a good shot to give yourself a chance. It was a great feeling, one of those you'll never forget."

In the second match, an unconverted 4-6-7 split by Sweden's Larsen in the sixth frame allowed Rash to stay close, and a 4 pin on Larsen's first shot in the 10th frame gave Rash a chance to win. Working on a strike in the ninth frame, Rash added three more in the 10th frame for a come-from-behind 225-221 victory.

"All you can ask for in situations like that is a chance," Rash said. "If (Larsen) strikes on that first shot in the 10th, my day is over. But I still had to double. You just have to put yourself in the right frame of mind. You have to go through the process because once you let go of the ball, you have no control over the end result. Fortunately it turned out the right way for me."

In the semifinal match, Fagan struggled with pin carry, throwing only three strikes in the first eight frames while Rash struck on eight of his first nine shots on his way to a 241-214 victory. In the title match, Rash continued to pound the pocket while Barnes never built any momentum.

"Fagan and (Larsen) both threw urethane balls and I think it backfired on them," Rash noted. "They didn't have the hold and the look they had in the preliminary round at FireLake (Bowling Center, where preliminary rounds were contested). I think if Barnes had a re-do, he'd probably throw a different ball, but the ball he threw (at FireLake) got him into the lead and he ran away from the field. He has a lot of confidence in that ball."

While Rash's strikes were key to his victory, the deciding factor actually was his spare shooting. He had only two open frames in four games – one a split, one a chopped 6-10 spare attempt.

"When the scoring pace is high, you can't miss the pocket, but you also have to fill frames," he said. "The one thing I'm proud about this week is that I bowled 52 games and missed four spares. That's what I really work on at home. I don't practice throwing strikes very much."

With his win in the Wolf Open, Rash claimed the first berth in the Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort King of the Swing special event that will conclude the Summer Swing.

Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort PBA Summer Swing continues next Tuesday at 7 p.m. ET on CBS Sports Network with the finals of the PBA Bear Open. Bear finalists include top qualifier Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C.; Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa.; Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind.; Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., and Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C.

CBS Sports Network is available across the country through local cable, video and telco providers and via satellite on DirecTV Channel 221 and Dish Network Channel 158. For more information, including a full programming schedule and how to get CBS Sports Network, go to www.cbssportsnetwork.com.

Pre-game shows for each PBA Summer Swing event will be posted on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame and on PBA's YouTube page on Monday's prior to the telecast. Post-game shows will air on Xtra Frame and YouTube following each telecast. Complete coverage of each event will be archived on Xtra Frame three days after the original air date.

2014 PBA WOLF OPEN

Grand Casino Resort Event Center, Shawnee, Okla.

Final Standings: 1, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., \$10,000. 2, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, \$5,000. 3, Mike Fagan, Fort Worth, Texas, \$4,000. 4, Martin Larsen, Sweden, \$3,500. 5, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, \$3,000.

Playoff Results: Match One – Rash def. Loschetter, 300-236. Match Two – Rash def. Larsen, 225-221. Semifinal Match – Rash def. Fagan, 241-214. Championship – Rash def. Barnes, 238-179.

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E.J. Tackett Tames Bear, Captures Top Berth in PBA Oklahoma Open Finals

2013 Rookie of the Year takes on veteran field in bid for first PBA title

SHAWNEE, Okla. (May 22, 2014) – Professional Bowlers Association 2013 Rookie of the Year E.J. Tackett of Huntington, Ind., tamed the PBA's Bear lane condition Thursday afternoon and used that momentum to capture the No. 1 position in the PBA Oklahoma Open stepladder finals Thursday night at FireLake Bowling Center.

Tackett, a 21-year-old in search for his first PBA Tour title, averaged 223.255 for 36 games on the PBA's Wolf, Bear and Badger lane conditions, and as top qualifier, selected the flat, 40-foot Bear lane condition for the Oklahoma Open finals. The finals in all five Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort PBA Summer Swing events will be contested Saturday and Sunday at the Grand Resort Event Center for telecast on CBS Sports Network beginning June 3.

Tackett, who finished the Oklahoma Open with a 36-game total of 8,367 pins, including 330 bonus pins for winning 11 of his 18 matches. It's the first time he has led a traditional PBA Tour event, although he was the leading qualifier in the United States Bowling Congress Masters – a double-elimination match play tournament – earlier in the year before losing to reigning PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte in the title match, 221-177.

Also advancing to the Oklahoma Open stepladder finals were Chris Loschetter of Avon, Ohio, with 8,358 pins; Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., with an 8,307 total; Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., with 8,297 pins, and Belmonte, who rallied from seventh place in the final game to qualify fifth with 8,257 pins.

"I think the only lane condition I've bowled on that was more difficult than the Bear pattern today was in the U.S. Open," Tackett said. "I don't know why I bowled better than the other guys. I don't think I threw the ball that much better than anyone. I think my bowling ball just matched up with the condition better.

"It feels really good to lead the field," Tackett continued. "The only way to learn how to deal with the pressure of bowling for a title is to put yourself in position to win, so I'll try to do what I did today – stay positive and make good shots.

"I watched my performance in the Masters finals a couple of times," he added. "I started okay, but I didn't make moves fast enough. It comes with experience. The Masters was mine to win. Belmo got a couple of breaks, but he made shots when he had to and I didn't. I didn't beat myself up over losing, but we'll see what happens this time."

The Summer Swing concludes Saturday and Sunday with the stepladder finals in five events: the Wolf, Bear and Badger Opens on Saturday, and the Oklahoma Open and Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort King of the Swing special event on Sunday. All finals will be contested on a special lane installation in the Grand Resort Events Center.

PBA OKLAHOMA OPEN

FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla., May 22

FINAL MATCH PLAY STANDINGS (after 36 games, including match play bonus pins; top five after 36 games advance to stepladder finals Sunday at noon at Grand Event Center)

- 1, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 11-7, 8,367.
- 2, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 12-6, 8,358.
- 3, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 8-9-1, 8,307.
- 4, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 10-8, 8,297.
- 5, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 11-7, 8,257.
- 6, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 11-6-1, 8,200, \$4,000.
- 7, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 11-7, 8,185, \$3,500.
- 8, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 6-11-1, 8,178, \$3,000.
- 9, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 8-10, 8,160, \$2,800.
- 10, Mike Fagan, Ft. Worth, Texas, 9-9, 8,149, \$2,500.
- 11, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 9-9, 8,139, \$2,300.
- 12, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 8-10, 8,107, \$2,100.
- 13, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 9-9, 8,100, \$2,000.
- 14, Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev., 10-8, 8,017, \$1,900.
- 15, Dom Barrett, England, 9-9, 8,013, \$1,800.
- 16, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 9-9, 7,990, \$1,700.
- 17, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 5-12-1, 7,921, \$1,600.
- 18, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 4-14, 7,538, \$1,500.

300 Games: Mika Koivuniemi, Chris Loschetter.

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O'Neill Captures Top Qualifying Berth for PBA Badger Open Finals

Kent and Valenta to bid for first title against veteran field of all-stars

SHAWNEE, Okla. (May 21, 2014) – Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., charged out of 11th place Wednesday night to capture the top qualifying berth for Saturday's finals in the Professional Bowlers Association's Badger Open at FireLake Bowling Center in a battle that saw the top five players separated by only 18 pins, and defending champion Jake Peters eliminated from the stepladder finals by another three pins.

O'Neill, a four-time PBA Tour champion, averaged 230.33 to finish the 12-game Badger Open qualifying rounds with 2,764 pins, winning the top spot in the stepladder finals by two pins over PBA Hall of Famer and 37-time champion Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo. PBA rookie Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., who joined the PBA the week before Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort PBA Summer Swing started, qualified third with a 2.761 total – one pin behind Weber. Two-handed player Brian Valenta of Lockport, Ill., qualified for his first PBA television show in fourth place with 2,750 pins, and 13-time PBA Tour winner Mika Koivuniemi, a Finnish native now living in Hartland, Mich., fired a 257 final game to nip Peters for the fifth spot in the finals.

"If you don't like matches being close and games coming down to final frame, you're in the wrong business," O'Neill said. "That's why we do what we do. If you lead by 100 pins, when it's over, it's over; it's kind of anticlimactic. When it's tight like this was and you lead, there's no better feeling."

O'Neill, who has admittedly been in a funk over the past couple of years, said he discovered a flaw in his game only a couple of weeks ago, and that was the difference here.

"On my fourth step in my delivery, I was drifting to the right instead of going straight," he said, "so my arm swing was going off to the right which means the ball could go either direction. When I straightened out my fourth step, the ball fell right into place. Now if I throw a bad shot, I know exactly what to do to fix it."

Earlier Wednesday, with a big first round in the Badger Open, Tom Daugherty of Wesley Chapel, Fla., led the field of 18 players who qualified for the Oklahoma Open based on combined six-game rounds in the Wolf, Bear and Badger Opens. Three rounds of match play in the Oklahoma Open will be contested Thursday at 10 a.m., 2 and 6:30 p.m. at FireLake with the top five advancing to the stepladder finals Sunday at noon at the Grand Events Center.

After a total of 36 games, the 18 Oklahoma Open match play finalists will be reduced to the top five for the Oklahoma Open finals Sunday at noon at the Grand Event Center. In leading the Oklahoma Open

field, Daugherty averaged 227.33 across the three "animal" lane conditions for a 4,092 total. O'Neill, who also qualified third for the Bear Open finals, is second with 4,088 pins followed by Mike Fagan, Ft. Worth, Texas, at 4,069; Bear Open qualifying leader Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., at 4,054, and Koivuniemi with 4,031 pins.

Thursday's Oklahoma Open match play rounds will be covered live on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. To subscribe to Xtra Frame, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link. Live scoring of all preliminary rounds also will be available at no cost on pba.com.

PBA BADGER OPEN

FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla., May 21

Final Qualifying Standings (after 12 games; top five advance to stepladder finals Saturday at Grand Event Center)

- 1, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,764.
- 2, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2,762.
- 3, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,761.
- 4, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 2,750.
- 5, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 2,746.
- 6, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 2,743, \$2,000.
- 7, Stuart Williams, England, 2,730, \$1,800.
- 8, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 2,705, \$1,600.
- 9, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,703, \$1,400.
- 10, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,666, \$1,300.
- 11, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2,647, \$1,200.
- 12, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 2,638, \$1,100.
- 13, Mike Fagan, Ft. Worth, Texas, 2,623, \$1,000.
- 14, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 2,602, \$900.
- 15, Lee Vanderhoef, Greenville, S.C., 2,601, \$800.
- 16, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 2,600, \$700.
- 17, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 2,555, \$600.
- 18, Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev., 2,521, \$500.

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(Top 18 after 18 games advance to round-robin match play Thursday at 10 a.m., 2 and 6:30 p.m.; top five after 36 games advance to stepladder finals Sunday at Grand Event Center)

- 1, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 4,092.
- 2, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 4,088.
- 3, Mike Fagan, Ft. Worth, Texas, 4,069.
- 4, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 4,054.
- 5, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 4,031.
- 6, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 4,019.
- 7, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 4,013.
- 8, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3,992.
- 9, Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev., 3,987.
- 10 (tie), E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., and Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 3,977.
- 12 (tie), Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, and Dom Barrett, England, 3,967.
- 14, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 3,960.
- 15, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 3,959.
- 16, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,941, \$100.
- 17, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,938.
- 18, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 3,931.

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Fast Start Helps England's Williams Takes Badger Open Lead; Daugherty Tops Oklahoma Open Field

SHAWNEE, Okla. (May 21, 2014) – England's Stuart Williams rolled 268 and 269 games out of the starting block and held on for the first round lead in the Professional Bowlers Association's Badger Open at FireLake Bowling Center Wednesday.

Williams, the first English bowler to win a PBA Tour title (2011 Viper Open during PBA World Series of Bowling III), averaged 238.67 for six games on the long 52-foot Badger lane conditioning pattern for a 1,432 pinfall total and an 11-pin lead over Tom Daugherty of Wesley Chapel, Fla., into Wednesday evening's second qualifying round.

With his big Badger round, Daugherty led the field of 18 players who qualified for the Oklahoma Open, based on their three six-game rounds in the Wolf, Bear and Badger Opens. Three rounds of match play in the Oklahoma Open will be contested Thursday at FireLake with the top five advancing to the stepladder finals Sunday at noon at the Grand Events Center.

"I had 60 clean frames today. That was a novelty," Williams said after his round.

Williams said he came into Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort PBA Summer Swing with bittersweet emotions. He had just learned of his election into the UK Tenpin Hall of Fame (induction ceremonies will be held in October), and he and wife Tina (Stickney), a former collegiate star for Texas A&M, had just returned from England where they had planned a second wedding ceremony on behalf of Williams' ailing grandmother, who was unable to travel to the U.S. for the couple's original wedding last year. But Williams' 89-year-old grandmother died before the ceremony could be held.

"I had very little practice because of that, but I won a local tournament on this same lane condition in Tucson which gave me some confidence knowing moves I was going to make here," he said. "I'd really like to win my second title. There are a lot of people who have won one title; there aren't so many who have more than one. You want to prove it wasn't a fluke."

The top 18 players in the Badger Open advanced to the second qualifying round at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. Behind Williams and Daugherty were Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill.; Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, and Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., all tied at 1,402. The top five after 12 games will compete for the Badger Open title Saturday on the special lane installation at the Grand Event Center.

The top 18 players based on combined six-game qualifying totals from the Wolf, Bear and Badger Opens also advanced to the Oklahoma Open match play rounds Thursday at 10 a.m., 2 and 6:30 p.m. The top

five players based upon a total of 36 games, including match play bonus pins, will bowl for the Oklahoma Open title Sunday at the Grand Event Center. Daugherty averaged 227.33 across the three lane conditions for a 4,092 total. Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., was second with 4,088 pins followed by Mike Fagan, Ft. Worth, Texas, at 4,069; Bear Open qualifying leader Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., at 4,054, and Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., with 4,031 pins.

Thursday's three six-game Oklahoma Open match play rounds will be covered live on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. To subscribe to Xtra Frame, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link. Live scoring of all preliminary rounds also will be available at no cost on pba.com.

PBA BADGER OPEN

FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla., May 21

Final First Round (after six games; top 18 advanced to final six-game qualifying round at 7:30 p.m. CT)

- 1, Stuart Williams, England, 1,432.
- 2, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1,421.
- 3 (tie), Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill.; Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, and Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,402.
- 6, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,382.
- 7, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 1,381.
- 8, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,379.
- 9, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 1,374.
- 10, Lee Vanderhoef, Greenville, S.C., 1,373.
- 11, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,366.
- 12, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,363.
- 13, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,361.
- 14, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,344.
- 15, Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev., 1,338.
- 16, Mike Fagan, Ft. Worth, Texas, 1,332.
- 17, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,330.
- 18, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 1,321.

Failed to advance:

- 19, Tim Mack, Indianapolis, 1,317.
- 20, Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 1,315.
- 21, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,313.
- 22, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 1,312.
- 23, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,306.
- 24, Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 1,305.
- 25, Tyler Jensen, Ft. Worth, Texas, 1,298.
- 26, Jeff Campbell II, Amarillo, Texas, 1,296.
- 27, Aaron Lorincz, Saginaw, Mich., 1,295.
- 28, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,289.
- 29, John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y., 1,288.
- 30, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 1,281.
- 31, D.J. Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 1,273.
- 32 (tie), Clara Guerrero, Colombia; Dylan Macon, Ennis, Texas; Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y.; Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., and James Cantere, Honolulu, Hawaii, 1,272.
- 37 (tie), Mike DeVaney, Winchester, Calif., and Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,266.
- 39, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,265.
- 40, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,260.

41 (tie), Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., and John Ferraro, Kingston, N.Y., 1,258.
 43, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 1,255.
 44, Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif., 1,251.
 44, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,251.
 46 (tie), Brad Miller, St. Charles, Mo.; Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., and Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 1,250.
 49, Sean Swanson, Springfield, Mo., 1,247.
 50, Roger Petrin, BelAire, Kan., 1,244.
 51, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,239.
 52, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,236.
 53, Giorgio Clinaz Jr., Venezuela, 1,234.
 54 (tie), Dan MacLelland, Canada; Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, and John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 1,232.
 57, Hernan Ramirez, Venezuela, 1,229.
 58, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 1,228.
 59, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 1,225.
 60 (tie), Dom Barrett, England, and Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 1,223.
 62, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,222.
 63 (tie), John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, and Thomas Patterson, Owasso, Okla., 1,221.
 65, Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas, 1,218.
 66, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,216.
 67, Miguel Lopez, Wichita, Kan., 1,210.
 68, Adam Monks, Conway, S.C., 1,204.
 69, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,200.
 70, Manuel Otalora, Colombia, 1,197.
 71, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 1,195.
 72, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 1,190.
 73, Anthony Simonsen, Mesquite, Texas, 1,189.
 74, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 1,188.
 75, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,186.
 76, Stephen Pavlinko Jr., Sewell, N.J., 1,185.
 77, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 1,184.
 78, Shannon O'Keefe, Arlington, Texas, 1,173.
 79, Bryant Ezell, Fayetteville, Ark., 1,172.
 80, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,169.
 81, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 1,165.
 82, Billy Rogers, Mesquite, Texas, 1,164.
 83, Kenneth Bland Jr., Lorton, Va., 1,162.
 84, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 1,161.
 85, Tim Dooley, Van Buren, Ark., 1,160.
 86 (tie), Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., and Chris Skillings, Shawnee, Okla., 1,155.
 88, Eric Odette, Killeen, Texas, 1,153.
 89, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 1,147.
 90 (tie), Mark Morgan, Killeen, Texas, and Andrew Graff, Las Vegas, 1,141.
 92, Dale Renken, St. Jacob, Ill., 1,139.
 93, Brett Cooper, Denver, 1,138.
 94, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,136.
 95, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 1,130.
 96, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,125.
 97, Barry McKee, Maxwell, Texas, 1,123.
 98, Jeff Hatt, Oklahoma City, 1,122.
 99, Paul Brewbaker, Midwest City, Okla., 1,121.
 100, Andy Patterson, Tyler, Texas, 1,118.

- 101, Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 1,109.
- 102 (tie), Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., and Julio Cesar Blancas, Mexico, 1,106.
- 104, Brian Nicodemus, Akron, Ind., 1,083.
- 105, Jason Poli, West Des Moines, Iowa, 1,079.
- 106, Clint Land, Richmond, Texas, 1,075.
- 107, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 1,066.
- 108, Justin Morris, McCloud, Okla., 1,063.
- 109, Armando Santacruz, Ecuador, 1,061.
- 110, Michael Austin, Magnolia, Texas, 1,060.
- 111, Chad Lusche, Arvada, Colo., 1,050.
- 112, Kyle Biggs, Sapulpa, Okla., 1,037.
- 113, Will Hoge, Sand Springs, Okla., 1,020.
- 114, Jason Romeiser, Quanah, Texas, 1,015.
- 115, Jayden Warner, Muskogee, Okla., 885.

300 Games: none.

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- 1, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 4,092.
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- 21, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 3,905, \$1,110.
- 22, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 3,894, \$1,090.
- 23, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 3,870, \$1,070.
- 24, Roger Petrin, BelAire, Kan., 3,866, \$1,050.
- 25, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 3,863, \$1,030.
- 26, Mike DeVaney, Winchester, Calif., 3,853, \$1,010.
- 27, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 3,852, \$990.
- 28, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 3,850, \$970.
- 29, Stuart Williams, England, 3,848, \$950.
- 30, D.J. Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 3,843, \$930.
- 31, Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 3,831, \$910.
- 32, John Ferraro, Kingston, N.Y., 3,827, \$890.
- 33, Dan MacLelland, Canada, 3,814, \$870.

34, Tyler Jensen, Ft. Worth, Texas, 3,813, \$850.
 35, Lee Vanderhoef, Greenville, S.C., 3,806, \$830.
 36, James Cantere, Honolulu, Hawaii, 3,805, \$810.
 37, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 3,800, \$790.
 38 (tie), Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill.; Tim Mack, Indianapolis, and Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 3,795, \$257.
 41, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 3,786.
 42 (tie), Brad Miller, St. Charles, Mo., and Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 3,782.
 44, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,768.
 45, Aaron Lorincz, Saginaw, Mich., 3,766.
 46, John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y., 3,765.
 47, Sean Swanson, Springfield, Mo., 3,748.
 48 (tie), Jeff Campbell II, Amarillo, Texas, and Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 3,742.
 50, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 3,739.
 51, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 3,732.
 52, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 3,715.
 53, Adam Monks, Conway, S.C., 3,713.
 54 (tie), Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., and David Haynes, Las Vegas, 3,703.
 56, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 3,698.
 57, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 3,689.
 58, Shannon O'Keefe, Arlington, Texas, 3,688.
 59, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 3,685.
 60, Bryant Ezell, Fayetteville, Ark., 3,671.
 61, Giorgio Clinaz Jr., Venezuela, 3,664.
 62, Andrew Graff, Las Vegas, 3,663.
 63, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 3,662.
 64, Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif., 3,654.
 65, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 3,640.
 66, Billy Rogers, Mesquite, Texas, 3,639.
 67 (tie), Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, and Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 3,637.
 69, Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 3,626.
 70 (tie), John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, and Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 3,621.
 72, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 3,620.
 73, Stephen Pavlinko Jr., Sewell, N.J., 3,616.
 74, Anthony Simonsen, Mesquite, Texas, 3,613.
 75, Dylan Macon, Ennis, Texas, 3,599.
 76, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 3,597.
 77, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 3,591.
 78, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3,590.
 79, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 3,589.
 80, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 3,581.
 81 (tie), Miguel Lopez, Wichita, Kan., and Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,574.
 83, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 3,553.
 84, Manuel Otalora, Colombia, 3,548.
 85, John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 3,536.
 86, Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas, 3,530.
 87, Kenneth Bland Jr., Lorton, Va., 3,509.
 88, Hernan Ramirez, Venezuela, 3,491.
 89, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 3,490.
 90, Julio Cesar Blancas, Mexico, 3,489.
 91, Chris Skillings, Shawnee, Okla., 3,486.
 92, Brett Cooper, Denver, 3,481.

- 93, Barry McKee, Maxwell, Texas, 3,480.
- 94, Thomas Patterson, Owasso, Okla., 3,471.
- 95, Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 3,466.
- 96, Tim Dooley, Van Buren, Ark., 3,449.
- 97, Eric Odette, Killeen, Texas, 3,443.
- 98, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 3,424.
- 99 (tie), Dale Renken, St. Jacob, Ill., and Clint Land, Richmond, Texas, 3,420.
- 101, Andy Patterson, Tyler, Texas, 3,396.
- 102, Jeff Hatt, Oklahoma City, 3,393.
- 103, Paul Brewbaker, Midwest City, Okla., 3,386.
- 104, Jason Poli, West Des Moines, Iowa, 3,350.
- 105, Michael Austin, Magnolia, Texas, 3,335, \$100.
- 106, Chad Lusche, Arvada, Colo., 3,326.
- 107, Mark Morgan, Killeen, Texas, 3,312.
- 108, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 3,301.
- 109, Brian Nicodemus, Akron, Ind., 3,287.
- 110, Kyle Biggs, Sapulpa, Okla., 3,217.
- 111, Justin Morris, McCloud, Okla., 3,148.
- 112, Jason Romeiser, Quanah, Texas, 3,122.
- 113, Will Hoge, Sand Springs, Okla., 3,093.
- 114, Armando Santacruz, Ecuador, 2,969.
- 115, Jayden Warner, Muskogee, Okla., 2,769.

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Tommy Jones Wins No. 1 Qualifying Berth for PBA Bear Open Finals

14-time PBA Tour champion is feeling healthy, eager to end six-year U.S. title drought

SHAWNEE, Okla. (May 20, 2014) – One day after missing the stepladder finals of the PBA Wolf Open by four pins, 14-time Professional Bowlers Association Tour champion Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., raced away with the top qualifying berth for the finals of the PBA Bear Open at FireLake Bowling Center Tuesday.

Jones, who hasn't won a PBA Tour title on American soil since the 2008 GEICO Championship in West Babylon, N.Y., averaged 220.5 for 12 games on the most difficult of the Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort PBA Summer Swing lane conditioning patterns, a flat 40-foot condition that is almost identical to the U.S. Open lane oiling pattern. Jones finished with a 2,646 pinfall total to top No. 2 qualifier Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., by 24 pins.

Also advancing to the Bear Open stepladder finals Saturday will be No. 3 Ronnie Russell of Marion, Ind., with 2,620 pins; Rhino Page of Dad City, Fla., with 2,608 pins and No. 5 Dick Allen of Columbia, S.C., with a 2,606 total. The Bear Open finals will be contested at 2:30 p.m. CT on the special lane installation at the Grand Event Center. The finals will air on CBS Sports Network on Tuesday, June 10, at 7 p.m. ET.

Pacing the Bear field was a bit of redemption for Jones after Monday's disappointing finish.

"It wasn't the finish that bothered me as much as I threw a couple of shots into the gutter and missed the TV show by four pins," he said. "Leaving those pins out there is what leaves a bitter taste in my mouth."

Jones also is aware it's been six years since he has won a title in the U.S. He has won three times in PBA International Tour events since then, but overcoming hip and neck injuries over the past five-or-so years has been frustrating.

"To win in the U.S. is definitely a goal, and to go in feeling healthy is a good thing," he added. "Some of my problems have been bad bowling, some has been being overly cautious about my health issues. But so far this week, everything's been good."

The Bear Open is the second of five events that compose Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort PBA Summer Swing. All five events will be televised on CBS Sports Network on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. ET, beginning with the Wolf Open on June 3.

The Bear Open also was the second of three qualifying legs in determining the field of 18 who will advance to the round-robin match play segment of the Oklahoma Open. After 12 of 18 qualifying games, the top five were Dom Barrett, England, 2,744; Jones, 2,741; Mike Fagan, Ft. Worth, Texas, 2,737; Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,722, and Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,721. The first six games in Wednesday's Badger Open will determine the Oklahoma Open match play finalists.

The Badger Open, which features a 52-foot lane conditioning pattern, gets underway Wednesday when Squad A bowls six qualifying games at 8 a.m. followed by Squad B at 2 p.m. The top 18 after six games advance to an additional six-game qualifying round at 7:30 p.m. to determine the five Badger Open stepladder finalists.

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PBA BEAR OPEN

FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla., May 20

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- 1, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,646.
- 2, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,622.
- 3, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2,620.
- 4, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 2,608.
- 5, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 2,606.
- 6, Dom Barrett, England, 2,553, \$2,000.
- 7, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2,551, \$1,800.
- 8, Mike DeVaney, Winchester, Calif., 2,543, \$1,600.
- 9, Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev., 2,529, \$1,400.
- 10, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2,528, \$1,300.
- 11, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 2,527, \$1,200.
- 12, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 2,525, \$1,100.
- 13, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 2,487, \$1,000.
- 14, D.J. Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 2,483, \$900.
- 15, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 2,469, \$800.
- 16, Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 2,468, \$700.
- 17, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 2,456, \$600.
- 18, John Ferraro, Kingston, N.Y., 2,420, \$500.

300 Games: none.

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Chris Barnes Earns No. 1 Berth for PBA Wolf Open Finals

17-time PBA Tour titlist bowls nearly-flawless 12 games in opening event of Oklahoma's Grand Casino PBA Summer Swing

SHAWNEE, Okla. (May 19, 2014) – After averaging 256.5 for his first six qualifying games, Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, started Monday night's final qualifying round in the Professional Bowlers Association's Wolf Open at FireLake Bowling Center with a 279 game and never looked back in earning the top berth for Saturday's stepladder finals.

Barnes, a 17-time PBA Tour title-winner, completed the 12-game qualifying portion of the Wolf Open with an overall 249 average and 2,989 pins to win the top spot in the finals by 136 pins over Mike Fagan of Fort Worth, Texas. In 12 games, Barnes had only one open frame – a split he failed to convert in the ninth frame of his final game.

Also advancing to the stepladder finals will be Sweden's Martin Larsen in third place with 2,838 pins, Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., in fourth with a 2,835 total and defending Wolf Open winner Chris Loschetter of Avon, Ohio. Loschetter rallied to make it into the 18-player second-round field by five pins and then finished the second round with back-to-back 257-258 games to win the fifth seat in the finals by four pins over Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C.

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"Last year (in Milwaukee) I made some mistakes and I didn't use my equipment to my advantage," he added. "This year I came into the Wolf Open more determined to stay in control of the pocket rather than worry about my pin carry, and it worked out."

Barnes finished 17th in last year's Wolf Open, the worst of his five 2013 Summer Swing events, and he won the Milwaukee Open – last year's version of this year's Oklahoma Open – with a 246-237 decision over Norm Duke in the title match.

Former major league pitching star John Burkett of Southlake, Texas, finished 91st in his first PBA Tour appearance since 2007. Burkett, 49, is preparing for his debut in PBA50 Tour competition in 2015.

Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort PBA Summer Swing continues Tuesday with the PBA Bear Open on a demanding U.S. Open-type flat 40-foot lane condition. Squad B will bowl six qualifying games at 8 a.m. and Squad A will bowl at 2 p.m. The top 18 players will bowl an additional six-game qualifying round at 7:30 p.m. to determine the Bear Open stepladder finalists.

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PBA WOLF OPEN

FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla., May 19

Final Qualifying Standings (after 12 games; top five advance to stepladder finals Saturday at 11 a.m. CT at the Grand Event Center in Shawnee)

- 1, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,989.
- 2, Mike Fagan, Ft. Worth, Texas, 2,853.
- 3, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 2,838.
- 4, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,835.
- 5, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 2,756.
- 6, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,752, \$2,000.
- 7, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 2,751, \$1,800.
- 8, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,732, \$1,600.
- 9, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2,726, \$1,400.
- 10, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 2,703, \$1,300.
- 11, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,659, \$1,150.
- 11, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 2,659, \$1,150.
- 13, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,638, \$1,000.
- 14, Dom Barrett, England, 2,618, \$900.
- 15, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 2,615, \$800.
- 16, Roger Petrin, BelAire, Kan., 2,593, \$700.
- 17, Shannon O'Keefe, Arlington, Texas, 2,565, \$600.
- 18, Lee Vanderhoef, Greenville, S.C., 2,557, \$500.

Failed to advance (after six games):

- 19, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 1,342.
- 20 (tie), Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., and Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,329.
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- 23, Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev., 1,325.
- 24, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,321.
- 25, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,314.
- 26, Stephen Pavlinko Jr., Sewell, N.J., 1,312.
- 27 (tie), Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla.; Bryant Ezell, Fayetteville, Ark., and Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 1,310.
- 30, Brad Miller, St. Charles, Mo., 1,309.
- 31, Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 1,307.
- 32 (tie), Osku Palermaa, Finland, and Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,302.
- 34 (tie), Shawn Maldonado, Houston, and Sean Swanson, Springfield, Mo., 1,300.
- 36, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 1,298.
- 37, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,296.
- 38 (tie), Andrew Graff, Las Vegas, and Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,294.
- 40, Dan MacLelland, Canada, 1,293.

41, Jeff Campbell II, Amarillo, Texas, 1,292.
 42, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 1,290.
 43 (tie), Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., and Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 1,286.
 45, Aaron Lorincz, Saginaw, Mich., 1,283.
 46 (tie), Brett Cooper, Denver; Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., and Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 1,282.
 49, Mike DeVaney, Winchester, Calif., 1,281.
 50, Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., 1,278.
 51 (tie), D.J. Archer, Friendswood, Texas, and Giorgio Clinaz Jr., Venezuela, 1,272.
 53, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,267.
 54 (tie), James Cantere, Honolulu, Hawaii, and Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 1,265.
 56, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 1,264.
 57 (tie), Tim Mack, Indianapolis, and Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 1,259.
 59, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 1,250.
 60, Stuart Williams, England, 1,248.
 61, Adam Monks, Conway, S.C., 1,246.
 62, Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 1,241.
 63, Barry McKee, Maxwell, Texas, 1,239.
 64, Billy Rogers, Mesquite, Texas, 1,237.
 65, John Ferraro, Kingston, N.Y., 1,235.
 66, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,233.
 67, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 1,230.
 68 (tie), Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla.; Tyler Jensen, Ft. Worth, Texas, and Michael Austin, Magnolia, Texas, 1,229.
 71, Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas, 1,223.
 72, Anthony Simonsen, Mesquite, Texas, 1,220.
 73, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,219.
 74, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,216.
 75 (tie), Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio; Miguel Lopez, Wichita, Kan., and Julio Cesar Blancas, Mexico, 1,213.
 78, John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y., 1,208.
 79, Kyle Biggs, Sapulpa, Okla., 1,201.
 80, Chris Skillings, Shawnee, Okla., 1,199.
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 85, Thomas Patterson, Owasso, Okla., 1,192.
 86, Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif., 1,188.
 87, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,186.
 88, Eric Odette, Killeen, Texas, 1,182.
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 97, Brian Nicodemus, Akron, Ind., 1,156.
 98 (tie), Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., and Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,151.
 100, Andy Patterson, Tyler, Texas, 1,149.
 101, Clint Land, Richmond, Texas, 1,142.
 102 (tie), Jeff Hatt, Oklahoma City, and Mark Morgan, Killeen, Texas, 1,141.

104 (tie), Paul Brewbaker, Midwest City, Okla., and Dylan Macon, Ennis, Texas, 1,132.
106, Chad Lusche, Arvada, Colo., 1,131.
107, John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 1,121.
108, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 1,118.
109, Tim Dooley, Van Buren, Ark., 1,098.
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Barnes, behind games of 255, 289, 257, 225, 269 and 244 for a six-game total of 1,539 pins, led a field of 18 qualifiers into Monday night's second qualifying round on the 32-foot Wolf lane conditioning pattern. Total pinfall after 12 games will determine the top five who will compete for the Wolf Open title Saturday on a special lane installation at the Grand Event Center.

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Fagan, who is trying for his fifth title and first since winning the 2012 Brunswick Euro Challenge in France, averaged 248.5 for his six games, but wasn't excited.

"Right now I'm just another casher," Fagan said. "I need to stay focused and continue doing what I'm doing in the second round."

Other players in the top five heading into Monday night's second round were Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., who had one of the three 300 games bowled in the opening round; Dom Barrett of England, and Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill.

Shannon O'Keefe of Arlington, Texas, one of four women bowling in the Summer Swing, advanced to round two in 15th place. Defending Wolf Open champion Chris Loschetter of Avon, Ohio, advanced in a tie for 16th. Former major league pitcher John Burkett of Southlake, Texas, failed to advance, finishing 91st in his first PBA Tour appearance since 2007.

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- 3, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,460.
- 4, Dom Barrett, England, 1,446.
- 5, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,426.
- 6, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,414.
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 50, Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., 1,278.
 51 (tie), D.J. Archer, Friendswood, Texas, and Giorgio Clinaz Jr., Venezuela, 1,272.
 53, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,267.
 54 (tie), James Cantere, Honolulu, Hawaii, and Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 1,265.
 56, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 1,264.
 57 (tie), Tim Mack, Indianapolis, and Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 1,259.
 59, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 1,250.
 60, Stuart Williams, England, 1,248.
 61, Adam Monks, Conway, S.C., 1,246.
 62, Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 1,241.
 63, Barry McKee, Maxwell, Texas, 1,239.
 64, Billy Rogers, Mesquite, Texas, 1,237.
 65, John Ferraro, Kingston, N.Y., 1,235.
 66, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,233.
 67, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 1,230.
 68 (tie), Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla.; Tyler Jensen, Ft. Worth, Texas, and Michael Austin, Magnolia, Texas, 1,229.
 71, Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas, 1,223.
 72, Anthony Simonsen, Mesquite, Texas, 1,220.
 73, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,219.
 74, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,216.
 75 (tie), Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio; Miguel Lopez, Wichita, Kan., and Julio Cesar Blancas, Mexico, 1,213.
 78, John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y., 1,208.
 79, Kyle Biggs, Sapulpa, Okla., 1,201.
 80, Chris Skillings, Shawnee, Okla., 1,199.
 81 (tie), Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., and Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 1,198.
 83, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 1,194.
 84, Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 1,193.
 85, Thomas Patterson, Owasso, Okla., 1,192.
 86, Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif., 1,188.
 87, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,186.
 88, Eric Odette, Killeen, Texas, 1,182.

89, Manuel Otalora, Colombia, 1,180.
 90, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,176.
 91, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 1,174.
 92, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 1,167.
 93, Dale Renken, St. Jacob, Ill., 1,166.
 94, Jason Poli, West Des Moines, Iowa, 1,161.
 95, Jason Romeiser, Quanah, Texas, 1,159.
 96, Kenneth Bland Jr., Lorton, Va., 1,157.
 97, Brian Nicodemus, Akron, Ind., 1,156.
 98 (tie), Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., and Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,151.
 100, Andy Patterson, Tyler, Texas, 1,149.
 101, Clint Land, Richmond, Texas, 1,142.
 102 (tie), Jeff Hatt, Oklahoma City, and Mark Morgan, Killeen, Texas, 1,141.
 104 (tie), Paul Brewbaker, Midwest City, Okla., and Dylan Macon, Ennis, Texas, 1,132.
 106, Chad Lusche, Arvada, Colo., 1,131.
 107, John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 1,121.
 108, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 1,118.
 109, Tim Dooley, Van Buren, Ark., 1,098.
 110, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 1,097.
 111, Hernan Ramirez, Venezuela, 1,095.
 112, Justin Morris, McLoud, Okla., 1,048.
 113, Armando Santacruz, Ecuador, 1,038.
 114, Will Hoge, Sand Springs, Okla., 954.
 115, Jayden Warner, Muskogee, Okla., 850.
300 Games: Mike Austin, Ryan Shafer, Bill O'Neill.

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*FireLake Bowling Center, Grand Casino Resort to host PBA Summer Swing beginning next Monday;
Summer Swing concludes with five finals airing on CBS Sports Network*

SHAWNEE, OKLA. (May 12, 2014) – The chase to catch reigning Professional Bowlers Association Player of the Year Jason Belmonte resumes next Monday when the multi-event Grand Casino Resort PBA Summer Swing gets underway at FireLake Bowling Center.

The Summer Swing will conclude when five finals, airing on CBS Sports Network, are conducted May 24-25 in a special bowling arena installed inside the Grand Event Center in the Grand Casino Resort complex. CBS Sports Network will televise the finals on five consecutive Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. ET, beginning June 3.

The Summer Swing will include four PBA Tour title events – the Wolf, Bear and Badger Opens and the PBA Oklahoma Open – and the Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort Summer King of the Swing special event involving four winners plus a "wild card" player.

Coming into the Summer Swing, Belmonte has jumped into a huge lead in defense of his 2012-13 PBA Player of the Year title after winning the PBA Tour's first two major championships of the 2014 season. In late January, Belmonte defeated Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, 219-218, to win the Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions in Allen Park, Mich., and in late February the Australian two-handed star won his second straight United States Bowling Congress Masters title, defeating 2013 PBA Rookie of the Year E.J. Tackett of Huntington, Ind., 221-177, in North Brunswick, N.J.

Those two victories have given Belmonte big leads in PBA Tour earnings (\$99,800 vs. \$47,181 by England's Dom Barrett), scoring averages (236.51 vs. Barrett's 228.84) and competition points (80,000 vs. Malott's 30,199) heading into the Summer Swing. Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, who won the PBA International Tour's H.H. Emir Cup in Qatar in late February, is third in earnings (\$45,344) and just over 10 pins behind Belmonte in average (226.41) while Barrett ranks third in points (28,461).

Belmonte also comes into the Summer Swing as the defending PBA Bear Open champion. Belmonte defeated Barnes, 235-211, in the title match of the most demanding Summer Swing event, contested on a 40-foot lane condition that is very similar to the lane conditioning pattern used for the U.S. Open.

Barnes returns as the Oklahoma Open champion (re-named geographically; last year it was called the Milwaukee Open). The Oklahoma Open, which will feature the top 18 overall performers based upon

combined qualifying pinfall total from the Wolf, Bear and Badger Opens, uses all three unique lane conditions for its 18-game round-robin match play finals.

The Wolf Open, which will be contested on Monday, May 19, uses the shortest of all PBA "animal" patterns (32 feet). The Bear Open will be held on Tuesday. The Badger Open, which uses the longest of all "animal" patterns at 52 feet, will be conducted on Wednesday. Chris Loschetter of Avon, Ohio, won his first PBA Tour title in last year's Wolf Open and Jake Peters of Henderson, Nev., won his first PBA Tour title in the 2013 Badger Open.

In addition to those four PBA Tour title events, the four winners along with a "wild card" player – whoever scores the most points without a title – will compete in a special Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort King of the Swing event to conclude the Summer Swing. If any player wins more than one preliminary event, whomever finishes second in the ensuing event(s) will earn a spot in the King of the Swing. Norm Duke of Clermont, Okla., is defending King of the Swing winner.

"It's going to be a fabulous event," PBA Commissioner Tom Clark predicted. "We're going to bowl for four PBA Tour titles, conduct a King of the Swing special event, and provide PBA fans around the world with more than 50 hours of live coverage on Xtra Frame in addition to 10 hours of nationally-televised coverage on CBS Sports Network."

The Summer Swing will feature a sold-out field of 120 players representing 11 different countries. Oklahoma will be represented in the Summer Swing by veteran PBA Tour champion Mike Edwards of Tulsa along with Kyle Biggs of Sapulpa, Jeff Hatt, Oklahoma City; Will Hoge of Sand Springs, Justin Morris, McCloud; Thomas Patterson of Owasso and FireLake Bowling Center manager Chris Skillings of Shawnee, and Jayden Warren of Muskogee. The field also will include four PBA Hall of Famers (33-time titlist Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J.; 37-time champions Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., and Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., and the winningest player in PBA Tour history, 47-time title-winner Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla.) and four women.

In addition to the CBS Sports Network televised finals, all qualifying and preliminary match play rounds of the summer swing events will be covered live on PBA's exclusive online bowling channel, Xtra Frame.

CBS Sports Network is available across the country through local cable, video and telco providers and via satellite on DirecTV Channel 221 and Dish Network Channel 158. For more information, including a full programming schedule and how to get CBS Sports Network, go to www.cbssportsnetwork.com.

OKLAHOMA'S GRAND CASINO RESORT PBA SUMMER SWING SCHEDULE **FireLake Bowling Center and Grand Casino Resort, Shawnee, Okla., May 17-25**

FireLake Bowling Center schedule (all times are Central)

Saturday, May 17

2-5 p.m. – Pro-Am squads

Sunday, May 18

Noon – A Squad practice session

3:30 p.m. – B Squad practice session

Monday, May 19, PBA Wolf Open

8 a.m. – A Squad, 6 qualifying games

2 p.m. – B Squad, 6 qualifying games

Top 18 advance to second qualifying round

7:30 p.m. – Top 18, 6 qualifying games

Top 5 after 12 games advance to stepladder finals

Tuesday, May 20, PBA Bear Open

8 a.m. – B Squad, 6 qualifying games

2 p.m. – A Squad, 6 qualifying games

Top 18 advance to second qualifying round

7:30 p.m. – Top 18, 6 qualifying games

Top 5 after 12 games advance to stepladder finals

Wednesday, May 21, PBA Badger Open

8 a.m. – A Squad, 6 qualifying games

2 p.m. – B Squad, 6 qualifying games

Top 18 after 6 games advance to second qualifying round; top 18 after 18 games (combined 6-game first-round Wolf, Bear and Badger totals) advance to Oklahoma Open match play

7:30 p.m. – Top 18, 6 qualifying games

Top 5 after 12 games advance to stepladder finals

Thursday, May 22, PBA Oklahoma Open Round Robin Match Play

10 a.m. – Top 18, 6 games match play, Wolf pattern

2 p.m. – Top 18, 6 games match play, Bear pattern

6:30 p.m. – Top 18, 6 games match play, Badger pattern

Top 5 advance to stepladder finals

Friday, May 23

4 p.m. – PBA Southwest Region practice session

Saturday, May 24

8 a.m. – PBA Southwest Region A Squad, 8 qualifying games

2 p.m. – PBA Southwest Region B Squad, 8 qualifying games

Top 16 after 8 games advance to single-elimination match play

Sunday, May 25

10 a.m. – Round of 16 best-of-five-game match play; losers eliminated

Noon – Round of 8 best-of-three-game match play; losers eliminated

1:30 p.m. – Semifinal Round, one game matches; losers eliminated

2 p.m. – Championship match, one game

OKLAHOMA'S GRAND CASINO RESORT PBA SUMMER SWING

CBS SPORTS NETWORK STEPLADDER FINALS SCHEDULE (all times are Central)

Saturday, May 24

11 a.m. – PBA Wolf Open five-player stepladder finals

2:30 p.m. – PBA Bear Open five-player stepladder finals

6 p.m. – PBA Badger Open five-player stepladder finals

Sunday, May 25

Noon – PBA Oklahoma Open five-player stepladder finals

3:30 p.m. – Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort Summer King of the Swing five-player stepladder finals (four title winners plus "wild card" player - highest in combined points for four events without a title)

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Collegiate Star Marshall Kent to Make Debut as PBA Member in Oklahoma

Washington native to join pro tour in time for multi-event PBA Summer Swing in Shawnee May 18-25

SEATTLE (May 8, 2014) – Marshall Kent, a 21-year-old native of Yakima, Wash., and predicted by many observers to be headed toward stardom in professional bowling, has announced he is joining the Professional Bowlers Association and will compete as a PBA member in Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort PBA Summer Swing in Shawnee, Okla., May 18-25.

Kent, a two-time Collegiate Bowler of the Year while bowling with Chicago-based Robert Morris-Illinois, has one more year of collegiate eligibility, but has decided to forego that option because he will graduate from Robert Morris in July with a degree in business management.

"Joining the PBA has been a lifelong dream," Kent said. "I always wanted to make a TV show and bowl for a PBA title. I grew up watching Tommy Jones and Pete Weber and Norm Duke, and guys like that. I wanted to be out there with them one day."

Kent – who is not related to PBA Hall of Famer Doug Kent – said he has bowled "since I was able to walk. My parents bought a bowling center before I was born, so I pretty much grew up in the sport."

Kent will compete in Shawnee as part of a sold-out field of 120 of the world's top players, including competitors from 11 different countries. The PBA Summer Swing will include PBA Wolf, Bear and Badger Championships, the Oklahoma Open and Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort King of the Swing, a special event for the four title winners plus a "wild card" player.

Kent's arrival on the PBA Tour has been anticipated for some time after he demonstrated during the past year that he's ready to compete with the world's best players in the professional arena. As an amateur, he finished fourth in Bowling's U.S. Open last July in Columbus, Ohio, losing in the stepladder finals to eventual champion Wes Malott, 200-193. Following that performance, he was granted an exemption to bowl in the PBA World Series of Bowling V last fall in Las Vegas by PBA Commissioner Tom Clark where he earned the No. 1 qualifying berth in the Scorpion Championship finals, losing to Tom Smallwood in the title match, 221-216.

A three-time member of both adult and Junior Team USA where he gained valuable experience in international competition, Kent had a break-through victory in March in the Brunswick Euro Challenge in Munich, Germany, throwing 10 strikes on his first 11 attempts to win the prestigious World Bowling/PBA International Tour event with a 277-258 victory over Sweden's Daniel Fransson.

Other career highlights include gold medals won in PABCON and World Youth Championships competition, the 2012 Team USA Trials men's championship, the 2010 USBC Junior Gold Championship and a runner-up finish in the 2012 QubicaAMF World Cup.

"Marshall is obviously a tremendously talented player, but also a great young man who will be a fantastic role model for our sport," Clark said. "His joining the PBA is one of the most widely anticipated in years."

Kent said he has always worked on developing sound fundamental skills, trying to keep his game simple. But he also has closely observed his idols, borrowing "tricks" here and there.

"I kind of adopted Tommy Jones' knee bend at the foul line, and watched Pete Weber's open hand technique at his follow-through, stuff like that," Kent said. "I got to meet some of those guys when I attended a PBA tournament when I was young and got some autographs. Then I made Team USA and got to bowl alongside some of them. And then I bowled in the USBC Masters and U.S. Open where I got to bowl against them."

All five PBA Summer Swing events will be televised on CBS Sports Network on consecutive Tuesdays beginning in June. Qualifying and match play for each event will be conducted at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee with the stepladder finals moving to a special bowling lane installation in the Grand Event Center. All preliminary rounds will be covered live on PBA's exclusive online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. For subscription information, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

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PBA Champion Mike Edwards Looks Forward to PBA's Return to Oklahoma

Home state native among 120 PBA stars set to compete in Grand Casino Resort Summer Swing May 17-25

SHAWNEE, Okla. - After bowling on the PBA Tour for more than 12 years without a title, Mike Edwards of Tulsa held a record he didn't especially want: most prize money won without a PBA Tour title.

After several runner-up finishes during that span, the native Oklahoman put an end to that record on April 16, 1994 when he won the IOF Foresters Bowling for Miracles Open at Club 300 Bowl in Markham, Ontario, for his first PBA Tour title.

Edwards, who was top qualifier for the ABC-TV Pro Bowlers Tour-televvised finals 20 years ago, turned back fifth-seeded Pete Weber, the tournament's defending champion, 203-192, in the championship match for the \$43,000 first prize.

"It was one of those 'strike-to-win' moments I dreamed of as a kid," Edwards recalled. "I just made up my mind to be aggressive and leave it all out on the table which helped me get over the nerves."

That championship match 20 years ago wasn't easy, but Edwards remembers it as if it happened last week. He and Weber were neck and neck through the first seven frames before Weber, who would eventually become a member of the PBA Hall of Fame, gave Edwards an opening by leaving the 4-6-7-10 split in the eighth frame. Knowing victory was within reach, Edwards clinched the match with a strike on his first shot in the 10th frame.

"I had an idea that the scoring would be lower by the time we bowled the championship match so my game plan was to keep the ball in play," the now-52-year-old Edwards recalled. "Any mistakes you make would be exaggerated so staying focused and not getting caught up in the moment was important."

Edwards, who now splits his time between the PBA50 Tour – for players 50 and older – and the so-called "kids' tour," will be among the 120 top PBA players when the Grand Casino Resort and FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee hosts Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort PBA Summer Swing May 17-25. The Summer Swing will mark the PBA's first visit to Oklahoma since the 2005 Tulsa Championship at The Lanes at Coffee Creek, which was won by Tommy Jones.

The Summer Swing will include four PBA Tour title events – the Wolf, Bear and Badger Opens, and the PBA Oklahoma Open – plus Oklahoma’s Grand Casino Resort Summer King of the Swing special event which will include the four tour event winners plus a “wild card” player. The finals of each event will be taped over the May 24-25 weekend on a special lane installation in the Grand Casino Resort Events Center for airing on CBS Sports Network beginning in early June.

One of Edwards’ most cherished accomplishments is his induction into the American Indian Athletic Hall of Fame in 1997. He is the only bowler to be inducted into the Hall.

“It was a feeling of pride for not only myself but also for the sport,” Edwards said. “To be recognized with the other great athletes in the Hall was a great honor.”

Edwards is still a highly-competitive player. He demonstrated he can still play the game at a high level when he finished third in the 2012 PBA Senior U.S. Open – the first tournament he entered as a “senior” competitor – and won the United States Bowling Congress Senior Masters a week later.

Beyond his participation on the lanes, he has increasingly turned his eyes toward helping the PBA off the lanes. He and his wife Samantha Mulligan, who is a member of the PBA staff, were instrumental in bringing the Summer Swing to the FireLake Bowling Center and the Grand Casino Resort.

“The Grand Casino people have really embraced the sport and competitive bowlers,” Edwards said. “They started by hosting successful regionals including last year’s RPI and they want more tournaments. We approached them about the idea of hosting the Summer Swing and they were immediately very interested. We’re just happy to be able to bring the sport back to Oklahoma.”

All qualifying and match play rounds in the Summer Swing will be held at FireLake before the finals move to the specially-constructed lanes in Grand Casino’s Center. The eight-day program also will include a PBA Southwest Region tournament at FireLake over Memorial Day weekend.

Bowling fans will be able to follow all of the preliminary action on PBA’s online bowling channel, Xtra Frame, or by watching the “live scoring” feature on pba.com. For subscriptions to Xtra Frame, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link. Subscriptions are available for \$7.99 for a month or \$64.99 for a full year.

The tournament program also will include a pro-am on May 17, where Oklahoma youth, adult and senior league bowlers will be able to bowl with PBA stars. The pro-am entry fee is \$65, or \$165 including a high-performance bowling ball. Pro-am entries may be purchased by contacting FireLake Bowling Center (phone: 405-275-0404 ext. 0).

For TV finals tickets, visit www.grandboxoffice.com, call 405-964-7263 or visit the Grand Casino Event Center Box Office. General admission all-day passes are available for \$25 each day for Saturday and Sunday’s TV shows. A lane-side all-day VIP pass is also available for \$80 each day. Tickets for practice session, qualifying, match play rounds (May 18-22) and pro-am day (May 17) are \$10 each day or \$30 for a week-long pass (which does not include TV finals).

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Silver Lake Sweeps Philadelphia, Advances to PBA League Elias Cup Finals

Atom Splitters to battle L.A. X for 2014 PBA League championship on ESPN on April 13

ALLEN PARK, Mich. – Chris Barnes and his Silver Lake Atom Splitters teammates swept the Philadelphia Hitmen in the final Professional Bowlers Association League semifinal match to earn a berth in the 2014 Elias Cup finals against Jason Belmonte and his L.A. X team.

The final semifinal round match at Thunderbowl Lanes aired Sunday on ESPN. The all-Los Angeles area battle for the Elias Cup will air on ESPN on Sunday, April 13, at 2 p.m. ET.

After finishing in sixth place among eight teams in the 2013 introductory PBA League season, the Atom Splitters, presented by Spiceworks and owned by Internet podcast innovator and television host Chris Hardwick, bolstered their 2014 lineup with the addition of former PBA Players of the Year Tommy Jones and Wes Malott, and won 11 of a possible 12 points in matches against the Dallas Strikers and the Hitmen, presented by High 5 Gear, to advance to the Elias Cup finals at Brunswick Zone Carolier in North Brunswick, N.J.

"Our team keeps getting better as we go," Barnes said. "We'll switch venues for the Elias Cup, which will have an impact. Carolier hooks a lot less than Thunderbowl does. As far as L.A. X's fearless leader (Australian two-handed star Belmonte) is concerned, that's not much of a deal, but I don't know about the rest of their team. They have a lot of good shot-makers, but so do we. I think we're down to the two strongest teams."

Belmonte agreed.

"The Atom Splitters are a stacked team," the L.A. X team leader said. "I feel our performance speaks for itself. If there's a team that's going to give (Silver Lake) a run for their money, it's us."

L.A. X, presented by GoBowling.com, eliminated the BROOKLYN STyLES and the defending Elias Cup champion New York City WTT KingPins in earning its berth in the Elias Cup finale.

Barnes gave Silver Lake a 1-0 lead by winning the singles match against Philadelphia franchise player Bill O'Neill. Barnes survived a 3-4-6-7-10 split in the sixth frame after throwing five strikes to start the game. After he failed to convert the split, he threw another string of four strikes for a 248-236 win.

In alternate ball doubles, Philadelphia's Josh Blanchard and Ryan Ciminelli threw back-to-back strikes in the ninth and 10th frames to overcome the Atom Splitters' one-pin lead, but Barnes and partner Bryon Smith answered with three strikes in their 10th frame to pull out a 228-226 win for a 2-0 lead.

Silver Lake's Tommy Jones, Dom Barrett and Wes Malott started the Baker trios contest with six strikes, building a 53-pin lead, and held on for a 233-216 win over Ciminelli, O'Neill and Dan MacLelland for a 3-0 lead.

The Atom Splitters completed the sweep with a convincing 247-224 victory in the Baker team finale. Smith, Barnes, Barrett, Malott and Jones struck on eight of their first nine shots and Silver Lake never gave the Hitmen a chance.

"We're five players deep," Barnes said. "We didn't bowl very well in our first match (against Dallas), but we survived that. We figured that was as bad as it could get, so we threw everyone back out there and it worked out. We just don't like to lose. Ever."

PROFESSIONAL BOWLERS ASSOCIATION LEAGUE SEMIFINAL MATCH TWO

Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich.

Final Standings

Silver Lake Atom Splitters presented by Spiceworks def. Philadelphia Hitmen presented by High 5 Gear, 6-0.

Singles Match (one point)

Chris Barnes, Silver Lake Atom Splitters, def. Bill O'Neill, Philadelphia Hitmen, 248-236.

Alternate Ball Doubles (one point)

Silver Lake Atom Splitters (Chris Barnes/Bryon Smith) def. Philadelphia Hitmen (Ryan Ciminelli/Josh Blanchard), 228-226.

Baker Trios (one point)

Silver Lake Atom Splitters (Tommy Jones/Dom Barrett/Wes Malott) def. Philadelphia Hitmen (Ryan Ciminelli/Bill O'Neill/Dan MacLelland), 233-216.

Five-Man Baker Team (three points)

Silver Lake Atom Splitters (Bryon Smith/Chris Barnes/Dom Barrett/Wes Malott/Tommy Jones) def. Philadelphia Hitmen (Dan MacLelland/Mike DeVaney/Josh Blanchard/Bill O'Neill/Ryan Ciminelli), 247-224.

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L.A. X Upsets Defending Champs, Advances to PBA League Elias Cup Finals

Clutch spare by Jason Belmonte, strike by Parker Bohn III eliminates New York City WTT KingPins

ALLEN PARK, Mich. – A clutch ninth-frame spare by reigning Professional Bowlers Association Player of the Year Jason Belmonte followed by three equally clutch 10th frame strikes in the Baker team finale by Parker Bohn III gave L.A. X a 5-1 victory over the defending PBA League champion New York City WTT KingPins and a berth in the 2014 Elias Cup finals.

The first PBA League semifinal round match at Thunderbowl Lanes aired Sunday on ESPN. The second semifinal match will pit actor/comedian Kevin Hart's Philadelphia Hitmen, led by captain Bill O'Neill, against the Silver Lake Atom Splitters, owned by "Nerdist" creator Chris Hardwick and led by captain Chris Barnes, on ESPN on Sunday, April 6, at 1 p.m. ET. The Elias Cup finals will air on ESPN on Sunday, April 13, at 2 p.m. ET.

The Baker team game, worth a decisive three points in the PBA League elimination competition, was a three-pin contest when Belmonte left the 3-4-7-10 split in the ninth frame, and converted the difficult spare. The spare forced New York City captain Pete Weber to double in the 10th frame to take the lead, but Weber left a 4 pin on his first ball, giving L.A. X. a chance. Bohn, needing a mark and good count, struck out for a 218-204 win to send Los Angeles Clippers star Chris Paul's team to the Elias Cup finals.

The win was redemption for the Los Angeles-based team that missed a trip to the 2013 finals by two points. It probably wouldn't have happened if Belmonte hadn't converted the split he left in the ninth frame.

"I wasn't too confident; that was an interesting looking spare," the Australian two-handed player said. "I didn't know whether to hook it or throw my spare ball, but I threw my spare ball straight at it and it paid off.

"We get one shot on each lane in team event and I went through the nose on that lane in practice, so when we came back to that lane, I made a five-board move left and threw it really good," he said of the shot that resulted in the split. "I thought it was a strike off my hand, but then I saw it hook and there were grandma's teeth staring at me."

L.A. X is now ready for whichever opposing team advances to the Elias Cup finals.

"We wanted to improve on our position from last year. Our goal was to play in the finals," Belmonte said. "We accomplished that today. I'm stoked. We gelled as a team. We lifted each other. We made spares when we had to. We struck out when we had to. It wasn't just one guy. We have a great team."

In the singles game between team captains to start the match, Belmonte claimed the first point for L.A. X with a 234-208 victory over Weber. The decisive shot was Weber's pocket 7-10 split in the ninth frame.

L.A. X added its second point on a near-perfect performance by Mika Koivuniemi and Bohn in a 299-216 romp in alternate-ball doubles. The perfect game was spoiled when Bohn left a 10 pin on the team's 12th shot.

The KingPins, owned by women's sports icon Billie Jean King and presented by GEICO, averted a sweep with a 249-235 come-from-behind win in the Baker trios game. L.A. X, presented by GoBowling.com, was cruising behind Belmonte, Andres Gomez and PBA Rookie of the Year E.J. Tackett until Tackett failed to convert the 10 pin in the ninth frame. New York City's Stuart Williams struck in the ninth and anchor Scott Norton threw three strikes in the 10th to claim the trios point.

PROFESSIONAL BOWLERS ASSOCIATION LEAGUE SEMIFINAL MATCH ONE

Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich.

Final Standings

L.A. X presented by GoBowling.com def. New York City WTT KingPins presented by GEICO, 5-1.

Singles Match (one point)

Jason Belmonte, L.A. X, def. Pete Weber, New York City WTT KingPins, 234-208.

Alternate Ball Doubles (one point)

L.A. X (Mika Koivuniemi/Parker Bohn III) def. New York City WTT KingPins (John Szczerbinski/Pete Weber/sub Stuart Williams), 299-216.

Baker Trios (one point)

New York City WTT KingPins (Scott Norton/Jake Peters/Stuart Williams) def. L.A. X (Jason Belmonte/Andres Gomez/E.J. Tackett), 249-235.

Five-Man Baker Team (three points)

L.A. X (Mika Koivuniemi/E.J. Tackett/Andres Gomez/Jason Belmonte/Parker Bohn III) def. New York City WTT KingPins (Stuart Williams/Jake Peters/John Szczerbinski/Scott Norton/Pete Weber), 218-204.

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Philadelphia Sweeps Pittsburgh to Roll into PBA League Semifinal Round

Bill O'Neill's Hitmen avenge disappointing 2013 finish, reach final four

ALLEN PARK, Mich. – Bill O'Neill and his Philadelphia Hitmen recorded the first sweep in the 2014 Professional Bowlers Association League Elias Cup eliminations, knocking the Pittsburgh Jack Rabbits out of the tournament at Thunderbowl Lanes and atoning for a disappointing finish to their 2013 campaign.

A 235-225 victory in the five-man Baker team finale completed Philadelphia's 6-0 sweep of the singles, alternate ball doubles, Baker trios and Baker team competition and landed the Hitmen, owned by actor/comedian Kevin Hart, a berth in the semifinal round against the Silver Lake Atom Splitters. The battle of Pennsylvania, the fourth and final single-elimination quarterfinal round match in the eight-team PBA League competition, aired Sunday on ESPN.

It was a redeeming performance for the Hitmen, presented by High 5 Gear, who were in position to make the Elias Cup finals in 2013 only to fade in the final qualifying round to finish sixth.

"It bothered me a lot that we did as bad as we did last year," O'Neill said. "We had a bad last day. If we had avoided that, we would have been fine. But we're back this year with a couple of different guys and it's turned out well because they've done nothing but strike so far. We didn't lose a game, so that's about as good as it gets.

"Now we have the supposed 'dream team' next, so hopefully we'll be able to beat their butts," O'Neill added, referring to a Silver Lake team loaded with past PBA Players of the Year Chris Barnes, Tommy Jones and Wes Malott as well as 2013 POY contender Dom Barrett and 2003 USBC Masters champion Bryon Smith.

O'Neill started the sweep of the Jack Rabbits, presented by HotelPlanner.com, with a 215-212 win in the singles match against Jack Rabbits' team captain Osku Palermaa, taking advantage of a pair of splits and open frames by the Finnish two-handed player in the second and third frames. Palermaa recovered from his mistakes with a string of five strikes. Needing two strikes in the 10th frame to complete his rally, he left a 10 pin on his first shot.

Dan MacLelland and Ryan Ciminelli kept the Philadelphia momentum rolling in the alternate ball doubles match, striking on eight of their first nine shots en route to a 257-239 win over Pittsburgh's Ronnie Russell and Eugene McCune.

The Jack Rabbits, owned by newly-signed Oakland Raiders all-pro linebacker LaMarr Woodley, never wilted, however. In the Baker trio match, Philadelphia's O'Neill, Blanchard, DeVaney again set a torrid

pace, striking on eight of their first nine shots, but led by only one pin heading into ninth frame. O'Neill's spare in the 10th gave Palermmaa a chance to win for Pittsburgh with two strikes in his final frame, but he left the 4-9 split to end the threat and Philadelphia won, 256-251.

The Hitmen, who are managed by PBA Hall of Famer Jason Couch, completed the sweep with a dominating team effort. Open frames in the fifth and eighth frames hindered the Jack Rabbits, but they used a barrage of strikes to remain in contention until O'Neill's 10th-frame spare locked up the win.

"They never gave us any breathing room," Pittsburgh team manager Tim Mack said. "It was a matter of one shot here and there that made the difference. We were in every match until the 10th frame, but it wasn't our day."

The PBA League now moves into the semifinal round where the defending champion New York City WTT KingPins, owned by women's sports legend Billie Jean King and led by team captain Pete Weber, will meet L.A. X, owned by Los Angeles Clippers star Chris Paul and led by captain Jason Belmonte, on ESPN on Sunday, March 30, at 5 p.m. The Hitmen will bowl the Silver Lake Atom Splitters, owned by "Nerdist" creator Chris Hardwick and led by Barnes, on ESPN on Sunday, April 6, at 1 p.m. ET.

The two semifinal round winners will battle for the Elias Cup on ESPN on Sunday, April 13, at 2 p.m. ET.

PROFESSIONAL BOWLERS ASSOCIATION LEAGUE QUARTERFINAL MATCH FOUR **Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich.**

Final Standings

Philadelphia Hitmen presented by High 5 Gear def. Pittsburgh Jack Rabbits presented by HotelPlanner.com, 6-0.

Singles Match (one point)

Bill O'Neill, Philadelphia Hitmen, def. Osku Palermmaa, Pittsburgh Jack Rabbits, 215-212.

Alternate Ball Doubles (one point)

Philadelphia Hitmen (Dan MacLelland/Ryan Ciminelli) def. Pittsburgh Jack Rabbits (Ronnie Russell/Eugene McCune), 257-239.

Baker Trios (one point)

Philadelphia Hitmen (Bill O'Neill/Josh Blanchard/Mike DeVaney) def. Pittsburgh Jack Rabbits (Osku Palermmaa/Martin Larsen/Ronnie Russell), 256-251.

Five-Man Baker Team (three points)

Philadelphia Hitmen (Mike DeVaney/Josh Blanchard/Dan MacLelland/Ryan Ciminelli/Bill O'Neill) def. Pittsburgh Jack Rabbits (Patrick Allen/Martin Larsen/Eugene McCune/Ronnie Russell/Osku Palermmaa), 235-225.

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U.S. Collegiate Star Marshall Kent Wins Brunswick Euro Challenge in Munich

Team USA, Robert Morris-Illinois amateur tops Sweden's Daniel Fransson for victory

MUNICH, Germany (March 23, 2014) – Amateur Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., a member of Team USA and a collegiate all-American with the Robert Morris University-Illinois team, won the 11th annual Brunswick Euro Challenge at Dream-Bowl Palace Sunday, striking on 10 of his first 11 shots in a near-perfect 277-258 victory over Sweden's Daniel Fransson.

Kent, who reached the television finals in the 2013 U.S. Open and the PBA Scorpion Championship during the PBA World Series of Bowling V, where he competed on a special invitation, earned 11,111 Euros (US\$15,300), but he doesn't get credit for a PBA title because he is an amateur.

The Brunswick Euro Challenge is a World Bowling Tour, PBA International Tour and European Bowling Tour event.

Fransson eliminated the PBA Tour's last hope for the Brunswick Euro Challenge title when he defeated Chris Loschetter of Avon, Ohio, 255-226, in the semifinal match.

The tournament drew a field of 343 players from 33 countries, including a strong contingent of PBA Tour players. Twenty-one PBA members advanced to Sunday's 64-player final rounds.

The PBA Tour will resume competition in the U.S. May 18-25 with the Oklahoma's Grand Hotel Resort Summer Swing in Shawnee, Okla.

WTBA/PBA INTERNATIONAL BRUNSWICK EURO CHALLENGE

Dream-Bowl Palace, Munich, German, Sunday

Final Standings:

- 1, a-Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., \$15,300.
- 2, Daniel Fransson, Sweden, \$12,400.
- 3, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, \$9,600.

Stepladder Results:

Semifinal Match: Fransson def. Loschetter, 255-226.

Championship: Kent def. Fransson, 277-258.

Other PBA Cashers:

- 4, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, \$4,100.

5, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, \$4,100.
10, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., \$2,050.
11, Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., \$2,050.
16, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., \$2,050.
17, Paul Moor, England, \$2,050.
18, Tim Mack, Indianapolis, \$2,050.
20, Mike Fagan, Fort Worth, Texas, \$2,050.
28, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., \$2,050.
30, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., \$1,375.
31, Stuart Williams, England, \$1,375.
34, Martin Larsen, Sweden, \$1,375.
36, Osku Palermaa, Finland, \$1,375.
37, Jake Peters, Las Vegas, \$1,375.
42, Mik Stampe, Denmark, \$1,375.
43, Dom Barrett, England, \$1,375.
49, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland-Hartland, Mich., \$1,375.
51, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, \$1,375.
53, Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., \$1,375.
59, Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland, \$1,375.

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Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort to Host PBA Summer Swing

FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee to host qualifying, match play in May

SEATTLE (March 21, 2014) – The Professional Bowlers Association's 2014 Summer Swing, a multi-tournament event that will be televised by CBS Sports Network, will be hosted by Grand Casino Resort and FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla., May 18-25, PBA Commissioner Tom Clark announced today.

The Summer Swing will include four PBA Tour title events – the Wolf, Bear and Badger Opens and the PBA Oklahoma Open – and the Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort Summer King of the Swing special event involving four winners plus a "wild card" player. All five television finals will air on CBS Sports Network on Tuesday nights in June and July. Tournament qualifying and match play rounds will be held at FireLake Bowling Center and the stepladder finals will be conducted on specially-constructed lanes in the Grand Casino Resort Events Center.

"The PBA is really excited about returning to Oklahoma and giving the great bowling fans in that area an opportunity to watch a new generation of PBA stars compete in a challenging series of events in the awesome settings of FireLake Bowling Center and the Grand Casino Resort's Events Center," Clark said. "It's been nearly a decade since the PBA Tour had an event in Oklahoma, so we were extremely happy that Grand Casino Resort and FireLake have invited us back.

"It's going to be a fabulous event," Clark added. "We're going to bowl for four PBA Tour titles, conduct a King of the Swing special event, and provide PBA fans around the world with more than 50 hours of live coverage on Xtra Frame in addition to 10 hours of nationally-televised coverage on CBS Sports Network."

The Summer Swing concept, introduced in 2013 in Milwaukee, produced a pair of first-time PBA Tour titlists (Chris Loschetter of Avon, Ohio, in the Wolf Open and Jake Peters of Decatur, Ill., in the Badger Open) plus victories for Australia's Jason Belmonte (Bear Open), Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas (Milwaukee Open) and "wild card" Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla. (Summer King of the Swing).

The tournaments will be the first PBA Tour events held in Oklahoma since the 2005 Tulsa Championship at The Lanes at Coffee Creek, won by Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C. The eight-day program also will include a PBA Southwest Region tournament over Memorial Day weekend.

The Summer Swing will be limited to a field of 120 players. Entry fee is \$750 for PBA members or \$850 for non-members. Entry fees cover all events; entries are not available for individual tournaments. The Southwest Regional event also will be capped at 120 players. Entry fee will be \$220 (\$285 for non-members).

All qualifying and preliminary match play rounds of the summer swing events will be covered live on PBA's exclusive online bowling channel, Xtra Frame.

Grand Casino Resort is a full-service complex featuring a 262-room Grand Hotel that opened in 2013, restaurants, a golf course and other amenities.

Air dates and times for the PBA Oklahoma Summer Swing will be announced at a later date.

CBS Sports Network is available across the country through local cable, video and telco providers and via satellite on DirecTV Channel 221 and Dish Network Channel 158. For more information, including a full programming schedule and how to get CBS Sports Network, go to www.cbssportsnetwork.com.

OKLAHOMA'S GRAND CASINO RESORT PBA SUMMER SWING SCHEDULE **FireLake Bowling Center and Grand Casino Resort, Shawnee, Okla., May 18-25**

FireLake Bowling Center schedule (all times are Central) **Saturday, May 17**

2-5 p.m. – Pro-Am squads

Sunday, May 18

Noon – A Squad practice session

3:30 p.m. – B Squad practice session

Monday, May 19, PBA Wolf Open

8 a.m. – A Squad, 6 qualifying games

2 p.m. – B Squad, 6 qualifying games

Top 18 advance to second qualifying round

7:30 p.m. – Top 18, 6 qualifying games

Top 5 after 12 games advance to stepladder finals

Tuesday, May 20, PBA Bear Open

8 a.m. – B Squad, 6 qualifying games

2 p.m. – A Squad, 6 qualifying games

Top 18 advance to second qualifying round

7:30 p.m. – Top 18, 6 qualifying games

Top 5 after 12 games advance to stepladder finals

Wednesday, May 21, PBA Badger Open

8 a.m. – A Squad, 6 qualifying games

2 p.m. – B Squad, 6 qualifying games

Top 18 after 6 games advance to second qualifying round; top 18 after 18 games (combined 6-game first-round Wolf, Bear and Badger totals) advance to Oklahoma Open match play

7:30 p.m. – Top 18, 6 qualifying games

Top 5 after 12 games advance to stepladder finals

Thursday, May 22, PBA Oklahoma Open Round Robin Match Play

10 a.m. – Top 18, 6 games match play, Wolf pattern

2 p.m. – Top 18, 6 games match play, Bear pattern

6:30 p.m. – Top 18, 6 games match play, Badger pattern

Top 5 advance to stepladder finals

Friday, May 23

4 p.m. – PBA Southwest Region practice session

Saturday, May 24

8 a.m. – PBA Southwest Region A Squad, 8 qualifying games

2 p.m. – PBA Southwest Region B Squad, 8 qualifying games

Top 16 after 8 games advance to single-elimination match play

Sunday, May 25

10 a.m. – Round of 16 best-of-five-game match play; losers eliminated

Noon – Round of 8 best-of-three-game match play; losers eliminated

1:30 p.m. – Semifinal Round, one game matches; losers eliminated

2 p.m. – Championship match, one game

OKLAHOMA'S GRAND CASINO RESORT PBA SUMMER SWING**CBS SPORTS NETWORK STEPLADDER FINALS SCHEDULE (all times are Central)****Saturday, May 24**

11 a.m. – PBA Wolf Open five-player stepladder finals

2:30 p.m. – PBA Bear Open five-player stepladder finals

6 p.m. – PBA Badger Open five-player stepladder finals

Sunday, May 25

Noon – PBA Oklahoma Open five-player stepladder finals

3:30 p.m. – Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort Summer King of the Swing five-player stepladder finals
(four title winners plus "wild card" player - highest in combined points for four events without a title)

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Denmark's Thomas Larsen Wins Kuwait International Open for Second PBA Tour Title

KUWAIT CITY, Kuwait – Denmark's Thomas Larsen defeated England's Dom Barrett, 208-205, to win his second PBA Tour title in the 11th Kuwait International Open Friday at Cozmo Bowling Center.

Larsen, the top qualifier after Friday's modified match play round, claimed the title and \$25,000 first prize after Barrett split and opened in the ninth frame. Larsen's previous PBA title came in the Abu Dhabi WBT in December in the United Arab Emirates.

Barrett, a three-time PBA Tour titlist including the 2013 PBA World Championship, advanced to the championship match by defeating fellow Englishman Stuart Williams, 243-202, in the semifinal match. Williams started the five-man stepladder finals by eliminating defending Kuwait Open champion Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., 256-200, and Jason Belmonte of Australia, 178-148.

In a special women's stepladder final for the top three women who bowled in the tournament, former PBA member Shannon O'Keefe of Arlington, Texas – one of nine women who have won PBA Regional titles – defeated PBA member Sandra Andersson of Sweden, 242-196, for the \$1,000 first prize.

The Kuwait Open was the third in a series of four WTBA-PBA International Tour events as part of the World Bowling Tour points competition. Next on the schedule is the 10th Brunswick Euro Challenge at Dream Bowl Palace in Munich, Germany, March 15-23. Ronnie Russell of Marion, Ind., is defending champion.

11TH KUWAIT INTERNATIONAL OPEN Cozmo Bowling Center, Kuwait City, Kuwait

Final Standings:

- 1, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, \$25,000.
- 2, Dom Barrett, England, \$12,000.
- 3, Stuart Williams, England, \$8,000.
- 4, Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$6,000.
- 5, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., \$5,000.

Stepladder Results:

Match One: Williams def. Rash, 256-200.

Match Two: Williams def. Belmonte, 178-148.
Semifinal: Barrett def. Williams, 243-202.
Championship: Larsen def. Barrett, 208-205.

Other PBA Cashers:

6, Osku Palermaa, Finland, \$3,500.
7, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., \$3,250.
8, Craig Niddifer, Trenton, Mich., \$3,000.
9, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., \$2,900.
10, Andres Gomez, Colombia, \$2,800.
11, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland-Hartland, Mich., \$2,700.
16, Martin Larsen, Sweden, \$2,000.
19, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., \$2,000.
20, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, \$2,000.
21, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, \$2,000.
24, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., \$1,500.
25, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., \$1,500.
26, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., \$1,500.
27, Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., \$1,500.
33, Mike Fagan, Fort Worth, Texas, \$1,200.

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Online PBA League Auction to Benefit Chris Paul's CP3 Foundation

SEATTLE (March 12, 2014) – A special Professional Bowlers Association League auction begins today on pba.com featuring a variety of autographed merchandise donated by PBA League members. Proceeds from the online auction, which ends on Wednesday, March 26, will benefit NBA star Chris Paul's CP3 Foundation.

The online auction is the conclusion of a competition between PBA League teams that began during the PBA World Series of Bowling V at the South Point complex in Las Vegas in November. A special PBA League Skills Challenge pitted the eight team captains against each other in a series of unique bowling events, with the winner earning the right to name the charity that would benefit from the auction. Jason Belmonte, the captain of the L.A. X team owned by Paul, won the challenge, and he selected Paul's charity as the benefactor.

Established in 2005, the Los Angeles Clippers' all-star point guard's CP3 Foundation provides funding for activities ranging from a scholarship program to food drives to recreational support programs for children in under-served communities. For more information about the CP3 Foundation, click here:
<http://www.cp3foundation.org/about-us>.

Bowling fans are asked to visit pba.com (www.pba.com/auction) to check out the merchandise available, and then submit bids via email to bids@pba.com.

Included in the auction are a number of bowling balls and game-worn jerseys belonging to PBA League franchise players Belmonte (L.A. X), New York City WTT KingPins (Pete Weber), Dallas Striker (Norm Duke), BROOKLYN STyLES (Sean Rash), Motown Muscle (Mike Fagan), Philadelphia Hitmen (Bill O'Neill), Pittsburgh Jack Rabbits (Osku Palermaa) and Silver Lake Atom Splitters (Chris Barnes) as well as items donated by PBA Hall of Famers Amleto Monacelli, Parker Bohn III, Walter Ray Williams Jr., and other PBA League competitors, including established PBA champions and stars of the future.

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East Region PBA50 Player of Year John Conroy to Receive National Honor

Career paramedic named American Ambulance Association Star of Life Award winner

McLEAN, Va. (March 10, 2014) – On March 24, the day after John Conroy hopes to defend his only PBA title in the PBA50 Rossi Lanes Eastern Open in Elmira, N.Y., he'll head to Washington, D.C., where he will be presented the American Ambulance Association's highest honor, the Star of Life Award.

Conroy, a 51-year-old New York City native and 2013 East Region PBA50 Player of the Year, has worked in the emergency medical field for 31 years, including the last 28 as a paramedic. Now living in Mahopac, N.Y., he worked most of his career in New York City where he was among the first responders not only for the 9-11 attack on the World Trade Center, but the 1993 bomb attack on the WTC's north tower. In addition, he was awarded the Emergency Medical Services Medal of Honor after entering a burning apartment building and rescuing four trapped people.

"John Conroy is the North Shore LIJ Health System Center for EMS Manhattan Division selection for The AAA Star of Life Award," a release from the American Ambulance Association noted. "He is worthy for this distinction not because of a single act, but a body of work that includes countless pre-hospital saves, rescues from the WTC bombing and tireless work at the WTC after the attacks of September 11th, 2001, in addition to numerous professional awards and distinctions.

"There is no question to John's professional career being an outstanding one. In addition to all his professional accolades, John is a professional bowler who won the 2013 East Region PBA50 Bowler of the Year."

Conroy will receive his award along with other class of 2014 honorees during a three-day conference on Capitol Hill March 24-26. He also will have a chance to meet with members of congress, and key congressional aides to discuss legislative issues critical to all Emergency Medical Service professionals.

"I never thought about awards," Conroy, the 2013 PBA50 Rossi Lanes Eastern Open champion, said. "I just get a lot of joy out of taking care of people. It feels real good (to be named the Star of Life recipient), because it also will give me a chance to talk to our congressman about EMS and ways to improve."

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Silver Lake Atom Splitters Advance to PBA League Semifinal Round

Chris Barnes and friends just miss sweep over Dallas Strikers in third quarterfinal round match

ALLEN PARK, Mich. – Chris Barnes and his Silver Lake Atom Splitters dominated Norm Duke and the Dallas Strikers to advance to the semifinal round of the Professional Bowlers Association League Elias Cup competition at Thunderbowl Lanes.

Behind a 205-185 victory in the five-man Baker team finale, Silver Lake, presented by Spiceworks, defeated Dallas, presented by the United States Bowling Congress, in a near-sweep, 5-1.

The third in a series of four single-elimination first-round matches in the eight-team PBA League competition aired Sunday on ESPN. One point was awarded to the winner in singles, doubles and trios matches, and three points were awarded to the Baker team winner.

In the singles match, Duke – the only PBA League competitor serving the dual role of team manager and team captain – pulled himself out of his match against Barnes after recording four single-pin spares and one strike in five frames while Barnes started with six strikes for a 52-pin lead. Duke replaced himself with left-hander Rhino Page to give Page more practice on the PBA League lane condition, but it didn't matter. Barnes ran his string of strikes to nine before losing his bid for a perfect game. He left the 4-6-7 split in the 10th frame, but still won the singles point comfortably, 265-208.

Neither team could generate any momentum in alternate ball doubles. Silver Lake's Barnes and Bryon Smith took a one-pin lead into the 10th frame where Duke struck and then converted Mike Machuga's 3-6-9-10 leave. Smith needed a strike to clinch the win for Silver Lake, but left a 10 pin. Barnes converted the spare, but again needing a strike for a one-pin victory, Smith knocked down eight pins to hand Dallas the doubles point, 195-194.

The Atom Splitters, owned by "Nerdist" creator Chris Hardwick, won the Baker trios point, 213-184. Consecutive strikes by Dom Barrett, Wes Malott and Tommy Jones staked Silver Lake to a 31-pin lead after four frames. The Strikers, owned by NFL all-star receiver Terrell Owens, never mounted a threat, recording only three strikes through nine frames.

Dallas continued to struggle in the Baker team finale, failing to record back-to-back strikes until the seventh and eighth frames, but the Strikers still had a chance after Jones left the 2-8-10 split in the 10th frame. Page, anchoring for Dallas, needed three strikes to pull out a one-pin victory, but left a solid 7 pin on his first ball in the final frame.

"We weren't very happy with how things ended last year," Barnes said, referring to Silver Lake's sixth-place finish in the PBAL's inaugural season. "We didn't bowl very well. When Mark (Baker) came in (as team manager), we talked about the new rules and made some key additions (former PBA Players of the Year Malott and Jones).

"It's nothing against the guys we had before," Barnes continued, "but we went from two really good players to a contending player of the year (Barrett) and two previous players of the year. We like our chances moving forward."

The final quarterfinal round elimination match will pit actor/comedian Kevin Hart's Philadelphia Hitmen presented by High 5 Gear, led by team captain Bill O'Neill, against Pittsburgh Steelers all-pro linebacker LaMarr Woodley's Pittsburgh Jack Rabbits presented by HotelPlanner.com, captained by Finland's Osku Palermaa, on ESPN on Sunday, March 23, at 1 p.m. ET. The winner of the Hitmen-Jack Rabbits match will bowl the Silver Lake Atom Splitters on ESPN on Sunday, April 6, for right to advance to the Elias Cup finals.

PROFESSIONAL BOWLERS ASSOCIATION LEAGUE QUARTERFINAL MATCH THREE **Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich.**

Final Standings

Silver Lake Atom Splitters def. Dallas Strikers, 5-1.

Singles Match (one point)

Chris Barnes, Silver Lake Atom Splitters, def. Norm Duke/Rhino Page, Dallas Strikers, 265-208.

Alternate Ball Doubles (one point)

Dallas Strikers (Norm Duke/Mike Machuga) def. Silver Lake Atom Splitters (Chris Barnes/Bryon Smith), 195-194.

Baker Trios (one point)

Silver Lake Atom Splitters (Tommy Jones/Dom Barrett/Wes Malott) def. Dallas Strikers (Rhino Page/Amleto Monacelli/Dave Wodka), 213-184.

Five-Man Baker Team (three points)

Silver Lake Atom Splitters (Bryon Smith/Chris Barnes/Dom Barrett/Wes Malott/Tommy Jones) def. Dallas Strikers (Norm Duke/Mike Machuga/Amleto Monacelli/Dave Wodka/Rhino Page), 205-185.

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UAE's Shaker Al Hassan Wins Kingdom of Bahrain International Open

John Szczerbinski comes up two pins short in bid for first PBA Tour title

MANAMA, Bahrain (March 7, 2014) – Top qualifier Shaker Al Hassan of the United Arab Emirates defeated John Szczerbinski of N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 231-229, Friday to win the \$25,000 first prize in the 12th Kingdom of Bahrain International Open at Ozone Entertainment Center, denying Szczerbinski his first PBA Tour title.

Szczerbinski, after eliminating fellow American PBA member Chris Loschetter of Avon, Ohio, 197-166, in the semifinal match, needed to beat Al Hassan twice in order to win the title, but came up two pins short in the first game. The win was Al Hassan's first in WTBA World Bowling Tour competition, but he does not receive credit for a PBA International Tour title because he isn't a PBA member.

The third event in a four-tournament WTBA-PBA International Tour series, the 11th Kuwait International Open, begins Monday and concludes on Friday, March 14, at Cozmo Bowling Center in Salmiya City, Kuwait. The four-event series concludes with the 10th Brunswick Euro Challenge from Dream Bowl Palace in Munich, Germany, March 15-23. PBA fans can follow all of the action in Asia and Europe by clicking on the feature-photo links on pba.com.

12TH KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN INTERNATIONAL OPEN Ozone Entertainment Center, Manama, Bahrain, March 7

Final Standings:

- 1, Shaker Al Hassan, United Arab Emirates, \$25,000.
- 2, John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., \$12,500.
- 3, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, \$8,000.

Stepladder Results:

Semifinal Match: Szczerbinski def. Loschetter, 197-166.
Championship: Al Hassan def. Szczerbinski, 231-229.

Other PBA Cashers:

- 4, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland-Hartland, Mich., \$6,000.
- 5, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, \$5,000.
- 7, Mike Fagan, Fort Worth, Texas, \$3,000.
- 9, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., \$2,700.
- 10, Dom Barrett, England, \$2,600.
- 12, Paul Moor, England, \$2,250.

13, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., \$2,000.
15, Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$2,000.
17, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., \$2,000.
19, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., \$1,500.
20, Osku Palermaa, Finland, \$1,500.
21, Tim Mack, Indianapolis, \$1,500.
22, Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., \$1,500.

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PBA World Series of Bowling VI Returns to South Point in Las Vegas

WSOB VI to include four animal pattern championships, final major championship of 2014 season

SEATTLE (Feb. 26, 2014) – The Professional Bowlers Association World Series of Bowling VI will return to South Point Hotel, Casino and Bowling Center in Las Vegas Oct. 24-Nov. 2, PBA Commissioner Tom Clark announced today.

The PBA World Series, which originated in 2009 at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich., as a multi-event international showcase of bowling talent, will again feature four exclusive PBA “animal pattern” championships – the Cheetah, Viper, Scorpion and Chameleon Championships – which also will serve as qualifying events for the 2014 season’s third major championship, the PBA World Championship.

Since its inception, the PBA World Series has welcomed bowlers from 31 different countries, including representation by a record 21 different nations in 2013. The PBA has received communications that China may send its first players in 2014.

Defending 2013 champions are Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, Cheetah Championship; Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, Viper Championship; Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., Chameleon Championship; Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., Scorpion Championship, and Dom Barrett, England, PBA World Championship.

Additional events associated with the World Series will be announced at a later time.

Bowling fans around the world will again be able to follow WSOB qualifying and match play competition through live coverage on PBA’s exclusive online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. All WSOB VI finals will be televised by ESPN.

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Defending Champion New York City WTT KingPins Advance to PBA League Semifinal Round

Pete Weber and friends to meet L.A. X for berth in PBA League Elias Cup finals

ALLEN PARK, Mich. – The defending champion New York City WTT KingPins have advanced to the semifinal round of the 2014 Professional Bowlers Association League Elias Cup competition, defeating last season's runner-up team, the Motown Muscle, 4-2, at Thunderbowl Lanes.

The second of four single-elimination matches in the 2014 PBA League series, pitting the top two teams from the inaugural PBA League season, aired Sunday on ESPN. The KingPins, led by PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber and owned by women's sports legend Billie Jean King, will meet newly-crowned PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte and his L.A. X team, owned by Los Angeles Clippers star Chris Paul, in a semifinal round match with the winner earning a berth in the Elias Cup finals on Feb. 23 at Brunswick Zone Carolier in North Brunswick, N.J.

"It was a total team effort," said KingPins manager Carolyn Dorin-Ballard after a 227-172 victory in the Baker team finale that gave New York City three points and the win. "The guys communicated well, they read the lanes the right way and we never gave up. We got a couple of bad breaks in doubles and trios, but it all came together in the team event."

"We're here to win," Weber said. "(Team bowling) is a little different for me. I love it because I grew up around team bowling. Dad (PBA Hall of Famer Dick Weber) being part of the Budweisers made it easy for me to do, so I love it. I love having four other guys to rely on."

In the opening singles battle between team captains, Weber staked his team to a 1-0 lead with a 232-225 win over Motown's Mike Fagan. Weber jumped ahead with a spare and four strikes, but failed to convert the 7-10 and 3-4-7-10 splits in the next two frames. Fagan took the lead, but Weber rediscovered the strike pocket, throwing another four-bagger for the win.

After a first-frame spare in the alternate-ball doubles match, Motown's Chris Loschetter and Fagan put together a string of eight strikes to run away from John Szczerbinski and Weber, 268-214, to even the match at 1-1.

Motown, presented by Barbasol and owned by Detroit native and former Pittsburgh Steelers star Jerome Bettis, then won the Baker-format trios point with a 247-234 victory over the KingPins, presented by GEICO. Motown's Mike Scroggins, Tom Daugherty and Brian Kretzer finished the game with five consecutive strikes to cancel out a five-strike New York City rally by Scott Norton, Jake Peters and Stuart Williams late in the game.

New York City kept its hopes for an Elias Cup repeat alive by winning the five-player Baker Team finale, worth three points. Motown struggled on the left lane, getting only one strike in the first five frames to fall behind by 14 pins. A 6-7 split by Scroggins in the seventh frame further hampered Motown, and consecutive strikes by New York's Williams, Peters and Szczerbinski opened up a 47-pin lead as the KingPins ran away with the team win.

The victory also was a personal triumph for Dorin-Ballard over her husband, PBA Hall of Famer Del Ballard Jr., who is Motown's team manager.

"There was a family bet," she laughed, "but I don't want to tell anyone what it was. We're going to go out and eat and celebrate, but everyone knows we're pretty competitive."

Quarterfinal match three, pitting Norm Duke and the Dallas Strikers presented by the United States Bowling Congress against Chris Barnes and the Silver Lake Atom Splitters presented by Spiceworks, will air on Sunday, March 2, at 3 p.m. ET. The final quarterfinal round match, between Bill O'Neill and his Philadelphia Hitmen presented by High 5 Gear vs. Osku Palermaa and the Pittsburgh Jackrabbits, presented by HotelPlanner.com, will air on Sunday, March 23, at 1 p.m. ET.

Next Sunday ESPN will air the finals of the United States Bowling Congress Masters live from Brunswick Zone Carolier in North Brunswick, N.J., at 2 p.m. ET. Qualifying and three-game double-elimination match play rounds of the Masters will be covered live on Xtra Frame, the PBA's official online bowling channel, Tuesday through Saturday, and live scoring all of action will be available on bowl.com, USBC's official website.

PROFESSIONAL BOWLERS ASSOCIATION LEAGUE QUARTERFINAL MATCH TWO

Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich.

Final Standings

New York City WTT KingPins def. Motown Muscle, 4-2.

Singles Match (one point)

Pete Weber, New York City WTT KingPins, def. Mike Fagan, Motown Muscle, 232-225.

Alternate Ball Doubles (one point)

Motown Muscle (Chris Loschetter/Mike Fagan) def. New York City WTT KingPins (John Szczerbinski/Pete Weber), 268-214.

Baker Trios (one point)

Motown Muscle (Bryan Kretzer/Mike Scroggins/Tom Daugherty) def. New York City WTT KingPins (Scott Norton/Jake Peters/Stuart Williams), 247-234

Five-Man Baker Team (three points)

New York City WTT KingPins (Stuart Williams/Jake Peters/John Szczerbinski/Scott Norton/Pete Weber) def. Motown Muscle (Chris Loschetter/Mike Scroggins/Bryan Kretzer/Tom Daugherty/Mike Fagan), 227-172.

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L.A. X Tops BROOKLYN STyLES in Opening Match in 2014 PBA League Series

Key strikes by Jason Belmonte, Parker Bohn III propel Los Angeles team into semifinal round

ALLEN PARK, Mich. – L.A. X, with key strikes from Jason Belmonte and Parker Bohn III in the ninth and 10th frames of the Baker team match, defeated the BROOKLYN STyLES, 237-215, and advanced to the semifinal round of the Professional Bowlers Association League Elias Cup competition at Thunderbowl Lanes.

The first quarterfinal round single-elimination match in the 2014 PBA League season aired Sunday on ESPN.

With its win in the five-man Baker team event, Los Angeles-based L.A. X, owned by Los Angeles Clippers all-star guard Chris Paul and presented by GoBowling.com, earned three points for a 4-2 victory over the STyLES (owned by actor Jesse Williams and presented by Concrete Software's PBA Bowling Challenge), and will meet the winner of the match between the defending Elias Cup champion New York City WTT KingPins, sponsored by GEICO, and Motown Muscle, sponsored by Barbasol, in the semifinal round. The KingPins vs. Muscle contest will air next Sunday at 3 p.m. ET on ESPN. The semifinal round winner will advance to the Elias Cup finals which will be contested on Feb. 23 at Brunswick Zone Carolier in North Brunswick, N.J.

L.A. X, which was eliminated from Elias Cup contention in 2013 by a modest two points, didn't forget last season's close call.

"We came into this tournament wanting to do better than last year and we're on our way to doing that," Belmonte said. "We're a very close-knit team even though we're quite diverse, but I felt like we really gelled."

"Last year was last year," the newly-named 2012-13 PBA Player of the Year said. "When 2014 rolled around, that's the only year that matters to us. What happened last year is irrelevant. We just wanted to make sure we performed well, and we'll see what happens."

L.A. X claimed the first point when team captain Belmonte defeated Brooklyn team captain Sean Rash, 255-223, in a singles contest. Belmonte took the lead after Rash left the 4-6-7 split in the second frame and failed to convert, and Rash was unable to recover.

The STyLES tied the match when PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. and Jason Sterner nipped Mika Koivuniemi and Parker Bohn III, 238-234, in alternate-ball doubles. The second frame again was key when Bohn, a left-hander, left the 7 pin and Koivuniemi, a right-hander, failed to convert the spare. Brooklyn put together a string of five strikes to take the lead, but Sterner left a 10 pin on in the 10th frame, giving L.A. X a chance to double for the win. Bohn struck on the first shot, but Koivuniemi left a 10 pin to hand Brooklyn the point.

In the Baker-format trios match, where three players bowled alternate frames, Rash, Tom Smallwood and Williams combined for seven strikes on their first nine shots in cruising to a 247-218 win over L.A. X's Belmonte, E.J. Tackett and Andres Gomez for a 2-1 lead.

The Baker Team finale, worth three points, involved all five players bowling two frames each. Belmonte's strike in the ninth frame gave Bohn a chance to strike to lock up the win and move his team into the semifinal round.

"Jason set me up with his strike in the ninth," Bohn said. "At that point, we couldn't be shut out. I knew it was a matter of making a quality shot and fortunately I was able to make a perfect shot."

Bohn hasn't done a great deal of team bowling during his career, but he said he called upon his experiences bowling in the old American Bowling Congress Team Challenge program when it came time.

"Our team has great karma," Bohn said of his L.A. X team. "These guys put me in the same kind of situation I was in back in the old Team Challenge days when they asked me to bowl anchor. That's what was going through my mind, even though it's 20 years later and fortunately I was able to deliver."

"We were short (by two points) a year ago and we weren't happy about that," he added. "We made some changes to our team, and so far they've worked out. I don't see why they won't continue to work out moving forward."

PROFESSIONAL BOWLERS ASSOCIATION LEAGUE MATCH ONE

Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich.

Final Standings

L.A. X presented by GoBowling.com def. BROOKLYN STyLES presented by Concrete Software PBA Bowling Challenge, 4-2.

Singles Match (one point)

Jason Belmonte, L.A. X, def. Sean Rash, BROOKLYN STyLES, 255-223.

Alternate Ball Doubles (one point)

BROOKLYN STyLES (Jason Sterner/Walter Ray Williams Jr.) def. L.A. X (Mika Koivuniemi/Parker Bohn III), 238-234.

Baker Trios (one point)

BROOKLYN STyLES (Sean Rash/Tom Smallwood/Walter Ray Williams Jr.) def. L.A. X (Jason Belmonte/E.J. Tackett/Andres Gomez), 247-218.

Five-Man Baker Team (three points)

L.A. X (Mika Koivuniemi/E.J. Tackett/Andres Gomez/Jason Belmonte/Parker Bohn III) def. BROOKLYN STyLES (Jason Sterner/Tom Smallwood/Michael Haugen Jr./Walter Ray Williams Jr./Sean Rash), 237-215.

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Ryan Shafer Wins Second PBA Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award

SEATTLE (Jan. 17, 2014) – Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., has been selected by his fellow Professional Bowlers Association members as winner of the 2012-13 Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award, PBA Commissioner Tom Clark announced today.

It was a bittersweet moment for Shafer, who also won the Nagy award in 2009, coming a day after the funeral services for his wife, Michelle, who died unexpectedly five days earlier.

Shafer, a 47-year-old who has won four titles in a 27-year PBA Tour career, has been a champion for underdogs on the PBA Tour for years, encouraging non-winners to continue their quests for a title, because he understands how difficult it is to win against the greatest players in the world. Shafer's personal challenges have been complicated because he has bowled his entire career while combating diabetes. Recently he has served as a spokesman for Animas Corp., a company that makes the insulin pump that has made it easier for him to live a normal life.

"Winning the Steve Nagy Award has always been important to me because it shows the respect of your peers as a sportsman and someone who cares about them," Shafer said via e-mail. "I have been through a lot this past week, so it's hard for me to be happy today about winning.

"I know the other candidates were very deserving. In time, I hope I can reflect and enjoy the fact my fellow players think so highly of me. It's just tough to do that at this moment."

Eugene McCune of Munster, Ind., Shafer's closest friend and a fellow PBA Tour competitor, accepted the award on Shafer's behalf during ceremonies Friday at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich., where the Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions gets underway Saturday.

"I want to thank my roommate and one of my best friends in the world, Eugene McCune, for accepting on my behalf," Shafer said. "My wife Michelle and Eugene were good friends. It's only right he accept for me because she loved him as a friend as much as I do."

Others who received votes in the Nagy balloting were: Patrick Allen, Dom Barrett, Kenneth Bland Jr., Parker Bohn III, Nathan Bohr, Ryan Ciminelli, Mike Edwards, Andres Gomez, Steve Jaros and Kelly Kulick.

Established in 1966, the Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award is named after the late PBA Hall of Famer and founding members of the PBA. A colorful and talented performer, Nagy made such an impact on his fellow pros that the award was established shortly after his death. Hall of Famer Johnny Guenther won the first "Nagy."

STEVE NAGY SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD WINNERS

2012-13 – Ryan Shafer
2011-12 – Martin Larsen
2010-11 – Jack Jurek
2009-10 – George Lambert IV
2008-09 - Ryan Shafer
2007-08 - Riga Kalfas
2006-07 - Richard Wolfe
2005-06 - Jack Jurek
2004-05 - Jason Queen
2003-04 - Tim Criss
2002-03 - Jason Queen
2001-02 - Justin Hromek
2000 - Justin Hromek
1999 - Justin Hromek
1998 - Tim Criss
1997 - Butch Soper and Rick Steelsmith
1996 - Curtis Odom
1995 - Mike Aulby
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1993 - Parker Bohn III
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1989 - Dave Husted
1988 - Dave Husted
1987 - Steve Martin
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1984 - Jim Pritts Jr.
1983 - Rich Gradley
1982 - Sam Zurich
1981 - Tom Baker
1980 - Tom Baker
1979 - Alvin Lou
1978 - Gil Sliker
1977 - Don Johnson
1976 - Tommy Hudson
1975 - Jim Frazier, Les Schissler and Les Zikes
1974 - Gary Dickinson and Alex Seymore
1973 - Gary Dickinson and Dick Ritger
1972 - Gary Dickinson
1971 - Mike Orlovsky

1970 - Dick Ritger, Dave Soutar and Johnny Guenther
1969 - Ralph Engan
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Mika Koivuniemi Returns Home to Win Finland's Brunswick Ballmaster Open

Finnish star captures 13th PBA Tour title, record fourth Ballmaster Open title

HELSINKI, Finland (Jan. 13, 2014) – Finland native Mika Koivuniemi, now living in Hartland, Mich., returned to his home country and defeated England's Dom Barrett, 188-172, to win a record fourth Brunswick Ballmaster Open title Sunday at Tali Bowl.

Koivuniemi earned his 13th PBA Tour title and his ninth European Bowling Tour title in the first World Bowling/PBA International Tour tournament of the 2014 season. The No. 2 qualifier heading into the stepladder finals, Koivuniemi knocked off fellow Finn Joonas Jehkinen, 236-201, in the semifinal match after Jehkinen eliminated Ronnie Russell of Marion, Ind., 256-184, in the opening match.

The 44th Ballmaster Open is one of Europe's oldest and most prestigious tournaments. A major championship on the European Bowling Tour, it also is the traditional kick-off event for EBT's 21-tournament season.

PBA Tour competition returns to the United States later this week when Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich., hosted the Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions. Qualifying begins Saturday, Jan. 18, and continues through Monday, Jan. 20, when the top 24 will advance to match play Monday evening and Tuesday. ESPN will televise the finals live on Sunday, Jan. 26, at noon ET.

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

Thunderbowl also will host the opening rounds of 2014 PBA League competition on Jan. 25, 26 and 27 for delayed telecast on ESPN. For ticket information for all TOC and PBA League rounds, visit pba.com and click on the "tickets" tab.

44TH BRUNSWICK BALLMASTER OPEN

Tali Bowl, Helsinki, Finland, Jan. 12

Final Standings:

- 1, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, \$16,370.
- 2, Dominic Barrett, England, \$10,900.
- 3, Joonas Jehkinen, Finland, \$5,450.
- 4, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., \$4,090.

Stepladder Results:

Match One: Jehkinen def. Russell, 256-184.

Semifinal Match: Koivuniemi def. Jehkinen, 236-201.

Championship: Koivuniemi def. Barrett, 188-172.

Other PBA Cashers:

5, Magnus Johnson Jr., Sweden, \$3,500.

6, Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland, \$3,400.

10, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, \$2,850.

13, Paul Moor, England, \$2,450.

14, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., \$2,300.

16, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, \$2,000.

18, Jesper Agerbo, Denmark, \$1,500.

21, Osku Palermaa, Finland, \$1,500.

22, Martin Larsen, Sweden, \$1,500.

37, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, \$1,500.

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Indiana's E.J. Tackett Wins PBA Rookie of the Year Honors

Belmonte, Rash, Weber are finalists for 2012-13 PBA Player of Year

SEATTLE (Jan. 14, 2014) – E.J. Tackett of Huntington, Ind., has been selected as 2012-13 Harry Golden Professional Bowlers Association Rookie of the Year by an overwhelming margin in voting by PBA members and veteran bowling journalists, PBA Commissioner Tom Clark also announced today.

Clark also announced that Australia's Jason Belmonte, Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., and 51-year-old PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., are the three leading vote-getters in the 2012-13 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year competition. The winner will be announced live on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame, Friday at 5 p.m. ET from Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich., where the Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions gets underway on Saturday.

The end-of-season awards announcements culminate an expanded 14-month campaign that began in November 2012 and ended Dec. 31, 2013, as the PBA returned to a traditional calendar year season that began on Jan. 1.

Tackett, a 21-year-old two-time Junior Team USA and one-time adult Team USA member, was thrilled with his award.

"It's awesome," he said. "I joined a pretty good list of guys, a bunch of hall of famers and future hall of famers, so I'm in pretty good company."

Tackett, who left Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne to begin his PBA Tour career in time for the 2013 PBA Winter Swing in Detroit, was the overwhelming choice over Shawn Maldonado, Houston; Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich.; Mik Stampe, Denmark, and Bryan Viator, Friendswood, Texas. Tackett's abbreviated season included a fourth-place finish in the Wolf Open during the 2013 PBA Summer Swing, a sixth-place finish in the U.S. Open and a third-place finish in the end-of-season Round1 Japan Cup, which he entered as a non-invited TQR competitor.

Tackett, who ironically was attending IPFW on a golf scholarship, said he wasn't ready to pursue his college education.

"I was there for a year and a half, but I just really got unhappy with what I was doing," he said "I had no desire to be in school, and it reflected on my school work, so I decided to stop dragging it out and try my hand at the Tour."

He made his PBA Tour debut during the Winter Swing in Detroit where he cashed in three of four events. He made his first television appearance in the Wolf Open in Milwaukee, finishing fourth. PBA World Series of Bowling V was "a little disappointing," he said. "I didn't make a show after being inside the cut three different times, but I had three top 10s, so it wasn't terrible.

"The best tournament I've had was in Japan, and the second best was sixth in the U.S. Open," he said. "That was personally a better tournament than finishing fourth in the Wolf Open."

Tackett's next appearance will be in the Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions, which gets underway Saturday at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich. He earned his way into the TOC by winning a PBA Central Region title in May in Ohio.

And his next goal? "A title, for sure," he said.

All three of the leading contenders for the PBA Player of the Year award, listed in alphabetical order, had great seasons in one of the closest competitions in years. Player of the Year voting began with 13 candidates, all of whom met minimum requirements for consideration based upon PBA rules. Others on the original ballot included Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas; Dom Barrett, England; Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J.; Mike Fagan, Fort Worth, Texas; Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C.; Mika Koivuniemi, Finland-Hartland, Mich.; Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio; Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas; Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., and Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa.

Belmonte hopes to join Venezuela's Amleto Monacelli and Finland's Mika Koivuniemi as the third foreign-born player to win the PBA's highest annual competition honor. He also would be the first two-handed player to win the award.

Belmonte's 2012-13 season produced two titles, including the USBC Masters – his first major – and runner-up finishes in three other major championships: the 2012 PBA World Championship, U.S. Open and 2013 PBA Tournament of Champions. He won the George Young High Average Award, scoring at a 228.81 pace over 422 games, and the Harry Smith Point Leader Award with 238,903 points. The only major statistical category he didn't win was earnings, where his \$186,465 total ranked third behind Rash's \$248,317 and Koivuniemi's \$227,851.

Rash, the 2011-12 Player of the Year, won two PBA International Tour titles in Kuwait and Thailand, and made TV shows in the 2012 and '13 PBA World Championships and the 2013 TOC. In addition to leading the earnings list, Rash finished third in average and competition points.

Weber, a 37-time PBA Tour champion who has never won Player of the Year, had one of the best years of his career as he entered the PBA50 Tour ranks. In addition to winning the 2013 Tournament of Champions for his record-tying 10th career major, Weber finished third in the 2013 U.S. Open (an event he has won a record five times) and third in the 2013 PBA World Championship.

In addition to the announcement of the 2012-13 PBA Player of the Year on Xtra Frame Friday, Tackett, Tony Reyes Community Service Award winner Parker Bohn III and the 2012-13 PBA Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award winner will be introduced. The special Xtra Frame webcast will kick off extended coverage of the qualifying and match play rounds of the Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions Saturday through Tuesday, Jan. 21.

To subscribe to Xtra Frame, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame tab. Subscriptions are available for \$7.99 for one month or \$64.99 for a full year.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Final 2012-13 PBA Tour statistics are attached in a Word document in order to maintain formatting.

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From: Bill Vint [Bill.Vint@pba.com]
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Yuya Katoh Upsets Field to End 25-Year Home-Country Drought in Round1 Japan Cup

Japan PBA journeyman wins first title as Japanese players dominate finals

TOKYO, Japan – Japan Professional Bowlers Association journeyman Yuya Katoh pulled off one of the biggest upsets in Round1 Japan Cup history, defeating countryman Kazuaki Watanabe, 243-235, in the title match to become the first Japanese player in 25 years to win the popular international event.

The finals of the 27th Round1 Japan Cup, which included 16 PBA members who qualified based upon a year-long competition points race plus special invitees and additional Japan, Korean and PBA players, were televised live in Japan and aired Sunday on ESPN.

Katoh, a 10-year Japan PBA Tour veteran who had never won a title, became only the third Japanese player to win his country's most prestigious title after Watanabe failed to convert a 10 pin in the ninth frame. Katoh's strike on his first ball in the 10th sealed the win. The only previous Japanese title winners were Ken Taniguchi, who defeated fellow JPBA member Kiyoshi Nakarai to win the inaugural Japan Cup in 1985, and Takeo Sakai, who defeated PBA star Wayne Webb to claim the 1988 title.

Katoh, a married father of two who works as a teaching pro in a Japanese bowling center, was aware of his country's 25-year title drought, but didn't want to think about it.

"I didn't concentrate on anything other than thinking 'one shot at a time,'" he said. "I knew it had been a long time since a JPBA bowler won, but I didn't want to think about that."

He also used the same philosophy to avoid the increasing pressure in the final frames.

"I knew if I watched the other bowler, I'd get nervous so I just closed my eyes and went through my routine," he said. "I didn't pay attention to anything else around me - not how long it'd been since a JPBA player had won, not going for my first title and not how the other bowler was doing. I only thought about my game."

"I'm very happy. This is a huge tournament to win for my first title," he beamed. "I'm just very happy."

The three JPBA players dominated the eight-player finals field. Katoh, who will make his American debut when he bowls in the United States Bowling Congress Masters in February in North Brunswick, N.J., advanced to the title match by eliminating Finland's Osku Palermaa in his first match, 258-226, and defeating countryman Shinichi Horie in the semifinal round, 236-195.

Watanabe eliminated Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, 278-239, in the Round of 8 and ended any PBA hopes for a title when he ousted PBA rookie E.J. Tackett of Huntington, Ind., 249-190, in his semifinal round match.

In the other two Round of 8 matches, Horie struck on his last five shots to slip past reigning PBA Player of the Year Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., 225-224, while Tackett eliminated two-time Japan Cup winner Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., 226-224, when Jones left the 2-8-10 on his fill ball in the 10th frame after Tackett missed a 10 pin in his 10th frame to give Jones a chance to win.

PBA coverage on ESPN continues next Sunday at 1 p.m. ET with three hours of coverage of three important aspects of PBA competition involving regional, senior and youth bowlers. The telecast will include the PBA Regional Players Invitational Finals, the PBA50 Tour Finals (the final two events in PBA World Series of Bowling V from South Point Hotel, Casino and Spa in Las Vegas), and the Teen Masters Grand Championship finals.

The RPI Finals will feature six PBA Regional Tour qualifiers: Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y., representing the East Region; Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., South Region; Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, Central Region; Dave Beres, Waukesha, Wis., Midwest Region; Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, Southwest Region, and Ben Laughlin, Chandler, Ariz., West/Northwest Region.

The PBA50 Tour Finals includes three PBA Hall of Famers who qualified based on 2013 PBA50 Tour competition points. Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., will bowl in the opening match against Venezuela's Amleto Monacelli with the winner facing Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Ocala, Fla.

The Teen Masters Grand Championship finals will feature outstanding youth bowlers including defending grand champion Greg Young of Viera, Fla., and defending girls' champion Ashley Dunn of Palmdale, Calif., in a battle for a \$64,000 scholarship package.

ROUND1 JAPAN CUP

Round1 Minami Suna, Tokyo, Japan

Championship:

Yuya Katoh, Japan (\$57,250) def. Kazuaki Watanabe, Japan (\$30,525), 243-235.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$14,300):

Katoh def. Shinichi Horie, Japan, 236-195.

Watanabe def. EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 249-190.

Round of 8 (losers earned \$7,250):

Horie def. Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 225-224.

Katoh def. Osku Palermaa, Finland, 258-226.

Tackett def. Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 226-224.

Watanabe def. Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 278-239.

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Sean Rash, Kelly Kulick Win World Bowling Tour Finals

Special World Tenpin Bowling Association events culminate two-year points chase

LAS VEGAS – After two years and more than 400,000 miles of global competition, reigning Professional Bowlers Association Player of the Year Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., along with PBA Tour titlist Kelly Kulick of Union, N.J., have won the World Bowling Tour Finals.

Rash, a seven-time PBA Tour title winner, defeated Mike Fagan of Fort Worth, Texas, 255-231, to win the WBT Men's Finals presented by the PBA during the PBA World Series of Bowling V, hosted by South Point Hotel, Casino and Spa, while Kulick, the 2010 PBA Tournament of Champions winner, raced away from defending champion Missy Parkin of Laguna Hills, Calif., 267-194, to win the WBT Women's Finals. Both events aired Sunday on ESPN.

Rash, who entered the WBT event as the leader in a two-year rolling points competition involving a series of WTBA/PBA International Tour tournaments held around the world, started his match against Fagan with seven strikes and was never challenged.

Fagan had been nearly perfect himself in eliminating Finland's Mika Koivuniemi, 279-223, in the first match. Koivuniemi, who won the 2011 WBT Men's Finals and finished second in 2012, is the only player to make the series finals in all three years the competition has been held.

"Anytime you have a chance to compete, whether it's in the U.S. or around the world, it's fun," Rash said. "That's why you're an athlete. You love to compete.

"I came into this event with a different mindset," he added. "The World Series wasn't as great as I would have liked, but it wasn't terrible. I feel great. I've been bowling well for the past few months. My life has changed since the arrival of our new baby. I'm in a happy place.

"You have to take advantage of opportunities," Rash continued. "Mike got a little lost on the left lane and that's why I had him finish there. I kinda figured the first mistake would come on that lane and that's what happened.

"It's always good to win. It doesn't matter; it could be league. I like to win."

In the all-U.S. women's preliminary match, Parkin held off Liz Johnson of Cheektowaga, N.Y., 198-195, but was no match for Kulick, who struck on every shot except for leaving a 10 pin (which she missed) in the eighth frame.

"The question I've been asking myself is 'Am I still good enough to be out here? Should I keep doing this?'" Kulick said. "The WBT event was just reassurance of my confidence level and my ability as a player. I came out to prove something to nobody except myself today. It was just sheer determination to beat whomever I had to face. It's almost a relief knowing I won again."

The WBT Finals, like the PBA animal pattern tournaments held earlier in the World Series, were bowled on the unique blue-tinted lane conditioner in order to allow onsite fans and ESPN viewers an opportunity to see the WTBA's Atlanta lane oiling pattern. Like the players who had experienced bowling on the tinted oil in previous events, it was a non-factor as far as Kulick was concerned.

"I didn't even see it," she said. "As a professional, we look at ball reaction, so honestly, I didn't even notice it, other than the lane was blue."

PBA competition on ESPN continues on Sunday, Jan. 12, at 1 p.m. ET with the finals of the Round1 Japan Cup from Tokyo. The eight finalists for the single-elimination match play format finals include PBA members Rash; Osku Palermaa, Finland; Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C.; Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas; E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., and Japan PBA members Shinichi Horie, Yuya Kotah and Kazuaki Watanabe.

ESPN's coverage of the PBA World Series of Bowling V concludes on Sunday, Jan. 19, at 3 p.m. ET with the PBA Regional Players Invitational Finals and PBA50 Tour Finals, followed by one-hour coverage of the Teen Masters Grand Championship.

A post-finals recap of the WBT finals and a preview of next Sunday's Japan Cup will be included in "The Bowling Center," a magazine-style program available on YouTube Monday.

WTBA WORLD BOWLING TOUR FINALS
presented by the PBA
South Point Exhibition Hall, Las Vegas

Men's Final Standings:

- 1, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., \$20,000.
- 2, Mike Fagan, Fort Worth, Texas, \$10,000.
- 3, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, \$5,000 .

Stepladder Results:

Semifinal Match – Fagan def. Koivuniemi, 279-223.
Championship – Rash def. Fagan, 255-231.

Women's Final Standings:

- 1, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., \$20,000.
- 2, Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif., \$10,000.
- 3, Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., \$5,000.

Stepladder Results:

Semifinal Match – Parkin def. Johnson, 198-195.
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